

MULTICULTURAL SERVICES AND STUDENT PROGRAMS

Saint Mary's College

OCTOBER 2010

Upcoming Events

10/6 Student Diversity Board Bonfire
Performances by: First Class Steppers, Irish Dancers, B-Jacks, ND Troop, and more!
7:00p.m. by the soccer field.

10/12 Latina Identity in the US
Discussion lead by Maria Melendez, a former Saint Mary's CWIL fellow on the topic of Latina Identity in the US.
6:00p.m. in the Library, Upper Level South Lounge.

10/27 Sugar Skull & Altar Decorating
Open to all students. Come and learn about this tradition!
6:30p.m. in the MSSP Office

10/29- 11/01 Dia de Los Muertos Altar Display
Student Center Atrium
*Bring objects in memory of your loved ones if you would like to place them on the altar.

11/10 Native Impact on American Politics with Bill Miller
3:00-4:30p.m.
Notre Dame- Location TBD

6. Don't cram. If you know about a test or midterm in advance, start studying as soon as you can. Your brain gradually stores up info.

7. Exception if short on time. Spend the most time and effort studying topics that were highlighted throughout the course.



The MSSP Resource Room is open for EVERYONE

Monday - Friday 8am to 5pm and evenings Monday - Wednesday 6-9pm

Mid-term Study Tips

With midterms right around the corner, it is perfect timing for study tips that could possibly help you get a few hours of sleep and, if lucky, time to eat.

- 1. Schedule in study breaks & sleep.** Don't plan to study non-stop for the next five days. You'll go insane, and you'll be too fried to do well on the exams. When you write your schedule, include short study breaks to help you recharge. Also, don't forget to sleep at night!
- 2. Take advantage of study sheets and study sessions.** However,

don't just focus on what is on it, but rather read over all the information provided.

- 3. Form effective study groups.** Just make sure that you ask people who won't slack off.
- 4. Free your schedule.** As much as possible, eliminate other responsibilities. Work fewer hours. Limit social events. Definitely put off shopping.
- 5. Ask your professor for help.** It's a good idea to read through all of your notes before you start to study so that you can inquire early about things that you are unsure of.

Researching Academic Articles

Do you have a paper to do soon and are in need of scholarly articles? Do you want to impress your professor by citing a source other than Wikipedia? Then the following steps will help you find scholarly articles using the Cushwa-Leighton Library's website.



From either the Saint Mary's at Home page or the official internet site click on Offices and Services where you will find the library's link.

2. Once you are at the library's web page, click on the Find Articles link located at the left of the side menu.
3. From the Find Articles page, you will see "Not sure where to start?" and right next to this question there is a "Start here" hyperlink. Click on the "Start here" link.
4. Here, you will see many websites that can lead you into finding what you are searching for. Some of them include the Academic



Search Premier, JSTOR, Project Muse, and newspaper articles links. Now all you have to do is click on the one that best describes your research criteria and search for articles in their websites. They are straightforward and easy to use.

As you can see, searching for scholarly articles is actually a simple thing to do.

Now you know how to stay away from articles that you are unsure whether the author is a credible person with the right knowledge. Good luck Belles!

Here is the link to the library's home-page, so just click here and follow the simple steps mentioned above:

<http://www3.saintmarys.edu/library/>

The Native Impact on American Politics

Drawing from his own life experiences as well as centuries of tradition, Miller is an artist of considerable depth. A three-time Grammy winning singer/songwriter as well as an acclaimed speaker, activist and gifted painter, Miller is the quintessential American artist. On his visit, Bill Miller will discuss the present and future impact of Native Americans on American politics.

Follow the link below for more information:

[Bill Miller](#)



Día de Los Muertos

Día de los Muertos is a holiday celebrated in Mexico during the chilly days of November 1 & 2. People believe that the gates of heaven are opened at midnight on October 31 and the spirits of all deceased children (angelitos) are allowed to reunite with their families. On November 2, the spirits of the adults come down to enjoy the festivities that are prepared for them. On the afternoon of November 2, the festivities are taken to the cemetery. People clean tombs, play cards, listen to the village band and reminisce about their loved ones.

In many ways, Día de los Muertos is a celebration of expression. Not only is it dedicated to remembering and honoring those that have passed before us, it is also centrally focused on the artistic expression of the living through the creation of ofrendas, costumes, cooking etc. Crafting and handmade decorations have a long tradition in the Day of the Dead celebrations as well as other fiestas central to Latin cultures. Skull decorating is a very popular way of spending time with the family and at the same time a common decoration for the ofrendas.



For those who are interested in learning about this tradition and making their own sugar skull, La Fuerza is having a skull and altar decorating event opened to all interested.

**Wednesday 10/27 at 6:30 p.m. in
MSSP**

Scholarships, Internships, and More...

Here you can find many great opportunities. Just make sure to apply by the deadline listed for each and if you have any questions do not hesitate to stop by or contact MSSP!

PPIA Junior Summer Institute at Princeton University

The PPIA Junior Summer Institute is a seven-week program structured to introduce or strengthen skills in economics, statistics, policy analysis, writing, and public speaking. At the end of the seven-week program, students will be able to present a comprehensive final report on a current policy issue that will encompass the skills acquired in their coursework, including the seminar on the intercultural dimensions of policy

making, field research, policy analysis, and writing and computer workshops.

Hispanic Heritage Fund General College Scholarship

HSF/ General College Scholarships are designed to assist students of Hispanic heritage obtain a college degree.

Eligibility Requirements:

- * Be of Hispanic heritage
- * Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0
- * Be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident.

* Have plans to enroll FULL-TIME in a degree seeking program at a two or four year U.S. accredited institution during the 2011-2012 academic year

* Must apply for federal financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

* Be pursuing first undergraduate or graduate degree

Application Deadline:

December 15, 2010

Visit the [website](#) for more information or stop by MSSP