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## Rain Fails to Dampen SMC Grads, Families

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Susan Murray spots her newly graduated daughter Alexandra Klepp as Brad Smith photographs the moment. Photos Cathy Dausman

It rained just a bit ahead of their parade as more than 660 newly minted Saint Mary's College graduates, their families and friends endured half an hour of showers at the start of the 2016 undergraduate commencement May 21, but the rain let up as the first undergrads stood to file onstage and receive their diplomas.

They came from across California, across the United States and from overseas-San Diego, San Rafael, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Australia and Saudi Arabia. Class of 1996 SMC graduate Mahershala Ali ("House of Cards," "The Hunger Games") delivered the commencement address, advising his 20-something audience they were still "a people in process."

An estimated 600 additional students received graduate and professional studies degrees the following day, under slightly improved weather conditions

California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson was their commencement speaker. Saint Mary's College enrolls more than 4,200 students in undergrad and graduate liberal arts and business programs.



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