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## Another Fun-Filled Day at the 149th SMC Commencement

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More than 650 Saint Mary's College seniors participated in the college's 149th Commencement Ceremonies Saturday, May 19, which included commencement speeches from two extraordinary individuals: Tom Meschery, a former All-Star NBA player, now an accomplished poet, author and teacher; and Jim Fruchterman, a successful social entrepreneur who uses technology to change the world. The formal graduation held at the SMC Stadium was followed by traditional post-graduation lawn parties, more affectionately known as "plot parties," which have been happening for more than 30 years. Some families went "all out" and had the event catered with gourmet offerings, while others brought in trays of home cooked meals. DJs and live bands filled the air with Blues, Country, R&B and Salsa music. An estimated 400 students received diplomas Sunday, May 20 at the Graduate and Professional Programs Commencement at SMC Stadium.

Saint Mary's graduating students cue up to receive diplomas at the May 19 commencement ceremonies.  
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