

SMCM Staff News



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The best way to spread holiday cheer is singing loud for all to hear!

The Staff Social Connections Committee always has such a fun time delivering Holiday Goody Bags every year! What was your favorite treat- the cookies, candy, or the silly hats?

What's your favorite food to share at holiday meals?

- **Angie Draheim-** I'm usually tasked with a dessert of some sort. Last year I made Fluffy Cranberry Salad for the first time and it was a big hit so I think I'll make that one of my standards.
- **Michael Dunn-** Sweet potatoes with marshmallows!
- **April Ryan-** To eat? Mashed potatoes! To cook? Orange-cranberry sauce

Next newsletter's Fun Feature question: *Who is the most famous person you've ever met?*

The new year is a beginning, so new goals and resolutions, new plans, new dreams and new directions fuel your thoughts.

Be good to yourself this year. Promise that you will:

- ⇒ **Do something you love to do, and that you do best, every single day.** Get passionate about your work.
- ⇒ **Do something just for you every single day.** At work, you can get caught up in doing for others during every minute of your work day. If you have family members who occupy the off-work hours, this problem is compounded. Resolve to set time aside for yourself every day to do any activity that makes you happy. Just make sure the activity is different than what you already do all day long.
- ⇒ **Give yourself credit and a pat on the back when you deserve it.** People who had received praise or recognition for their work in the past seven days were more happy and productive. One way to do this is to keep a file of positive notes, thank you letters and reminders of successful ventures. Stop to assess success after each project you complete.
- ⇒ **Strive to learn something new every single day.** It is easy to get bogged down in the same old, same old. The opportunities for learning are multiplying every day in this information age.
- ⇒ **Listen more than you talk.** The adage about one mouth and two ears is true. Plan this year, to listen to all that your coworkers are saying; they may want a sounding board, not advice or problem solving.
- ⇒ **Develop a method to track your life goals, your daily engagements, and your to-do list.** Using a planner, whether in Microsoft Office Outlook, Google Calendar or on your smartphone, allows you to empty much of the daily detail from your mind. Dumping the information gives your mind room for more critical thinking.
- ⇒ **Take up a new hobby or activity this year.** Maybe this is the year you begin your collection. If something has always intrigued you and piqued your interest, resolve to take the first steps in participating this year. You'll add a new dimension to your world.
- ⇒ **Take yourself a little less seriously.** As we strive for success, we can get bogged down in serious deliberation, advising and problem solving. Take time to laugh. Take time to smell cookies and bread baking.



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Hats Off to Our Incredible Staff!

Did you know...

Joanne Goldwater, associate dean of students and director of Residence Life, was recently honored by having an award named for her. The Mid-Atlantic Association of College and University Housing Officers (MACUHO) created the "Joanne Goldwater Distinguished Senior Level Professional Award" which will be presented annually in recognition of a senior level housing/residence life professional's significant institutional, regional, and/or national contributions on behalf of students and staff in the field. This award was presented for the first time in October.

Joanne Goldwater and Derek Young, associate director of Residence Life, presented a program on Strategic Planning which was named a Top Ten program at the annual MACUHO Conference held at Penn State University in late October.

Angie Draheim represented the SMCM Zeta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at the 44th Phi Beta Kappa Society Triennial Council in Denver, Colorado on Oct 8-10. While there, she was elected to serve as a board member for the PBK South Atlantic District for 2015-2018.

Clint Neill in Student Activities won two awards at the recent NACA conference in October - Outstanding Leadership Program Award for LIFT OFF and Outstanding Professional Award.

Staff Spotlight: Leslie Moore, Director of Student Teaching/Professional Development Schools Coordinator

How long have you been at SMCM? I began August 3, 2009 and am in my seventh year.

