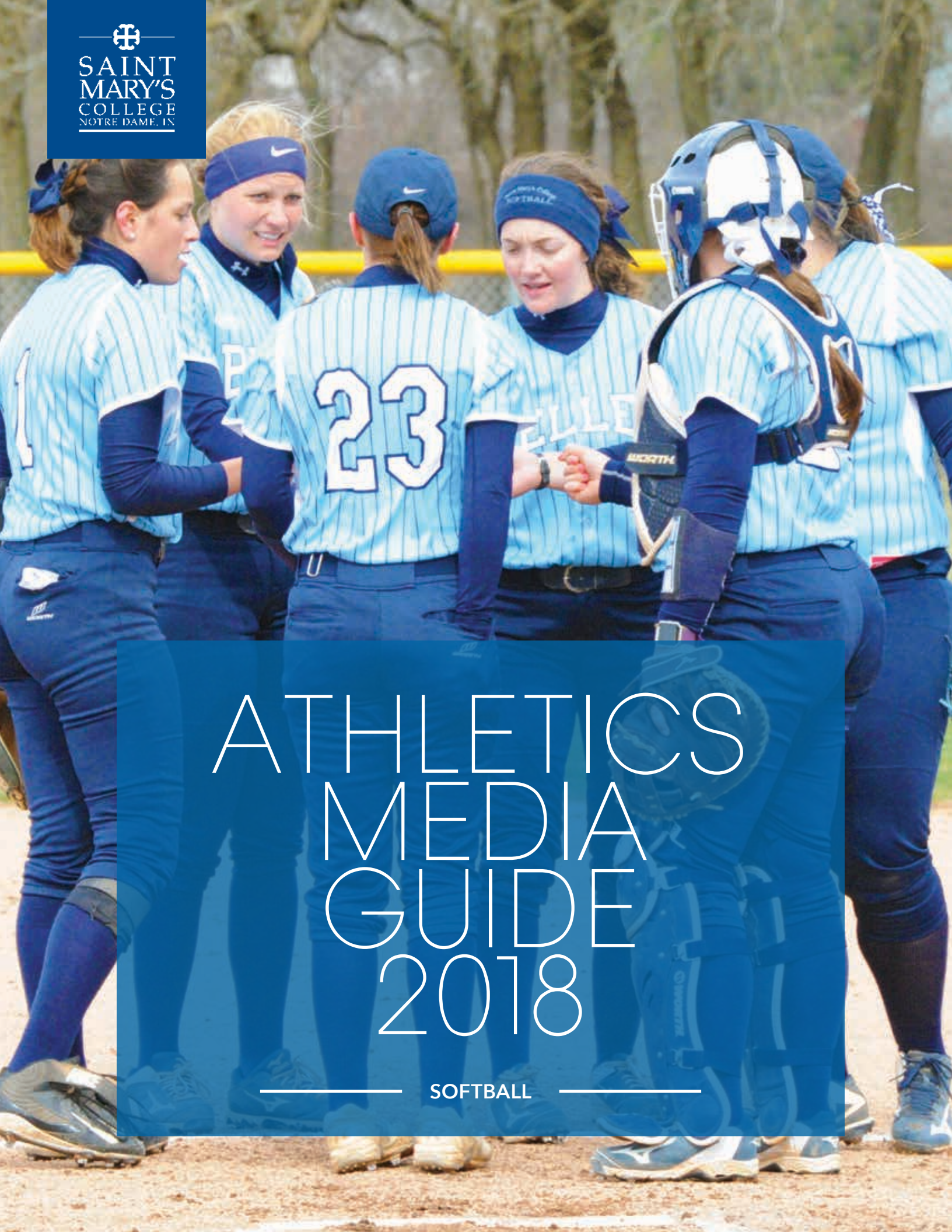




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ATHLETICS MEDIA GUIDE 2018

SOFTBALL



Dear Family, Friends, and Prospective Student-Athletes,

Aligned with the NCAA Division III philosophy, Saint Mary's College athletics is focused on the support of our student-athletes as they immerse themselves in the college experience. We expect our women to pursue the full spectrum of opportunities available to them over their four years with us. They are students first. They have enrolled in college to earn an academic degree. With this focus in mind, our student-athletes are afforded the same classroom experiences and opportunities as their peers here at Saint Mary's College.



