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Investing in over 150 Years of the Saint Mary’s Experience

History and tradition are hallmarks of Saint Mary’s College. Guided by the Brothers’ belief in the transformative power of education, generations of students have benefited from this exceptional approach to learning and strong spiritual grounding.

Today’s students have much in common with those who first arrived in 1863. They need to develop critical minds, synthesize hypotheses and acquire the skills and knowledge that will prepare them for life after Saint Mary’s. They need to understand the complexity of human civilization, enduring values and why higher principles still matter. As a Catholic institution, we affirm the moral obligation to care for God’s creation.

1850s In the late 1850s Father James Croke traveled through Gold Country amassing from miners a $35,000 nest egg — some in the form of gold dust — to fund the establishment of Saint Mary’s College in San Francisco.
Over the years thousands of alumni, parents and friends have made generous gifts so that future generations may benefit from the extraordinary Saint Mary’s experience. Annual gifts support the priorities of the College including student scholarships, innovative academic programs, faculty development, library resources and service projects.

Your gift to the College will help ensure that this life-defining Saint Mary’s journey continues. Please partner with the College today and continue the legacy of the Christian Brothers.
Leadership Giving
The President’s Circle

The President’s Circle is Saint Mary’s most prestigious recognition level, honoring donors who support the College with vitally important annual leadership gifts of $5,000 and above. To show deep appreciation for these significant annual gifts, the College honors President’s Circle donors at a formal dinner and by featuring their names on a campus donor wall. This elite group of donors comprises the top five percent of contributors to Saint Mary’s and demonstrates a significant investment in the mission of the College through their philanthropy.
Believing in Our Lasting Mission

1863 Society

In honor of its 150th anniversary, Saint Mary’s established the 1863 Society — an annual giving recognition program. Donors who support the College with an annual contribution of $1,863 to $4,999 will be recognized at the 1863 Society level, named to honor the founding year of the College. Throughout the year, donors will have unique opportunities to interact and engage with campus leadership, the Brothers and the greater Gael community.
Setting an Example

Our President’s Circle and 1863 Society donors share a common dedication to Saint Mary’s. These alumni, parents and friends set an example for the entire Saint Mary’s family by their commitment to the future of the institution. Their annual gifts provide necessary funds that enable the College to seize new opportunities and address the most pressing needs. Together and by association, our collective energy makes us unstoppable.

Rand Morimoto
MBA ’93
President, Convergent Computing
Trustee, Saint Mary’s College

“I was already running a business when I went to Saint Mary’s, and I was looking for a place to learn more,” he recalls. Due to the small class sizes and opportunities to interact with the instructors and Brothers, he was changed by the experience. “I did not have a religious upbringing, so to feel the sense of community and the commitment of the Brothers had an impact on me,” he says. “Without Saint Mary’s in my life, I’d probably see my business as just about profit and loss. Through this sense of community, I am thrilled to give back to the College.”

“‘It puts a smile on my face knowing that I can help make a difference by supporting the students who will be great thinkers and leaders in the future.’”

Allocation of Annual Gifts 2012–13
- Scholarships 32%
- Athletics 32%
- Unrestricted 20%
- Academic/Student Services 11%
- Other 5%

Together and by Association
Anthropology major Carlos Bermudez spent Jan Term in Ecuador studying permaculture and indigenous Andes culture. Last summer he participated in the prestigious Stanford Summer Health Careers Opportunities Program, a residential medical summer internship at the Stanford School of Medicine. When not in the classroom, he teaches health education in Oakland and San Francisco high schools as a volunteer with Peer Health Exchange, a national nonprofit.

“Saint Mary’s changed my life, opening my eyes to new perspectives and ways to make a difference in the world. I’m deeply grateful to the SMC scholarship donors who made this possible.”

Carlos Bermudez ’14
How You Can Make a Difference

Saint Mary’s sincerely appreciates every gift. Although tuition and fees fund approximately 90 percent of the College’s operating expenses, annual giving enables the College to advance and support programs that are the foundation of Saint Mary’s life-defining educational experience. You may designate your President’s Circle or 1863 Society gift to any area or designation that inspires your philanthropic spirit, including:

- Annual or Jan Term scholarships for talented and deserving students
- The Library and academic resources
- Gael athletics, recreation and the new recreation center
- Mission and service projects and community engagement
- Faculty development and research

You also can provide support to the College through:

- Named scholarships
- Endowment gifts
- Capital priorities
- Estate and planned gifts

Saint Mary’s College offers its unique educational experience thanks in large part to the generous financial support of alumni, parents and friends.

Your annual leadership gifts to Saint Mary’s will help ensure that present and future Gaels benefit from this exceptional personal and spiritual journey.

Investing in the Future

1928 Saint Mary’s rose again in the Moraga valley, with land donated by the Irvine Development Company and the proceeds of bonds purchased by Bay Area residents.
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