

STUDENT LIFE

Student Activities

As part of a diverse student body with interests ranging from dance and activism to government and philosophy, there are countless ways for students to connect with the SFC community.

Throughout the year, students can take part in an array of academic, creative and cultural campus events organized by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Student Government Association and many other clubs and organizations. SFC has a number of traditions that are unique to the College – including St. Clare & St. Francis week.

St. Clare & St. Francis Week

Every year, SFC celebrates the feast day of its patron saint, Francis of Assisi and his stalwart companion St. Clare, by hosting a week-long series of events. St. Clare & St. Francis Week is an opportunity for the entire College community to be reminded of, and celebrate, our Franciscan values, such as hospitality, care for creation, compassion, solidarity with the poor, justice and mercy.

Office of Multicultural Student Affairs

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs promotes academic achievement, multicultural competence, leadership development and retention of underrepresented racial and ethnic groups. Student leaders work closely with the office to create programs, events and educational opportunities that celebrate SFC's diverse community. Interested students are encouraged to get involved.

Students should check their SFC emails, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and Snapchats for the events of the week. There will also be notices around campus on the plasma screens. If anyone is interested in volunteering in the planning of festivities, contact Maliek Sterrett at multicultural@sfc.edu.

Student Government Association Statement

The Student Government Association acts as the liaison for the student body; communicating any sentiments, ideas, or beliefs to the College. The Student Government is responsible for organizing, coordinating, and promoting events on campus. SGA also provides assistance, guidance, and funding to clubs and organizations. SGA participates in meetings regarding campus affairs that can impact institutional policies. The location of the SGA office is room 6101 (student affairs suite).

Clubs and Organizations

SFC has a vibrant campus life with student clubs and organizations. The College offers activities designed to satisfy a wide variety of interests and student needs. Many programs and activities are related to academic disciplines. Regardless of the sponsor, students who engage have the opportunity to develop new interests, leadership skills, and the opportunity to enjoy a welcome change from daily study routines.

All students are encouraged to get involved. Click here (<https://www.sfc.edu/student-life/student-activities/clubs-organizations/>) for a list of clubs, organizations, fraternities, and sororities.

On and Off Campus Fundraising

In order to prevent misunderstanding and confusion by contributors to the College, no student or student organization may go on or off campus

to raise money without first receiving written permission from the Office of Student Affairs. It is also expected that student clubs/organizations limit their fundraising to the campus.(see the office of Multicultural Affairs for details).

College Posting Policy

To promote communication College-wide and preserve the appearance of the campus, the Office of Student Affairs established the College Posting Policy. Note: This policy applies to all the bulletin boards and other spaces created for displaying promotional materials on the St. Francis College campus. The only bulletin boards/display spaces that are exempt are those controlled by academic or other College departments including the Office of Residence Life and Housing. Any club or organization wishing to post in the residence hall spaces must contact the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

1. All posters (including materials of any kind such as fliers, brochures, ½ sheets, etc.) must have the Office of Student Affairs approved- stamp. The stamp must be easy to read on the poster and the date must be clear. Posters must be brought to the Office of Student Affairs to be stamped by a member of the staff. Hanging posters is the responsibility of the person/group sponsoring the poster. Each poster requires an original stamp. Posters without stamps will be immediately removed.
2. The date on the stamp is the date on which the posters must be taken down. Individuals and offices that hang posters are responsible for taking down posters after they have passed the stamped date.
3. Posters cannot exceed two feet by three feet (2'x3') in size.
4. Only two posters per event or posting will be permitted on each bulletin board/display space.
5. Posters are only permitted on bulletin boards and designated display spaces by using push pins (No Tape) and campus provided frames. Posters are not permitted on walls, windows, doors, etc.
6. Posters will not be approved if they contain incorrect information or if they are inconsistent with St. Francis College's standards and policies. In addition, posters must provide duplicate information in English when another language is used.
7. Posters advertising events where alcohol will be served are not permitted.
8. People wishing to advertise housing must list their information with Office of Residence Life and Housing. Office of Student Affairs will not stamp fliers for housing.
9. Quarter-sheets must be approved by the Office of Student Affairs before being distributed.

Student Publications

The Cord is the student handbook, which contains the traditions, policies, procedures, and regulations of the College. Also included are descriptions of student services and activities. It is published annually to acquaint the student with life at St. Francis College.

SFC Today is the College's online newspaper. It contains feature articles, editorials, and college sports information.

The Franciscan is the College yearbook. It is a yearly summary of student life with emphasis on the graduating seniors and their contributions to St. Francis College.

SFC Awards

Dr. John Clifford Memorial Award

For many years Dr. John Clifford served as a dedicated and concerned Dean for Student Affairs. His love for our community and understanding of its students has left an indelible mark on the college. To commemorate his spirit, loyalty, and dedication, the SGA has established this special award in his name. The award is given annually to the graduating senior who best represents the genuine unselfishness and the Franciscan Spirit so exemplified in the life of Dean John Clifford.

Franciscan Spirit Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize students, faculty, administrators, staff, and benefactors of St. Francis College for extraordinary service to the College community or service to others performed without thought of reward. Students nominated for this award must be at least in their junior year. The award may only be received once. A maximum of ten individuals may receive this award each year.

Emerging Student Leader Award

This award is presented to developing student leaders. Students nominated for this award are assessed based on their generous contributions in time and energy to make extra curricular activities at the College flourish.

The Erinn Siemer Fighting Spirit Award

This award was established by the SGA to honor the fighting spirit of Erinn Siemer, a superb student athlete at St. Francis College, who was in an accident that led to a coma. The award is given annually to one student who best demonstrates prowess in academics and sports. Applicants should have at least a 3.0 grade point average, and provide a personal essay and at least two (2) letters of recommendation; one from a faculty member or administrator, and one from an administrator within the sports program.

Bene Merenti Award

This award was established to recognize students who, over a period of one year, make great improvements in GPA. This award can be granted to only three (3) students within a given year.

The John Fitzgerald Kennedy/Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Award

The JFK/MLK Award was established by the Student Government in the memory of the ideals and standards of two great American leaders. A monetary award is granted to each of three graduating seniors meeting the following criteria:

1. Scholarship and Participation in Activities: 3.0 grade point index and two (2) letters of recommendation by a faculty member or an administrator of the college.
2. Participation in Activities only: 2.5 grade point index and two (2) letters of recommendation by a faculty member or an administrator of the college.
3. Scholarship only: 3.6 point index and two (2) letters of recommendation from a faculty member or an administrator of the college.

An award in the amount of \$200 dollars is also to be granted to one graduating evening student meeting the following criteria:

1. Minimum of 60 credits taken at St. Francis;
2. Minimum of 3.0 G.P.A.;
3. Recommendation by a faculty member or an administrator of the college;
4. More than 50% of classes were taken after 6:00 p.m.;
5. Exemplified the Franciscan Spirit.

The Thomas Ashton Memorial Award

This award was established by the SGA in honor of Thomas Ashton, Member of the Class of 2001, who tragically passed away during the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, on September 11, 2001. Tom touched people's hearts and lives with his genuine, kind and humble spirit. His spirituality and love of God was reflected in Tom's deeply thoughtful, respectful and kind nature. Tom's patriotic spirit and belief in American values was evident in his study of government and politics.

To commemorate Tom's genuine spirit, this award is given to a member of Student Government who represents the kindness, humility, respect and spiritual strength so exemplified in the life of Thomas Ashton.