

# SMCM Staff News

Monica Armstrong, Renee Boley, Jackie Trenholm, and Anna Speck livened up Glendening Hall. Did you see all the great decorations put up by Jodene Hernandez?



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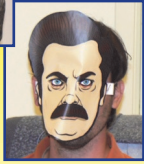
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Brandi Stanton, Angie Draheim, and Cheryl Colson are easy to recognize. But can you guess who is the man behind the mask?



## Picture this! My favorite Halloween costume...

Richard Moller—Peter Pan

Lindsey Siferd—Statue of Liberty

Katie Newkirk—Pillsbury Dough Boy

Lisa Smith—Fruit of the Loom Apple

Katie Daly Hiebert—Peacock

Susan Sullivan—Bumble Bee

Ricky Long—Jason from Friday the 13th

**On Halloween, various staff and faculty proved that the spirit of fun is alive and well at St. Mary's.** Just before that, the Social Connections Committee put on a spectacularly attended fall event. With Thanksgiving Break quickly approaching, we hope you are thankful for this special place in which we work. The Staff Senate has established an ad-hoc Diversity Committee whose mission and efforts are designed to make and keep our community strong by truly embracing the St. Mary's Way. Be on the lookout for more information from them. In the meantime, here is a reminder of the principles that should guide us in all aspects of our working and communicating together.



OIT crew

### The St. Mary's Way

St. Mary's College of Maryland lies in a setting of natural beauty and historic meaning which enhances our ability to reflect on our lives in an increasingly complex, technological, and interdependent world. As a member of St. Mary's College of Maryland, I accept the St. Mary's Way and agree to join in working with others to develop this College as a community:

- **Where people respect the natural environment and the tradition of tolerance which is the heritage of this place**
- **Where people cultivate a lifelong quest for disciplined learning and creativity**
- **Where people take individual responsibility for their work and actions**
- **Where people foster relationships based upon mutual respect, honesty, integrity, and trust**
- **Where people are engaged in an ongoing dialogue that values differences and the unique contributions of others' talents, backgrounds, customs, and world views**
- **Where people are committed to examining and shaping the functional, ethical values of our changing world**
- **Where people contribute to a spirit of caring and an ethic of service**



Biology Dept



Dana Cullison and her daughter showing spirit at a school fundraiser.

By choosing to join this community, I accept the responsibility of helping to build on its past heritage, of living its ideals, and contributing to its future.



## Hats Off to Our Incredible Staff!

### Did you know that...

**Tommy Cable** graduated from UMUC in Spring 2013 with a Masters of Business Administration.

**Elizabeth Clune-Kneuer** was elected to a three-year term on the Steering Committee for the North East Association of Institutional Research (NEAIR).

**Joanne Goldwater** facilitated three presentations at the Mid-Atlantic Association of College and University Housing Officers annual conference in Pittsburgh, PA. The programs were "Surviving (and Thriving) Through Leadership Change," "Regional Entry-Level Institute," and "Bridging Academic and Social Experiences (BASE)."

Joanne was also actively involved with the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk, held Oct. 20 at Wil-dewood Shopping Center. She served on the planning committee, did fundraising, and was the emcee for the event. As a three-year breast cancer survivor, Joanne is happy to help any employee facing a cancer diagnosis.

**Katie Daly Hiebert '04**, recently became a licensed psychologist in the state of Maryland.

**SMCM Staff are thankful for health, family, friends, great coworkers, a job ... and the little things that make life easier, too.**

FaceTime because my daughter can easily "visit" with her far-away grandparents on a regular basis - Angie Draheim

Football season - Katie Daly Hiebert

Mail merge so I didn't have to send 350 individual emails inviting students to apply for ODK membership! - Joanne Goldwater

## Staff Spotlight: Meet Stephanie Somerville, Caretaker I



**How long have you been at SMCM?** 7 years

**What path led you to St. Mary's?** I moved back to the area in 2006. I previously left a position at the University of Delaware and wanted to continue working in a college environment.

**What do you do by day?** Early mornings are spent in Goodpaster Hall cleaning and setting up bathrooms and office spaces for the day-to-day building operations. In the late mornings I go to Dorchester Hall to clean the dorms for residents.

**What do you do with your evenings/weekends?** They are mostly spent with grandchildren. I have five (ages 12, 10, 4, 2, and 17 months) and I, along with their aunt—my oldest daughter, help provide the daily care of them. I'm not a once-a-year or once-a-month grandma, I'm an EVERY day 'Grandma! Grandma!'

