

SMCM Staff News



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This past semester is one for the St. Mary's College history books. Today, we look back at the incredible accomplishments of the staff and begin to celebrate a new beginning as we look ahead to 2012.

On Saturday, December 3, 2011 the Staff Senate by-laws were approved by our board of trustees. Another milestone in St. Mary's College history has begun. I am proud of the work that your staff senate has completed in just a few months during the fall and I look forward to the semester ahead as the staff senate gears up for yet another year. Let me share some of the Staff Senate accomplishments during our "quiet phase" this past fall:

The social connections committee was extremely busy with:

Thanksgiving Turkey Raffle

Cookies and goodies for everyone! Made and delivered to every department on campus!

Developed a mechanism for staff feedback to issues on campus.

Professional Development Committee:

Researching ways to develop in house training for all staff

Developing a plan to have training and educational opportunities off campus

Communications Committee:

Our first newsletter was developed and distributed in October

Staff Laurels on our website along with the ability to share the achievements of the staff through the website

Awards & Recognition Committee:

Working collaboratively with the faculty to develop the Joe Carroll Award

Developing a recognition program for staff.

As we come to a close of yet another calendar year we find ourselves in the midst of reflection and celebration with family, friends, and we dream of the future as we begin a new year. I wish all of you the happiest of holidays and best wishes as we begin to embark on the spring semester in January.

Richard J. Edgar
Staff Senate President



November's Turkey Raffle Winners:

Sola Ogundele
Irvin Smoot
Davielle Price



Hats Off to Our Incredible Staff!

Did You Know That . . .

Laura Bayless is the secretary and president-elect of the Leonardtown Rotary. She is also on the board of Anne Marie Gardens.

Bobby Butler, Phil Fenwick, & Ann Rodgers completed a 4-day "Supervisor's Toolkit" program in Baltimore.

MJ Raleigh is president of the American College Counseling Association.

Sandy Robbins' photograph, "Marsh Sunrise" earned first prize in the 2011 competition held by the St. Mary's County Camera Club. Sandy's photo was printed in the 2011 Avatar.

Kelly Schroeder is the director of vocational services on the Leonardtown Rotary. She was also recently appointed to the board of Patuxent Habitat for Humanity.

Ben Toll was nominated and selected to participate in the College Board Enrollment Leadership Academy. Toll was selected out of 70 nominations to be a part of the first national College Board class of 15 young admissions professionals in discussion on topics such as leadership and enrollment strategies.

Jeff Smith on the NACAC (National Association for College Admissions Counseling) Inclusion, Access, and Success committee which was historically the NACAC Human Relations Committee. Smith just finished his presidency for the Potomac and Chesapeake Association for College Admissions Counseling.

The SMCM Staff Has Been Movin' and Shakin' over the Last Few Months!!

By Lisa Youngborg, with contributions from Joanne Goldwater
Photos by Kristin Seymour, Class of 2014

Each semester always brings new challenges but the fall semester of 2011 has been a true dedication check for staff from all corners of the campus. While it began quietly enough in August we found ourselves challenged by an earthquake that required the calming of fears, a hurricane during Orientation weekend (welcome!), a tropical depression, and then mold. Many of us were waiting for the invasion of locusts!

Staff did an amazing job of supporting our students...but they also did a great job of supporting each other! Staff members volunteered to help in areas they probably never imagined with smiles and good humor, driving and riding on shuttle vans, assisting with student activities and programs, packing, unpacking, repacking and delivering boxes from residence halls to hotels and our floating residence hall, providing office coverage for staff who needed to be out on campus attending to other tasks, and in a hundred other ways big and small, with care, concern, a listening ear and a comforting hug when frustrations and fatigue arose. Throughout all of the disruptions classes were held, residences were cleaned, food was served, and campus programs continued as planned.

