

SMCM Staff News

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Joe Carroll Award Winner

The Joe Carroll award honors the memory of a staff member who demonstrated an immeasurable amount of dedication and service to our community.



The winner of the award for 2017 is Frances Titus, Fiscal Associate II in Schaefer Hall.

When you think of Frances Titus you think "community." Frances consistently provides effective and sensitive support to all she encounters and will quickly respond to any interaction with "Is there something I can do for you?"

Frances is an exceptionally caring individual who is unquestionably committed to her faculty, our students and to the College community. Her service to SMCM has been steady and outstanding for over a quarter of a decade.

She walks the St. Mary's Way in her professional and personal interactions so much so that the gentleman engraving her name on the award plaque that is displayed in the Campus Center refused payment stating, "I am honored to be a part of this award for a wonderful lady!"

Congratulations, Frances!



Just a little note SMCM style to say thank you for all you do! Enjoy summertime!

Monthly Staff Recognition Award Winners

December 2016: Tommy Cable, Business Office

"Tommy has been instrumental in assisting the Business Office staff to set up templates to provide accurate reporting to the State and auditors. He is patient, friendly and always answers questions with a smile. When there are staff vacancies he has jumped in to help where he can. He believes in professional development and has always encouraged staff to take advantage of the opportunities provided by the College and staff senate."

January 2017: Linda Russell, Library Circulation Desk

"Linda is a professional, pleasant and helpful asset to the students and faculty in the library. She is very active with the Collective Bargaining Unit and her hard work and dedication to her fellow staff members is greatly appreciated!"

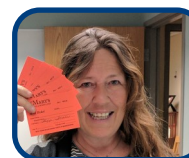


February 2017: Raven Glidden, Media Center

"No one works harder behind the scenes to make sure each and every classroom is up and running for faculty, students and staff. He is always looking for ways to utilize the Media Center in the Library to enhance student learning and support. He is well known as a reliable, go-to staff member that goes the extra mile to help ALL!!"

March 2017: Karen Cozzens, Office of Information Technology

"Karen has the ability to see things in a positive light and shares her enthusiasm with those around her. She is very dependable, collaborative and is always ready to jump in and help where needed. Karen has the type of attitude that makes St. Mary's a wonderful place to work!"



Nominate a worthy staff member today!

Winners receive 5 FREE tickets to the Great Room. Nomination forms are available in department offices and [online](#). They are due the 3rd Friday of every month to Lisa Youngborg (layoungborg@smcm.edu or Campus Center 143).



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Hats Off to Our Incredible Staff!

Did you know...



Angelene Colas was named Officer of the Year at SMCM for 2016. On May 9, the County Commissioners and the Dept. of Aging hosted a luncheon for Law Enforcement Appreciation at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center. Awards were presented to all the officers selected from different law enforcement agencies around the county.

Clint Neil, former staff and **Indy Weinstein '17** were both presented with the LGBTQ Advocacy Award at the Lavender Graduation ceremony on April 21.



A number of our staff attended the Administrative Professionals Conference at Stevenson University on April 28.



Acts of Kindness

After months of listening to me complain about not having a mailbox at my new house, my boss and Director of Alumni Relations Dave Sushinsky surprised me with a mailbox for my birthday. He even cemented it into the ground!
- *Lauren Taylor*



Susan Mazuc and Frances Titus want to say "**Thank You**" to Erin DePree, Associate Professor of Physics for organizing an Administrative Potluck Luncheon and to all the faculty and staff who bring in a variety of dishes and desserts for all to enjoy. Susan and Frances are grateful to be working in such a pleasant atmosphere. Dr. DePree started this tradition in 2009.

I happened to see a Public Safety Officer help someone cut the lock off of their bike because they lost the key. Public Safety was on it quick! - *Anna Speck*



A little thought and a little kindness are often worth more than a great deal of money.

—*John Ruskin*

Office NEWS



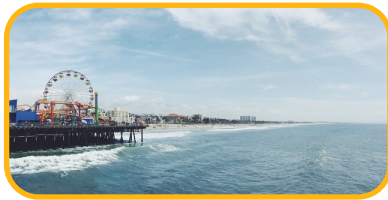
Jordan Cartwright '16 has moved from Public Safety to Admissions. He is now an admissions counselor for Howard and Prince George's counties in Maryland and also Washington, D.C.

April Ryan '09 has moved from the Department of Educational Studies to OIT. She will be performing new duties as an instructional technologist.