**What is your favorite off-campus lunch spot?** Olive Garden—I LOVE their salad. The vegetables are so crisp and of course the salad dressing really makes it wonderful.

**What would colleagues be surprised to find out about you?** I think I'm pretty much an open book with not many surprises.

**What is the most interesting/surprising job you've ever had?** Executive Secretary for the Department of Multi-systemic Therapy of Psychotherapeutic Services, Inc. in Dover, Delaware. They provided behavioral counseling for children ages 6-21. As the executive secretary I also got to transcribe notes from the doctors' sessions—it was very interesting. It was only a part-time and a temporary position but I loved that job and I think the experience of seeing what all those children went through helped me in raising my grandchildren, which was a challenge at first with so many of the babies close in age, but it's so worth it to provide them a better life.

## Staff Spotlight: Meet Jeff Krissoff

Winner of the Staff Recognition Award for October 2013



**How long have you been at SMCM?** 13 years

**What path led you to St. Mary's?** I graduated from SMCM in 1987. My wife also went to SMCM. After graduating, we moved back to Annapolis. I worked for a government contractor. We provided IT and support services to the military. My wife grew up on a farm in St. Mary's County and we thought it would be a great place to raise a family, so we moved back to the county in 2000.

**What do you do by day?** Like most people who work here, a lot more than my "position description." I focus primarily on providing technology support in the computer labs and classrooms. I also utilize systems management tools that allow us to remotely install and patch software on campus computers. I try to make our department more efficient by automating certain tasks that previously required someone to physically come to your computer.

**What do you do with your evenings/weekends?** We live on a farm and have four kids (17, 14, 12 and 9). When we are not racing to one of the kids' soccer games or band practices, we are usually outside doing something. I like to sail, fish and crab a bit during the warmer months. We also have horses, but my wife is the one who rides. I like to ride dirt bikes. I have yet to be kicked or bitten by a dirt bike!

**What is your favorite off-campus lunch spot?** Courtney's

**What would colleagues be surprised to find out about you?** There is really nothing too interesting or surprising about me; maybe that I was an English major when I was a student at SMCM. Unfortunately, I was more interested in windsurfing than Chaucer. I wasn't a great student, but I managed to squeak by.

**What is the most interesting/surprising job you've ever had?** After college, I didn't know what I wanted to do. I took a job as a teaching assistant at an elementary school. I worked with kids who had physical and cognitive disabilities. This was during the late 1980's so we were just starting to get some adaptive computer equipment that made it easier for these students to read, write and communicate. It was probably the most rewarding job I ever had.

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

# Office NEWS

- The Campus Store has done some rearranging! There is an inviting new study area for the students and insignia items are displayed in a new way. They also have a lot of new clothing items in the store that the students and staff are really enjoying. Stop on by and stock up on SMCM swag!



- The staff book club has gone digital! The Library staff have created a blog for book and film recommendations. Check out <http://smcmreviews.blogspot.com/> and submit your book and/or movie reviews to [clcolson@smcm.edu](mailto:clcolson@smcm.edu), [crbarclift@smcm.edu](mailto:crbarclift@smcm.edu), or [pemann@smcm.edu](mailto:pemann@smcm.edu)!
- The Career Center has recently updated all of their processes, documents, and website in order to better assist students. If you have old links to the website or resources from the CDC, please disregard them and be sure to link to the new website or stop by the office to pick up updated documents.

In addition to these changes, the CDC is implementing an open door policy this year in our office. Students are encouraged to walk in whenever they have time between the hours of 9-4 for resume reviews, internship assistance, career advising, or any other concerns. They can, of course, continue to make appointments online as well to ensure our undivided attention.

The CDC staff are excited about the recent updates to the office and hope they allow us to streamline some of our processes and better serve the students, faculty and staff on campus. Thank you for your help!

# Welcome to St. Mary's!

Admissions	John B. Barber, Transfer Coordinator in Admissions Tasha Q. Love, Office Associate I in Admissions Gary Sherman, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Dean of Admissions
Advancement	Peggy R. Aud, Events and Conferences Coordinator
Athletics	Joey C. Severns, Assistant Men's Lacrosse Coach/Assistant Sports Information Director
Career Development	Dana Burke, Director of Career Development

In the spirit of good humor, the Office of Student Activities would like to welcome the newest member of our technological family, George. George is a copy machine that has made our lives in the office more colorful. George is named after His Royal Highness Prince George Alexander Louis of Cambridge. Welcome to the office, George!

