





















# Chocolate chip SEO



Keywords
URLs
Spider Code
Security
Content
Code
Structured Data
Links & Reviews
UX

Canonicalization



Update

Wait

Keep baking





Links & Reviews	
Control of the contro	
Marrie Make	To a series of the series of t



- 26/9	erience dels organisms: "Roos de-Friendly test	Mole Inits chalable lasgable     Mole Instrukçü ta resd	
	Contract Contract	<b>A</b>	ACCOUNTS OF THE PARTY OF T
	Regular post	Responsive	AMPlystsion



... is like chocolate chip cookies





# 12 Powerful SEO Hacks for Your Higher Ed WP Site

by Elaine Shannon @WebElaine Web Developer & User Interface Specialist St. Mary's University, San Antonio, TX

https://prezi.com/iizl-7iw1zn\_/

# Organic traffic to higher ed websites

- October 2014 32%
- August 2015 41%
- Still on the rise



Source: http://www.universitybusiness.com/article/4-insights-higher-ed-websites

#### 30-second intro to SEO

- Search Engine Optimization
- Spiders crawl & find websites
- Keywords go in...

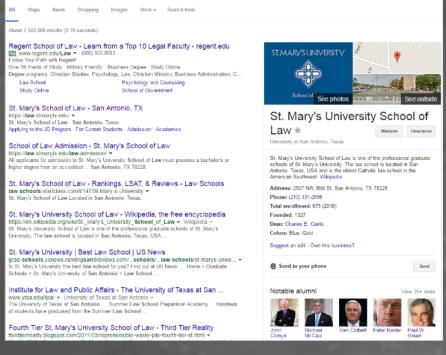
law school san antonio

law school san antonio tx

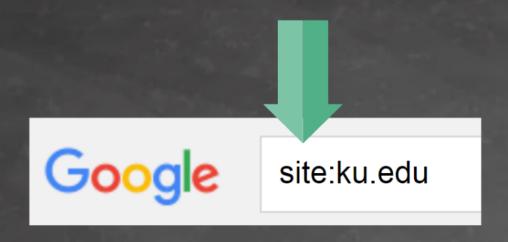
law school san antonio

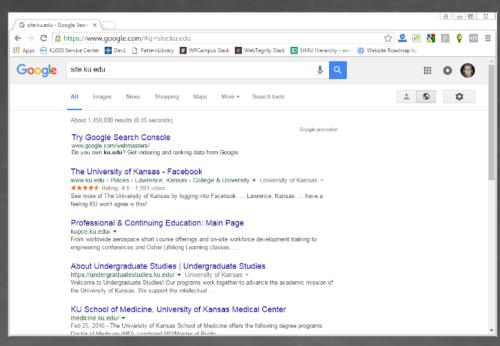
SERPS come out





### site: query





In order to show you the most relevant results, we have omitted some entries very similar to the 512 already displayed.

If you like, you can repeat the search with the omitted results included.



