

SMCM Staff News

Welcome to FA16!

We hope you found some time to enjoy favorite summer pastimes, whether it be traveling abroad or stateside or just enjoying your own back yard. Temperatures are hinting the seasons are about to change- but we all know fall here starts well before Sept 21 and it is clear the semester is already in full swing. Thanks to everyone for their hard work over the summer to get ready to welcome our new and returning students (including moving them in)!

Staff Senate kept busy working on various things, including regular Senator elections, working with HR to explore community service initiatives and revive the St. Mary's Mentors Program, and organizing a Shred-it day (which unfortunately had to be rescheduled) details TBA).

Over the semester, grab a colleague and get out of the office for a little wellness walk break especially before it gets cold. Remember to smile and say hi to new and familiar faces on the path even if they are engaging with an electronic device. You never know what people are dealing with internally but a kind greeting can never hurt anyone and only serve to brighten their day. And it helps to make everyone feel included in our caring community.



It is a BEAUTY!

A significant milestone for St. Mary's College of Maryland occurred on Monday, August 29th. The first classes were held in the new Anne Arundel Hall (AAH) to rave reviews from faculty and students.

According to Chip Jackson, vice president for business and finance, Anne Arundel Hall is extraordinary on many levels. It provides much needed space for students and faculty, enhancing their learning and research, and it brings the College and the Museum together, strengthening programmatic relationships in museum studies and other areas of study. Anne Arundel Hall was designed to enrich the sense of place, marvelously unifying the old campus, the historic townlands, and the new campus. It is the product of more than a decade of planning and design and represents the contributions of many individuals.

AAH North is the home of international languages and cultures and the Center for the Study of Democracy. Anthropology and museum studies are located in AAH West and the archaeological staff of Historic St. Mary's City occupies AAH South. The new building offers an energy efficient geothermal heating system and a rain water capture system that recycles water used in the toilets, landscaping and the courtyard fountain.

Jim McGuire, capital project manager and Mary Grube, budget analyst/special projects manager were two very happy staff members watching all of the action and reflecting on the effort put forth to design, construct, redesign, furnish and open SMCM's newest building. Jim glowed with pride as he stated "Anne Arundel Hall will be a welcoming presence on Rt.5 with the courtyard fountain, brick pathways and lights shining from the Blackistone Room. People will know they have reached a very special and beautiful place."

According to Jim, while this was a challenging project that included multiple design changes to new academic technologies, the most impressive aspect is that AAH was the first capital project on campus to be completely managed by SMCM staff. In the past, the Maryland Department of General Services performed oversight for the College's building projects. Dan Branigan, recently retired associate vice president for planning and facilities, was the first staff member supporting the project during the design stage. Then, as construction got underway, Jim became involved. Mary provided the coordination for furnishings, finishing details, and assisting HSMC with their portion of the building.

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Hats Off to Our Incredible Staff!

Did you know...

On August 4–12, **Alun Oliver '04** took our Seahawk soccer players to Europe.

“Our preseason trip to Holland and Germany was a fantastic experience! It really was an educational experience not just from the soccer side of things but from a cultural perspective as well. It was a once in a lifetime trip for the guys.



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Mary stressed that AAH was a complete team effort from the first step through the opening. The facilities staff will continue to work with faculty, staff and HSMC to ensure the programmatic needs for the new classroom technology are addressed, the construction punch list is completed, and all of the environmental systems are functioning correctly.

Mary and Jim said “the facilities team works together to address and resolve any challenges to ensure the project meets the needs of the College”. The entire Facilities division all pulled together to have Anne Arundel Hall ready for use and both Jim and Mary said it was a huge team effort. When asked what is up next for them both laughed and replied with great enthusiasm “the STADIUM project!!!”

Staff Spotlight: TJ Briscoe, Mail Room—General Support



What path led you to St. Mary's? Born and raised two minutes down the street, it was bound to happen sooner or later after completing school with various jobs under my belt already. SMCM would be the next stepping stone to better my education and a get a jump start on my career.

What do you do by day? I enjoy coming into work in the mail room and meeting new faces around campus.

