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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.



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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Elizabeth Preister '19



Kelsey Kopf '18



Maddie Minaudo '18

Building Upon Tradition



The Saint Mary's tennis team continued their winning tradition in 2017 and have their sights set on more success in 2018. The team looks to build upon four consecutive MIAA Tournament appearances while striving for their highest finish in

conference competition since the conference moved to a top-four end of season tournament in 2012.

Seniors Maddie Minaudo '18 and Kelsey Kopf '18 along with juniors Monica Davy '19 and Elizabeth Preister '19 bring a wealth of experience back to the court this year. Minaudo has been a steady force for the Belles and has collected nearly 70 singles and doubles wins combined over her career. Kopf is fresh off of her most successful season to-date after posting 15 wins in her junior year.

Davy has amassed 50 wins and was twice tabbed as an All-MIAA performer for the Belles. The junior added an MIAA Player of the Week honor to her accolades a season ago. Preister holds a 28-5 career record in singles competition for the Belles and has added nine doubles wins.

Collectively, the senior and junior classes for Saint Mary's have over 170 wins to their names, and that success

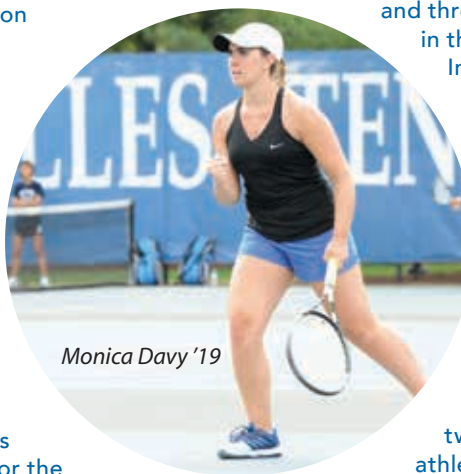
and experience will be vital to the Belles moving ahead in the spring 2018 season. Several newcomers are eager to join the team's winning tradition and will help the Belles work toward their goals in the year ahead.

Outside of tennis, several members of the program have embraced the many opportunities the College offers. Tennis student-athletes have studied abroad in China, Rome, Ireland, and throughout Europe in the past four years.

In the classroom, the team tallied better than a 3.5 cumulative grade point average for the 2016-17 academic year.

In the past 20 years of conference membership, the team has had twelve different athletes honored with

All-MIAA accolades a total of 35 times. Andrea Fetters '16 became the first player in program history to earn the Karen Caine Scholar-Athlete Award. The award, which is named after long-time Adrian College women's tennis coach Karen Caine, is presented by the MIAA annually to a senior student-athlete who has been a letterwinner at her school for at least two years and takes into consideration the both the student-athlete's academic and athletic achievements. Moreover, a member of the Belles tennis team has been an All-MIAA honoree at the end of the season in each year of league membership.



Monica Davy '19



2017-18 Schedule

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| Sept. 9 | Sat. | Alumnae Event | 12 p.m. |
| Sept. 22-25 | Fri.-Mon. | at ITA Regional (Oberlin) | All Day |
| Sept. 28 | Thur. | vs. Huntington | 4 p.m. |
| Feb. 10 | Sat. | at Aquinas | 1 p.m. |
| Feb. 17 | Sat. | vs. St. Francis | 12 p.m. |
| Feb. 17 | Sat. | vs. Wittenberg | 6 p.m. |
| Mar. 10-17 | Sat.-Sat. | Spring Break (Texas) | |
| Mar. 11 | Sun. | at Concordia (TX) | 9:30 a.m. CDT |
| Mar. 11 | Sun. | at Texas Lutheran | 4 p.m. CDT |
| Mar. 14 | Wed. | at LeTourneau | 1 p.m. CDT |
| Mar. 22 | Thur. | vs. Spring Arbor | 4 or 6 p.m. |
| Mar. 24 | Sat. | at Wheaton | 9:30 a.m. CDT |
| Mar. 24 | Sat. | vs. Edgewood (at Wheaton) | 1:30 p.m. CDT |
| Mar. 26 | Mon. | vs. Bethel | 4:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 28 | Wed. | at Trine* | 4 p.m. |
| Apr. 7 | Sat. | at Adrian* | 1 p.m. |
| Apr. 11 | Wed. | vs. Olivet* | 4 p.m. |
| Apr. 13 | Fri. | vs. Ohio Wesleyan (in Indianapolis) | 4:30 p.m. |
| Apr. 15 | Sun. | vs. Albion* | 1 p.m. |
| Apr. 17 | Tues. | vs. Kalamazoo* | 4 p.m. |
| Apr. 21 | Sat. | at Hope* | 1 p.m. |
| Apr. 25 | Wed. | at Calvin* | 4 p.m. |
| Apr. 28 | Sat. | vs. Alma* | 1 p.m. |
| May 3-May 4 | Thur.-Fri. | MIAA Tournament (Top Four Teams Only) | |