Previous

42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51









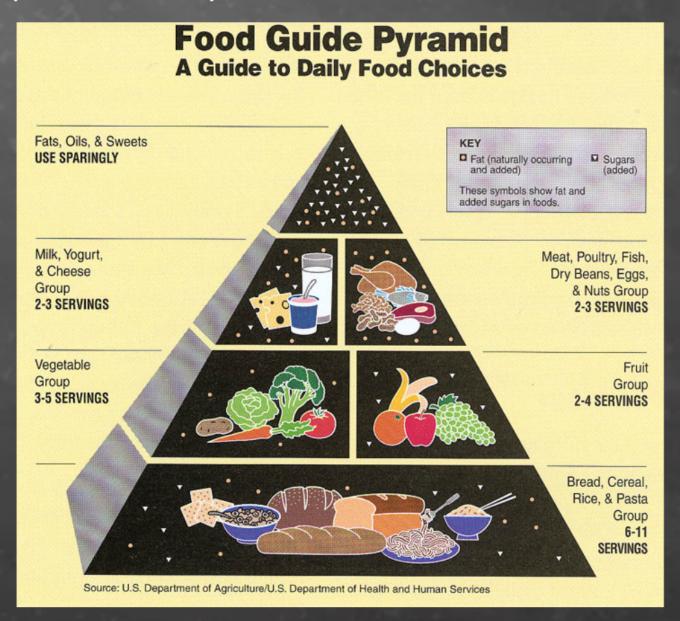






... is like chocolate chip cookies

# You can't follow every recommendation



...so try one thing at a time, then another, then another

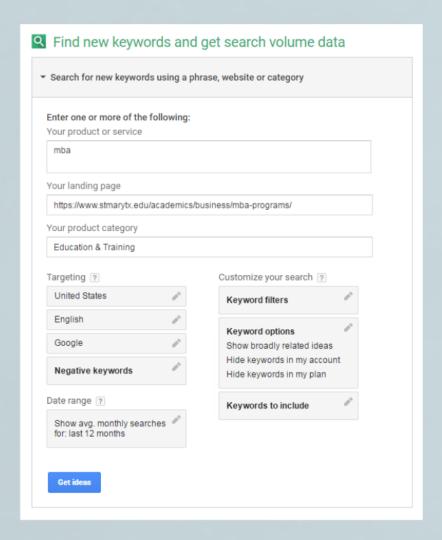
# 1 Keywords = Flour

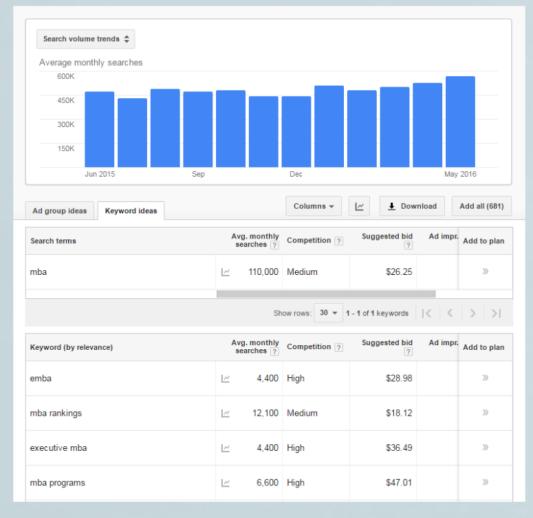
## Meta Keywords: don't do it

```
1 <!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01 Transitional//EN">
  <html>
    <head>
      <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="/css/style.css">
      <link rel="shortcut icon" href="/favicon.ico" type="image/x-icon">
      <meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=iso-8859-1">
      <title>how to use <meta name="keywords" content="text"> | instructions on how to use the
      <meta name="keywords" content="meta, name, keywords, meta tags, keyword, source, HTML">
      <meta name="description" content="Over 80% of all online proceedings start with a search</pre>
  keywords that match what you are looking for. Read where you should add this keywords tag.">
11
      <!-- Metatags Copyright 1999-2016 | MetaTags.info sinds 1999 -->
12
13
       <meta name="revisit-after" content="7 days">
14
       <meta name="copyright" content="The Metatags Company Inc. - Miami">
       <meta name="author" content="the Metatags Company Inc. - seo services">
      <meta name="web copy date" content="06-07-2016">
17
      <meta name="expires" content="12-07-2028">
       <meta name="web content type" content="Tips">
      <meta name="author" content="Metatags.info The Metatags Company Inc.">
       <meta name="country" content="USA">
21
       <meta name="web author" content="Meta Tags Editorial Department ">
22
```