Joanne Goldwater, associate dean of students and director of residence life was front and center for all of the student housing events this semester and she complimented all of the campus staff efforts. "This fall semester has been an incredible challenge and this is especially true for our displaced students, their families, and many staff and faculty members that have



been dealing with the mold problems. It has also been reaffirming in many ways. The relocation of the students, from the beginning of the mold situation until we can get them back into Caroline and Prince George in January, has been a remarkable team effort. I have been at St. Mary's long enough to know that it is during these difficult times that our sense of community truly shines. So many people have provided so many different kinds of assistance during the past three months. I am deeply grateful to the folks in Academic Administration, Academic Services, Admissions, Athletics, Business Office, Campus Store, Counseling Services, Dean of Students Office, Design & Construction, Environmental Health & Safety, Events & Conferences, Faculty, Food Services, Grounds, HSMC, Health Services, Housekeeping, Human Resources, Maintenance, Planning & Facilities, President's Cabinet, Public and Media Relations, Public Safety, Residence Life, Student Activities, Tech Support, the Waterfront, and a number of individuals from all over campus for the myriad ways you have worked with us throughout this semester. I am proud to work at an institution that really is student-centered with terrific colleagues willing to work in the rain and heat, and daytime into night-time focused on providing support and service to those in need."

Many of us work in offices where our support was an expected part of our jobs but many more took the time to offer assistance and encourage the efforts of those on the front lines. As staff on campus, we understand what it takes to make the College function in order to meet our academic mission and we pulled together to meet the needs of students, faculty, alumni, the local community and staff...So pat yourselves on the back for a job well done!



Share Your News! Go to www.smcm.edu/facultyftaff and scroll to the bottom of the news to "Submit Your Own News". That's all there is to it!

Now That's Service!

Congratulations to the following staff who have served the College for 5 to 35 years (and more!). If you see these folks on campus or in town, stop and say "Thanks for a job well done!"

35 Years of Service:

Robert R. Yarber, Caretaker I, Physical Plant

30 Years of Service:

Joseph I. Milburn, Caretaker I, Physical Plant

Robert C. Sloan, Associate Librarian

Elaine F. Szymkowiak, Director of Instructional Support Biology

Linda L. Ward, Network Administrator/Analyst II, Campus Technology Support Services

25 Years of Service:

Clayton A. Hartley, Assistant Director of Institutional Reporting

Charles C. Jackson, Associate Vice President of Planning and Facilities

Vivian R. Jordan, Executive Assistant, Office of the President

20 Years of Service:

Brenda L. Rodgers, Interlibrary Loan Technician, Library

Ronald W. Stone, Assistant Director of the Campus Store/Tests

Adam L. Werblow, Director of the Waterfront/Head Sailing Coach

15 Years of Service:

Melinda J. Moran, Senior Buyer, Business Affairs

Kelly S. Schroeder, Assistant Dean of Students

Christopher J. True, Assistant Vice President of Finance, Business Affairs

10 Years of Service:

Vicky L. Arter, Caretaker I, Physical Plant

Darlene J. Defibaugh, Fiscal Associate I, Montgomery Hall

Mark W. Heidrich, Assistant Vice President of Academic Administration

Jodene A. Hernandez, Accounts Receivable Specialist, Business Affairs

Iric (Jeff) Krissoff, Senior Computer Technician, Campus Technology Support Services

Shawne M. McCoy, Assistant Director of Athletics, Athletics and Recreation

Kenneth M. O'Connell, AV/Digital Spec and Event Coordinator, Library

Karen (Lisa) Phelps, Assistant Project Manager/Fiscal Administrator, Planning and Facilities

Beverly J. Read, Office Administrator, Admissions

Linda A. Russell, Daytime Circulation Supervisor, Library

Katherine H. Ryner, Associate Librarian, Library

Maria S. Snyder, Office Associate II, Office of the Registrar

Mary (Susan) Sullivan, Fiscal Associate I, Business Affairs

Dana Van Abbema, Director of Career Development

Barbara J. Williams, Publications Production Assistant, Office of Advancement

5 years of Service:

