

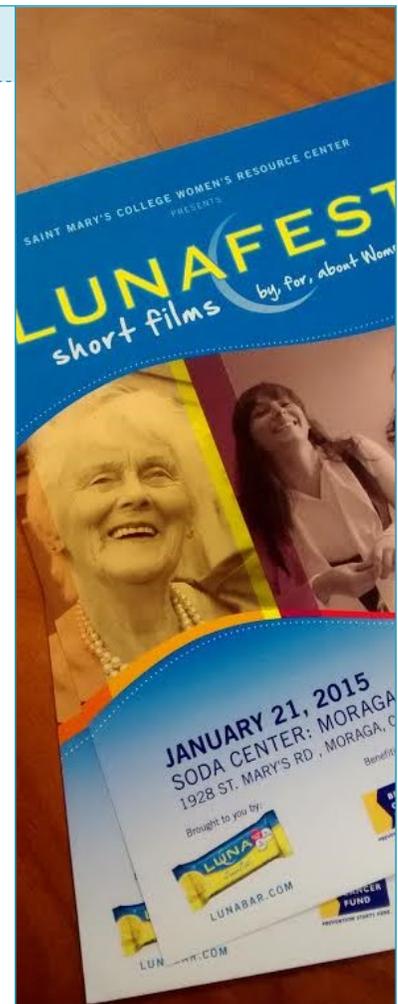
# “A Memory, a Monologue, a Rant, and a Prayer”

## TAKE PART IN V-DAY'S MAKEOVER!

After over a decade of performing *The Vagina Monologues* to raise money for non-profits like Community Violence Solutions, Saint Mary's is taking a year off from Eve Ensler's controversial classic to perform a more inclusive, equally riveting piece that maintains the spirit of V-Day. *A Memory, a Monologue, a Rant, and a Prayer* is an anthology work featuring voices of all ages, abilities, genders, sexualities, and races as they tell stories surrounding the theme of gendered violence.

This is where *you* come in. Each year's V-Day cast is composed of a group of people across campus who are drawn together through a love of theater, passion for social justice, or even the simple Jan Term-inspired determination to try something new. Students of all experience levels who are interested in performing should meet in the **WRC**, where practices will be held **Monday through Thursday at 6pm** throughout January. Practices not only familiarize students with the material, but also help them get to know one another and figure out which pieces feel most comfortable to them. Unlike *The Vagina Monologues'* originally single-person format, this year's production features some dialogue pieces and many opportunities for sharing the stage.

This year, V-Day will take place on **February 13th in the Soda Center**, with an afternoon and evening showing at **3pm and 8pm** respectively. Past performances have filled up quickly, so be sure to check the WRC's Facebook for RSVP and ticket information!



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### QUICK CALENDAR

- **All month long**—V-DAY REHEARSALS, WRC, 6 PM MON-THURS
- **January 8th**—BODY POSITIVE, WRC, 6 PM
- **January 21st**—LUNAFEST, SODA CENTER, 5:45 PM
- **January 22nd**—BODY POSITIVE, WRC, 6 PM
- **January 26th**—MAMAS ON MONDAYS, WRC, 12 PM
- **February 13th**—V-DAY: UNTIL THE VIOLENCE ENDS, SODA CENTER, 3 PM AND 8 PM



## **START YOUR YEAR WITH POSITIVITY!**

New Year's Resolutions: hate them or love them, they influence the gym memberships and refrigerators of millions of Americans. The first Body Positive meeting of 2015 tackled this trend on January 8th when 20 students gathered to discuss the ways weight and appearance-oriented resolutions could effect women both positively and negatively.

The Body Positive meets twice monthly in the WRC to discuss

issues that matter to women today, from the impossible beauty standards put forth by all forms of media, to the importance of learning and practicing self-love.

The next Body Positive meeting will take place on **January 22nd in the WRC at 6pm** and, as always, will include delicious snacks and supportive conversation with other women who share many of the same hopes and fears for the new year as you do.

*“These [films will] compel discussion, make you laugh, tug at your heartstrings and motivate you to make a difference in your community.” —Lunafest website*

### **HER STORIES**

Lunafest 2015 features eight short films by and about women, including:

“**Lady Parts,**” about an automotive business run by women.

“**Viva,**” following the life of “Cornwell’s grandmother of punk,” a woman in her 80s.

“**Tryouts,**” the story of a young Muslim girl with hopes of joining her high school cheer squad.

“**Miss Todd,**” a uniquely stylish exploration of a woman studying flight in 1910.

## **LUNAFEST: EMPOWERMENT THROUGH FILM**

If you’re a fan of Luna bars, you might be able to pick a favorite flavor easily—but what about a favorite film? Did you know that Luna sponsors an annual film festival highlighting stories by, for, and about women right here on campus? This year’s Lunafest features eight short films that are in turn hilarious, heartfelt, and inspiring. The travelling film festival will come to Moraga for the sixth time on **January 21st** with doors to the **Soda Center** opening at **5:45pm**.

This isn’t the first year Saint Mary’s has hosted Lunafest; you may have seen one of last year’s films, an animated walk through a woman’s life called “Sidewalk”, when it was featured on Upworthy late in 2014. This year’s films share stories about women from all walks of life through documentary, scripted story, and even animation and moving pictures.

Lunafest’s five dollar student ticket price or ten dollar general admission price benefits the Breast Cancer Fund, an organization that works to prevent and expose environmental causes of breast cancer. RHA and the WRC are also both sponsoring **free student tickets**, so make sure to grab yours soon!

## STRAIGHT FROM THE V-DAY SCRIPT

Interested in V-Day but unsure what the play entails? Check out some of these powerful quotes that are straight from the script:

“I watched the clock as it ticked away. Ticked away my freedom. No longer a daughter, just a bride.”

—“Dear Ama,”  
Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy

**“I am not adorable. I am not funny. I am angry... I am raging. I do not get invited to parties.”**

**—“Fur is Back,”  
Eve Ensler**

*“May my daughter’s first kiss, May your daughter’s first kiss, May everyone’s daughter’s first kiss be anticipated and wanted.”*

—“First Kiss”, Mollie Doyle

**“I’D HAVE TO SAY I PREFER BEING BEAT UP TO BEING A DEAD PERSON. BEING A DEAD PERSON IS SO BORING.”**

**—“I CAN’T WAIT,”  
JAMES LECESNE**

**“JUNIOR HIGH IS GOD’S LITTLE JOKE ON TEENAGERS.”**

**—“MAURICE,”  
KATHY NAJIMY**

**CHECK US OUT  
ONLINE OR IN  
PERSON!**

—Like “Saint Mary’s College Women’s Resource Center” on Facebook!

—Friend “SMC WRC” on Facebook!

—Follow @smcwrc on Twitter or Instagram!

—Check us out at [stmarys-ca.edu/wrc/](http://stmarys-ca.edu/wrc/)!

—Stop by the ground floor of Mitty Hall between 8:30 and 4:30 on weekdays to visit us in person!

—Call us at (925) 631-4192!