Welcome to St. Mary's! *indicates an internal hire/move from a contractual position

Academic Services	Mary Dorsey , Coordinator of Advising Services
Admissions	Jessica Blofsky , Admissions Counselor
Business Affairs	* Cheryl Toner , Accounts Receivable Specialist
Human Resources	Jacqueline Roquemore , Benefits Administrator/Recruiter
Information Technology	Augustine Masikonde , IT Business Analyst
Office of the President	* Nancy Thorsen , Office Associate II
Physical Plant	Eric Barnes , Groundskeeper I Leroy White , Caretaker I Derrick Cutchember , Caretaker I Robert Goldsmith , Advanced HVAC Mechanic Robert Henderson , Groundskeeper I Sherry Hawkins , Caretaker I
Planning and Facilities	Annette "Annie" Angueira , Associate VP of Facilities
Public Safety	Nataisha "Tai" Young , PS Officer/Non-Commissioned



Lisa Youngborg – Student Affairs

My two lifelong friends and I spent a week together in Arizona and made a pilgrimage to Winslow, Arizona. Just standin' on the corner!!! Ha!



The three of us have been friends since we were 1. We get together every year now at a different place. This year we decided to give Flagstaff a try and what do you know, there was Winslow!! Big fans of Eagles and Glen Frey so we had to go. The little town of Winslow created this corner in 1999 to honor the song and the singer. It was a 5 minute stop but a life time memory!!

Lee Capristo – Marketing

A beautiful spot for a vacation is Smith Mountain Lake in southwestern Virginia. The lake is famous for large mouth bass. One morning, we saw an eight-point buck swimming across the lake and a black bear on shore.



Lisa Smith – Planning and Facilities



On July 31, 2016, my daughter Samantha and I along with my brother and niece traveled to Europe for a 14-day cruise aboard the Caribbean Princess through Northern Europe. We traveled to the British Isles (Guernsey, Jersey); London, England; Belfast, Northern Ireland; Cork and Killarney, Ireland; Inverness, Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Invergordan, Scotland; and Paris, France.



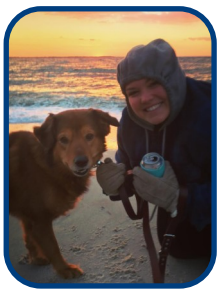
After first visiting the British Isles, we went to Ireland. In Cork, we toured the Jameson Whiskey Distillery where we sampled whiskey, and visited a museum about the Titanic (Cork was its last port of call before it went out to sea). We then traveled to Belfast, Northern Ireland, where we visited Titanic Belfast, a museum on the site where the Titanic was built and launched.

Next we visited Scotland. We went to Edinburgh Castle to witness the performance of the Military Tattoo and then went into the Highlands to visit Urquhart Castle and Loch Ness (no, we didn't get to see Nessie). From there we went on to Paris, France, where we toured the Louvre Museum, saw the Arc de Triomphe, the Seine River, and had lunch in 58 Tour Eiffel restaurant located in the Eiffel Tower.



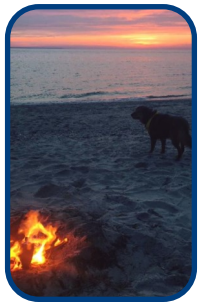
We ended our journey in England, where we visited Windsor Castle, saw the Thames River, and toured Stonehenge. Our experiences were many, the beauty of the sites took our breath away, and the people and cultures that we met and experienced will stay with me for a life time.





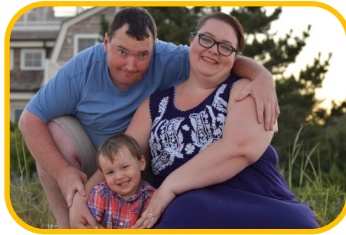
Lauren Taylor - Advancement

I live on the Potomac River in Tall Timbers, so every day feels like a STAYCATION! Here is a photo from last night at my landlord's private beach by Tall Timbers Marina. If any staff members are looking for "the best bloody Mary in Southern Maryland," they should head to the *Marina's Reluctant Navigator* Restaurant.



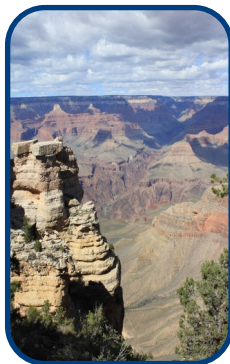
Jeannette Modic – Web Services

This summer we are headed to Pirateland (www.pirateland.com/), a fun-packed campground in Myrtle Beach. Pirateland used to be an amusement park. It has a splash/water park, lazy river, and other pools, mini golf, PLUS it is right on the beach! They have camper, tent sites, and rental units available.



Paula Ropshaw – Retired, Student Activities

This spring I had the opportunity to go on an unbelievable vacation. We flew into Houston, Texas for a family wedding. Since I am retired and we were already going more than half way across the United States we decided to take advantage of the distance. We rented a car and for 3 weeks we toured the southwest.



