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It's The Year of The Gael! Saint Mary's College of California to Celebrate 150th Anniversary

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Photo Andy Scheck

and dance departments, along with athletic demonstrations, live bands and, of course, great food. Gourmet food trucks from Off the Grid will provide delicious offerings as Gaelebration fare.

Public transportation is encouraged as Campus parking is limited, however, satellite parking will be available, with free continuous shuttle services at Lafayette BART, the Rheem Shopping Center in Moraga and the Moraga Commons Park. Gaelebration tents will be at each location, and handicapped parking is available on-site.

The College launched a new website, Year of the Gael (yearofthegael.com), and will be rolling out new interactive features throughout the sesquicentennial year. The public can also sign up for weekly updates to get the latest on new events, programs and performances.

Gaelebration
October 6
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In 1863, in the wake of the California Gold Rush and in the middle of the Civil War, Saint Mary's College first opened its doors in San Francisco. Since 1868, the College has been guided by the Christian Brothers, the Catholic Church's oldest order dedicated exclusively to teaching. Saint Mary's moved to Oakland in 1889 and operated there until 1928, when it relocated to its current location in Moraga. The College is now celebrating - no, make that "Gaelebrating"- its 150th anniversary.

During the 2012-13 academic year, the College will mark the Year of the Gael. Throughout the year, a host of free public events, forums and performances will take place at the college to honor Saint Mary's sesquicentennial.

Gaelebration - the College's massive free public festival and open house - will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. October 6. Attractions will include a campus carnival featuring children's rides and attractions - including a seven-story Ferris wheel - campus tours and interactive programs from various academic departments. Afternoon entertainment features performances by California acoustic soul band Alma Desnuda and the College's music, theater

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