# Keyword research

### https://adwords.google.com/KeywordPlanner/





https://moz.com/products/pro/keyword-explorer



http://usfsm.edu/freshman-admissions/





Permalink

# 3 Spider files = Salt



User-agent: \*

Allow: /

Disallow: /catalog/

Disallow: /xmlrpc.php



URL	Prio	Images	Ch. Freq.	Last Mod.
https://www.stmarytx.edu/	100%	0	Daily	
https://www.stmarytx.edu/research/	60%	0	Weekly	2013-05-11 15:22 -04:00
https://www.stmarytx.edu/honors-program/	60%	1	Weekly	2013-05-15 14:41 -04:00
https://www.stmarytx.edu/staff/	60%	1	Weekly	2013-07-18 12:58 -04:00
https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/	60%	0	Weekly	2015-01-26 17:29 -05:00
https://www.stmarytx.edu/publications/	60%	0	Weekly	2015-01-26 17:30 -05:00
https://www.stmarytx.edu/specialties-courses-taught/	60%	0	Weekly	2015-01-27 09:55 -05:00
https://www.stmarytx.edu/rotc/	60%	1	Weekly	2015-02-27 16:57 -05:00
https://www.stmarytx.edu/guaranteed-law-early-admission/	60%	1	Weekly	2015-06-25 11:47 -05:00
https://www.stmarytx.edu/live-stream/	80%	1	Weekly	2016-05-26 09:26 -05:00
https://www.stmarytx.edu/course-catalog/	80%	0	Weekly	2016-05-26 09:26 -05:00
https://www.stmarytx.edu/st-marys-graduate-studies-application/	80%	1	Weekly	2016-05-26 09:26 -05:00
https://www.stmarytx.edu/sitemap/	80%	0	Weekly	2016-05-26 09:26 -05:00
https://www.stmarytx.edu/st-louis-scholars-award/	80%	0	Weekly	2016-05-26 09:26 -05:00
https://www.stmarytx.edu/standards/	80%	0	Weekly	2016-05-26 09:26 -05:00
https://www.stmarytx.edu/applications/	80%	1	Weekly	2016-05-26 09:26 -05:00
https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/ada-and-504-information/	60%	0	Weekly	2016-05-26 09:26 -05:00
https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/advertising-2015-16/	60%	9	Weekly	2016-05-26 09:26 -05:00
https://www.stmarytx.edu/payment-thank/	80%	0	Weekly	2016-05-26 09:26 -05:00
https://www.stmarytx.edu/gift-thank/	80%	0	Weekly	2016-05-28 09:28 -05:00
https://www.stmarytx.edu/faculty-staff/	80%	0	Weekly	2016-05-26 09:26 -05:00
https://www.stmarybx.edu/about/excellence/	60%	2	Weekly	2016-05-26 09:26 -05:00

# Security = Sugar





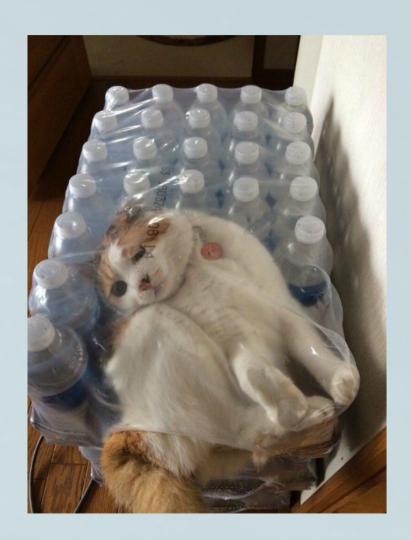


# 5 Content = Chocolate Chips

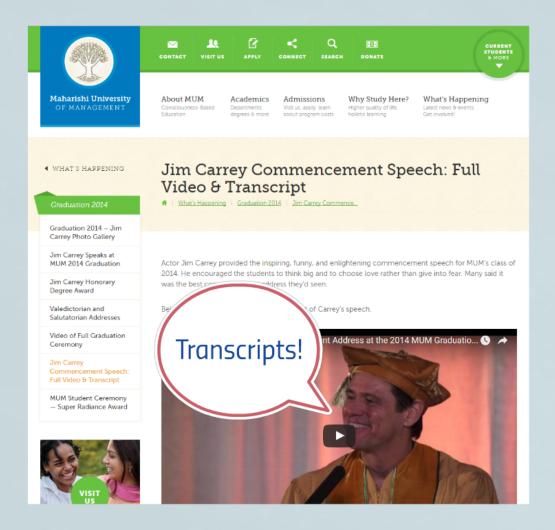
Your webpage shouldn't be an academic paper, it should be an interactive brochure.

# Content: images

- Useful alt text
- File name: lowercase,
   hyphens to separate words,
   ~2 hyphens max
- Resize and compress
- Try the Imsanity plugin



### Content: videos



#### Transcript of Full Commencement Address by Jim Carrey, Maharishi University of Management, May 24th, 2014

Thank you Bevan, thank you all!

I brought one of my paintings to show you today. Hope you guys are gonna be able see it okay. It's not one of my bigger pieces. You might wanna move down front — to get a good look at it. (kidding)

Faculty, Parents, Friends, Dignitaries... Graduating Class of 2014, and all the dead baseball players coming out of the corn to be with us today. (laughter) After the harvest there's no place to hide — the fields are empty — there is no cover there! (laughter)

I am here to plant a seed that will inspire you to move forward in life with enthusiastic hearts and a clear sense of wholeness. The question is, will that seed have a chance to take root, or will I be sued by Monsanto and forced to use their seed, which may not be totally "Ayurvedic." (laughter)

Excuse me if I seem a little low energy tonight — today — whatever this is. I slept with my head to the North last night. (laughter) Oh man! Oh man! You know how that is, right kids? Woke up right in the middle of Pitta and couldn't get back to sleep till Vata rolled around, but I didn't freak out. I used that time to eat a large meal and connect

Source: https://www.mum.edu/whats-happening/graduation-2014/full-jim-carrey-address-video-and-transcript/

#### Content: text

- There is no magic number of words
- Best practice: consolidate content and use related keywords

Break up text

If you are primarily interested at the moment in a particular topic, then you may want to skip to the relevant section below.

