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From You!

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

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Cheryl Krumke has been a part of the St. Mary’s grounds crew for over eight years. She may be most recognizable to the campus community as a student worker traveling across campus via her green John Deere Gator. This summer, Cheryl and the crew spent their days cleaning and maintaining the grounds in preparation for students’ return to campus. “Work on a grounds crew is never done,” says Cheryl.

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What’s your favorite part of your job?
I love working the flower beds. We’ve recently planted some roses and trees, and we’re also setting up water bags in case of drought. I also love working with student and staff volunteers. St. Mary’s community members always help in the grounds, but working with the grounds makes you truly appreciate the beauty here. You can’t really enjoy the grounds during a five-minute walk to class.

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Kate Long ’06, Head Field Hockey Coach, & Brad Newkirk ’04, Chemistry Lab Coordinator, were married in Emmar- teen (Outers Banks), NC. Kate has changed her last name to Newkirk.

Chip & Emily Jackson & Ho & Loan Nguyen ’05, welcomed the birth of their first grandchild on 4/22/13. Their granddaughter, Delia Mai, was born to Eric ‘04 & MinhMINH Nguyen Jackson ’05.

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The Office of the Associate Dean of Faculty and Res- Search and Sponsored Pro- grams has moved to Calvert Hall, 5th Floor, 1st Floor, Building 2 (Director of Research and Sponsored Programs) can be found in Calvert 109 and Ruth Plath in is in Calvert 104. Jenny Shear, formerly in Conferences & Events, is now the admin- istrative assistant.

The Office of Institutional Research has moved upstairs in Glendening Annex. Elizabeth Glanze-Kreiner is in GL254, Ross Cognor is in GL237, and Clayton Hartley is in GL232.

Mark Heidrich, Assistant VP for Academic Administration, can now be found in Glen- dening 253.
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Staff Spotlight: Jamal Swann, General Support Staff/Setup

How long have you been at SMC? 7 long years.

What path led you to St. Mary’s? Well I wanted to go to school here for free (for economics) while I was working, but the courses I need aren’t offered at night when I can take them. I am now taking HVAC classes at CSM through the new Tuition Remission Program (for Full-time Staff of SMC to attend Maryland Community Colleges).

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The tennis courts got a makeover! The new blue surface color is supposed to make the ball easier to track. Don’t take our word for it though; try it out for yourself! Game, set, match!
Staff Senate Committees

Professional Development
Mandy Reing (chair), Cindy Dale, Andy Keiper, Alan Lutton, Linda Wallace

Elections
Angie Draheim (chair), Tommy Cable, Adam Werblow

Communications
Angie Draheim (chair), Kathy Lewin, Katei Newkirk

Awards & Recognition
Beth Byrd (co-chair), Robin Bates, Andy Keiper, Kathy Lewin, Kelly Smolinsky, Sherra Woollridge

Bylaws
Clint Neill (chair), Angie Draheim, Andy Keiper

Social Connections
Marsha Wilcox (chair), Dana Cullison, Faye Graves, Katei Newkirk, Leslie Tucker, Frances Raley, Derek Young

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Fri, Oct 4: 7:30am registration, 9am shotgun start; Hawktoberfest Golf Tournament at Cedar Point Golf Course, Patuxent River Naval Air Station; Pre-registration by Sept 30 required.

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Plan to stop by the hospitality tent by Seahawk Stadium after your run/walk for food and free activities for kids.

Sat, Oct 19: Open House. Contact the Office of Admissions to get involved

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