What an experience! For someone who had never seen the desert, this was a treat of a lifetime. We hit 6 states: Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and Nevada, not necessarily in that order. National Parks? How about 8 of them: Arches, Mt. Zion, Canyon Lands, and Bryce in Utah; Mesa Verda in Colorado; Guadalupe Mountains in Texas; Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico; and of course the Grand Canyon in Arizona and the Hoover Dam.

There were lots of neat side trips: city of Williams, Arizona, known as the town on Route 66; Abilene, Texas, known as the originating city for most of the western cattle drives. We ate in little diners and slept in local motels. We drove on the All America Scenic Byways. There were times when we would drive for 3 or 4 hours and never see another car in front or behind us. Want a real thrill? Drive the Scenic Byway 12, nestled between Capital Reef National Park and Bryce Canon National Park. It is also known as the **NO U TURN ROAD**. No place on that road is wide enough to make a U Turn and there are no guard rails keeping you from plummeting 600 feet to the bottom of a canyon. It is also called one of the most beautiful places on earth.

Try this summer treat!

David Sansotta, Bon Appétit

Refreshing and juicy but with a toasted complexity that is balanced by the lime, this unique appetizer is as tasty as it is hydrating. Serves 12.

- 1 medium watermelon
- Zest of 1 lime
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons lime juice (about 5-6 limes), divided
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons diced fresh mint, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon medium-coarse Kosher salt
- 1/2 cup plain yogurt sauce (optional)

- Slice watermelon into 3/4-inch thick wedges, keeping the rind on.
- Whisk together 1/4 cup lime juice, lime zest, olive oil, honey, and cayenne.

If making yogurt sauce, whisk yogurt with remaining 2 tablespoons lime and 2 tablespoons mint in a separate bowl, Set aside both mixtures.

Heat outdoor or stovetop grill to high. When grill is hot, brush each side of watermelon slices with lime-honey mixture and grill until you see grill marks, about 1-2 minutes, then flip and grill another minute.

Remove watermelon from grill, sprinkle with salt and mint leaves. Repeat until all watermelon is done or grill watermelon as needed. If using, serve yogurt sauce on the side.

Now That's Service!

Congratulations to the following staff who have served the College for 5 to 40 years. If you see these folks on campus or in town, stop and say "Thanks for a job well done!"

40 Years of Service

Robert "Ray" Yarber—Caretaker I

35 Years of Service

Elaine Szymkowiak—Director of Instructional Support for Biology

Linda Ward—Director of User Support Services

30 Years of Service

Clayton Hartley—Assistant Director of Institutional Reporting

Charles "Chip" Jackson—Vice President for Business & Finance

Vivian Jordan—Executive Assistant to the President

25 Years of Service

Brenda Rodgers—Interlibrary Loan Technician

Ronald Stone—Associate Director of the Campus Store/Texts

Adam Werblow—Dir Waterfront/Head Sailing Coach

20 Years of Service

Melinda "Mindy" Moran—Senior Buyer

Kelly Schroeder—Director of Student Activities

Christopher True—Assistant Vice President for Finance

15 Years of Service

Vicky Arter—Caretaker I

Jodene Hernandez—Accounts Receivable Specialist

Iric "Jeff" Krissoff—Senior Learning Technology Support Specialist

Kenneth "Ken" O'Connell—AV/Digital Specialist & Event Coordinator

Beverly Read—Executive Assistant for Admissions

Linda Russell—Supervisor/Daytime Circulation

Maria Snyder—Registrar Associate

Mary "Susan" Sullivan—Fiscal Associate I

10 Years of Service

Robert Brown—Director of Network Support Services

Cheryl Colson—Collections Technician

Patti Enoch—Fiscal Associate II

Dennis Hite—Building Systems/Controls Technician

Alan Lutton—Office Administrator for the Library

Dorothy Reed—Caretaker I

Tyana Reynolds—General Trades Mechanic

Kelly Smolinsky—Student Conduct Officer

Jamal Swann—HVAC Technician

Nickolas Tulley—Registrar

William "Bill" Ward—Director of Sailing/Varsity Sailing Coach

Robert Webb—HVAC Mechanic

5 Years of Service

Sandra Abell—Executive Assistant to the VP of Institutional Advancement

Laura "Renee" Boley—College Cashier

William Cooper—General Trades Mechanic

Crystal Gibson—Head Women's Basketball Coach

Robert Marks—Caretaker I

Alun Oliver—Head Men's Soccer Coach

Lisa Smith—Administrative Assistant for Planning and Facilities

Elizabeth "Beth" Thomas—Prospect Research Coordinator

Wendell Wade—Senior Public Safety Officer

Jacqueline "Jackie" Wright—Director of Foundation Finance and Administration



30-35-40 Year Staff & Faculty



15-25 Year Staff & Faculty



5-10-15 Year Staff & Faculty



2016 Retirees

Off to the Wild Blue Yonder with Our Best Wishes

Can't imagine ever leaving this place? The following staff and faculty made the leap to retirement during 2016.

