

Saint Mary's Monthly

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Graduate School of Education Alumni Newsletter



Update your information with the Alumni Association

It's a new year and a great time to make sure your contact information is up-to-date in the alumni database. We want to be able to reach out and let you know about all the program updates and new projects happening at Saint Mary's. Remember, SMUMN emails will be disabled as of Monday, March 1. Let us know how to stay in touch.

[Update my information](#)

New leadership in School of Education

After a nationwide search, a new dean of the School of Education has been appointed and

will be joining Saint Mary's on March 1. Michael Lovorn, Ph.D., an accomplished leader in education and administration, comes to Saint Mary's from the State University of New York (SUNY) College at Buffalo.

[Read more](#)

Alumni Conversations

On Jan. 28, the Alumni Association presented the first in a series of virtual sessions where Schools of Graduate and Professional Programs alumni share their thoughts about education, careers, and more. The series brings together alumni, current students, faculty, and staff through thought-provoking conversation. Shawn Williams, D'19 in Leadership, provided insightful and timely comments about his education and the impact Saint Mary's had on his past and future careers. Leading the session was Rhonda Davis M'14, Ed.D. candidate and Alumni Association Board Member.

[Watch session](#)

Share your Saint Mary's experience

Do you know a fellow educator who is looking for an advanced degree? If so, share your Saint Mary's experience and send them our way. Our [MA in Education](#) is perfect for educators looking to build skills in the areas of curriculum and instruction, culturally responsive teaching, or mental health education. This fully online 33-credit program begins spring and fall semesters. Fellow educators should also consider the [M.Ed in Teaching and Learning](#). This program is delivered in a learning community model which includes synchronous and asynchronous learning experiences. This 36-credit blended program begins fall and spring semesters at various locations in Minnesota.

[Contact for more information](#)

Alumni updates

Julie Nielsen M'99 was named superintendent for South Washington County Schools. Previously, she served as assistant superintendent for academic excellence and accountability in the district.

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Doctor of Education in Leadership alumni and current students are making a difference.

[Read more](#)

SGPP Tuesday on social media

Did you know that every Tuesday we highlight Schools of Graduate and Professional Programs (SGPP) alumni and programs on social media? Be a part of the conversation! Like

and follow us on [Facebook](#) @smumnalumni and [Instagram](#) @smumn_alumni and let us know about an SGPP student, alumni, or faculty/staff that we can feature on #SGPPTuesday.

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