

SMCM Staff News

If your life was to be turned into a summer blockbuster, what actor would portray you?

- **Angie Draheim** - Anna Kendrick
- **Larry MacCurtain, III** - Jake Gyllenhaal
- **Alun Oliver** - Jim Carrey
- **Faye Graves** - Beverly D'Angelo
- **Rachel Brooks** - Whoopi Goldberg
- **Jeff Smith, Jamal Swann, Douglas Campbell** - Will Smith (*busy summer for him!*)
- **Jim McGuire** - Christian Slater
- **Kathy Lewin** - Cybill Shepherd in her Maddie Hayes *Moonlighting* role. *Sort of bubbling along until everything works out in the end.*
- **Cathy Robinson** - Meryl Streep
- **Lisa Smith** - Julia Roberts. *Great smile, outgoing personality, great hair.*
- **Tommy Cable** - dead = Chris Farley, alive = Steve Martin
- **Brad Newkirk** - Old Daniel Radcliffe. *Expecto Patronum!*
- **Kyle Wise** - Denzel Washington
- **Dave Sushinsky** - Paul Giamatti
- **April Ryan** - Amy Poehler
- **Cheryl Colson** - Meryl Streep. *I liked the movie *Mama Mia!**
- **Alun Lutton** - Martin Freeman, *except my ears aren't that big. :)*



All across campus, departments have been uniting to show support for the faculty and staff giving campaign and the 175th Anniversary Challenge. A huge thank you to all to have invested in St. Mary's College! As of May 15th, we have reached 56% staff and faculty participation and \$61,679.50 has been attributed to the \$2.5M capital campaign.

...but don't count your chickens before they've hatched! Kathy Lewin surely hasn't. In one of the most creative donations so far, Kathy used the proceeds from selling her hens' eggs to make a charitable contribution to the capital campaign.

Whether it is a one-time gift (even \$1) or an ongoing payroll contribution, we recognize that every bit is helping us go a long way. If you haven't yet participated, please visit www.smcm.edu/give.

The Professional Development Committee wants you to know:

"The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot" – Michael Altshuler
No matter the individual, we are all too familiar with not having enough time in the day. The constant struggle of completing daily duties or project deadlines in a timely manner leaves very little room for tailoring the notion of professional development. But for those who just need some guidance, here are a few steps for helping make you work smarter, not harder.

- ◆ **Outline your duties.** Everyone who is reading this at some point has felt overwhelmed about making a deadline. And rightfully so. Looking at a bunch of puzzle pieces scattered about doesn't create a pretty picture. It isn't until you move the pieces one by one and align them together does the image become clearer. Make a list of all items you need to accomplish. They may be daily, weekly, monthly or even yearly tasks. The more you transcribe out of your head and onto paper the more tangible those tasks seem. Useful tools include calendars, planners, and even your GMAIL tools.
- ◆ **Organize and work off that list.** Now that you've made a list, time to prioritize what needs to be done first, second, third etc. Most of us know that every task seems to be important, but in fairness some things have to be delegated as higher priority than others. Key word, compartmentalize! And nothing feels better than being able to see something crossed off a list.
- ◆ **Recognize the need to take a step back.** No matter how organized you can get you are still guaranteed to have moments of panic. And that's okay! That is why taking a mental break is necessary, within reason. By taking a deep breath and focusing your attention momentarily elsewhere, you can come back to your duties with a clearer head.
- ◆ **Recognize procrastination.** While taking a step back is essential, we must also be wary of how easy stepping back can lead to procrastination. There are many distractions during the work day, and if we were to take into account the average amount of time these distractions eat into our work hours we may be surprised and how much useful time we lose. By acknowledging any potential distractions you may be able to turn focus that's a productivity drainer into a time gainer.
- ◆ **Learn saying "no" is okay.** You've read it correctly, just say no. But before you think this is direction for the next conversation with your supervisor, understand this is to be taken moderately. Most of us juggle various roles and for the most part are willing to do what we can to help our peers. Unfortunately what we may want to do may exceed what we are able to do. Always remember where your limits are and what you are committed to. Time does fly, and because you are the pilot the last thing you want is an overloaded plane.

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Above- Residence Life staff showing off their cool "I Gave" St. Mary's shades the day they reached 100% office participation.

Below- Kathy Lewin and Snowball, her charitable chicken



Hats Off to Our Incredible Staff!

Did you know...

