Slam poetry and social justice!

What do bystander intervention, masculinity, and intersectionality all have in common? They’re all topics that are frequently addressed through heartfelt, entertaining performances by two-time National Poetry Slam champion Guante!

On March 17th, join the SMC community in welcoming Guante, a hip-hop artist, poet, educator, and writer, to our campus! The free show, hosted by CAB and the WRC, will take place in the Soda Center at 7pm.

You may have seen some of Guante’s past work, including a piece titled “Ten Responses to the Phrase ‘Man Up,’” on the popular Button Poetry Youtube page, or on websites like Upworthy and Feministing. The performer has even shared his work at the UN!

Through personal stories and outright challenges to problematic ideas like “masculinity,” Guante has already made a meaningful impact across college campuses nationwide. Don’t miss out on SMC’s chance to experience these words firsthand!

What matters most?

Discover through writing!

Last month, author and mother Maura Wolf visited the WRC’s Mamas on Mondays group to share excerpts of her book What Matters Most: Everyday Leadership at Home, at Work, and in the World. This month, she’s returning to the WRC to open up the conversation to all students in the fun and constructive workshop, “What Matters Most: Using Reflective Writing to Make Better Decisions about Your Life, Your Body, and Your Relationships.”

Wolf will be visiting the WRC on March 18th from 6pm to 8pm to talk about and reflect on personal stress and everyday challenges. The Saint Mary’s College Leadership Center will also be joining the discussion, which will focus on cultivating helpful writing practices to better understand ourselves and our decisions.

Wolf’s book asks its readers to decide what matters most to them, and discusses the importance of acknowledging the meaning behind one’s own daily choices, especially the ordinary ones.

Kyle Tran Myhre, AKA poet Guante.
**This Friday...**

Join the WRC and the Interactive Theatre department at **6pm in Dante 204** for a presentation of “Is This Seat Taken?” Through dialogue and interactive work-shopping, discover the ways you can become an ally to help end sexual harassment and make SMC a safer campus!

**Did you know?**

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month! Keep up with upcoming WRC events by checking out our Facebook page and program flyers around campus. Stay tuned for events encouraging awareness, education, and expression on this important topic.

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**Celebrate your API sisters!**

Looking for a reason to celebrate? What about celebrating the valuable contributions Asian Pacific Islander women have made to this campus and community through their work, their life experiences, and their voices? Join the WRC in honoring these women and hearing inspiring stories from members of the API community, including SMC alum Justher Gutierrez and Jean-Arellia Tolentino!

On **March 25th**, stop by the **Delphine Intercultural Center at 1pm** to share in the discussion—and in the delicious food! This year’s speakers will address the theme of “Leadership, Empowerment & Social Justice in the API Community.”

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**Sharing the Experiences of Women of Color**

The Body Positive took over campus for Love Your Body Week in February, and this month the self-love group is taking on an important new topic in their first meeting of the semester: the experience of women of color.

This Thursday, **March 5th**, The Body Positive is teaming up with on-campus clubs Hermanas Unidas and BSU Sistas for a special discussion about the unique experiences of women of color.

This meeting aims to create a safe space for women of color to be heard and supported while sharing about topics including family life, media representation, and their own bodies. All female-identifying students are welcome at The Body Positive, which will as always include plenty of snacks and positive encouragement!

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**Quick Calendar**

- **March 5th**—The Body Positive: The Experience of Women of Color
- **March 6th**—“Is This Seat Taken?”
- **March 17th**—Guante at SMC!
- **March 18th**—What Matters Most?
- **March 19th**—The Body Positive
- **March 23rd**—Mamas on Mondays
- **March 25th**—Celebrating API Women Luncheon