

SMCM Staff News

Winter foods that make us go "Mmmm!"

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

Naiem Moran—coquito (Puerto Rican eggnog)

Jim McGuire—stuffed ham

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

Kriantae 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 Waldrige—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 :)



Ranietta Rothwell and Leslie Tucker in the spirit of giving at the Wellness Committee Walk-a-Mile Food Drive on Nov. 20.

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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 an 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!



Montgomery Hall



Goodpaster Hall



Health Services



At the Glendening Annual holiday party on Wed, Dec 18th, it was announced that Jodene and Jackie from the Business Office won the building's 'best door decoration' contest. They did a great job!



Hats Off to Our Incredible Staff!

Did you know that...

Tina Garner recently joined the [Calvert Commission for Women](#). This organization help females by passing on important and vital information with a creative positive movement twist.

Joanne Goldwater was interviewed on the Fox 45 (Baltimore) Morning News on Sun, Nov 17. A colleague, Katie Boone, from UMBC joined her. They shared information on Gender-Neutral Housing (called "Open Housing" at SMCM). **Arminta Stanfield** did a great job prepping Joanne and Katie for their interview.



Frances Titus completed the 7-week (21 hours) Citizen Academy offered by the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Department. The program allows participants (anyone over the age of 18) to see the day-to-day operations of the department and the opportunity to learn about topics such as the K-9 unit, Forensics/ Crime Lab, Community Policing, and Uniform Patrol.

Frances says, "I learned so much "behind the scenes" information. The experience increased my appreciation and respect of our local law enforcement. I encourage others to attend."

Get more info and the program application at <http://www.firstsheriff.com/citizensacademy.asp>

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. I started as program assistant at the Center for the Study of Democracy, then event coordinator in the Events Office and now web specialist in Web Services.

What path led you to St. Mary's?

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, I was teaching first year acting and running college entrance auditions as well as writing and producing short films. 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 maintain the College's website and we have just started the process of redesigning the website.

What do you do with your evenings/weekends?

Hang out with my friends and do some things around 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 trapeze lessons in DC. In the summer, I enjoy fishing, crabbing, hiking with the dogs and going out on the boat.

What is your favorite off-campus lunch spot?

If I have the time, Courtney's.

What would colleagues be surprised to find out about you?

I come from one of the oldest gypsy families in England.

What is the most interesting/surprising job you've ever had?

I've had a lot of weird ones. I was a street performer in college. I used to do fire poi.

Staff Spotlight: Meet Ben Casto

Winner of the Staff Recognition Award for November 2013



How long have you been at SMCM?

I've been working for the College almost two years, but 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 about the school. I regularly came back for alumni events, and found an opportunity to work and live in the area, with the help of my former adviser, Katy Arnett, at the end of 2011.

What do you do by day?

I field some calls to the IT Support Center, and do some Tier 1 troubleshooting, but my 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, and compete in bikeathons on the weekend.

What is your favorite off-campus lunch spot?

I will never say "no" to a Hot Ciabatta Mama from St. James Deli.

What would colleagues be surprised to find out about you?

My Lego collection takes up most of my walk-in closet.

What is the most interesting/surprising job you've ever had?

I used to be a manager at the Daily Grind.

Welcome to St. Mary's!

Admissions	Douglas R. Campbell , Assistant Director of Financial Aid for Direct Loan Program in the Office of Financial Aid
Goodpaster Hall	Elizabeth S. Monillas , Chemistry Laboratory Coordinator

Now That's Service!

Congratulations to the following staff who have served the College for 5 to 25 years. If you see these folks on campus or in town, stop and say "Thanks for a job well done!"

25 Years of Service:

Jeffrey A. Barnes – Senior Database Administrator, Information Technology
Richard T. Wagner – Director of the Campus Store

20 Years of Service:

Thomas B. Brewer, III – Laboratory Coordinator, Schaefer Hall
Michelle L. Forinash – Assistant Director of Human Resources
Joanne A. Goldwater – Associate Dean of Students/Director of Residence Life
Steven W. Gregory – Superintendent of Grounds
Richard D. Platt – Associate Dean of Faculty, Academic Affairs

15 Years of Service:

James S. Gott – Assistant Supervisor of Trades, Physical Plant
Nadine L. Hutton – Director of Financial Aid
Kathryn S. Lewin – Office Associate II, Goodpaster Hall
Mark Mimay – HVAC Mechanic, Physical Plant
Kennie A. Rodgers – Assistant Supervisor of Housekeeping, Physical Plant

10 Years of Service:

Derek K. Thornton – Assistant Vice President of Campus Operations, Physical Plant
Marsha L. Wilcox – Financial Aid Coordinator, Financial Aid

5 Years of Service:

Joshua D. Allen – Senior Web Administrator, Information Technology
Kyle K. Bishop – Director of Counseling Services
George E. Bryant – Caretaker I, Physical Plant
Kevin T. Duffy – Groundskeeper/Gardener I
Sahra I. Grube – General Support Staff/Mail, Physical Plant
Patrick G. Hunt – Procurement Officer/Director of Auxiliary Operations, Business Affairs
Roberto N. Ifill – Interim Dean of Students
Richard W. Loheed, II – Assistant Director of Waterfront Activities, Waterfront
Gabriel A. Mbomeh – Director of Accounting/Comptroller, Business Affairs
Clinton B. Neill – Assistant Director of Student Activities
Kathryn D. Newkirk – Head Women's Field Hockey Coach, Athletics & Recreation
Sylvester L. Parran, Jr. – Groundskeeper I
Catherine A. Robinson – Budget Analyst, Business Affairs

