

# Saint Mary's News

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Undergraduate College Alumni Newsletter



**New students arrive on the Winona campus**



First-year students arrived this past Thursday, Aug. 26, and were introduced to the Saint Mary's community through Move-in Weekend festivities. We are so proud to have them join our wonderful Saint Mary's family!

## **Twin Cities Business names Wieser as leader in higher education**



After leaving the corporate world to work in a university setting, it didn't take long for Michelle Wieser, Ph.D., to know higher education was where she would want to spend her professional life.

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## **New vice president featured in local Winona news**



The Winona Post featured Leon Dixon, Saint Mary's first vice president for inclusion and human dignity, in a recent article.

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## Meet our new faculty: Dr. Megan (Mason) Girtman '06, biology



Megan Girtman '06, Ph.D., joined Saint Mary's University as an assistant professor of biology on Aug. 23. A 2006 undergraduate alumna of Saint Mary's biology program, Girtman has spent the past 12 years working in cancer research. She is excited to bring her real-world knowledge to the classroom.

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## Biology students focus on understudied area of ecology for senior projects



Saint Mary's seniors Rose Kraus, Cole Gunneson, Abbi Mazurek, Ally Niedospial, and Julia VanWatermeulen are laying down the tracks for research in a newer, lesser-known area of ecological study.

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## Longtime interest turns into internship for Saint Mary's senior



A high school psychology class first sparked Kailee Johnson's interest in working in mental

and behavioral health.

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