Sabine Dillingham recently received a Travel Award from the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) to attend the annual Region II meeting April 25-29, 2015.

Joanne Goldwater was recently elected to the Executive Board of the Association of College and University Housing Officers - International (ACUHO-I). She becomes the Regional Affiliations Director as of June 30 and will serve a two-and-a-half year term. Joanne completed the three - year ACUHO-I Foundation Board Chair cycle last year.

Nairem Moran, '99, and **Alun Oliver** '04 were named to the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) Silver Anniversary Teams for Women's Lacrosse and Men's Soccer, respectively.

SMCM staff who attended the Administrative Professional Development Day hosted by the Corporate Center of the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) held at the LaPlata campus on April 24:



Cindy Dale, Patti Enoch, Sam Enoch, Sahra Grube, Jodene Hernandez, Mary Johnston, Debbie Landau, Kathy Lewin, Nancy Raley, Anna Speck, Susan Sullivan, Jackie Trenholm, Leslie Tucker, Sherrie Wooldridge.

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Dan Schell was named SMCM SGA Club Adviser of the Year for his work with the Habitat for Humanity Club.



Staff Spotlight: Lisa Smith,

Administrative Assistant in Planning & Facilities

Winner of the Staff Recognition Award for January 2015

How long have you been at SMCM? 4 Years

What path led you to St. Mary's? A friend told me about current opportunities being offered which led me to look into them. I loved what I saw and what I learned and realized that the opportunity of working at St. Mary's College of Maryland was an excellent fit for me at this point in my life, so I applied and was fortunate to be given the opportunity of employment.

What do you do by day? By day I am the Administrative Assistant to the Associate Vice President for Planning and Facilities (Dan Branigan).

What do you do with your evenings/weekends? I live on a farm where we raise Black Angus Cattle, so a lot of time is dedicated to helping and seeing to the needs of the animals and farm, especially from spring through fall. I also enjoy going to the movies or just snuggling up on the couch with a good book or a favorite movie on DVD, spending time with my family and going for walks with my English Mastiff, Tank.

What is your favorite off-campus lunch spot? Chipotle

What would colleagues be surprised to find out about you? That I have bungee jumped and enjoyed it!

What is the most interesting/surprising job you've ever had? When I worked for a lobby group on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. Working with this organization afforded me opportunities to meet President Ronald Reagan and Vice President George Bush, President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, a multitude of Congressmen and Senators, Prime Minister of Israel Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (before he became Prime Minister).

Staff Spotlight: Mary Johnston,

Operations and Customer Service Coordinator - Supervisor

Winner of the Staff Recognition Award for March 2015

How long have you been at SMCM? I began my employment with the college November, 2005. I started as a Public Safety Officer and transferred in July 2012, to my current position with the Physical Plant.

What path led you to St. Mary's? My sense of bad direction....I moved back to Maryland from Georgia in 2005 and began looking for employment. I drove to St. Mary's County to submit my resume with various agencies and became lost. I ended up at St. Mary's College of Maryland and stopped at the old Public Safety Office, which was located on Route 5 and asked for directions. While I was there I turned in my resume and the rest is history.

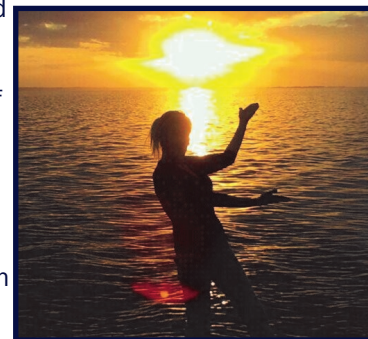
What do you do by day? I don't even know where to begin on describing my day-to-day activities. Some days may be consumed with meetings, everything from a weekly Supervisor Meeting, Staff Senate Meeting, Joint Health and Safety Meeting, while other days I stay strictly in my office. On the days without meetings and outside of my daily work routine I started walking at lunch time again, an activity I really enjoy doing. It allows me the opportunity to see students, staff and faculty around campus that I have not seen for awhile, yet speak with daily on the phone.

What do you do with your evenings/weekends? I enjoy going to museums, walking the trails of historical areas, boating, crabbing and fishing. When my three wonderful children have free time in their busy schedules, I love spending time with them most of all....

What is your favorite off-campus lunch spot? Linda's Cafe is my favorite place. The food and staff are great and I like the down-to-earth atmosphere.