Barbara L. Bershon, Director of Arts Outreach

Robert T. Brown, Computer Network Specialist, Campus Technology Support Services

Cheryl L. Colson, Collections Technician, Library

Elsie M. Dickerson, Caretaker I, Physical Plant,

Patti L. Enoch, Fiscal Associate II, Business Affairs

April D. Ford, Caretaker I, Physical Plant

Liisa E. Franzen, Director of Development and Campaigns, Office of Advancement

Christopher J. Hasbrouck, Head Men's Lacrosse coach, Athletics and Recreation

Dennis L. Hlte, Building Systems/control Technician, Physical Plant

Alan N. Lutton, Office Administrator, Library

Dorothy E. Reed, Caretaker I, Physical Plant

Tyana S. Reynolds, General Trades Mechanic, Physical Plant

Kelly A. Smolinsky, Assistant Director of Residence Life

Jamal A. Swann, General Support Staff/Set-ups, Physical Plant

Nickolas B. Tulley, Assistant Registrar/ISSA

Timmie I. Wallace, General Support Staff/Inventory, Physical Plant

William J. Ward, Director of Sailing/Varsity Sailing Coach

Brianne S. Weaver, Head Women's Soccer coach/Senior Woman Administrator, Athletics and Recreation

Robert S. Webb, HVAC Mechanic, Physical Plant

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 2011:

Linda G. Coughlin
(17 years)

Anne T. Grulich
(19 years)

Daniel W. Ingersoll
(36 years)

Theresa A. Leonard
(12 years)

Sharon D. Murray
(25 years)

Susan N. Ross
(18 years)

Rannieta T. Rothwell
(10 years) Welcome back
in a new capacity!

Helen C. Thompson
(41 years)

Joe Carroll Award

A 20-year member of our housekeeping staff, Joe Carroll died on July 17, 2011, at age 66. In his memory, the Joe Carroll Memorial Award was created by faculty and staff. This award will recognize non-exempt staff members who exemplify Joe's commitment to the campus



Let Us Hear From You!

Email your suggestion, question, concern to staffsenate@smcm.edu



St. Mary's by the Numbers:

32,222

Number of hits to the College website on October 26, 2011, following the announcement that students would be moving to a cruise ship.

800 +

Number of cookies delivered to staff offices by the Social Connections Committee on December 7.

11 +

Number of years the staff of Student Affairs has given Christmas to families provided by St. Mary's County Dept. of Social Services.

Staff Senate Committees

Professional Development

Mac McClintock (chair), Bob Brown, Brianne Weaver

Elections

Derek Young (chair), Cheryl Colson, Adam Werblow

Communications

Lee Capristo (chair), Rich Edgar, Paula Ropshaw, Dana Van Abbema, Lisa Youngborg

Awards & Recognition

Clinton Gilbert (chair), Lee Capristo, Kelly Smolinsky, Gail Wood

Bylaws

Dana Van Abbema (chair), Bob Brown, Elizabeth Clune-Kneuer, Cheryl Colson, Derek Young

Social Connections

Cheryl Colson (chair), Rachel Brooks, Dana Cullison, Paula Ropshaw, Sandy Robbins, Kelly Smolinsky, Marsha Wilcox

Finance

Irene Olnick (chair), Lucy Myers, Adam Werblow

Staff Senate Mission Statement

St. Mary's College of Maryland is committed to developing and recognizing the contributions of the full range of its professionals as they work toward achieving the college's mission. The St. Mary's College of Maryland staff senate shall be the official representative body of the college staff. The senate offers a voice for all staff, endeavors to enhance the day-to-day work environment, and promotes a sense of community and respect across campus by fostering open communication with the college president, senior administration, faculty, students and the board of trustees.

Upcoming Events

January/February: Recipe book (Social Connections Committee)

March & April: Scavenger Hunt (Social Connections Committee)

An exhibition conceived and produced by the Boyden Gallery's Director, Mary Braun, in conjunction with Dr. Charles Adler, Physics Department of St. Mary's College of Maryland, ***The Atmosphere Exposed: Photographs of Halos, Mirages, Iridescent Clouds... and more!*** opens January 9, 2012 at the National Science Foundation in Arlington, Virginia. To visit the exhibition at the National Science Foundation located at 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA, 22230 and to gain visitor access to the third floor display area contact Dottie Harris (PH 703.292.7542 or dharris@nsf.gov).