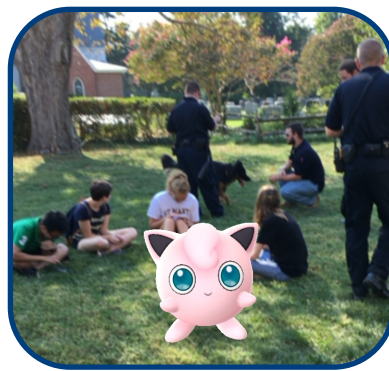
What do you do with your evenings/weekends? I spend a lot of time cleaning and working on my cars, motorcycles, atvs. I enjoy hanging out with friends and family when we have time.

What is your favorite off-campus lunch spot? Texas Road House - they have some of the best grilled Salmon and we can't forget about the rolls and sugar butter!

What would colleagues be surprised to find out about you? I'm one of the lucky ones that have been riding my motorcycle and ran straight into a deer and was able to walk away with no injuries.

What is the most interesting/surprising job you've ever had? Working in demolition— Nothing like destroying something on purpose!

Were You There?



On Sept 7, 2016, over 25 students and staff participated in the Pokémon Go organized by Public Safety. A half dozen bikes and laptops were registered and twice as many signed up for Blackboard Connect.



A Glimpse of Gov Cup

The Governor's Cup Yacht Race was held Friday, August 5 - Saturday, August 6, 2016. On Wednesday, August 10, Captain Rick Loheed gave us his account of the experience:

The start was spectacular, the Race Committee was taken out to Annapolis area mark R2 on a gorgeous Beneteau 48 that served as the Committee Boat. We were joined by a 36 Ft Edgewater power boat which served as the check in boat. The weather was superb. We anchored a few hundred yards from the mark and squared the line to the wind. The starts went off very well, with a southerly breeze freshening as the afternoon went on. The SMCM boat 'Sundog', our Seacart 30 Trimaran competed in the multihull A class and 'Riptide', the Beneteau 49 competed in the CRCA 'Gold' Cruising class. Between starts we enjoy some great Hors d'oeuvre's supplied by Adam Werblow, a yearly ritual at the start. It is always a beautiful sight to see all the boats heading to St. Mary's spreading out all over the Bay! Simultaneously 22 boats were started on the Potomac Leg at Dahlgren and 4 boats started on the Southern Leg at the mouth of the Rappahannock River.

Read more online at <http://www.smcm.edu/staff/2016/09/glimpse-of-gov-cup> !

Monthly Staff Recognition Award* Winners

June

Bob Brown, director of network support services

"Bob is to be commended for his tireless work in managing the huge wireless and wired network upgrade this summer. The amount of planning that has to be done to pull this off is beyond measure."

July

Bonnie Kangas '07, circulation assistant in the Library

"Bonnie makes volunteering on campus for alumni events lots of fun. She is such a cheerful person and so very helpful in the library and her community."

August

Mary Grube, budget analyst/special projects manager

"Two words, Anne Arundel!"

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).

**This award is supported by donations. Give Today!*



Congratulations!

Conrad Helms and his wife, Emek Kose (Associate Professor of Mathematics) welcomed their daughter, Olivia, on June 29, 2016.



Kyle Bishop '04 recently had an article accepted for publication.

The relationship between retention and college counseling for high-risk students

will be in the October 2016 edition of the *Journal of College Counseling*.

Positive Thoughts

P-R-I-O-R-I-T-I-E-S
"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...But the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."
 - Forest E. Witcraft

This is from a poster that has been over the work desk of **Rich Edgar** for decades. Rich shares, "I hope that we all can live our lives making the world a better place for our children....the St. Mary's student."

Campus NEWS and Reminders



- The Resource Room adjacent to the Physical Plant is now open!
- Each student, faculty and staff member of the College will only be credited with one (1) to-go box each semester. Your One Card will need to be swiped at the time you check it out and return it (at Great Room or Pub)
- There are new **Staff/Faculty/Family Meal Rates for the Great Room!** See www.smcm.edu/staff for details

Welcome to St. Mary's!

