

# Saint Mary's Monthly

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Undergraduate Alumni Newsletter



## Fall 2020 update: Steadfast and Resilient

The university welcomed students back to the Winona Campus as scheduled this month for in-person instruction and a modified on-campus fall experience. Under the leadership of the Fall 2020 Planning Coordinating Team, university officials developed an adaptable plan and is preparing for the possibility that public health guidance could change as the school year progresses.

A COVID-19 planning [website](#) was created to share more information about plans, new protocols, testing and case results, and more.

## Free online events

Since April, Saint Mary's Alumni Association has offered a variety of online programming options.

Over 35 classes have been held, allowing alumni to master a new skill, add to their career development toolbox, or take some time to unwind. More to come this fall.

[View upcoming events here.](#)

Missed a previous session? No problem. [Videos are available on demand.](#)



## Student spotlight

### Entrepreneurial students design product to connect hospital patients and loved ones

Caily Landers '21 knows the loneliness hospital patients can feel as they are undergoing worrisome procedures, disconnected from family, and often missing home. Last summer, Landers' twin sister, Shannon, was diagnosed with a rare type of bone cancer.

[Read more.](#)

## Welcome to the new faculty and administration

Eden Wales Freedman, Ph.D., joined Saint Mary's on July 13 as vice provost for Faculties and Academic Affairs. [Read more.](#)

Michael Hahn, Ph.D., joined Saint Mary's on March 30 as an assistant professor and the Character and Virtue Education program director. [Read more.](#)

Susan Cosby Ronnenberg, Ph.D., joined Saint Mary's on July 6 as the dean of the College. [Read more.](#)

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