What path led you to St. Mary's? I earned a B.S. in Advertising from the University of Florida in 1983 and moved to Atlanta to try my hand at a career as a copywriter. A few summers later, I traveled to Washington, D.C. in July to see the fireworks, and I was hooked on moving north. I bought a newspaper, found an ad for a copywriter position in a Bethesda ad agency, interviewed, got the job, and moved to the Washington, D.C. area in the timespan of about a week. Three years later, I married an aerospace engineer and moved to Fairfax. I became pregnant with my now 24-year-old son, Ryan, and decided to be a stay-at-home-mom. To all those who said I would be bored out of my skull – wrong! I had the time of my life with my boy! When Ryan was about five, we moved to the Southern Maryland area. At the ripe old age of 37, I began a new life as a fifth grade teacher at Appeal Elementary in Calvert County. In my fourth year, I was so pleased to receive the Washington Post Agnes Meyer award as Calvert County's outstanding teacher. The real joy was not the recognition; it was knowing that I had been nominated by a parent and that my love of teaching was a positive influence on my students and the community. At one point, I served as a Learning Specialist and my focus was professional development, and it was there I got to know Dr. Lin Muilenburg. I was truly sad to see her leave to become a professor at St. Mary's College, but also envious I must admit. Two years later, I received a call from my former colleague, Lin Muilenburg. She invited me to apply for the Educational Studies position of Director of Student Teaching for the graduate Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program. The position also included the title of Professional Development Schools (PDS) Coordinator. PDS is a state initiative designed to foster connection and collaboration between and among teaching interns, their internship site schools, and the college. She said my experience spanning the school levels as well as my time in staff development could be a good fit for the SMCM position. I decided that the opportunity to influence new teachers' development was a siren call. I have never had a dull moment in my position, and I have loved the opportunities it has given me to both contribute and grow professionally.

What do you do by day? I collaborate with St. Mary's County Public Schools to arrange internships and arrange in-class supervision for the interns' teaching observations/evaluations. I take care of payment contracts for mentor teachers, supervisors, and PDS school liaisons. I work with the PDS liaisons as partners in an ongoing evaluation and revision of the MAT program to better serve the partnership. I facilitate the internship Fall and Spring seminars on campus and also serve as the college supervisor (multiple teaching observations/evaluations) for two interns per year. I arrange and facilitate meetings at the school sites to introduce the internship placements and participate in developing and implementing professional development opportunities. If there are problems or concerns from interns, mentors, or liaisons, I facilitate discussions to find solutions. I work on special projects with the county school system and have participated in two 21st Century grants partnering the college with SMCPs around enhancing educational equity. I represent the college at the annual Maryland State PDS conferences as presenter and attendee. When I can, I also present at the national PDS level. I also teach the following courses in addition to MAT Seminar: Education in America (summer), CORE First Year Seminar (Fall), and Children's and Young Adult Literature (Spring).

What do you do with your evenings/weekends? I am working on a Ph.D. in Education Policy from the University of Maryland, so I read, think, and write – a LOT. As I ponder ideas, I like to refinish furniture and decorate my home. I also enjoy cooking and landscaping. Travel and new experiences are also very important to me.

What is your favorite off-campus lunch spot? I would have said Kingfisher's in Solomons was my favorite restaurant before they took the ahi tuna off the menu. But truly, my favorite place to eat is at Chez Leslie's – aka my backyard deck.

What would colleagues be surprised to find out about you? I want to develop a comedy routine with April Ryan as young Leslie and me as old April. The possibilities are endless!

What is the most interesting/surprising job you've ever had? I'm doing it!



Leslie Moore and her new rescue dog, Anastasia

Monthly Staff Recognition Award Winners

- October 2015: Sam Goddard, general trades mechanic**
 "Everyone who talks to Sam, walks away feeling like he's their best friend. There is nothing Sam wouldn't do for you if you were in need. Sam has been at St. Mary's College for 34 years and that is a testament in itself as to his dedication."
- November 2015: Renee Boley, cashier in the Business Office**
 "I've watched Renee help students and staff and she is bubbly, accommodating to their needs and is such a positive person to be around."
 "She will go the extra step to her a person understand their bills and charges."
- December 2015 – Joyce Goodwine, Fiscal Administrator-Physical Plant**

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 Beth Byrd (eabyrd@smcm.edu or Alumni House).

Congratulations!

Mary Grube was promoted to the position of Budget Analyst and Special Projects Assistant to the Vice President for Business and Finance. In her new role, Mary will support all offices in the division of business and finance.

