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News On Campus

Debate Draws National Attention to SMC

Saint Mary's was in the [spotlight](#) as U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer and challenger Carly Fiorina squared off at the College's LeFevre Theatre. About 350 invited guests witnessed the debate, while more than 60 representatives from newspapers, TV, radio and blogs filed stories from the Soda Center. Students and faculty members also weighed in. The San Francisco Chronicle declared that Saint Mary's was the winner of the debate because of its "gorgeous backdrop and smooth logistics with an army of student volunteers."

Fall 2010-11 Brings Record Entering Class

Whether measured in terms of quantity, quality, economic diversity or competitiveness, fall 2010 represents the strongest entering class in College history. New student enrollment of 907 is the largest in College history. Other results include a 35% increase in honors students; 54% identifying themselves students of color; a record number of new students from Lasallian partner high schools; growth in the male portion of the class to 39.3%; and most remarkably, total new undergraduate student net tuition revenue growth of over \$6.5 million and revenue per student increasing by 17.5%.

Student-Athletes Garner All-Academic Awards

Eighteen SMC student-athletes earned [WCC All-Academic](#) spring awards, with four baseball players, three golfers, one rower, four men's tennis players and one women's tennis player being selected to the WCC All-Academic Team.

Alumna Named Top Asian American in Business

Catherine Li was named one of the top 50 Asian Americans in Business by the U.S. by the Asian American Business Development Center. Other honorees include the CEO of Zappos and the general manager of IBM.

Website Redesign Firm Selected

The College's Website Redesign Steering Committee [has selected](#) the Oakland-based firm White Whale for the redesign of its institutional website and content management system implementation. The new site is slated to launch in February 2011.

Far-Flung MBA Students 'Do Business' In Asia

Students in the Trans-Global Executive MBA program presented their "Doing Business in Asia" Social Service Management projects to their clients in Manila and Bangkok. Director of Global Programs Kathy Warren and professors Shyam Kamath, Tomas Gomez and Berna Polat traveled to Asia with 23 students to unveil the projects.

SMC In the News

Forbes Gives College Top Ranking For Earning Power of Graduates

[Forbes magazine](#) ranked Saint Mary's fifth in the U.S. for colleges that make its graduates wealthy. It reports that 10 to 19 years out, alumni earn an average salary of \$97,415, nearly \$23,000 more than the average for grads across 611 schools on the list.

Saint Mary's Acknowledged on Lists of Best Colleges

Saint Mary's was listed in the college rankings of four national publications. Princeton Review listed the College as one of the country's best 373 institutions for undergraduate education. [U.S. News & World Report](#) ranked SMC No. 12 among regional universities in the western U.S. [Forbes](#) ranked the College No. 85 in the nation and No. 9 in California. And SMC was No. 26 among master's universities in the [Washington Monthly](#) rankings, which are based on a college's contributions to society.

Chronicle of Higher Education Interviews Claude Malary About Service Learning Trip To Haiti

The [Chronicle of Higher Education](#) featured Professor Claude Malary and his return to his home country of Haiti during a summer communication and service-learning trip. Eight students participated led by co-instructors Shawny Anderson and Malary. Students spent 21 days in Haiti, providing relief service and helping to rebuild some college classrooms in the Port-au-Prince area. Along with their volunteer service, the students produced multimedia projects, including a [blog](#) to document stories.

Univision/Noticias 14 Spotlights Mission and Ministry's Border Lives Immersion Program

The evening news program [Noticias 14 profiled Border Lives](#), an immersion program offered through the Mission and Ministry Center. The program provides students a better understanding of the experiences of migrants who cross the Arizona desert and the political issues surrounding immigration and the border of Arizona and Mexico.

NBC's Today Show Profiles Saint Mary's 2010 Graduate Monique Garrett

Al Roker highlighted Real Options for City Kids. Monique Garrett '10 was profiled in the [Today Show](#) segment because she credits the after-school program with helping her attend a private high school and laying the foundation for her academic career at Saint Mary's.

Who We Are

The Saint Mary's College of California experience inspires learning that lasts a lifetime. For nearly 150 years, the College has provided students with a rigorous education that engages their intellect and spirit, and awakens a desire to transform society. Guided by the Christian Brothers, the Catholic Church's oldest order dedicated exclusively to teaching, the College enrolls more than 3,800 students in undergraduate and graduate liberal arts and business programs. For more information visit Saint Mary's College at stmarys-ca.edu and just 23 miles east of San Francisco.

