

# Saint Mary's Monthly

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Bachelor's Completion Alumni Newsletter



## **Welcome to the newest alumni newsletter dedicated to graduates of the Bachelor's Completion programs**

At Saint Mary's, there is nothing more satisfying for faculty and staff than to be a part of the process, helping returning students achieve their higher education dreams. These rewarding experiences come from you, our remarkable and diligent alumni, who have made difficult decisions and sacrifices all in the name of earning your degree. We will celebrate your accomplishments, keep you up to date on student achievements, and share new Bachelor's Completion offerings that come to fruition. Thanks for choosing Saint Mary's as your home to complete your education.

## Share your Saint Mary's experience

Bachelor's Completion alumni can be the reason that family, friends, and colleagues decide to finish what they started and get their degree. You know first-hand how Saint Mary's makes it easy to transfer credits, and choose your pace of study. Information is easy to share and your enthusiasm for Saint Mary's has an impact on those around you who are considering going back to school. Resources you can share are easily accessible. Need someone in admissions to answer a question? Contact Nicole Coppersmith, assistant director of admission, [ncoppers@smumn.edu](mailto:ncoppers@smumn.edu)  
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## Student and alumni news

**Quentin Hietpas '21**, who is pursuing a B.S. in Accounting, gets a jump start on his career while completing his degree at Saint Mary's.

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In October, **Zaid Oumer, '20** and current student in the Master's of Public Health program, alongside program director Farhiya Farah, Ph.D., MPH, led a Certified Food Professional Manager training about food safety and infectious disease control in licensed facilities. The training was mandatory for managers and owners of a variety of industries who encounter difficulties passing the required standard licensing exam because of language barriers. Oumer offered the complex and technical training in Somali. This is one prime example of how public health practices can improve the health and wellbeing of a community.

## Why alumni choose Saint Mary's

Before coming to Saint Mary's, **Alexandra Tupy '20** (business administration) was a student at a local community college completing general credits and working part-time. Tupy was considering several schools for continuing her education and said that time and time again, Saint Mary's continued to be the best program based on her needs. "From start to finish, the online classes felt structured and the workload was manageable while balancing work and personal schedules," said Tupy. In addition to working at a real estate land development company, she is the author of a children's book, *I am a Little Lady*.

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