

# SMCM Staff News

## What are your 2014 vacation plans?

**Florida bound!** Chris McKay, Anna Speck, Danielle Price, Kathy Lewin—Homestead, Angie Draheim—Bartow, & Dana Cullison—Palm Beach

**NC bound!** Andre Curry, Lisa Smith—New Bern, Maria Snyder—Beach, Nancy Pratt & Ashley Stopera—OBX, Kathy Cheek—Oak Island

**Kriantae Plater**—GA to visit Dad, Massanutten Resort in VA, & then a cruise to the Bahamas in Nov

**Juliet Hewlett**—daughter is graduating from Morgan State U; graduation party in Las Vegas

**Brad Newkirk**—Babyville

**Philip Fenwick**—Tennessee

**Cheryl Krumke**—visit Frank Lloyd's houses in PA

**Jenn Marsh**—Indianapolis, In for GenCon

**Susan Sullivan**—I'm wishing Disneyland

**Ross Conover**—Canada!

**Mindy Moran**—enjoying my pool and keeping all (3) grandbabies while my daughter travels to Paris.

**Arminta Stanfield**—getting married July 3; going to Jamaica for honeymoon

**Cordell Carter**—staying home & going to Six Flags!!

**Anna Yates**—staying home!

**Alun Oliver**—Babytown

**Brenda Briscoe**—SC

**Alan Lutton**—back in time on a Renaissance camping trip

**Renee Boley**—Disney

**Leslie Tucker**—Disney, Ft. Myers, cruise to Mexico & NYC!

**Stephanie Somerville**—hopefully Ocean City

**Mary Grube**—Camp trips :)

**Have a safe & fun time!**



Staff enjoying pizza, word games, and laughs at the Spring Fling on Mar 19.

## Spring has finally sprung on campus! We hate to remember all the cold and snow of winter, but you should know

that in early January the staff senate reviewed and discussed the existing *Cancellation & Postponement Procedures* and as a result forwarded some suggested revisions to the Vice President for Business & Finance, Chip Jackson, and Director of Human Resources, Catherine Pratson. Chip implemented the suggested changes (e.g. starting the procedure 15 min earlier) on a trial basis for the remainder of the SP14 semester and they were found to be an improvement. The procedural changes will be officially implemented in AY14-15.

## The rest of SP14 was a busy blur in which two staff association meetings were held. In case you missed them...

- On Apr 3, the new staff mentor program was launched. Mentor and mentee applications are still being accepted; for more info visit <http://www.smcm.edu/staffsenate/stmarysmentors.html>. Also, staff present voted to approve proposed amendments to the senate bylaws. The changes were then approved by the Finance, Investment, Audit Committee on Apr 22 and the full Board of Trustees on May 16.
- On Apr 14, staff discussed the proposed revisions to the criminal background check policy. After carefully considering all the information and arguments, the senate made a motion to endorse the revisions (“...we feel that, given the nature of our institutional role as educators, caretakers, and stewards of our students, every position on campus warrants being considered “sensitive” as outlined in the current policy, and therefore should be subject to a background check...”) and the super majority of staff present voted to support this statement.

**Elections for 8 new staff senators (area & at-large) will take place between mid-May and the end of June.** Please be on the lookout for and participate in the online/paper ballots.

The end of classes marks the start of “busy” time for several offices on campus while other offices “slow” down, but we know our staff works hard throughout the year. **MANY THANKS to everyone!** We hope you find time for some well deserved R&R.

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## 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 recognizes non-exempt staff members who exemplify Joe's commitment to the campus community. The award was first made at Awards Convocation on April 27, 2012.

**The winner of the award for 2014 is Sahra Grube, general support/mail. Congratulations, Sahra!**

“Sahra is dedicated to her work and her happy attitude toward her job is always met with a warm greeting and a smile. Through rain or snow or scorching sun, Sahra gets the job of delivering the mail done!” -Nominator



## Hats Off to Our Incredible Staff!

### Monthly Staff Recognition Award Winners

#### February 2014

**Kelvin Clark**, academic adviser and coordinator of the Multicultural Peer Program (MAPP) Kelvin (a newcomer himself) took the initiative to organize a lunch for two new staff members (Kristen McGreeney & Doug Campbell) and even corralled several other staff members who have been employed here varying lengths of time to help the new employees gain a perspective of SMCM. He put himself out there to make a positive impact on the new hires and helped them feel more connected to the campus. A shining example of the St. Mary's Way.

#### March 2014

**Kriantae Plater**, housekeeper Kriante's actions express her understanding that supporting our students is an integral part of everyone's job

#### April 2014

**Andrew Keiper**, media center coordinator Andy was nominated for going above and beyond in coordinating the videotaping and post production work of the Presidential open forums, thus allowing the entire campus community to participate in the selection process.

