



# BELLES BULLETIN

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome back to the 2016-2017 school year and to the first edition of the Saint Mary's e-newsletter for our secondary school partners. In an effort to educate you more about Saint Mary's College and to keep you updated on what's happening around campus, we've decided to create this easy-to-read quarterly e-newsletter... just for our favorite counselors!

It's already proving to be a busy semester here at Saint Mary's (I know you can all relate!). After welcoming an exciting new President, Jan Cervelli, in June, we welcomed one of our largest and most diverse first-year classes this fall. Check out our Class of 2020 profile – we're really impressed by these incredible young ladies! So far, they seem to be transitioning well, enjoying the first few weeks of school, and loving their first Notre Dame football games as members of the student section!

This fall, our admission counselors are traveling to 21 states, 9 countries, and visiting hundreds of high schools. We're already seeing a record number of applications for Fall 2017, and we're about ready to begin evaluating those applications. We should begin sending decision letters out in mid-October, with priority toward early decision applicants followed by regular decision applicants.

In this first edition of our e-newsletter, check out how we're handling the early FAFSA changes, information about our new Physics major and the nationally recognized PADs project, a list of our upcoming deadlines, the Class of 2020 profile, and much, much more!

Finally, on behalf of our entire admission team, I want to thank you for the continued support you give to your students and to our staff. We look forward to our continued contact with you and wish you all the best this fall.

-Sarah Gallagher Dvorak '99, Director of Admssion



### DEADLINES

#### Early Decision (binding)

- Application: November 15
- Deposit: January 15

#### Regular Decision

- Application: February 15
- Deposit: May 1

### TOP 5 MAJORS

- Nursing
- Education
- Communication Studies
- Biology
- Business

# Our application is available through the Common Application!



## FINANCIAL AID CORNER

### How is Saint Mary's reacting to the changes with FAFSA?

Saint Mary's College will begin sending 2017-18 financial aid award letters in December 2016. We will send awards letters on a continual rolling basis once a student has been admitted and we have her FAFSA.

Early decision students no longer need to complete the Profile aid application in order to get an award letter before Christmas. Instead, they simply need to submit the 2017-18 FAFSA to Saint Mary's College no later than December 15, 2016. The federal school code for Saint Mary's College is 001836.

Any student who is an Indiana 21st Century Scholar should be sure to tell us that by answering this question on the Common Application.

Students with full tuition ROTC or Lilly scholarships will get a grant from Saint Mary's College which pays the cost of their room, up to the cost of a double, as long as they live on campus. So if a student will have an ROTC or Lilly Scholarship she needs to let us know!

Any questions? Contact the Financial Aid Office at (866) 502-7788 or at [finaid@saintmarys.edu](mailto:finaid@saintmarys.edu)

-Kathleen Brown, Director of Financial Aid



Want to know who's stopping by your neck of the woods? Get to know our admission counselors by visiting [www.saintmarys.edu/admission-aid/first-year-students/connect-with-saint-marys/admission](http://www.saintmarys.edu/admission-aid/first-year-students/connect-with-saint-marys/admission)

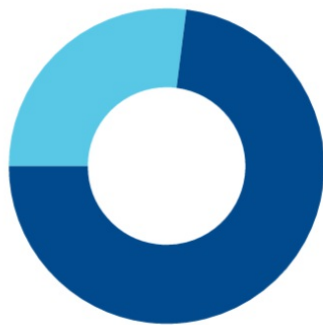




## FIRST YEAR CLASS PROFILE

### Class of 2020

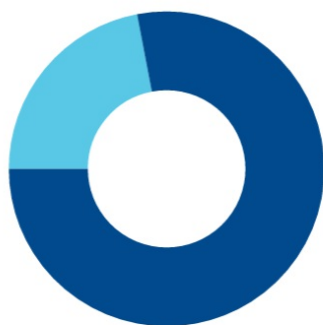
In August we welcomed 435 first year students to campus



