About the High Potential Program

Since 1973, the High Potential (HP) program at Saint Mary’s College has welcomed college students from diverse backgrounds into higher education. The HP student success initiative provides a range of services and individualized support and features the Summer Bridge program, First Year Advising Cohort, Peer Mentor program and Dr. John Dennis High Potential Annual Scholarship Fund. The HP family is large and welcomes all students who are dedicated to earning a baccalaureate degree.

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Gael Mentors: Connecting HP Students to HP Alumni Mentors

Saint Mary’s College has recently partnered with EdgeOnCollege to offer Gael Mentors, an online network that gives students a key advantage by connecting them with professional, experienced alumni in multiple industries, for a head start in preparing for their future. Mentors build students’ confidence, knowledge, and motivation by sharing their expertise and support, helping them achieve their potential and discover their strengths.

Join the Gael Mentors Network at edgeoncollege.com/#stmarys

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Achieving Success:
Honoring the High Potential Program

1973–74 to 2013–14

Saint Mary’s College of California
Tuesday, April 22, 2014
4–7 p.m.
Soda Center
Dr. John Dennis Jr. High Potential Annual Scholarship Fund Recipients

Daniel Almanza  Maria Lourdes Martinez
Stephanie Laticia Arevalo Edgar Martín Mendez
Raymyah C. Dixon Vanessa Meraz Barraza
Christina Marie Downing Madelein Morales
Yadira Margarita Guerrero García Viridiana Morales
Darlyne Ibarra David Ochoa
Cheyenne Gabrielle Jones Sonia Gabriela Perez
Michael Christopher Jones Elenoa T. Petelo
Araceli R. Lopez Justin E. Stanford
Martin Marquez Lien Kim Truong

Dr. D Memorial Award Recipients

The Dr. D Memorial award was named in honor of John Dennis Jr., a beloved professor, High Potential Program Director and mentor to many students throughout his 29 years of service at Saint Mary’s College of California. The scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior in the High Potential Program for embodying the characteristics of scholarship, service, community and leadership.

2008, Lisa M. Vera
2009, Lorena Gutierrez
2010, Nalui García
2011, Camelia Taylor
2012, Iris Rodriguez
2013, Martin Marquez

Networking Reception  4–4:45 p.m.
Musical Selection  Chamber Ensemble: Allegra Bautista and Marisa De La Torre
Welcome  Beth Dobkin, Provost
Opening Remarks  James Donahue, President
Keynote Address  Maria Angélica García
Invocation  Brother Camillus Chavez
Dinner Is Served
Musical Selection  Vocal Performance: Janelle Atienza, Alex Garcia, Jayme Sta Elena and Maria Torres Hernandez
Video Presentation  Sonia Gabriela Perez
Honors and Recognition  Gloria Aquino Sosa, Co-Director High Potential Program
Honorees: Thomas Brown, John Dennis Jr., Maria Angélica Garcia, Brian Stanley and Corliss Watkins
Closing Remarks and Tribute to the Future  Tracy Pascua Dea, Co-Director High Potential Program