**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).

## Staff Spotlight: Meet Kelvin Clark

Winner of the Staff Recognition Award for February 2014



**How long have you been at SMCM?** 9 months

**What path led you to St. Mary's?** Once I learned what an academic adviser was in undergraduate, I knew I wanted to be one, amongst a host of other things. While serving as an adjunct history professor at Essex County College in Newark, NJ, I was given the opportunity to become an academic adviser for the first time and fell in love with it completely.

**What do you do by day?** I think, one of the coolest things in the world. I get to have conversations with students in hopes of finding out what they struggle with academically and sometimes personally, then determine what is the best course of action to take in order to alleviate or reduce the struggle, if possible, and finally assess their progress. At times I feel like a mechanic in a NASCAR pit, except I tighten up a student's habits, mindset, and priorities.

**What do you do with your evenings/weekends?** Evenings are simple: guitar, Redbox (soon Netflix) then reading - usually in that order, too. I've been playing the guitar since high school; I get down with some classic rock and the blues. Movies are the greatest thing since sliced bread. I problem-solve all day, so I definitely enjoy, for lack of a better word, "stupid-funny" movies from time to time (*Coming to America* or *Stepbrothers*), in addition to a good drama, book adaptation, or biographical film. I have managed to amass quite the reading list for myself as a result of talking to students and my fellow colleagues. Weekends are simple too: Driving - I spend most of my weekends visiting my boo in Philly or my family in NJ, VA, or NC.

**What is your favorite off-campus lunch spot?** I'm a fat kid so I have many favorites, but all depend on my budget that day: (1) Popeye's (Chicken tenders w/ ranch dipping sauce, popcorn shrimp, and iced tea); (2) St. James Deli (if I'm kind of tight, just a pepperoni slice, if I can splurge, a Ciabatta Dan w/ House sauce).

**What would colleagues be surprised to find out about you?** I still get nervous before speaking in public - my palms sweat inappropriately...which is why I can't use note cards.

**What is the most interesting/surprising job you've ever had?** Interesting - I worked as a marketing specialist for the Boys & Girls Club of Nash/Edgecombe Counties in North Carolina. I developed all of their publications and wrote their newspaper articles. Surprising - I was a dishwasher in undergraduate. It was the only non-work-study job left that year so...I busted some suds!

## Staff Spotlight: Meet Sahra Grube

Winner of the 2014 Joe Carol Award



**How long have you been at SMCM?** Since February 6, 2008— my mom's birthday!!

**What path led you to St. Mary's?** My sister-in-law, Mary Grube, told me about a job opening at the College.

**What do you do by day?** By day we process the packages and mail we receive then after lunch we deliver the mail around campus. The best part to my day is not just sitting in the office but getting around to see everyone.

**What do you do with your evenings/weekends?** My evenings are mostly spent getting home to my puppy, Duke (7 years old), making dinner with my mom, and taking Duke and my mom's dog, Charlie, for a walk around St. George island. If I'm not going home, I'm meeting up with friends and/or other family.

**What is your favorite off-campus lunch spot?** My favorite off-campus lunch spot would have to be Subway!!! I JUST LOVE THAT PLACE!!!

**What would colleagues be surprised to find out about you?** That I'm one of five siblings- three boys and two girls! I'm the youngest girl.

**What is the most interesting/surprising job you've ever had?** I would have to say the most interesting job I had would be working at A Moment in Time, a horse stable where I started off just riding. After four years I was feeding and teaching riding lessons. I remember having students come from the College to learn how to ride. I believe students still go there.

Share your news via the form at <http://www.smcm.edu/staffsenate/newsletters.html>

# Welcome to St. Mary's!

Goodpaster Hall	Douglas E. Hovland, Chemistry Lab Coordinator
Public Safety	Claudette C. Holland, PS Officer/Non-Commissioned
	Kyle W. Samilton, PS Officer/Commissioned
	Kerrick K. Thomas, PS Officer/Non-Commissioned

## Office NEWS

### Our New Logo



The College is in the process of rolling out a new logo. That new logo (which appears on the College web-site now) will be available as of June 1 for letterhead, envelope, and business card orders through OmniformUSA's online store at [www.omniformusa.com/smcm](http://www.omniformusa.com/smcm). If you are planning to order printed materials through OmniformUSA between now and the end of the fiscal year and can wait until June 1 to place the order, please do wait so that your order is filled using our new logo. Contact Lee Capristo ([lwcapristo@smcm.edu](mailto:lwcapristo@smcm.edu), x4795) if you have any questions.

### Text-based Emergency Notification System is on the Horizon

The Emergency Response Team (ERT) has been researching firms that can provide an emergency notification (text-based) system. Working with OIT, we expect to implement a system this summer. Students will be pre-enrolled with the ability confirm their contact info, add parent/guardian contact info, or to opt-out. Faculty and staff will be able to opt-in to the program later this summer. The emergency notification system will be used to notify the campus community of imminent weather threats (tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, etc.), dangerous situations or crimes in progress (armed robbery, hostile intruder, shooting, etc.), a crisis at Calvert Cliffs, school closings due to inclement weather, and timely warnings. For more information, please contact Michael Gass at OIT or Joanne Goldwater in Residence Life.