Michael Dunn and his wife Lillian were thrilled to welcome a baby girl, Josephine Dana, to the family on November 16, 2015! Josephine joins big sister Alice and big brother Barrow (Josephine and Barrow actually share a birthday, so she was the best gift ever). Michael would like to thank his friends and colleagues at SMCM for their kindness and support during this exciting moment in the life of his family.

Kyle Bishop and her husband Kevin welcomed their daughter, Sienna Skye Broadnax, on October 22, 2015. She was 6 lbs, 7 oz.



Welcome to St. Mary's!

Advancement	Lauren Taylor, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations
Athletics & Recreation	Connor Doyle, Asst Lacrosse Coach/Asst Sports Information Director
Financial Aid	Nicolina Davis, Financial Aid Counselor
Center for the Study of Democracy	Adrienne Dozier, Operations Manager
Registrar	Virginia Callis, Registrar Associate II
Public Safety	Tressa Setlak Director of Public Safety

News, Reminders, and Special Thanks!

- ♦ The Communications Committee would like to welcome **Lee Capristo** back to Staff Senate. Lee will be joining the Communications Committee and will be filling the At-Large seat through 2017
- ♦ **FreeStore-** The Career Center is collecting donations of professional clothing for students who need dress clothes for upcoming interviews. Donated clothing should be clean and in excellent used condition. For more information or to schedule a donation pickup, contact **Kate Shirey**.
- ♦ Thank you to **Maintenance and Grounds crews** for working hard to get the snow and ice cleared from campus parking lots, roads, and walkways!

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

2 - the number of heroes we have in Public Safety on Sunday, December 6th, who helped pull victims from a car wreck on Mattypany Road. **Lori Brasko** was the initial officer on the scene. She was backed up by **Angeline Colas**, another one of our officers.

The Library shipped **900** used books to Better World Books, totaling **1080 pounds**.

The Wellness Committee's Holiday Walk sponsored nearby Carver Elementary School. A total of **162** items were donated! **130** of those items were kids stuff, including scooters, books, DVDs, baby toys and plenty more!

52 coats, along with numerous blankets, scarves, and gloves, were collected and donated from the Wellness Committee's Thanksgiving Walk.

Staff Senate Committees

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

Professional Development

Tommy Cable (Chair), Ross Conover, Jim Cranmer, Kelley Hernandez, Alan Lutton, Kate Shirey, Catherine Pratson, James McGuire

Elections

Angie Draheim (Chair), Kelley Hernandez, Derek Young

Communications

April Ryan (chair), Sahra Grube, Lisa Youngborg, Lee Capristo

Awards & Recognition

Beth Byrd (Chair), Dana Burke, Kathy Lewin, Sherrie Wooldridge, Sahra Grube, Lisa Youngborg, Robin Bates*, Unzila Chowdhury* (* Joe Carroll Award Only)

Bylaws

Dan Schell (Chair), Derek Young, Rob Maddox

Social Connections

Ben Casto (Chair), Faye Graves, Steve Gregory, Mary Johnston, Francis Raley, Stephanie Somerville



Highlights from the 2015 Wellness Committee fundraisers!



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. For 2015-16: 1/27 (Staff Association Meeting in Cole Cinema), 2/17, 3/9, 3/30, 4/20, 5/11, 5/18 (Staff Association Meeting), 6/1, 6/22. *Library Board Room

Annual Legislative Reception . Wednesday, January 27th, 5:30 - 7:30pm in Annapolis, MD. Please join President Jordan and our College family of parents, alumni and friends as we gather to welcome our Maryland legislators at the Annual Legislative Reception. We hope you will attend and share the impact of St. Mary's College, where together we open doors of opportunity for our students and for the state of Maryland.

State of the College Address. Thursday, January 28th, 9:00am in St. Mary's Hall. President Tuajuanda C. Jordan delivers her State of the College Address.

Relay for Life - April 2, 2016; 6pm-4am @ Michael B. O'Brien ARC. This year the goal is to have 30 teams and raise \$30,000 at the "Luau" themed event. Help fight back against a disease that has no doubt affected every member of this community in some way. Join an existing team or create a team of your own at www.relayforlife.org/smcmd!

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.

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