Regardless of where you are applying from, if you decide that you do want to apply to our graduate program in philosophy, then before doing so we strongly encourage you to read through all eight of the sections below.

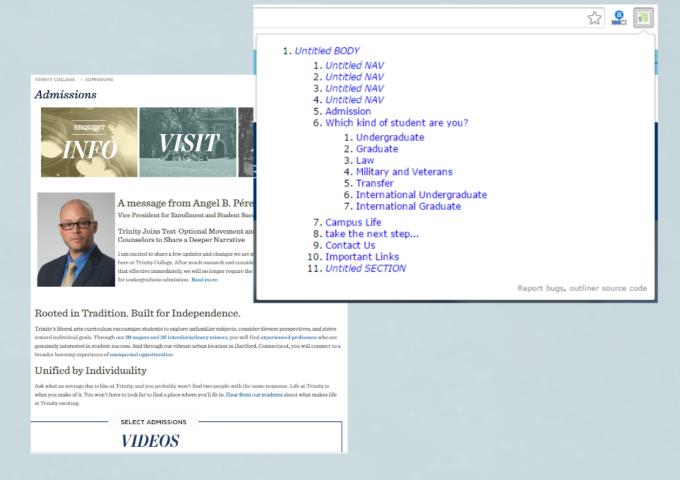
#### 1. Overview of the Admissions Process

The graduate program in philosophy at the University of Chicago is primarily a doctoral program. We do not normally admit students who seek only a masters degree (though a masters degree is available to those students who meet the requirements for it in the course of their doctoral studies). We do not consider applications from applicants who already have a PhD in Philosophy.

Completed graduate applications are due on December 15th. Applications must be submitted online. Paper applications are no longer used.

Applicants will be notified of the results of their application for admission, at the earliest, in early February, and, at the latest, by early March. If admitted, an applicant must either accept or decline the offer of admission by April 15. Students who accept an offer of admission, in theory, have the option of matriculating at the beginning of the Fall, Winter, or Spring term of the following academic year. In practice, however, almost everyone matriculates in the Fall; and, indeed, it is strongly recommended that they do so.

In recent years, the Philosophy Department has been receiving around 300 graduate applications per year. A large number of these are from highly qualified applicants---many more than the program can reasonably accommodate (not to mention, support financially). Each year, the Department offers admission with full five-year fellowship support to about ten applicants. (Full fellowship means tuition remission plus a reasonably comfortable twelve-month living stipend, plus health insurance. For more information about graduate student fellowships and funding, please click here.) Every student admitted to our Ph.D. program receives exactly the same funding package. Moreover, fellowship offers that are declined are not re-offered to another applicant; so there is never a "waiting list." The Department is philosophically opposed to waiting lists for the same reason that we are opposed to offering different aid packages to different students. We want all of the prospective graduate students whom we admit to our program to be entering on exactly the same footing and with the same terms. We have great confidence that through our admissions process (described below) we generally succeed in identifying the top ten applicants each year. Once we admit these