Their choice to participate in athletics is a wise one that only enhances their educational experience. Through sport, student-athletes learn how to lead and take initiative as well as how to work as a member of a team. They learn to set goals and work through the process of accomplishing those goals. If they fall short, they know how to re-evaluate, and if necessary, strategize a new route to success — they do not give up. Student-athletes are masters of time management. They know how to give and take feedback. In short, participation in sports provides the opportunity for athletes to practice skills that will help them succeed in life.

And they do succeed! Besides the athletic accolades you will read about on our website and in this media guide, you will also see that several of our student-athletes have even been recognized with the highest honors bestowed upon our graduates.

Participation in athletics is a rich and rewarding experience. Teammates become lifelong sisters. I invite you to look through this media guide and read about the challenges and triumphs of our student-athletes and coaches. Prospective student-athletes, I encourage you to visit our campus. Meet with our coaches, shadow a current student-athlete, and ask questions to learn if Saint Mary's could be a fit for you. Follow your passions and discover your potential at Saint Mary's College.

Once a Belle, always a Belle,

Julie Schroeder-Biek '88
Director of Athletics and Recreation

The mission of the Department of Athletics and Recreation at Saint Mary's College is to provide a comprehensive program designed to be a vital part of the total educational process. The basic purpose is to integrate an intercollegiate athletic program, intramural, club sport, and personal fitness opportunities so our students develop a lifelong appreciation of one's mind, body, and spirit through exercise and participation.

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ANGELA ATHLETIC & WELLNESS COMPLEX



The \$25 million-plus Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex project includes two phases. **PHASE I** was the construction of the Patricia Wiedner Purcell '69 Athletic Fields, which were ready for play in the fall of 2016. **PHASE II** has provided a complete overhaul and renovation to the former Angela Athletic Facility.

The new complex features:

- A three-court field house for varsity teams and club sports practices, intramurals, and other student activities
- An elevated running track
- Dedicated spaces for yoga, pilates, spinning, and other fitness classes
- A café and social areas for meeting with friends
- The Health and Counseling Center

Why is it called Angela?

This is the third gym at the College and all three have been named Angela for Mother Angela Gillespie. She was the first American to head Saint Mary's Academy, which would become Saint Mary's College.

EXCELLING *in Academics*

Academic Achievements 2016-17

Total number of student-athletes: **122**

Athletic Department cumulative GPA (8 sports): **3.43**

Athletic Department cumulative GPA for seniors: **3.54**

Number of student-athletes above a 3.0 GPA for entire academic year: **101**

Teams earning MIAA Academic Honor Roll (minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA): **7**

Number of times student-athletes earned Dean's List honors: **108**
(55 Fall 2016, 53 Spring 2017)

Student-athletes on MIAA Honor Roll (minimum 3.5 GPA required): **62**

QUICK FACTS

about Saint Mary's College

- Catholic college in Notre Dame, Indiana, established in 1844 by the Sisters of the Holy Cross
- Academic programs that foster skills in communication, problem solving, and critical thinking, as well as leadership experience, internships, research, and other hands-on activities
- 100% of incoming students receive scholarships from Saint Mary's
- Nationally recognized study abroad program that offers learning opportunities in 20 countries
- 80% of students participate in volunteer/service work, compared to national average of 55%
- NCAA Division III varsity athletic teams and a wide range of club and intramural sports
- A connection with Notre Dame that allows students to take classes, participate in student organizations, clubs, club sports, and cheer in the student section at Irish football games and other sporting events
- Women's college for undergraduate programs and co-ed for graduate programs
- 94% of graduates are working full-time or in graduate school one year after graduation

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Makenzie Duncan '18



Morgan Raymer '18



Jamie Young '18

Saint Mary's Raises the Bar



Fresh off of a season which saw the team post the program's longest winning streak and the best start to conference play ever, the Saint Mary's softball team is eager to continue to raise the bar in 2018. The team

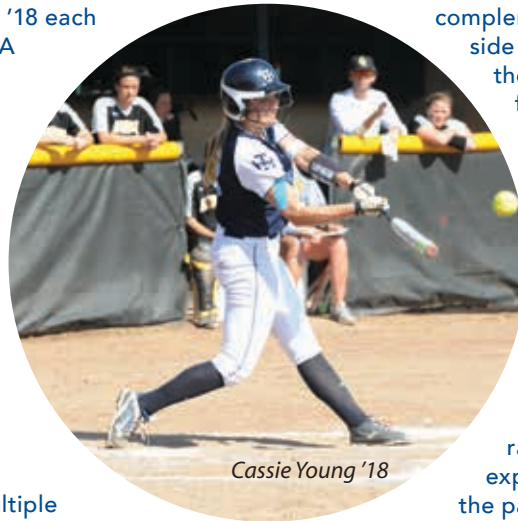
has a strong foundation from which to build as the Belles have won at least half of their games in the last 12 consecutive years.

