

SMCM Staff News

Giving by the Numbers!

Classroom Supplies

Binders - 505
 Notebooks - 2,516
 Crayons - 724
 Pencils - 2,525
 Pens - 1,641
 Paper Packs - 130
 Desktop Computers - 7
 Children's Books - 86
 Assorted Classroom Items - 879

Toiletries

Toilet Paper - 368 Packs
 Diapers - 234 Packs
 Toothbrushes - 139
 Toothpaste - 89
 Deodorant - 100
 Underwear - 367
 Clothing Items - 90
 Socks Sets - 89
 Assorted Supplies (i.e pain relief/feminine products,/ first aid, etc.) - 855

Pet Supplies

Dog - 46
 Cat - 169
 Bird - 1

Cleaning Supplies

Paper Towels - 379
 Disinfectant Wipes - 168
 Hand sanitizer - 108
 Clorox - 24
 Sponges - 45
 Assorted Supplies - 110

Food

Ramen Noodles - 168
 Canned Food Products - 62
 Non Perishable Food - 191
 Snacks - 40
 Dry Goods - 51
 Condiments - 11

Miscellaneous

Wood Foam Mats - 144
 Games/Toys/Balls - 89
 Pairs of Shoes - 10
 Bedding - 14

Plus So Much More!



Staff Hurricane Relief Efforts

In mid-September, the Staff Senate directed its Day to Serve efforts toward St. Mary's Cares, a relief effort led by students that collected nearly \$14,000 in monetary donations and 9,816 non-perishable items for thousands of families in Southeastern Texas impacted by Hurricane Harvey. With help from alumnus Jamie Gilman '06, the College connected with the Pasadena Independent School District, one of many school districts along the Gulf Coast that sustained extensive hurricane damage. School officials listed most needed items and SMCM got to work collecting.

St. Mary's College Foundation Board Member and alumnus Jack Saum Jr. '89, president and CEO of Beltway Companies, donated a truck and driver in order to make the journey with the non-perishable items to the school district. The collection days were scheduled for Friday, Sept. 22 and Saturday, Sept. 23. The day of service for staff was Friday and several staff helped out Saturday, too. It was just as crucial to load the truck as it was to collect the items for it. Thanks to staff and students, the truck was packed by late in the afternoon that Saturday.

"During the day [Friday] staff worked with students to organize and pack donated items for the journey to Texas. It was a great example of how amazing our community is here at St. Mary's," said Kelley Hernandez '08, staff senate president. Kelly Schroeder, then director of student activities now associate director of Alumni Relations said many staff contributed to a successful collection.

For example, she said staff in the ARC graciously supported the event by providing the space and resources needed throughout both days. She said most of the Office of Student Activities staff contributed in some way, like encouraging people to donate, coordinating supply orders and taking inventory. Staff from Physical Plant and grounds staff she said, "jumped in with muscle and the equipment needed to load the truck."

Other staff members seen lending a helping hand included: **Jodene Hernandez, Kelley Hernandez '08, Sabine Dillingham, Adam Malisch, Faye Graves, Lauren Sampson, Larry MacCurtain '11, Dan Pindell '10, Jackie Wright, Beth Thomas, Mary Grube, Sahra Grube and Gretchen Phillips.**

A big thank you goes to two people who likely wouldn't want to be mentioned at all, Kelly Schroeder and Rich Edgar, senior development officer. These two helped coordinate the event and were seen doing a multitude of tasks such as helping community members unload cars and trucks full of donations, helping students with sorting and inventory, shopping and generally overseeing the entire operation.

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Oh the Places We've Been!

Ross Conover is a true Brit in his heart and recommends that everyone takes a trip across the pond. Ross reports that London is a perfect combination of modern and old, "Every day is an adventure." His favorite location is Stonehenge, "I love this place. It never gets old!"



Sherrie Wooldridge and her husband, Rich, spent some enjoyable time in Asheville, North Carolina. Sherrie reports that Asheville has some of the most delicious food in the country and particularly, "The best barbeque I ever had at Buxton Hall Barbeque!"