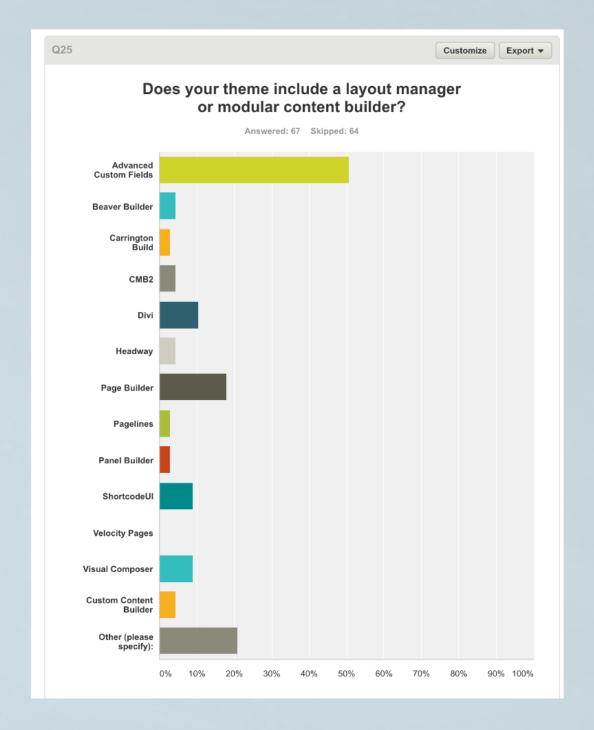


### Content: minimize links



# 6 Code = Eggs

- Themes
- Plugins
- Use Yoast SEO



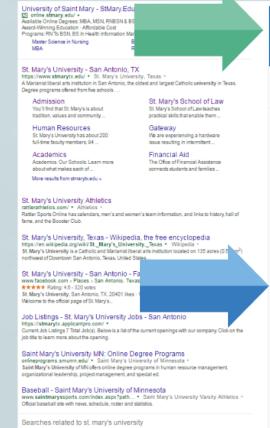


st. mary's college

st, mary's university athletics

st, mary's university gateway

# Structured Data = Baking Soda



st, mary's university bookstore

st, mary's university socce

st. mary's university school of law ranking st. mary's university women's basketball

st, mary's university baseball

```
STMARVS
 UNIVERSITY
St. Mary's University, Texas *
St. Mary's University is a Catholic and Marianist liberal arts institution located on 135 acres northwest of Downtown San Antonio, Texas, United States, Wkipedia
Address: 1 Camino Santa Maria, San Antonio, TX 78228
Acceptance rate: 81% (2010)
Mascot: Ratter Man
Colors: Blue, Gold
Suggest an edit
Send to your phone
Profiles
  1 tried applying for a custodian or maintenance job and didn't get
 "The retention rate and graduate rate are the among the highest in San Antonio."
H "I was impressed by its emphasis on being a Catholic institution."
View all Google reviews
People also search for
```

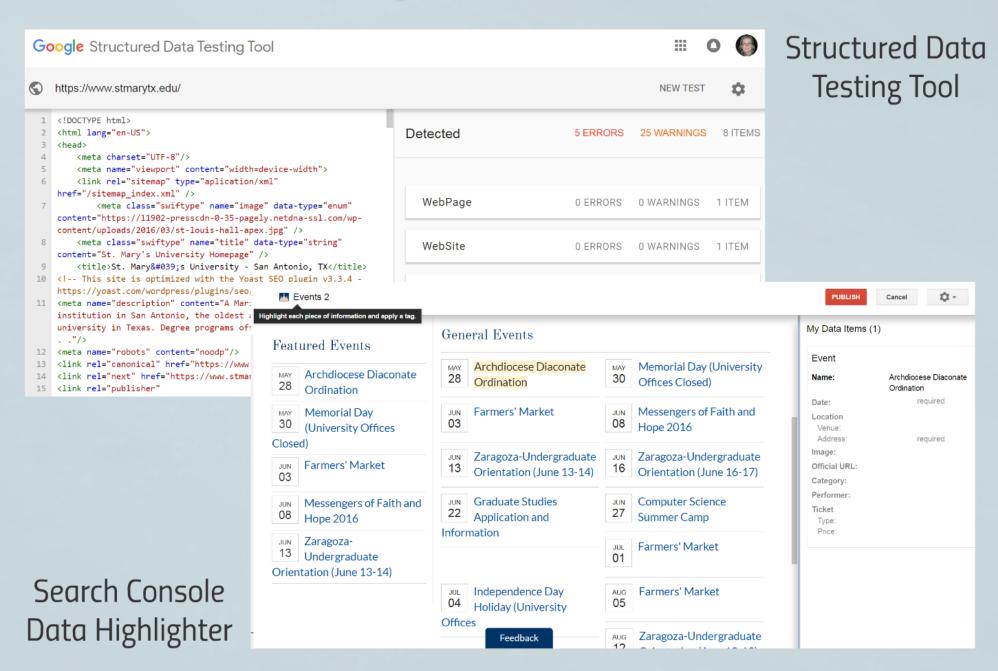
```
<article>
    <div itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/CollegeOrUniversity">
       <span itemprop="name" style="display:none;">St. Mary &#8217;s University
       </span>
       k itemprop="sameAs" href="
       https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St. Mary%27s University, Texas" />
       <div itemprop="alumni" itemscope itemtype="</pre>
       http://schema.org/OrganizationRole">
           <div class="alum" itemprop="alumni" itemscope itemtype="</pre>
           http://schema.org/Person">
                <h2 itemprop="name">Bill Greehey</h2>
               k itemprop="sameAs" href="
               http://greeheyfoundation.org/biography.html" /><span itemprop=
                "gender" style="display:none;">male</span>
               <img itemprop="image" src="</pre>
               https://11902-presscdn-0-35-pagely.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads
               /2015/11/alumni-bill-greehey-150x150.jpg" alt="Bill Greehey,
                alumnus of St. Mary's" width="150" height="150" class=
                "alignright size-thumbnail wp-image-1487025" srcset="
               https://11902-presscdn-0-35-pagely.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads
               /2015/11/alumni-bill-greehey-150x150.jpg 150w,
               https://11902-presscdn-0-35-pagely.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads
               /2015/11/alumni-bill-greehey.jpg 200w" sizes="(max-width: 150px)
               100vw, 150px" />
               Greehey is the Chairman of NuStar Energy
                and former Chairman and CEO of Valero Energy. He is also a
               philanthropist who served on the Board of Trustees of St. Mary
                's, which named him a Distinguished Alumnus and granted him
                an honorary doctorate of philosophy. The School of Business bears
               his name thanks to his University-record $25 million gift, and the
               arena within the Alumni Athletics & convocation Center is
               named after him in honor of his service as campaign chairman. 
               <q/>>
           <div class="alum" itemprop="alumni" itemscope itemtype="</pre>
           http://schema.org/Person">
```