Cassie Young '18, Jamie Young '18, Morgan Raymer '18, and Makenzie Duncan '18 each garnered All-MIAA honors a season ago and will forge the way forward for the Belles in 2018. Cassie Young repeated as the MIAA Most Valuable Player in her junior season after leading the conference with a .500 batting average and collecting multiple hits in half of the team's conference games. Jamie Young earned All-MIAA First Team honors for the second consecutive year after she led the conference in total hits (28) while collecting at least one hit in every MIAA game of the season. Additionally, both Cassie and Jamie Young were named to the All-Central Region list by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association for the second consecutive year.

Raymer was also a First Team selection after being tied for the most league wins in 2017 with nine victories in the circle. The senior pitcher led the team

in innings pitched (150.0), earned run average (2.01), wins (15), and strikeouts (107) a season ago. Duncan was an All-MIAA Second Team honoree with a .468 batting average in league play. An outfielder for the Belles, Duncan set the program record for career triples (15) through just three seasons of play.

Kelsey Richards '18 and Kelsey Keilman '20 joined their four teammates with batting averages above .300 during the 2017 season as the Belles boasted a collective .331 batting average a year ago. Several additional returners and a handful of newcomers will complement a talented side for the Belles as the program aims for its first MIAA regular season title in 2018.



Cassie Young '18

Off the field, members of the Saint Mary's softball program have embraced opportunities to have wide-ranging educational experiences. Within the past three years alone, team members have traveled Uganda, Ireland, Puerto Rico, France, and Rome during semester-long and summer study abroad experiences. As a team, the Belles have strengthened their partnership with Team IMPACT to add a local girl to the team.

In the past 20 years of conference membership, the team has had 31 different athletes honored with All-MIAA accolades a total of 46 times. Moreover, a member of the Belles softball team has been an All-MIAA honoree at the end of the season in each year of league membership.



2018 Schedule

Mar. 3	Sat.	at Transylvania Tournament vs. Greenville	10 a.m.
		vs. LaGrange	4 p.m.
Mar. 4	Sun.	at Transylvania Tournament vs. LaGrange	10 a.m.
		vs. Transylvania	2 p.m.
Mar. 10-17		Spring Trip PFX Spring Games - Clermont, FL	
Mar. 11	Sun.	vs. Scranton	2 p.m.
Mar. 11	Sun.	vs. North Park	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 12	Mon.	vs. Southern Maine	2 p.m.
Mar. 12	Mon.	vs. Lakeland	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 13	Tues.	vs. Millikin	1 p.m.
Mar. 13	Tues.	vs. Lake Forest	3 p.m.
Mar. 15	Thur.	vs. Lakeland	9 a.m.
Mar. 15	Thur.	vs. Transylvania	11 a.m.
Mar. 16	Fri.	vs. Benedictine	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 16	Fri.	vs. Keene State	7 p.m.
Mar. 23	Fri.	vs. Wheaton (IL)	3 p.m.
Mar. 24	Sat.	vs. North Central	1 p.m.
Mar. 26	Mon.	at Manchester	3:30 p.m.
Mar. 31	Sat.	at Albion*	1 p.m.
Apr. 3	Tues.	vs. Calvin*	3:30 p.m.
Apr. 7	Sat.	vs. Adrian*	1 p.m.
Apr. 11	Wed.	at Alma*	3:30 p.m.
Apr. 14	Sat.	vs. Trine*	1 p.m.
Apr. 15	Sun.	vs. Elmhurst	12 p.m.
Apr. 19	Thur.	at Hope*	3:30 p.m.
Apr. 21	Sat.	vs. Olivet*	1 p.m.
Apr. 28	Sat.	at Kalamazoo*	1 p.m.
May 3-4		MIAA Tournament (Top Four Teams Only)	

ALL TIMES LOCAL TO GAME SITE

All games played after Spring Break are doubleheaders

* denotes MIAA opponent

Home games in **BOLD**

Schedule subject to change



Alma Mater
Bethel College

Season
Fifth

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Kelli Zache Martin | *Head Coach*

“Saint Mary’s softball student-athletes not only strive for academic success in the classroom, but we strive for personal excellence on and off the field.”