Tom Brewer '81, his wife Marian '79, daughter Erin '12, and her husband, Clint Sawtell, along with Tom's two grandchildren, Max and Avery, met in Borneo to celebrate the November marriage of Erin and Clint. Highlights included seeing orangutans, proboscis monkeys, and a multitude of birds in the wild during two days of boat trips and diving (Continued on page 3 sidebar)

Office NEWS: The Office of Student Support Services (OS3)



Who works in the OS3? **Joanne Goldwater**, Assistant Dean for Retention and Student Success. **Deirdre Bulger '04**, Coordinator of Disability Support Services. **Mary Dorsey**, Coordinator of Advising Services. **Anna Speck-Kirby**, Office Associate.

What do you do by day? Provide students with academic support, advising, academic coaching, workshops, accommodations, test strategies, Beacon alerts, and so much more!

Where can we find you? Parris N. Glendening Hall, Suite 230

How can we reach you? (240) 895-4388

What would colleagues be surprised to find out about you?

Joanne – I like to sing tenor!

Deirdre – Even though I'm slower than a herd of turtles stampeding through peanut butter, I love to run!

Mary – I was a professional baseball mascot!

Anna – I love to watch ultimate cage fighting.

Hats Off to the Staff Who Participated in the St. Mary's Triathlon!



On June 17, 2017 four incredibly brave staff **Alun Oliver '04**, **Deirdre Bulger '04**, **Jennifer Robertson**, and **Tom Fisher**; in addition to 650 community members, faculty, and students courageously jumped into a jellyfish infested river to start off the first ever St. Mary's Triathlon! All staff members agree that this was an experience they will never forget! (Pictured left, Deirdre Bulger, right Tom Fisher)



Thanks to All the Staff Who Helped During Alumni Weekend!



St. Mary's College of Maryland welcomed over 1,200 alumni back to campus June 8-11 for Alumni Weekend. Alumni from 1949 to 2017 traveled to campus from as far away as Ireland, Scotland, and Italy. They also came from 34 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

The weekend was highlighted by consistently sunny weather in the mid-70s to low-90s and the signature Alumni Weekend event, the Waterfront Crab Feast and Barbecue. Additional activities included a sunset party and live music on the waterfront, meals in the Great Room, a Faculty, Staff, & Alumni Gathering, a meeting of the Alumni Council, an Anniversary Dessert Reception, and student-led campus tours featuring a walk-through of the new Alumni House (formerly Cobb House). (Pictured: Dave Sushinsky '02, director of alumni relations, and his wife, Katie '09, announced at alumni weekend that they are expecting a future Seahawk!) Congratulations, Dave and Katie!

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One of the highlights of the project for me was the number of community members that came to campus throughout both Friday and Saturday to drop off donations. Some of them were personal donations while other local community members coordinated a donation drive at their workplace, church or community organization of which they belonged,” Schroeder said.

Cindy Parmer, director of community relations for the Pasadena School District, said the efforts put in by the SMCM community were wonderful and the kindness and generosity put in by SMCM was overwhelming. “All of the items will be used by students, teachers and families in our community that were affected by Harvey. Pasadena ISD had 16 campuses with significant damage, 800 employees and 11,000 students directly affected by flood waters in their homes. These donations will help in the restoration and rebuilding of lives here in our community,” said Palmer. (Pictured from left to right: Kelly Schroeder, Dan Pindell, Sabine Dillingham)

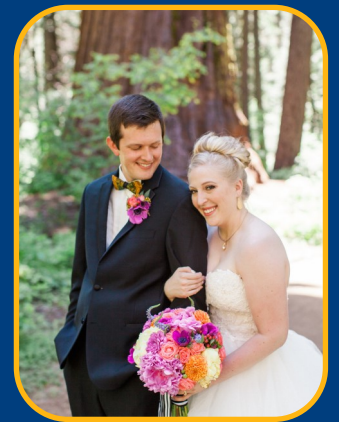


near the Tip of Borneo, which is considered one of the best dive spots in the world!



Congratulations!

Charlotte Cashell-Varga was married to David Caudle on June 17, 2017 among the sequoias in California!



Positive Thoughts

WHEN LIFE SHUTS A
DOOR, OPEN IT AGAIN.
IT'S A DOOR.
THAT'S HOW THEY WORK.



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Do Not Forget To Nominate a Worthy Staff Member Today!

[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 Jenn Marsh (jmarsh@smcm.edu, x4342, Goodpaster Hall B34).

**This award is supported by donations. Give Today!*

Welcome to St. Mary's!

