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SMCM Staff News

Did we all blink at the same time or did the fall semester just fly right by? SP14 will be here before we know it; with it will come some great professional development opportunities (e.g., training in Excel & Photoshop, writing, blogging, and first aid/CPR/AED) and the launch of a employee orientation/staff mentoring program designed to provide our new community members with a Welcome Guide and a social support network. Staff Senate hopes you enjoyed the treats delivered during the Dec 13 Cookies & Cheer Tour. All the extra expenditures during the holidays can be overwhelming but remember, as Dana Cullison stated (with her holiday hat playing music and flapping up and down), “Happiness doesn’t cost anything.”

Also, we hope you had a great time at the SMCM family and/or the faculty/staff holiday parties. Thanks to all who helped make them a success! If you weren't able to attend, look for pictures in our next newsletter (& to be posted on the Staff Senate Google site) and add it to your list of New Year’s resolutions to join us for the fun next year!

Finally, we hope you all have a very happy and restful winter break! You've EARNED it!
Staff Spotlight: Meet Alicia Lyons, Web Specialist

How long have you been at SMCM?
I have been at SMCM for three and a half years, but I have been an active member of the SMCM community for almost seven years now. I attended St. Mary's from 2006-2010 for undergrad, 2010-2011 for MAT, and have worked here since 2012.

What path led you to St. Mary's?
I came here after a family friend told me about the school. I regularly came back for alumni events, and I found an opportunity to work in the area, with the help of my former advisor, Katy Annett, at the end of 2011.

What do you do by day?
I field some calls at the IT Support Center, and do some Tier 1 troubleshooting, but the main responsibilities are administering the SMCM Course Evaluations, providing Blackboard and Google training, and writing support documentation for SMCM campus systems.

What do you do with your evenings/weekends?
Netflix is a crucial aspect of my evenings during the week, but I tend to go to beer tastings, art events, writing support documentation for SMCM campus systems.

What is the most interesting/surprising job you've ever had?
It used to be a manager at the Daily Grind. My Lego collection takes up most of my walk-in closet.

What would colleagues be surprised to find out about you?
I will never say “no” to a Hot Ciabatta Mama from St. James Deli.

What do you do by day?
I maintain the College's website and we have just started the process of redesigning the website.

What do you do with your evenings/weekends?
I have a bit of a unique background. I received a BA in Acting from Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts in London. My final year of drama school was spent in London and I performed in several plays and musicals. After drama school, I moved to New York and worked in theatre and film. I then moved to Hawaii and continued to write for film and I had a very tiny part on a TV show. I met my boyfriend whilst in Hawaii. We moved to Philadelphia and I worked as a casting director and acting coach. Then we moved here for my boyfriend's work.

What do you do by day?
I am the web specialist in Web Services.

What do you do with your evenings/weekends?
Hang out with my friends and do some stuff in the county. I love Oyster Fest. I went to Sotterley's ghost tours and we eat out a lot. I also like finding crazy things to do. I recently went ghost hunting at Point Lookout and took a tour of DC. In the summer, I enjoy fishing, crabbing, hiking with the dogs and going out on the boat.

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I did a great job preparing Joe and Katie for their interview.

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Richard W. Lohde II – Assistant Director of Waterfront Activities, Waterfront
Gabriel A. Mbohme – Director of Accounting/Bookkeeper, Business Affairs
Clinton B. Neill – Assistant Director of Student Activities
Kathryn D. Newkirk – Laboratory Coordinator, Schaefer Hall
Sylvester L. Parran, Jr. – Groundskeeper I
Catherine A. Robinson – Budget Analyst, Business Affairs

Off to the Wild Blue Yonder with Our Best Wishes

Congratulations to all our soon-to-be graduates. Whether you are graduating in the spring or the fall, we wish you well on your next steps.

Mindy Moran welcomed the birth of two grandbabies in the last four months!
Lydia Idalea was born on Aug 10, 2017, 7 lbs, 13 oz.
Lois T. Stover was born on Nov 8. He was 8 lbs. 1 oz.
Janet M. Lawrence was born on Aug 10, 2017.

Monthly Staff Recognition Award Winner
November 2013
Ben Casto, Learning Technologist

Nominate a worthy staff member today! Winners receive $500 SECU 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 (bbyrd@smcm.edu or Alumni House).
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Wellness

What a nice surprise! Recent retiree

mkgrube@smcm.edu

questions, or concerns to

Email your suggestions,

From You!

Let Us Hear

Committee.

and the Employee Wellness

Athletic Advisory Committee

sponsored by the Student

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Winter foods that make us go “Mmmmm!”

Beth Rushing—Hot apple cider and kale soup. Not together, though!

Tina Garner—Sugar cookies

Angie Draheim—chicken pot pie with lingonberry jam

Peggy Aud—anything cooked in the crock pot

Thomas Ford—Chili with cornbread

Lee Stutka—Spaghetti & meatballs, merlot, hot crusty bread

Dana Burke—grilled cheese & tomato soup

Nairem Moran—coquito (Puerto Rican eggnog)

Jim McGuire—stuffed ham

Adam Werblow—beef stew, oysters, oyster stew, hot chocolate, anything warm

Kristaane Plater—fried sweet potatoes, peanut butter chocolate chip cookies, hot chocolate

Linda Wallace—Pumpkin soup & chocolate pecan pie

Stacey Goddard—homemade chicken noodle soup

Lea Waldridge—soup, soup, and more soup

Lisa Youngborg—Red beans with sausage

Alan Lutton—gingerbread!

Sandy Quattlebaum—Vin Chard (mulled wine) & Bailey’s Irish cream with coffee. Both are good for taking off the winter chill :)