Susan Bennett (16 yrs),
Transfer Evaluation
Coordinator

Daniel Branigan (19 yrs),
Associate Vice President of
Planning and Facilities

Linda Hall (18 yrs),
Professor of History

Lew Jenkins (16 yrs),
Head Baseball Coach

Christopher Tanner (38 yrs),
Professor of Biology

Gail Wood (34 yrs),
Administrative Assistant

Michael Ye (25 yrs),
Associate Professor of
Economics

Congratulations!

Bill Ward (Waterfront) and his wife, Kelly, welcomed a son, William Joseph Ward VI "Liam," on Nov 6, 2016.



Amber Robey (Student Activities) and her husband, Aaron, welcomed new daughter, Avalon Fiona Robey, on Mar 24, 2017.



St. Mary's by the Numbers

160 The number of staff and faculty that attended the Spring Fling luncheon on March 16



35 The number of pizzas served at the Spring Fling



14 The number of raffle prizes offered on Safety Day (911 Shield Launch) held on March 29

96 The number of items collected at the Wellness Committee walk on April 12 for "The Mission" in Lexington Park

Staff Senate Committees

Any staff member may join Staff Senate Committees—contact chairs if you are interested!

Professional Development—Tommy Cable (chair)
Elections –Angie Draheim (chair)
Communications—Karen Cozzens (chair)
Awards & Recognition—Lisa Youngborg (Chair)
Bylaws—Rob Maddox (chair)
Social Connections—Cindy Dale & Mary Johnston (co-chairs)



Lisa Smith donated her time and talent for us to devour this delicious Cherry Blossom Tree cake at the Spring Fling

We would also like to give a **HUGE** thanks to our departing Staff Senators. Angie Draheim, Mary Grube, Faye Graves, Francis Raley, and Tommy Cable



Spring Fling Raffle Winners

Main Prize—Inching into Spring Cake (Baked and donated by Lisa Smith)—Jeff Garrick; *Triple Chocolate Cake*—Nicole Lay; *3-layer Carrot Cake*—Erin Hall-Singleton; *Red Velvet Cake*—Linda Jones, *Cupcakes*—Kathy Sumner, Chris True, Lauren Taylor & Sherrie Wooldridge; *Cap*—Faye Graves & Frances Titus, *Seahawk Shirt*—Nancy Thorsen & Maria Hauggard; *T-shirt*—Peggy Aud & FJ Talley; *Guess the Candy*—Naiem Moran (Prize Guess: 1915, Actual Number:1935); *GUESS WHO Game Winner*—Leslie Tucker

Safety Day Raffle Winners

Firehouse Subs gift cards—Robert Thompson, Faye Graves, Angie Draheim, Deirdre Bulger, Dan Beison, Noelle Gelelein, Gretchen Phillips, Robert Marks, Price Kinsey, and Lisa Youngborg; *SMCM Tshirt*—Mary McCarthy; *\$20 Gift Card*— Nick Tosini, *Mission Barbecue Basket*—Rick Djeuhon-Mbankeu

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 Glendening Annex unless otherwise noted. **5/31, 6/21 (senators only), 7/19, 8/16, 9/13, 10/11, 11/1**

St. Mary's County Relay for Life—June 3 at the Fairgrounds from 4 pm - midnight. All cancer survivors are invited to join the Survivor's Reception at the Fairgrounds on June 3 starting at 2 pm. After the reception, all Survivors will kick off the Relay by walking the Survivors/ Caregivers Lap together. Lots of fundraisers will be going on before, during, and after the Relay. Contact **Joanne Goldwater** if you want to register, get involved, or have any questions.

Alumni Weekend—June 8-11 Alumni Weekend is the largest alumni celebration of the year. Every summer over 1,000 alumni return to their home on the river to reunite with old friends. **Crab Feast & BBQ is 6/10 at 5 pm. You must [register](#) by May 21. [Volunteers for weekend events are still needed.](#)**

Wellness Fair—Wednesday, July 12, at 9 am—12 pm in the Michael P. O'Brien ARC. Blood pressure, cholesterol, body composition, and glucose checks; belly dancing demo and more!

River Concert Series. All concerts begin at 7pm on the Townhouse Greens on the following Fridays: **June 23, June 30 (Fireworks), July 7, July 14, July 21** and a **special Saturday program on July 22.**

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 website: www.smcm.edu/staff