Academic Services	Deirdre A. Bulger '04 , Coordinator of Disability Support Services
Admissions	Emily Quade '16 , Admissions Counselor
Anne Arundel Hall	Morgan T. Smith , Office Associate II
Athletics and Recreation	Casey R. Brandt , Aquatics Center Director/Head Swim Coach Justin P. Gordon , Assistant Lacrosse Coach/Asst Dir of Athletic Comm Jessica N. Seay , Head Women's Field Hockey Coach Bernard F. Stratchko , Head Men's Baseball Coach
Financial Aid	Karissa Myer , Financial Aid Counselor
Institutional Advancement	Marcus Gore , Senior Graphic Designer Jeannette L. Modic , Director of Web Services
Library	Katherine (Kate) E. Pitcher , Director of Library and Media Center
Marketing/Strategic Communication/Web	Michael L. Bruckler , Assistant Vice President of Integrated Marketing and Strategic Communication
Office of the President	Cynthia A. Gross , Executive Associate to the President
Physical Plant	Dennis J. Furman , Caretaker I
Public Safety	James Clemente , PS Officer/Non-Commissioned
Wellness Center	Kelly M. Muldoon , Staff Therapist/Advocate

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

St. Mary's by the Numbers

6 the number of staff and faculty who participated in the first Wellness Committee Pickleball Clinic on August 24. Clinics are ongoing. Look for emails about future dates. And come out and play!



Jeff Byrd, Leslie Tucker, Mary Johnston and Mary Hall, taking time out have fun while focusing on wellness.

20 the number of alumni who registered to attend the Zero Year Class Reunion but in St. Mary's style many more came to join in the fun

30+ the number of miles of new Cat6A copper cable installed for the wired network upgrade

118 the number of boats registered for the Governor's Cup.

432 the number of 802.11 ac Wave 2 Wireless Access Points (those new Aruba devices on ceilings everywhere—enjoy the faster wireless network!

Staff Senate Committees

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

Professional Development

Tommy Cable (chair), Karen Cozzens, Jim Cranmer, Brian Evans, Kelley Hernandez, Brad Newkirk

Elections

Angie Draheim (chair), Anthony Guzman, Mary Johnston, Rob Maddox

Communications

Karen Cozzens (chair), Kathy Cheek, Rich Edgar, Angie Draheim, Lisa Youngborg

Awards & Recognition

Lisa Youngborg (chair), Cindy Dale, Sahra Grube, Anthony Guzman, Jenn Marsh, Francis Raley, Robin Bates*, Sam Goddard*, Unzifa Chowdhury* (* Joe Carroll Award Only)

Bylaws

Rob Maddox (chair), Jenn Marsh, Derek Young

Social Connections

Cindy Dale (co-chair), Mary Johnston (co-chair), Christopher Coons, Faye Graves, Alan Lutton, Francis Raley, Lisa Smith

Thanks to all who helped out with Governor's Cup!



Top (L-R) Thomas Ford, Tonya Ridgell, Earl Barber, Thomas (TJ) Briscoe, Sylvester Parran
Bottom row: Juliet Hewlett, Robert Marks and Davielle Price



Tressa Setlak, Michael Dunn, Peggy Aud, Alyssa Aud, Karen Cozzens, Beth Byrd, Amanda Hastings, Jacob Traver and Lauren Taylor

Thanks to Senators whose terms ended in June (Beth Byrd, Lee Capristo, Ross Conover, Steve Gregory, April Ryan, & Stephanie Somerville) **and to those who have recently left SMCM to pursue new adventures** (Dana Burke, Ben Casto, Dan Schell)!

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 Library Boardroom). Upcoming: **10/5***, **10/26***, **11/16**, **12/7**

Day to Serve Waterfront Cleanup—Sept 16, 9:30-11:30 am, sign up at www.smcm.edu/staff

Jamie L. Roberts Stadium Groundbreaking—Sept 17, 12:30 pm—Athletics fields off Mattapan Rd

Admissions Events: Open Houses—Sept 24 & Oct 22; **Discovering St. Mary's Days**—Oct 10 & Nov 11

Breaking Bread-Breaking Chains Dinner Dialogue—Sept 27; Sign up at <http://www.smcm.edu/events/calendar/breaking-bread-breaking-chains-dinner-dialogue/>

Racial Reconciliation Relay—Sept 29—30; Sign up at <http://www.smcm.edu/events/calendar/24-hour-racial-reconciliation-relay/>

Fall Festival for Staff—Nov 10, 11:30 am—1:00 pm, River Center

Let Us Hear From You!

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

OR [complete the anonymous feedback form](#) available on our website (www.smcm.edu/staff).