

SMCM Staff News



Perhaps a new stress management technique and wellness/exercise initiative... Staff in Glendening Hall take a quick break to "wobble" before the winter break.



Office of the Registrar

On February 14th, the Social Connections Committee delivered Valentines to their colleagues.



Conferences & Events



Business Office

Valentine's Day is not the only time to tell someone how much you appreciate them. The staff senate has taken that message to heart and already surprised two staff members with FREE lunch tickets as winners of the monthly staff award. A big thanks to the Social Connections Committee for making the rounds again to each office with goodie bags of chocolates and hard candies. It's the little touches that brighten even the most routine of days.

The daffodils are blooming by Kent Hall and the robins have returned by the hundreds. Spring brings newness and change to the campus and we can all be a part of that by staying involved. Take advantage of attending a professional workshop, a sporting event, movie, lecture or play on campus. Keep your resolution to get/stay in shape by carving out a little time to hit the gym or just take a walk and enjoy nature.

Most of all, don't forget to keep smiling and going out of your way to keep St. Mary's the place that we have come to love.

Derek M. Young
Staff Senate President

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Monthly Staff Recognition Award

Congratulations!

Feb '13: **Gail Dean**,
Administrative Assistant to the
Associate Dean of Faculty

"[Gail's] structured approach, organization, and forward thinking facilitate the success of people around her, she makes it look easy and makes other people look good, while she is in the background with a smile."
- Nominator

Jan '13: **Phil Fenwick**,
Housekeeper

"[Phil] always helps others, whether he has to or not."
-Nominator

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 (ebayrd@smcm.edu or Alumni House).



Hats Off to Our Incredible Staff!

Clinton Neill's article, "Strengthening Practice through CAS Reviews" has been published in the January/February 2013 issue of *Campus Activities Programming*, a publication of the National Association of Campus Activities.

Chris Harney '97 earned his 150th win as St. Mary's Men's Basketball Coach on January 7th against Franklin & Marshall College.

Artist-in-Residence **Brian Ganz** was featured in The Washington Post article "[Pianist's focus on Chopin paying off in ways small and large.](#)" The article highlights Ganz' undertaking to perform the complete works of Chopin, and his performance at the Music Center at Strathmore on Jan. 19.

The **Office of International Education** organized the first-ever St. Mary's Study Abroad Fair on Feb. 6th.



Looking Forward...to Volunteering?

Senior Week (May 6-10) and **Commencement (May 11)** will be here before you know it! If you are interested in helping out (assisting visitors, driving golf carts, chaperoning, etc.) please contact **Mark Heidrich** (for Commencement), **Kelly Schroeder** (for Senior Week/Gala), or **Beth Byrd** (to help the Alumni Council clean up the "7 wonders" on May 11).

Staff Spotlights



Meet Beth Byrd, Associate Director of Alumni Relations

How long have you been at SMCM? I started working part-time in the Development Office in May 2006, and then transitioned to the Alumni Office full-time in August 2007, where I have been for the past 5 years.

What path led you to St. Mary's? After 20+ years of teaching/directing preschool programs, I was ready for a career change. My husband, Dr. Jeff Byrd has been on the faculty since 1990 and I have shared his love of the campus community and involvement with the students by attending and supporting many functions and events over the years. I knew many of the faculty and staff already and was overjoyed when a position which interested me became available. It is so rewarding to get to know the current students and then continue to reach out to them as alumni.

What do you do by day? My weekly duties include assisting alumni by phone and email to reconnect to St. Mary's, updating records, planning alumni chapter and campus events, maintaining the alumni office budget, ordering supplies, and coordinating with many other offices on campus.

What do you do with your evenings/weekends? Evenings and weekends this summer and fall were spent working in the community garden, canning vegetables, and making some great refrigerator pickles. I also keep very busy as the treasurer of the First District Catholic Aid Society. For the past three years a group of parishioner volunteers from St. Cecilia, St. Michaels, and St. Peter Claver Catholic Churches have been operating a non-profit "helping hands" organization to assist clients residing in the First District (Hermanville Rd south to Pt. Lookout) with rental and utility payments. This past year we helped 87 clients with over \$13,000 worth of aid. If you or someone you know in the First District needs our help, please have them call 240-925-9354 and speak to one of our volunteers.

What is your favorite off-campus lunch spot? My favorite off-campus lunch spot would have to be my own house since I only live a mile from campus and scoot home at lunch almost every day. It is a nice break from sitting at my desk and I get to throw in a load of laundry or clean house for a half hour during the day which frees up more of the evening for other activities (like coming back to the College to watch a sporting event or theater production or musical performance).

What would colleagues be surprised to find out about you? I have knitted over 200 preemie caps for hospitals, and sewed over 200 chemo caps for cancer treatment centers. If anyone wants my patterns, I'm willing to share.



Meet Leslie Tucker, Office Associate in Athletics and Recreation

How long have you been at SMCM? I think somewhere between 13-16 years. Sad part is I'm not sure.

What path led you to SMCM? Since I went to school here, I figured the College would be a nice place to work at. I loved the campus and it wasn't too far from home compared to my previous job which took me over an hour and a half of commute time and that was one way!

What do you do with your evenings/weekends? I travel with my husband to his acting jobs where ever that may be. I am never home on the weekends and some weeknights so if my husband isn't working, we shop. :)

What is your favorite off-campus lunch spot? I don't leave campus at lunch time, I work out at the ARC!