Facts and Distinctions

Faculty

- **Brenda Hillman**, Olivia Filippi Professor of Poetry, was awarded the 2009 Los Angeles Times Book Prize and named one of "50 of the Most Inspiring Authors in the World" by *Poets & Writers* magazine.
- **Professors Roy Allen** and **Don Snyder** have received a prestigious Outstanding Paper Award from the Emerald Literati Network for a cutting-edge analysis of the global financial crisis.
- Education Professor **Katherine Perez** spoke at the International Reading Association 23rd World Congress on Reading in Auckland, New Zealand. The World Congress on Reading drew more than 800 registrants from more than 30 countries.
- Jazz Band director **John Maltester** was inducted into the California Jazz Alliance's Hall of Fame.
- Biology and Environmental Science Professor **Carla Bossard** received the California Invasive Plant Council Award for her contributions to invasive plant management and protection of California ecosystems.
- Chemistry professor **Steven Bachofer** was named a co-director of one of five nationwide Centers for Innovation designed to improve science, technology, engineering and mathematics education.
- **Rebecca Engle**, a performing arts professor since 1983, received a 2009 Kennedy Center National Teaching Artist Grant.
- **Lysley Tenorio**, an associate professor of English and creative writing, received the prestigious 2008 Whiting Writers' Award.

Students

- Each year at least **one-third of students conduct research** with a professor.
- 100% of SMC students were accepted into their **first choice medical school** in 2009.
- The **Saint Mary's College Dance Company** was chosen as one of four dances from the western region to be performed at the National College Dance Festival at Kennedy Center — the first time in College history. The team was also nominated for "Best Performer of the Year."
- 91 percent of SMC seniors report that they **regularly challenge their professors' ideas** in class.
- 55 percent of SMC students **attend graduate or professional school within five years** of their graduation.
- Participation in semester or longer **study abroad programs** increased 18% from 2008-09 to 2009-10.
- Saint Mary's has jumped from No. 30 to No. 11 in a report by Institute for International Education, which cited 55.6 % of undergraduate students participate in either short-term or long-term **study abroad experiences**.
- In Fall 2008, Saint Mary's had a transfer **retention rate** of 83.5% and a freshman retention rate of 70%.

Community Engagement

- Saint Mary's College of California received a prestigious national honor with a place on the **2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction**. The College was the only institution of higher education in the Bay Area to receive the mark of distinction.
- Saint Mary's students contribute **nearly 30,000 hours annually to social service** agencies and organizations around the world.
- Nearly 10% of every graduating class joins a **major service organization**, such as the Peace Corps, the Lasallian Volunteers or Teach for America.
- The Catholic Institute of Social Action, or **CILSA**, is celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2009-10.

Athletics

- In 2009-2010, — the men's basketball team made it to the NCAA tournament, [advancing to the Sweet 16](#). Women's volleyball [advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament](#). Both women's [tennis](#) and [softball](#) earned conference championships, and [men's soccer](#) went to its first NCAA tournament. [Men's rugby](#) was again ranked as a U.S. top 10 team.

By The Numbers

Founded: 1863
Campus size: 420 acres, 48 buildings
Schools: Business and Economics, Education, Liberal Arts, and Science
Degrees Offered: BA, BS, MA, MBA, MFA, M. Ed, MS, Ed.D
Average class size: 20
Undergraduate majors: 38
Number of full-time faculty: 202
Classes taught by full-time faculty: 91%
Faculty with highest degree in their fields: 95%
Student/faculty ratio: 12:1
Number of undergraduates (09-10): 2379, including 572 freshmen (*last available data from 2009-10*)
Number of adult and graduate students (09-10): 1,257
Students of color: 42%
International students, representing 32 nations: 4%
Freshmen living on campus: 100%
Average high school GPA: 3.4
NCAA Division I teams: 14
Club sports teams: 8
Students who participate in organized athletics: 60%
Annual costs of attendance:
Tuition: \$35,280
Student activity fee: \$150
Room and board: \$12,350
Miscellaneous: \$4,599
Total: \$52,379
Average financial aid package: \$28,760
Percent of students receiving aid: 80%
2009-10 operating budget: \$100,556,639
Endowment: \$107,593,335