—Kelli Zache Martin

Building a Tradition of Excellence

Two-Time All-American

Ashley Peterson '10

All-Region Honorees

Kristin Amram '09
Hayley Bojorquez '11
Jillian Busfield '16
Angela Gillis '12
Sarah Miesle '07
Ashley Peterson '10
Cassie Young '18
Jamie Young '18

MIAA Most Valuable Players

Kristin Amram '09
Ashley Peterson '10
Erin Sullivan '04 (Offensive Player)
Katrina Tebbe '04 (Defensive Player)
Cassie Young '18

Multi-All-MIAA Honorees

Kristin Amram '09
Jillian Busfield '16
Lauren Enayati '12
Bridget Grall '06
Sarah Miesle '07
Ashley Peterson '10
Morgan Raymer '18
Callie Selner '14
Cassie Young '18
Jamie Young '18

MIAA Players of the Week

Kristin Amram '09
Hayley Bojorquez '11
Sarah Burke '16
Jillian Busfield '16
McKenna Corrigan '08
Ashley Fusaro '09
Angela Gillis '12

Bridget Grall '06
Maureen Healy '10
Ashley Peterson '18
Morgan Raymer '18
Kate Sajewich '06
Callie Selner '14
Martha Smid '09
Erin Sullivan '04
Cassie Young '18

MIAA Tournament Appearances

2004 - 2006 - 2007 - 2008
2010 - 2012 - 2015 - 2016 - 2017

MIAA Tournament Champions

2004
Twenty-Plus Win Seasons
1994 - 1995 - 1996 - 1998 - 2000
2004 - 2006 - 2007 - 2008 - 2009
2010 - 2011 - 2012 - 2015 - 2017

Student-athlete PROFILE



“ Playing softball at Saint Mary’s taught me resilience and how to overcome adversity by using difficult situations to better myself as a student and an athlete. Softball has taught me how to get back up and keep going. The time management

skills I have learned by being an athlete will help me in the future by being able to set both short-term and long-term goals for myself. ”

—Cassie Young '18

BIG SISTERS PROGRAM

The Big Sisters program helps acclimate first-year Belles to the demands of being a collegiate student-athlete, brings awareness to campus resources, personnel, and tools to help Belles succeed, and connects them with their peers in the athletic department.



EMPOWERING LEADERS

Our student-athletes develop into leaders in and out of their sports.

Our Belles have been members and executive officers in more than **40** clubs and organizations on campus, attended conference-wide leadership programming, and volunteered more than **200** hours in the community.



MIAA AND NCAA INFORMATION

MIAA

Compete for championships. Create a legacy. Rewrite the history books. Those opportunities and more are what await when competing for the Belles in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA). Affiliated with NCAA Division III, the conference provides our student-athletes with the opportunity to compete for championships at the MIAA level and beyond. Learn more at miaa.org.



NCAA DIVISION III

The NCAA's largest division in both number of participants and member schools, the Division III experience challenges student-athletes to develop into leaders both in and out of athletics. We encourage you to visit ncaa.org/d3 to learn more and to create a profile on the Student-Athletes tab!

OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

NCAA Division III regulations prevent student-athletes from receiving renewable outside scholarships which are awarded based on athletic participation, ability or leadership in any sport which is also an NCAA sport (e.g., basketball, volleyball, etc.). It is the student-athlete's responsibility to check with the Financial Aid Office when they expect to receive funding from an outside source to ensure the terms of the scholarship will not interfere with the student's ability to participate in varsity athletics.



Team IMPACT is an organization that improves the quality of life for children facing life-threatening and chronic illnesses by matching them with local college athletic teams.

Through these pairings, the organization has successfully enhanced the lives of hundreds of these courageous kids and positively impacted thousands of athletes' lives across the country.

Saint Mary's is a proud partner of Team IMPACT and has added three young athletes to our athletics programs.





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SENIOR PREVIEW DAY

For high school seniors (limited to 45 students)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018

- + Experience a day in the life of a Belle as your own student guide takes you to morning classes, lunch, and a tour of her room in a residence hall.

SPRING DAY ON CAMPUS

For high school sophomores and juniors

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

- + Meet an admission counselor and discuss your preparation for college.
- + Visit with inspiring coaches, friendly students, and dedicated parents who will share their Saint Mary's experiences.

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