What would colleagues be surprised to find out about you? A few things....I am a huge Disney World fan, I love to cruise, I'm a TV addict-must see TV....2 ½ men (with Charlie Sheen, not Ashton Kutcher), Revenge, Nashville, Scandal, Bachelor and General Hospital are my faves. Before working here, I was getting into the acting field. I was in a few movies and then I stopped. I started acting again two years ago and did two movies with my husband. Stay tuned, you never know where you may see me!

Spring is Coming!

What about spring do you most look forward to?



I look forward to Spring-Break-a-Sweat, where the fall sports host their alumni games. I enjoy seeing the student-athletes from years past.

-Jim Cranmer, Assistant Athletics Director

We take our kayaks to Kitts Point (south of the college), set up camp and go kayaking around the inlets.

-Janet Lawrence, Office Associate for Admissions

I love to garden. I enjoy seeing the signs of spring, like the buds starting to flower on the trees, the bulbs breaking through the ground, and the ospreys coming back to the area and starting to nest.

-Emily Jackson, Director of Advancement Services and Prospect Management

I like planting flowers and watching them bloom and grow.

-Patty Enoch, Fiscal Associate for Business Affairs



When everything comes to life: the sporting events outside, the vegetation.

-Jackie Trenholm, Office Associate for Human Resources

It's OK to play with your food!

Did you know that...

Kathy Lewin, Office Associate for Goodpaster Hall, enjoys making cute bento lunches for her kids. She also raises chickens and always has fresh eggs for sale.



Angie Draheim '03, Psychology Department Assistant, and her sister (also an alumna) have been commissioned by various faculty, staff, and alums to create special occasion cakes.



St. Mary's Day is on the Horizon

March 1st will be the 2nd annual installment of St. Mary's Day. This event has its legacy from the late 90s when the college congregated for Honors Day and grappled with various concepts revolving around what it means to be an honors college. This year is the 20th anniversary of the legislation that designated St. Mary' College as the honors college in the state of Maryland and it is fitting to take time and recognize our role in this unusual classification. Everyone is encouraged to participate as much as possible. There will be a FREE lunch beginning at noon with a brief event in the Great Room at 12:30 and then from 1:30 on there will be presentations and breakout sessions that will be dedicated to this exploration of who we are as a public honors college. The event will be done by 5pm.

Welcome to St. Mary's!

Advancement	Lawrence MacCurtain, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Linda Jones, Director Events and Conferences
Information Technology	Emily Carter, Database Administrator
Montgomery Hall	Katherine Guy, Fiscal Associate
Physical Plant	Brittany Bennett, Caretaker
Public Safety	Sean Tallarico, Director of Public Safety Forrest Freeland, Public Safety Officer

"Submit Your Own News" or provide your area senator with an update. That's all there is to it!

The Professional Development Committee's Upcoming Workshops:

Professional Writing Workshop

By Lee Capristo, March 12th

12 Mistakes Managers Make

By Sally Mercer, March 22nd

Resume Writing for Professional Staff

By Dana VanAbbema, TBA

Time Management Workshop

By Dr. Tom Botzman, TBA

How to Organize a Paperless Office

By Dr. Tom Botzman, TBA

Leadership at Every Level

Sally Mercer, April 4th

St. Mary's by the Numbers:

5,000

the approximate number of sushi pieces served per week in the Great Room

2,460

the number of DVD titles in the Library

828

the number of titles in the "popular reading" section in the Library

108

the number of hours per week the Library is open

1

the number of swing sets at the Library

Let Us Hear From You!

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

Staff Senate Committees

Professional Development

Cindy Dale (co-chair), Mary Grube (co-chair) Bob Brown, Elizabeth Clune-Kneuer, Loretta Cook, Francis Raley, Linda Wallace

Elections

Beth Byrd (chair), Cheryl Colson, Faye Graves

Communications

Angie Draheim (chair), Lee Capristo, Katie Lange

Awards & Recognition

Beth Byrd (chair), Kelly Smolinsky, Sherrie Wooldridge

Bylaws

Derek Young (chair), Cheryl Colson, Dana Van Abbema

Social Connections

Marsha Wilcox (chair), Kristen Bergery, Rachel Brooks, Dana Cullison, Cindy Dale, Katie Lange, Mandy Reinig, Marsha Wilcox, Leslie Tucker

Finance / Government Relations

Irene Olnick (chair), Lee Capristo, Angie Draheim, Mandy Reinig, 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

St. Mary's Day will be **March 1st** from 12pm to 5pm.

Every Tuesday at 12pm the Wellness Committee welcomes your company on the Michael P. O'Brien outdoor track.

The Staff Book Club meets once a month at 12pm in the Library Board Room. **Contact Cheryl Colson** at x4261 or cicolson@smcm.edu for more info.

- February 28 - *The Dog Stars* by Peter Heller
- March 28 - *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green
- April 25 - *The Likeness* by Tanas French

Saturday, Mar 2, 2013 @ 6pm—Sunday, March 3 @ 6am: 4th Annual American Cancer Society SMCM Relay for Life at the Michael P. O'Brien Athletics & Recreation Center. **Contact** one of the Student Event Co-Chairs, **Colleen Hughes '12** (cshughes@smcm.edu) or **Teresa Padgett '14** (tmpadgett@smcm.edu) for more information. **Sign up online at** relayforlife.org/smcmd or just show up anytime throughout the night to join in the festivities! Families are welcome to attend this community event!