# Promotions &/or Position Changes Congratulations!

- Sybol Anderson**, Associate Professor of Philosophy → Director of DeSousa Brent Scholars Program
- Ruth Feingold**, Associate Professor of English/Assistant Dean of Core Curriculum & Advising Program → Associate Dean of Academic Services
- Barbara Williams**, Publications Production Assistant → Office Administrator in Office of Information Technology
- Steven Gregory**, Assistant Superintendent of Grounds → Superintendent of Grounds
- Jim McGuire**, Resident Inspector/Assistant Project Manager → Capital Project Manager
- Brad Newkirk**, Chemistry Laboratory Coordinator → Environmental Health & Safety Coordinator
- Lisa Smith**, Office Associate II in Office of Advancement → Administrative Assistant in Office of Planning and Facilities
- Anna Yates**, Executive Assistant → Executive Assistant and Secretary to the Board of Trustees

or provide your senator with an update to pass along!

# Congratulations!



**Nick and Brandy Tulley** welcomed the birth of their son, Logan Brian, on June 28, 2013. He weighed 8.5 lbs and measured 21.25"

**Susan and John Mazuc** welcomed the birth of their new grandson Weston Christopher, on Oct. 29, 2013.



# Monthly Staff Recognition Award Winners

*September 2013*  
**Nancy Pratt**, Housekeeper

"Nancy is always willing to go beyond her call of duty to meet the needs of faculty, staff, and alumni guests at the May Russell Lodge and the Bean House. She takes pride in her work and is an excellent team player with a positive attitude and upbeat demeanor."  
- Nominators

*October 2013*  
**Jeff Krissoff**, Senior Academic Technology Support Technician

"Jeff is my OIT hero! He addressed an OIT work ticket that was dead in the water for weeks and within 2 hours had the problem resolved."  
- 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](mailto:eabyrd@smcm.edu) or Alumni House).

## Tricks and treats



Charles Hutchison '17 delighted the crowd with his magic act.



Among the many tasty treats were awesome cakes made by Lisa Smith.



The staff were also treated to a performance by Dance Club members Scott McInerney and Heather Phillips.

## St. Mary's by the Numbers:

**5** the number of staff members who volunteered for the Admissions Open House in October

**21** the number of teams at the Hawktoberfest Golf Tournament

**120** the number of people of all ages who participated in the Petruccelli 5K run/Walk

**384** the number of candy corn pieces in a jar at the fall event



Mac McClintock made the closest lucky guess of 375.

**21,357** the number of packages processed through the student package room in

## Let Us Hear From You!

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

**Staff Senate AY13-14:** 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,

### Elections

Angie Draheim (chair), Tommy Cable, Adam Werblow

### Communications

Angie Draheim (chair), Kathy Lewin, Katie Newkirk

### Awards & Recognition

Beth Byrd (co-chair), Robin Bates, 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

**Wed, Nov 20; 12-1pm; Walk-a-Mile Holiday Food Drive** (bring a non-perishable item, take a walk, and get something warm to eat & drink AND be entered in a raffle for \$25) on the **Michael P. O'Brien ARC outdoor track**. Organized by the **Wellness Committee**.

**Tues, Dec 3: 8pm; Recital by Brian Ganz in St. Mary's Hall**

**Sun, Dec 8: 2-4pm; SMCM Kids' Holiday Party with visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus in DPC.**

**Wed, Dec 11; 12-1pm; Toys for Tots Walk** (bring an unwrapped toy!) on the **Michael P. O'Brien ARC outdoor track**. Organized by the **Wellness Committee**.

**Sat, Dec 14; 7-11pm; FREE Swing Dance Class at Trinity Church Parish Hall**

**Wed, Dec 18; 4-8pm; Faculty/Staff Holiday Party in Montgomery Hall. More details TBA.**



Save the date! The **5th Annual American Cancer Society SMCM Relay for Life** will be held on **Sat, Mar 1, 2014 starting @ 6pm** (and lasting until Mar 2 @ 6am) in the Michael P. O'Brien ARC. We'd love for more staff to get involved so please plan to stop by this family-friendly event for as long as you can. You can also join one of the 15 existing fundraising teams or start your own! Just visit [http://relay.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr\\_id=60305](http://relay.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=60305). If you have any questions, contact Lisa Coté, Coordinator of Orientation and Service Programs (x4209, [lmcode@smcm.edu](mailto:lmcode@smcm.edu)), or Joanne Goldwater (x4207, [jagoldwater@smcm.edu](mailto:jagoldwater@smcm.edu)) for more information.

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