#### **Event Schema**

```
itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Event">
         <meta itemprop="startDate" content="2016-07-23">
         <div class="cal">
             <span class="calMonth">Jul</span>
             <span class="calDay">23</span>
         </div>
         <a itemprop="url" href="
         https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?data=hHr80o3M7J5F3ifYde
         %2BkTCPPFC1%2F7j7kp1rS6lQ9vPlIa"><h3 itemprop="name">Saturday Campus Visit</h3></a>
    itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Event">
                                   st. mary's events
                                                                                  Search tools
                                    ΑII
                                         News
                                                Maps
                                                        Images
                                                                Shopping
                                                                          More ▼
                                   About 24,200,000 results (0.84 seconds)
                                    Campus Calendar - St. Mary's University - San Antonio
                                    https://www.stmarytx.edu/campus-calendar/ ▼ St. Mary's University, Texas ▼
                                    Discover on-campus events ranging from lectures to student activities. Filter by event type and find out
                                   what's happening at St. Mary's.
                                    Sat, Jul 23 Saturday Campus Visit
```

Tue, Aug 9 University Convocation
Thu, Aug 11 Zaragoza-Undergraduate ...

# Structured data testing



### Social metadata

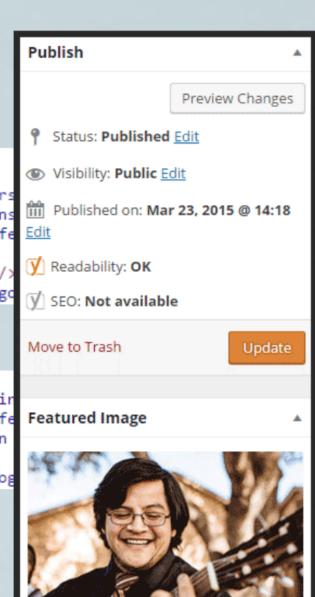
#### Open Graph

```
<meta property="og:locale" content="en_US" />
<meta property="og:type" content="website" />
<meta property="og:title" content="Homepage - St. Mary&#039;s Univers
<meta property="og:description" content="A Marianist liberal arts ins
oldest and largest Catholic university in Texas. Degree programs offe
<meta property="og:url" content="https://www.stmarytx.edu/" />
<meta property="og:site_name" content="St. Mary&#039;s University" />
<meta property="og:image" content="https://www.stmarytx.edu/stmu-logo</pre>
```

#### **Twitter Card**

```
<meta name="twitter:card" content="summary" />
<meta name="twitter:description" content="A Marianist liberal arts in
oldest and largest Catholic university in Texas. Degree programs offe
<meta name="twitter:title" content="St. Mary&#039;s University - San
<meta name="twitter:site" content="@stmarysu" />
<meta name="twitter:image" content="https://www.stmarytx.edu/stmu-log</pre>
```