73% of the class of 2020  
is from out-of-state

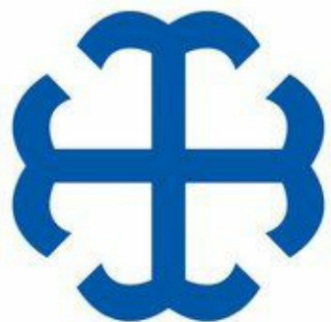
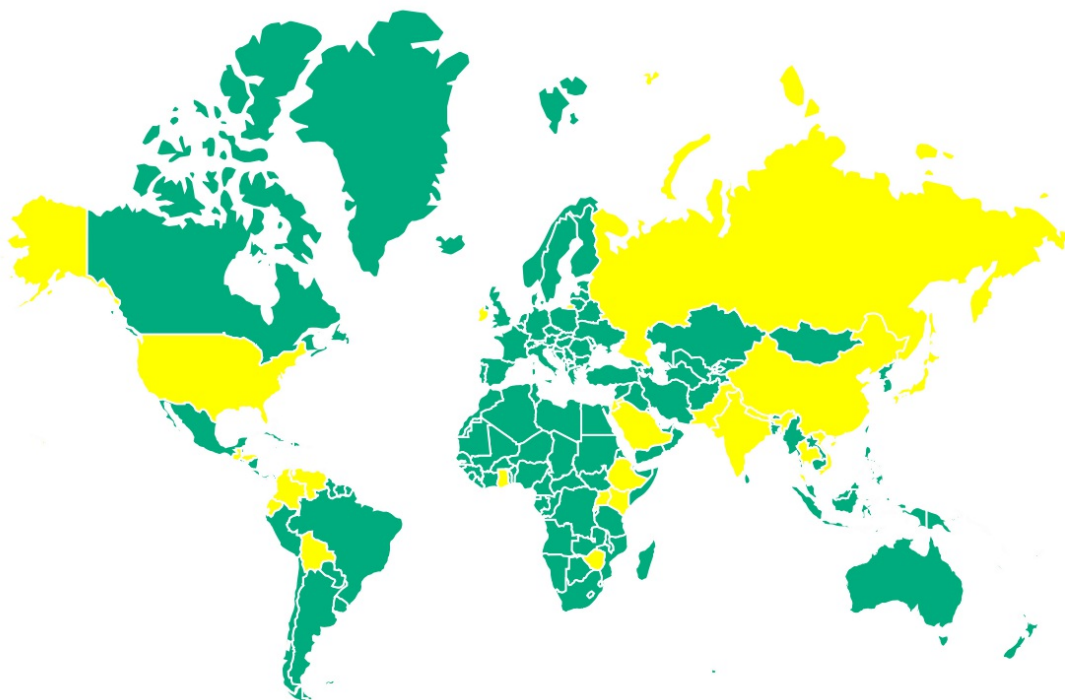


20% of the class are members of  
historically underrepresented groups



22% of applicants had a  
Saint Mary's alumna  
connection - mother,  
sister, or grandmother

Applications received from 46 states and 25 countries



Middle 50%

GPA: 3.48 - 4.04

ACT: 23 - 29

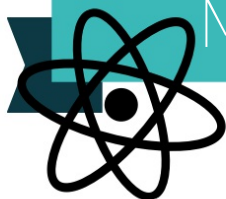
SAT: 1000 - 1220 (CR+M)\*

\*We will consider scores from both the traditional and redesigned SATs in the coming year. All redesigned scores have been concorded to traditional scores for the next two years. This range reflects the traditional scores.

## Beyond the Numbers

Check out some of the amazing things the Saint Mary's class of 2020 accomplished during high school!

- Mission trips to Peru, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Haiti, New Orleans, Miami, Detroit, Appalachian region, and areas of IL and PA
- Five accomplished members of FIRST Robotics teams
- 103 reported to be members of National Honors Societies
- 66% of class reported participating in a sport, with 63 leading their teams as captain
- Won Virginia State championship in gymnastics
- Founder and director of an entertainment company that teaches underprivileged kids how to dance and twirl baton
- After publishing two papers in medical journals, nominated to represent Indiana, and attended Congress for Future Medical Leaders
- Company dancer in Texas Joffery Ballet Company
- Member of the United States Figure Skating Association



## MAJOR SPOTLIGHT

### Physics

Saint Mary's is now offering a Bachelor's degrees in Physics. The physics program is intended to cultivate knowledge in the laws that govern nature. Our course offerings range from Astronomy to Quantum Mechanics. The physics program has been designed with flexibility in mind and supports a wide variety of interests. Our students are prepared to succeed in graduate school and medical school, and professions in education, government, and industry. Many students majoring in physics take advantage of our Dual Degree Engineering Program with the University of Notre Dame.

As for research? It's not just our professors who are busy in the labs. Research opportunities are available during the semester and in the summer that allow our undergraduate students to make use of their applied mathematical and critical thinking skills. Professor Dr. Ian Bentley works with colleagues at the University of Notre Dame and student researchers from Saint Mary's to model the creation of heavy elements in supernova explosions. This work furthers scientific knowledge of both nuclear physics and astrophysics and aims to determine how heavy elements like gold and uranium are formed.

Stay tuned to Belles Bulletin next quarter to see our newly renovated Science Hall that's being dedicated on October 14th!

## SAINT MARY'S IN THE

### Saint Mary's Receives First Patent



The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has issued US Patent No. 9,354,181 to researchers at Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame who together developed user-friendly devices that detect low-quality pharmaceuticals. It is Saint Mary's first patent and the first for two of the three professors working on the project. These unique Paper Analytical Devices (PADs) can detect multiple chemical components in a pill or capsule, including substitute drugs or "fillers" that may be added in place of an active ingredient.

Fake drugs with authentic-looking packaging are a significant global problem, as noted earlier this year by the World Health Organization. PADs are an inexpensive technology that can be easily implemented in low-resource settings, like developing countries. By spotlighting drug quality, PADs quickly determine whether a drug tablet or capsule contains the correct medicines, which could be especially beneficial in countries that lack technological and regulatory infrastructure.

The Saint Mary's research team, led by Dr. Toni Barstis, worked with researchers at Notre Dame to develop a PAD that screens for substandard tablets of Panadol, an internationally known brand of acetaminophen. The PAD is the size of a business card and offers results in less than five minutes.

Other fake pharmaceuticals are marketed as cures for infections, malaria, and the flu. Some contain acetaminophen, which reduces pain and fever, but do not contain the active ingredient to combat these diseases. Because the Panadol PAD checks for the presence of acetaminophen, it can be modified to screen the other drugs.





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