What would colleagues be surprised to find out about you? I don't think many people know that when I was younger I actually thought about becoming a nun in the Catholic Church.

What is the most interesting/surprising job you've ever had? The most interesting job I ever had was right out of high school when I was a costume character for Wild World. I loved this job....I could be crazy and act ridiculous and no one ever knew it was me. Later, in my college years, I volunteered as the Easter Bunny for disadvantaged children and finally I was McGruff in my children's elementary school in Georgia!



Monthly Staff Recognition Award Winners

February: Barbara Cooke, Assistant Supervisor - Mailroom

"Barbara devotes herself to working for the good of St. Mary's College because she loves her job and all of her co-workers. She doesn't complain and always delivers the mail with a smile on her face. She is patient with student staff and provides them with training. During the holiday break, Barbara travels to the college to assure that departments that need time sensitive mail receive theirs."

March: Mary Johnston, Physical Plant

"Mary always has a way with saying the nicest things and making her colleagues feel appreciated". "She goes above and beyond to help solve issues in a professional and timely manner."

April: Gerald Sellers, Public Safety Officer

"...his professional handling of information received while on duty about a possible threat on Yik Yak. He is to be commended for his actions during the course of the investigation as it unfolded, from notifying all pertinent persons on Campus and coordinating with the Sheriff's Department until its final conclusion."

Nominate a worthy staff member today! Winners receive 5 FREE tickets to the Great Room. Nomination forms for the monthly award are available in department offices and online. They are due the 3rd Friday of every month to Beth Byrd (eabyrd@smcm.edu or Alumni House).

Campus Reminders

Before you send that email, remember....

- Use AllEmployees@smcm.edu for messages that need to be seen by staff AND faculty
- Use AllStaff@smcm.edu for messages that only need to be seen by staff
- Use AllFaculty@smcm.edu for messages that only need to be seen by faculty

If you would like more information, please refer to the original All Employees email blog post, or call the IT Support Center at x4357.

Please note: The All Employees group does not include Historic St. Mary's accounts-- make sure to include them by adding allhsmcstaff@smcm.edu to your message.

Joe Carroll Award

The 2015 Joe Carroll Memorial Award goes to Jamal Swann! Congratulations, Jamal!

Jamal has worked at St. Mary's College for 9 years as a general support set-up person. He recently completed taking classes at CSM in LaPlata to get his HVAC license. Jamal is very committed to his job and cheerfully accomplishes any task assigned to him from simple set ups of tables and chairs to big jobs like stages and office and dorm furniture.

Congratulations also to the other nominees: Kathy Cheek, Barbara Cooke, Thomas Ford, Sam Goddard, Jodene Hernandez, Robert Marks, Nancy Pratt, Ty Reynolds, Jenny Sivak, Stephanie Somerville, David Turner, and Donald Wince. You have demonstrated excellence through your accomplishments, community impact, commitment and dependability, and/or teamwork and leadership. Thank you for all you do to make St. Mary's College a wonderful place to work.

Welcome to St. Mary's!

Center for the Study of Democracy

Dr. Maija Harkonen, Executive Director for the Center for the Study of Democracy at SMCM

Communications & Marketing

Cheryl Bates-Lee, Associate Vice President of Marketing, Strategic Communications and Web Services

Office of Information Technology

Kayla Pratt, Web Developer

DeSousa-Brent Scholars program

Morgan T. Smith, Office Associate I for the DeSousa-Brent Scholars Program

Share your news via the form at <http://www.smcm.edu/staff/newsletters.html> or provide your senator with an update to pass along!

Congratulations!

Cheryl Colson welcomed the birth of her 10th grandchild



on March 11. Gavin Anthony was 8 lbs 9 ozs and 21.5". Cheryl now has 7 grandsons and 3 granddaughters! And according to her youngest granddaughter she also has 10 furry grandchildren.

At the end of March-beginning of April, **Dave and Katie Sushinsky** finally got to go on their honeymoon to fabulous Costa Rica.



Raegan Nora Maddox was born on April 12 at 9lbs 5oz and

21.75 inches. She joins big sister (5 yrs) Ainsley and proud parents **Rob** and Bridget **Maddox**.

Linda Russell welcomed the birth of her second granddaughter

on April 15. Bailey June, born to '08 alums Brian and Elizabeth Russell, was 8lbs 10oz and 20".



Beth Byrd has been snuggling new grandson Henry Alexander, born April 21. He's



shown here with big brother William George (now 2 1/2).