### Travel Policy Updated

The Travel Policy has been recently revised. You can find it electronically at N:\Business Office\Travel

## More Staff Accomplishments... Kudos!

In February, **Tom Brewer**, lab coordinator for the Department of Biology, had a photo published on the cover of the February issue of *SpinSheet* magazine, as well as three photos from the 2013 Possum Bowl which were used in an article about the Possum Bowl. Check out *SpinSheet* online at <http://spinsheet.com/magazine1/read-spinsheet-online/>



Cover

In February, **Andrew Llewellyn**, operations and production coordinator for the Department of Music, was accepted into the League of American Orchestras Essentials of Orchestra Management Seminar in NYC. The two-week intensive course covered areas of management such as: artistic vitality, business and operational models, community engagement, and leadership.

Most recently, Andrew was also accepted to serve on the grant review panel for Artist Fellowship Program applicants in Music with the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

## Congratulations!

### Baby Boom in Athletics!

**Andre Barbins** & his wife welcomed a daughter, Astrid Avery on 7/14/13. She was 8 lbs, 5 oz.

**Greg Shedd** & Justine Cavno welcomed a daughter, Olivia Jolene, on 1/30/14. She was 8 lbs, 2 oz.

**Chris Harney** & his wife welcomed a daughter, Elle, on 2/6/14. She was 8lbs, 6 oz.

**Alun Oliver** & his wife welcomed a daughter, Samantha Ffion, on 3/25/14. She was 8lbs.

**Katie & Brad Newkirk** welcomed a son, Anderson, on 3/31/14. He was 8lbs, 2oz & 20".



### Oh Happy Day!

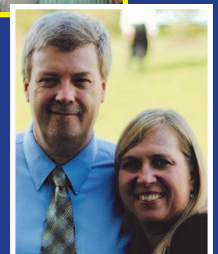
**Andrea Spearman**, program coordinator in the Career Development Center, got engaged over the holidays! Best wishes, Andrea & Chris!!

**Marsha Wilcox**, financial aid coordinator, & her husband, Chris, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on May 12.



Then

Chris & Marsha's very first date, Prom 1982



Now

or provide your senator with an update to pass along!

## St. Mary's by the Numbers:

**145** the number of people from SMCM and the surrounding community who participated in the 4th Annual Walk-a-Mile in Her Shoes awareness event

**280** the number of jelly-beans in the jar at the Spring Fling on Mar 19. **Jeff Barnes** had the closest guess of 283.



**2800** the number of bags of mulch used by the grounds crew for campus beatification this spring. It really made a difference and looked great! Thanks, grounds crew!

**31,103** the total number of dollars raised by the 5th Annual American Cancer Society SMCM Relay for Life held Mar 2-3. The top 2 fundraising teams, **Hope Starts with Res Life** (captain **Joanne Goldwater**) and **Psyched for Life** (captain **Angie Draheim**) included 13 registered faculty & staff members. Join them next year!

## Let Us Hear From You!

Email your suggestions, questions, or concerns to [mkgcube@smcm.edu](mailto:mkgcube@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

Mary Grube (co-chair), Angie Draheim (co-chair), Dana Burke, Andy Keiper, Adam Werblow

### Social Connections

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



Lisa Smith made and donated this adorable and entirely edible cake for a raffle prize at the Spring Fling. It was won by Mindy Moran.



## 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

**Staff Senate Meetings.** Any staff member may attend Staff Senate meetings so mark your calendars and plan to join us! All meetings 10 am-12 pm in the Glendening Annex unless otherwise noted. **6/4 (LI Board Room); 6/25; 7/16; 8/6; 8/27; 9/17; 10/8; 10/29; 11/19; 12/10**

**Campus-wide Faculty/Staff Picnic** organized by the **Wellness Committee** on **May 30. Noon at the waterfront.**

**APS College Sailing Team Race National Championships—May 31-June 2. Gill College Sailing Dinghy National Championships—June 3-6. These are all-day events.** Come to the waterfront & be a spectator! Alums are invited to a kick-off reception on May 31 at 1:30 pm. Check email for details.

**Alumni Weekend** is **Jun 12-15.** All faculty & staff are invited to attend! Information on volunteering and/or purchasing tickets to the Waterfront Crab Feast and Picnic on Sat, Jun 14 has been emailed.

**The St. Mary's County Relay For Life event** is scheduled for **6 p.m. Sat, June 7 until 6 a.m. on Sun, June 8** at **Leonardtwn High School.** This all-night event (because cancer doesn't sleep) is a fun, family-oriented fundraiser in support of the work of the American Cancer Society.

This event will be preceded by a **Survivor Dinner** on **Friday, June 6** at the Tech Center in Leonardtown. All cancer survivors and their caregivers are welcome to attend the FREE dinner (advance registration is needed. Please register using [this link](#)). In addition, cancer survivors and caregivers are encouraged to join us for the **Survivor Lap** (first lap) of our Relay for Life on Saturday evening.

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