People all over this year have been hearing rumors about a garden project, and yes, it is a reality. The University of Mary is having a community garden for the summer of 2018. I am very grateful to have been a part of the project. It is a very fun project that I would like to share with the entirety of the campus.

This garden will be at Monsignor Shea’s residence in his garden plot. I have been told that he had wanted it here as he apparently doesn’t have the greenest thumb around, and he already had the space fenced off and wanted to see it being used.

A class has been created around this project called “Into to Gardening.” It is HUM 125 and can be taken for 1, 2, or 3 credits. A very nice thing about this is if students don’t believe they can devote that much time they can also volunteer to just come help out periodically.

When registering for summer courses, students just need to fill out a registration request with the appropriate credit amount and take it to the Registrar’s office. The schedule for this course will be set once all students have registered and talked with Dr. Christine Fleischacker to see availability.

The class is to be about how to garden at a basic level. To properly know what soils are good for what plants, how often to water and weed, and when to take a step back and reflect upon the hard work one has put in. The class will also be listening to local guest speakers who garden themselves and maybe even learn a few canning recipes as well.

As for my part in putting this whole thing together—well, long story short—I just asked. I personally wanted a place here for outdoor recreation that was also an active space and I personally love gardening. I formulated a plan last semester in Responsible Citizenship and just kept going around and asking who was interested and if there was any possibility. To my surprise, I was not the first person to propose this idea. So as to why it came about now, I am not sure, but very grateful. Just goes to show that it doesn’t hurt to ask. The worst one can say is no.

TRIO student Haley Roberts is a UMary sophomore majoring in Politics with a concentration in Pre-Law.

A community garden is coming to UMary!

Register for HUM 125 Intro to Gardening and learn the science and skills that make gardening a success. The 15-week, interdisciplinary summer course is applicable to many majors and can count for 1, 2, or 3 credits (scheduling TBA).

Not interested in the course? The garden is also an opportunity for volunteer hours!

For more information, email Dr. Fleischacker at cfleischacker@umary.edu.
UMary Student Government Elections

On March 21, the UMary student body voted for their peers in the Student Government Election. Results revealed several TRIO students will be serving as representatives for the upcoming 2018-2019 Student Government. Michael Dettloff will be a Sophomore Representative; Molly Helget will be part of the School of Arts and Sciences; and Christopher Riedman will serve as an At-Large Senator.

Congratulations and thank you for your hard work, dedication and service.

TRIO International Fair

TRIO held an International Fair on March 22. Students enjoyed going to the various booths to ask questions, learn more about countries highlighted, and enjoy international cuisine. The featured speaker was Paul Zondo.

Mr. Zondo was born and raised in Liberia, West Africa. He moved to the U.S. as a refugee immigrant many years ago, after the protracted 14-year civil war forced many out of Liberia. He considers himself lucky to be one who made it out, and recounts the horrors of living in a war-torn country. Remarkably, he stated, while those experiences were horrible, they made him better and not bitter.

After earning his US citizenship, he moved to Bismarck and began his career at the ND Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation as a Correctional Officer.

Paul is also the founder of African Immigrant Services, a local nonprofit that provides a space where African immigrants can connect and share their experiences.
Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the TRIO/SSS Program
Friday, Feb. 23

What does TRIO mean to you?
A Scholarship Information workshop was held recently where TRIO students learned about available scholarships as well as how to navigate on the SALT website. SALT is an internet financial tool that includes a series of interactive modules about scholarships, budgeting, identify theft, student loans, and other money-related topics.

**Scholarship Information Workshop**

**Fall 2018 TRIO Job Opportunity**

Calling all interested Peer Mentors! Have you ever thought of sharing your knowledge and experiences with incoming freshmen students? The Peer Mentor program is aimed at assisting incoming freshmen participants in the SSS/TRIO program with their transition to the University of Mary. In this position, you will help to familiarize new students with the University setting and resources available on campus, assist the SSS/TRIO staff in program planning and events, and help promote and encourage participation in SSS events and programs. Through this experience you will serve as a student leader while developing valuable skills in the areas of public speaking, program development and facilitation; more importantly, you will be helping to create a sense of community within the TRIO program—one that will provide for a better experience for all program participants.

Mentors will be hired and begin training before the end of the spring semester in order to be ready to serve others this fall. Approximately 5-10 hours a week, $12/hour.

If interested, stop by the Student Success Center to obtain an application and more information.

TRIO student Lucia Bolibruch defeated Kendra McGinnis 6-2 and 6-3. In doubles competition, Lucia paired with Kelsey Lajom to defeat Jacque Ingram and Emma VanDrie.

Lucia Bolibruch a 5’8” sophomore, graduated from North Kingstown High School in Rhode Island where she was on the tennis varsity team for four years, participated in track and field, Best Buddies Organization and a member of the Class 2016 Executive Board.

She is a respiratory Therapy major and plans on going to medical school. Lucia enjoys traveling to new places and making people happy.

Lucia Bolibruch

An impressive effort in doubles and a clean sweep in singles led the University of Mary tennis team to a shutout against Northwestern (IA) College in a non-conference neutral site match in Orlando, FL. The Marauders rolled over the Red Raiders 9-0 earlier in March.

Lucia Bolibruch