St. Mary's by the Numbers

1 the number of cakes made and donated by Lisa Smith (*thanks, Lisa!*) for a raffle prize at the spring staff appreciation luncheon on Mar 19. Brenda Rogers was the lucky winner.



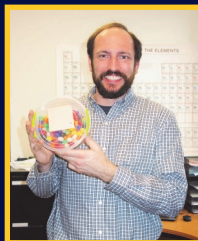
14 the number of staff and faculty who performed in the "Workers by Day, Musicians by Night" event on April 1.

- * Anne Marie Brady (Psychology, piano)
- * Jeff Byrd (Biology, bass)
- * Kelvin Clark (Academic Services, guitar, vocals)
- * Renée Dennison (Psychology, soprano)
- * Billy Friebele (Art, bass guitar)
- * Conrad Helms (Library, guitar)
- * Dave Kung (Math, violin)
- * Rick Loheed (Waterfront, guitar/vocals)
- * Michelle Milne (Physics, alto)
- * Kelly Neiles (Chemistry, bass clarinet)
- * Brad Park (Philosophy, banjo/vocals)
- * Kent Randall (Archivist, guitar & other instruments)
- * Bill Williams (Biology, tenor)
- * Don Wince (IT, guitar)



32 the number of pizzas served by Mary Grube, Faye Graves, Stacy Goddard, Chip Jackson, and Catherine Pratson at the spring luncheon.

325 the number of jellybeans in the container at the spring luncheon. Doug Hovland won with the closest guess of **321**.



Staff Senate Committees

Any staff member may join Staff Senate committees – contact chairs if you are interested!

Professional Development

Tommy Cable (chair), Kelvin Clark, Jim Cranmer, Alan Lutton, Kelley Hernandez, Jim McGuire, Catherine Pratson

Elections

Angie Draheim (chair), Kyle Bishop, Kelley Hernandez

Communications

April Ryan (Chair), Angie Draheim, Kathy Lewin, Stephanie Somerville, Chris Burch

Awards & Recognition

Beth Byrd (co-chair), Robin Bates* Kyle Bishop, Dana Burke, Uzila Chowdhury '16*, Kathy Lewin, Sherrie Wooldridge *Joe Carroll award only

Bylaws

Dan Schell (chair), Cheryl Colson, Angie Draheim, Adam Werblow

Social Connections

Marsha Wilcox (chair), Faye Graves, Steve Gregory, Mary Johnston, Francis Raley, Lisa Smith, Leslie Tucker



Upcoming Events

Staff Senate Meetings. Any staff member may attend Staff Senate meetings so mark your calendars and plan to join us! All senate meetings 10 am-12 pm in the Glendening Annex unless otherwise noted. In 2015: **5/20 (Staff Association Mtg– Cole Cinema); 6/3; 6/24; 7/16*; 8/5; 8/26*; 9/9 (Staff Association Mtg); 9/16; 10/7; 10/28; 11/18*; 12/9.** *Library Board Room

Blood Pressure and Glucose Checks. Thursday, May 28, 10am-1pm in Glendening Annex.

Healthcare providers will be on hand to assist employees and their spouses with setting up the online account needed to complete your required Health Assessment.

Wellness Fair on Wednesday, July 15. 9am-12pm in the Michael P. O'Brien Athletics and Recreation Center.

Alumni Weekend—June 11-14. Crab Feast & BBQ is June 13 at 5pm. [Register](#) online by May 31 to get tickets. *If you are able to volunteer, there are still many areas of need throughout the weekend. To sign up, go to the [Alumni Weekend Faculty and Staff Volunteer Form](#) and type your name in the shift space(s) you would like to do. Once you type in your information, it will automatically save.*

Let Us Hear From You!

Email your suggestions, questions, or concerns to mkgrube@smcm.edu

OR [complete the anonymous feedback form](#) available on our web sites.

Check out our websites: www.smcm.edu/staff, <https://sites.google.com/a/smcm.edu/smcm-staff-senate/home>

Thanks to Sabine Dillingham, Angie Draheim, Debbie Davis, Steve Gregory, Mary Grube, Shelby Kalm, Justin Mattingly, Penny Shissler and a few student volunteers, you can now enjoy the beauty of a rain garden near Campus Center. The 431 dormant plants planted on Apr 1 are starting to spring to life. Watch for them to really bloom over the summer!