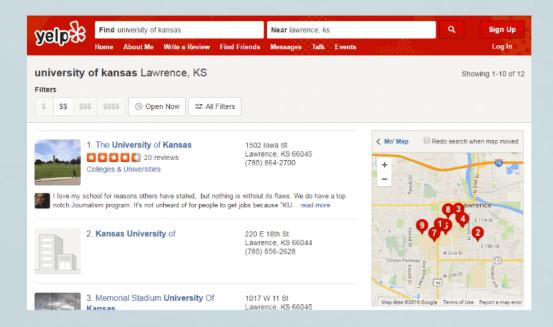
Featured Image

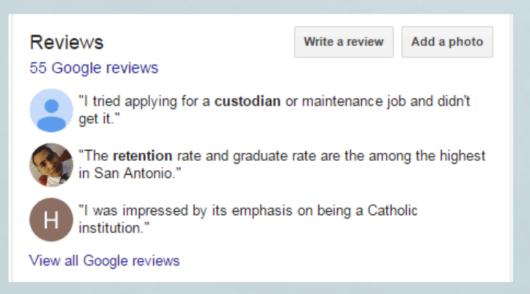


Click the image to edit or update

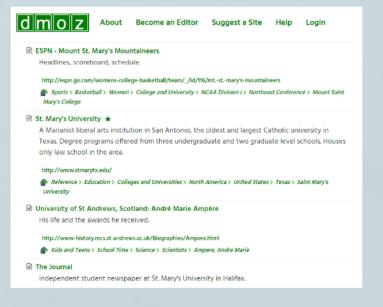
Remove featured image

### **Links & Reviews**









#### Canonicalization

#### Rel Canonical

#### Hreflang

## **User Experience**

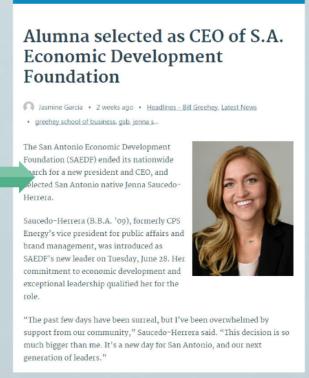
- Good mobile experience
  - AMP Pages
  - Mobile-Friendly text

- Make links clickable (tappable)
- Make text easy to read

St. Mary's University







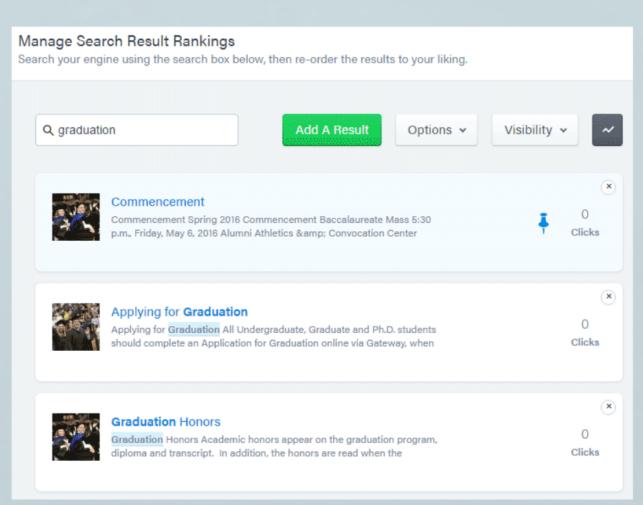
Regular post

Responsive

AMP version

# User Experience (continued)

- Site speed
  - Theme
  - Number of plugins
  - Enable caching
  - Install a CDN
  - Test
- Navigation
- Search
  - Swiftype
  - ElasticSearch
- Add calls to action







Update

Wait

Keep baking

Wait

Keep baking























# Chocolate chip SEO



Keywords **URLs** Spider Code Security Content Code

Structured Data Links & Reviews UX Canonicalization



Update

Wait

Keep baking





Links & Reviews	
Control of the contro	
Marrie Make	To a series of the series of t



- 26/9	blic organizaci Piccos le-Friendly text		His chilable Raspable off estig to read
	A	<b>\$</b>	AND THE REST OF A STATE OF A STAT
	Regulor post:	Responsive	MilPression



... is like chocolate chip cookies