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 2013:

- Julia R. Bates** (10 years) – Facilitator for Educational Studies and St. Mary's Projects
- Gail Dean** (29 years) – Administrative Assistant, Office of Academic Affairs
- Janet M. Kosarych-Coy** (23 years) – Assistant Professor
- Jack D. Short** (16 years) – Computer Programmer/Analyst, Information Technology
- Lois T. Stover** (16 years) – Professor of Educational Studies
- Lane A. Anderson** (19 years) – Media Infrastructure Specialist, Library
- Janet M. Lawrence** (21 years) – Office Associate I, Admissions
- Donna Richardson** (32 years) – Professor of English

or provide your senator with an update to pass along!

Congratulations!

Mindy Moran welcomed the birth of two grandbabies in the last four months!

Lydia Idalea was born on Aug 10. She was 7 lbs, 13 oz.



Tucker Jaxson was born on Nov 8. He was 9 lbs, 1 oz. Tucker is the little brother of

Brennan Leo.

Porter William, was born on Nov 4, weighing 7lbs, 11oz. He was welcomed by parents **Richard & Katrina Möller** and big brother, Maverick.



Monthly Staff Recognition Award Winner

November 2013

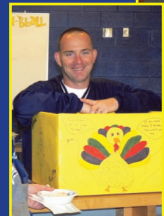
Ben Casto, Learning Technologist

"Ben is a true team player and a great resource for faculty, staff and students resolving issues at the IT Support Center and supervising many student workers."
- Nominator

Nominate a worthy staff member today! Winners receive 5 FREE 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 (eabyrd@smcm.edu or Alumni House).

Wellness



What a nice surprise! Recent retiree Janet Lawrence returned to campus to participate in the walk-a-mile food drive.

St. Mary's by the Numbers:

14 the number of faculty & staff who participated in the Wellness Walk-a-Mile Toys for Tots Collection

18 the number of people who participated in the Wellness Walk-a-Mile Food Drive

44 the number of boxes, plates, and bags filled with cookies and other treats that were distributed along with holiday cheer to offices across campus on Dec 13 by the Social Connections Committee

69 the number of toys donated by faculty, staff, & students during Toys for Tots drive co-sponsored by the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and the Employee Wellness Committee.

Let Us Hear From You!

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

Staff Senate AY13-14: Tony Brooks, Dana Burke, Beth Byrd, Tommy Cable, Dana Cullison, Cindy Dale, Angie Draheim, Faye Graves, Mary Grube (President), Mary Johnston, Andy Keiper, Kathy Lewin, Alan Lutton, Katie Newkirk, Francis Raley, Leslie Tucker, Linda Wallace, Adam Werblow, Marsha Wilcox

Staff Senate Committees

Professional Development

Alan Lutton (chair), Cindy Dale, Andy Keiper, Jim McGuire

Elections

Angie Draheim (chair), Tommy Cable, Adam Werblow

Communications

Angie Draheim (chair), Kathy Lewin, Katie Newkirk

Awards & Recognition

Beth Byrd (co-chair), Robin Bates, Tony Brooks, Andy Keiper, Kathy Lewin, Linda Wallace, Sherrie Wooldridge

Bylaws

TBD (chair), Dana Burke, Andy Keiper, Adam Werblow

Social Connections

Marsha Wilcox (chair), Dana Cullison, Faye Graves, Mary Johnston, Katie Newkirk, Leslie Tucker, Francis Raley, Derek Young



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

SP14 Staff Senate Meeting Schedule. Any staff member may attend Staff Senate meetings so mark your calendars and plan to join us! All meetings 10am-12pm in the Library Board Room unless otherwise noted.

Wed, 1/8; Wed, 1/29; Wed, 2/19; Wed, 3/12; Wed, 4/2; Wed, 4/23; Wed, 5/14, Wed, 6/4; Wed, 6/25 (Glendening Annex)

Holiday Lights Display @ Flat Iron Farm. Thurs-Sun through end of December; 5-9pm. Drive through lights will be open regardless of weather. Walk around village will be open unless the weather is bad.



Save the date! The **5th Annual American Cancer Society SMCM Relay for Life** will be held on **Sat, Mar 1, 2014** starting @ 6 pm (and lasting until Mar 2 @ 6 am) in the Michael P. O'Brien ARC. We'd love for more staff and faculty to get involved so please plan to stop by this family-friendly event for as long as you can! You can join one of the 17 existing fundraising teams, start your own, or walk as an individual. Just visit www.relayforlife.org/smcm. If you have any questions, contact Lisa Coté, Coordinator of Orientation and Service Programs (x4209, lmcoté@smcm.edu), or Joanne Goldwater (x4207, jagoldwater@smcm.edu) for more information.

Check out our websites: www.smcm.edu/staffsenate, <https://sites.google.com/a/smcm.edu/smcm-staff-senate/home>