

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS COLLEGE

WHAT'S NEW AT THE WOODS

1 **U.S. News & World Report Ranks SMWC in Top 5 Percent**

The Woods was ranked in the top 5% as one of the Best Regional Colleges in the Midwest by U.S. News & World Report in its 2014 Best Colleges guidebook. Among the 74 top-ranked Midwest colleges, SMWC was recognized for having one of the highest percentages of classes under 20 students at 93 percent and 44 percent of freshmen were in the top 25 percent of their high school class. Additionally, the College touts a 62% graduation rate.

2 **Pomeroy Pride Campaign**

On December 3, 2013, the College broke ground on a new 45,000 square foot Jeanne Knoerle Sports and Recreation Center. This facility will provide students the opportunity to show their Pomeroy Pride both on and off the court during home games, to stay active in the new fitness center and to participate in intramural sports.

3 **Volleyball Now Offered**

With the addition of the Jeanne Knoerle Sports and Recreation Center, SMWC will now offer volleyball as one of its athletic offerings beginning Fall 2015. The Woods currently offers seven sports: basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball as well as hunt seat and western equestrian teams.

4 **SMTG Scholarship**

Applications are now being accepted through December 31, 2013, for the Saint Mother Theodore Guerin (SMTG) Scholarship. The SMTG Scholarship recognizes students who embody the principles by which Mother Theodore Guerin lived and served. The College will award 7 Saint Mother Theodore Guerin Scholarships: five awards of \$17,000 and two full-tuition awards.

5 **New Major: Environmental Science**

In the fall of 2014, SMWC will launch a new major in Environmental Science. This major prepares students to understand ecology, conservation, natural history, green technology and wildlife identification and management, all areas with future growth in the job market. For the environmental science major, students will choose between two concentrations: Wildlife/Conservation and Chemistry.