Admissions	David L. Hautanen , Vice President for Enrollment Management Kristina C. Anderson , Interim Director of Admissions
Athletics and Recreation	Solomon L. Zurier , Assistant Coach Men's Basketball/AGDO Cynthia K. Calhoun , Head Coach Women's Basketball
Career Development	Jennifer K. Emery , Assistant Director of Career Development
Financial Aid	Shannon R. Wallace , Financial Aid Counselor
Goodpaster Hall	Alecia "Kim" Page , K12 School Coordinator/Community Liaison
Marketing/Strategic Communication/Web	Daniel A. Pindell , Web Developer Kenneth A. Mason , Web Developer
Montgomery Hall	Joseph B. Musumeci , Technical Director/Lighting Designer
Office of Information Technology	Partha P. Chanda , Director of Enterprise Support Services Dayne K. Robillard , Information Technology Support Technician
Office of the President	Richard A. Brewer , Driver/Special Assistant to the President Todd K. Mattingly , Executive Assistant to the President
Physical Plant	Toney Duncan , Caretaker I
Student Activities	Elizabeth E. DeGrandpre , Assistant Director of Student Activities

Share your news via the form at <http://www.smcm.edu/staff/newsletters.html> or provide your senator with an update to pass along!

Relay for Life: Staying Connected

June 3, 2017 was the St. Mary's County American Cancer Society Relay for Life event. It was an amazing day and really showed the dedication of some of our staff members who were present to give support to a great cause. **Joanne Goldwater** was this year's event chair, **Mary Johnston** worked on the Relay's planning committee, and **Renee Boley** volunteered her time securing deposits during the event. **Kelley Hernandez '08** gave the caregiver speech during the luminaria ceremony and **Angie Draheim '03** ended the night with the fight back speech. All of them were also in some way involved with SMCM Relay in February 2017.

During the "Breast Week Ever" Oct. 23-27, the Relay for Life club sold "mammograms" in the Campus Center, registered people for the **next SMCM Relay event (Feb. 24-25, 2018 in the MPOBARC)**, and provided info on cancer awareness.

You, too, can get involved with Relay in some way and help fight back! Join us! www.relayforlife.org/smcmd

Kelley Hernandez, Renee Boley, Mary Johnston, Joanne Goldwater, and Angie Draheim stop for a photo at a recent relay event!

Meet Your Senators & Committee Members



Standing from Left to Right: Officer Coons, Morgan Smith, Deirdre Bulger, Kelly Schroeder, Brian Evans, Rob Maddox (Vice President), Jim Cranmer (Treasurer), Cindy Dale, Jessica Blofsky

Sitting from Left to Right: Gretchen Phillips, Cathy Robinson, Monica Armstrong, Karen Cozzens, Kelley Hernandez (President) Lisa Youngborg (Secretary), Jacqueline Roquemore, Mary Johnston

Professional Development

Jim Cranmer (chair), Karen Cozzens, Jessica Blofsky, Tommy Cable*, Mary Grube*

Elections

Rob Maddox (chair), Brian Evans, Rich Edgar, Chris Coons

Communications

Gretchen Phillips (chair), Deirdre Bulger, Rich Edgar, Angie Draheim*, Lisa Youngborg

Awards & Recognition

Jenn Marsh (chair), Cathy Robinson, Monica Armstrong, Kelly Schroeder, Cindy Dale

Bylaws

Brian Evans, Mary Johnston, Jenn Marsh

Social Connections

Kelly Schroeder (chair), Bobby Goldsmith, Mary Johnston, Morgan Smith, Kathy Cheek, Gretchen Phillips, Jenn Marsh, Monica Armstrong, Cindy Dale, Alan Lutton, Lisa Smith*

(*indicates non-senate member)

Upcoming Events

Staff Senate Meetings — Any staff member may attend Staff Senate meetings so mark your calendars and plan to join us! All senate meetings 10 am-12 pm [in the Glendening Annex unless otherwise noted]. Upcoming: **Staff Association Meeting 11/1/17 in Cole Cinema, 12/6, 1/10, Staff Association Meeting 2/14/18 in Cole Cinema, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2**

Fall Staff Appreciation Event — November 9, 2017 @ 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the River Center Awesome Room

Admissions Events: Open House— November 11, 2017

Giving Tuesday — November 28, 2017. Employees can elect to support many different programs across campus.

Let Us Hear From You!

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

OR [complete the anonymous feedback form](#) available on our website (www.smcm.edu/staff).

