

## THE HONORS COLLEGE



St. Mary's College of Maryland  
at Historic St. Mary's City

### Assistant U.S. Secretary of State **Ellen Sauerbrey** *Speaking Monday, April 2, 4:30 p.m.*

(St. Mary's City, MD) March 26, 2007 – Ellen R. Sauerbrey, Assistant U.S. Secretary of State for the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, will speak on Monday, April 2, at 4:30 p.m. in the Blackistone Room of Anne Arundel Hall on the campus of St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM). Her topic is "Current Refugee Issues: The U.S. Role and Response." The talk is sponsored by the Center for the Study of Democracy and is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Zach Messitte at (240) 895-4215.

Ellen Sauerbrey became assistant secretary of state for Population, Refugees, and Migration in January 2006. She formerly served as U.S. representative to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and led the U.S. delegation to the 2004 Ninth Annual Conference of Women in Latin America. She has also undertaken international missions to train women on the nuts and bolts of political campaigns and democracy building. She was the 1994 and 1998 Republican nominee for governor of Maryland. A former teacher, she was elected to the Maryland legislature for four terms (1978-1994) and served as minority leader (1986-1994).

St. Mary's College of Maryland is ranked one of the best liberal arts colleges in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*, *The Princeton Review* and *Kiplinger's*. With roots going back to 1840, SMCM is the state's only public honors college, offering the academic excellence of a top private college with the openness and affordability of public education.

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Founded in 1840 as Maryland's "monument school" commemorating the state's first capital, St. Mary's College of Maryland provides a high-caliber liberal arts education typically associated with prestigious private colleges while maintaining the affordability and accessibility of a public college.

- 1,934 men and women
- Designated the Maryland state honors college in 1992.
- Consistently ranked among the top liberal arts colleges by *U.S. News & World Report*, *The Princeton Review*, and the *Fiske Guide*.
- Selective admissions – SAT average of 1252
- Highest 6-year graduation rate for all Maryland public colleges and universities
- Opportunities for independent student research through the senior thesis, the St. Mary's Project
- Waterfront campus along the St. Mary's River in Southern Maryland
- National 2004 Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association Co-ed Champions