ALL TIMES LOCAL TO CONTEST SITE

* denotes MIAA match

Home Matches in Bold

Schedule subject to change



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Dale Campbell | *Head Coach*

“ I learned new things whenever I was in the classroom, the lab, or on the tennis court. I have learned new things about myself, including how to persevere through many different types of challenges.

—Andrea Fetters '16”



Building a Tradition of Excellence

Division III Tournament Participants

2002

Saint Mary's Hall of Fame Inductees

Sarah Mayer Carron '91

Mary Cosgrove '94

Jennifer Block Howard '90

Debra Laverie '81

Mary Fran Shaff Meekison '40

1988-89 Team

Multi-All-MIAA Honorees

Natalie Cook

Kaitlin Cutler

Monica Davy

Mary Catherine Faller

Andrea Fetters

Camille Gebert

Jillian Hurley

Annie Knish

Jeannie Knish

Kristen Palombo

Katie Vales

MIAA Tournament Championships

2001 - 2002 - 2003 - 2004

MIAA Season Champions

2001 - 2002 - 2004

MIAA Sue Little Sportsmanship Award

Natalie Cook

Mary Catherine Faller

Betsy Gemmer

Elisa Ryan

MIAA Karen Caine Scholar-Athlete

Andrea Fetters

STUDENT-ATHLETE PROFILE



Being a Division III student-athlete has truly been a test of my character. At the end of the day, the score after a win or a loss does not define you. Your attitude, perseverance, and compassion are what set you apart from the others. All of these traits have served me well both in my academic and athletic career at Saint Mary's, and I will use them throughout my life.



—Maddie Minaudo '18

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.



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.



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!

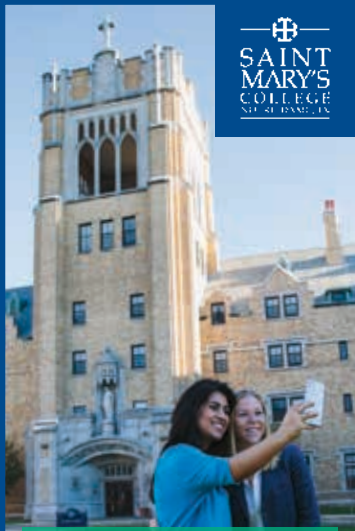
OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

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.

GIVING BACK

The Belles tennis team actively gives back to the Saint Mary's and South Bend communities each year. The team has regularly spent time at Hannah & Friends, a residential campus in South Bend which provides recreational programming for children and adults with special needs. The squad participated in Girls Night where they have done fingernail painting, participated in sing-a-longs, and watched movies at the Hannah & Friends Neighborhood. The Belles have embraced the athletic department's annual **National Girls and Women in Sports Day Clinic**. The free clinic annually brings between 80 and 100 participants between the ages of six and 12 to campus and introduces young athletes to the Belles' eight varsity sports 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.

Go to saintmarys.edu/Visit to schedule an individual visit or register at saintmarys.edu/SpecialPrograms for one of our on campus events.

RETURNING JULY 2018



SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE ATHLETICS SUMMER CAMPS 2018 JULY 8-12, 15-19

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