Senior Survey: Class of 2002 *

Pre-graduation, 2002

Responses given on this survey are confidential, and may only be used in their aggregate form for the purpose of institutional research as we seek ways to improve the quality of the Saint Michael's experience for future generations of students.

1. For purposes of the questions on this survey related to my major, <u>All Majors</u> is my official major. (List your major in the space above or (<u>for double majors</u>) list one major only.

Section A: QUALITY OF LIFE

To help us better understand the role that a Saint Michael's College education has on the lives of our students, we would like to know how you would respond to the following statements. Let us know the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following:

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
			Please che	eck the appr	opriate box	
2.	The education I received at Saint Michael's has made a significant contribution to the general quality of my life. (N=312)	43.3	50.6	4.2	1.6	.3
3.	The education I received at Saint Michael's deepened my understanding of moral and ethical problems. (N= 313)	31.9	49.8	16.0	2.2	
4.	SMC helped me develop a deeper respect for all individuals, regardless of race, gender, religion or sexual orientation.(N=311)	33.1	44.4	18.6	2.9	1.0
5.	SMC provided me with the support I needed to help me succeed in my academic work. (N=311)	32.5	55.0	9.3	2.3	1.0
6.	SMC provided me with the support I needed to help me succeed in my personal growth. (N=313)	30.0	52.1	12.5	5.1	.3
7.	I think of SMC as a "caring community." (N=313)	33.2	49.2	13.7	3.2	.6
8.	My experiences at SMC helped me become more involved in social and political issues. (N=313)	18.5	41.2	31.6	7.0	1.6
9.	The education I received at Saint Michael's was worth the investment in time and money. (N=313)	24.0	49.2	18.8	5.8	2.2
10.	My SMC education has given me confidence as I enter the world of work. (N=311)	25.1	53.1	17.4	4.5	
11.	My major has given me confidence as I enter the world of work. (N=312)	29.8	46.5	17.6	5.4	.6
12.	SMC increased my appreciation of art, music and theater. (N=313)	19.5	29.1	33.9	15.0	2.6
13.	I developed an increased interest in spirituality during my years at SMC. (N=312)	14.1	24.0	31.7	22.1	8.0
14.	The student activities I participated in enhanced my personal growth. (N=311)	27.3	44.7	24.1	3.5	.3
15.	My SMC educ. increased my interest. in learning. (N=313)	35.8	47.9	14.1	1.9	.3
16.	The number and range of computer technology applications at SMC have met my needs as a student. (N=313)	10.5	45.4	23.0	15.3	5.8

Section B: THE SAINT MICHAEL'S EXPERIENCE

Over your four years, to what extent were your expectations about Saint Michael's either **met**, **met** at a **high level**, **or not met** in each of the following areas of college life? If you are unsure, please check the box in the last column.

Coll	ege Characteristic	My Ex	pectations \	Unsure/Don't Know	
		Met at a			
		High Level	Met	Not Met	
16.	Overall academic quality (N=311)	31.2	65.3	3.5	
17.	Academic quality in my major (N=312)	47.4	48.4	3.8	.3
18.	Opport. to learn outside classroom (N=312)	29.2	58.0	10.3	2.6
19.	The range of courses offered (N=312)	8.7	51.3	38.8	1.3
20.	Range of courses offered in my major (N=312)	16.3	53.8	29.2	.6
21.	Access to scheduled courses (N=311)	9.0	59.2	30.5	1.3
22.	Access to scheduled courses in my major (N=311)	29.5	54.5	15.7	.3
23.	Quality of academic advising (N=309)	35.9	41.4	21.7	1.0
24.	Quality of faculty (N=312)	44.6	53.5	1.9	
25.	Quality of faculty in my major (N=311)	62.4	33.4	4.2	
26.	Quality of residential life (N=311)	14.5	64.3	15.4	5.8
27.	Opportunities for spiritual growth (N=308)	17.2	59.7	7.5	15.6
28.	Opport. for extracurricular activities (N=312)	35.9	56.1	2.9	5.1
29.	Attention to individual students (N=311)	42.1	52.1	5.1	.6
30.	Atten. to indiv. students in my major (N=310)	57.4	37.1	5.5	
31.	Sense of community (N=312)	42.6	48.4	5.8	3.2
32.	Availability of computer technology (N=312)	12.5	60.3	25.3	1.9
33.	Quality of the library (N=312)	16.3	66.7	14.4	2.6

Which of the following activities did you participate in or services did you use? How would you rate them?

		Did Not Participate	ı	Rate Program/Se	rvice:	
		In or Use This Program or Service	Excellent	Very Good	Fair	Poor
34.	Campus Ministry programs	68.4 (N=310)	14.5	14.8	2.3	0
35.	Spiritual retreats	67.0 (N= 309)	22.7	8.4	1.9	0
36.	MOVE volunteer programs	47.4 (N=308)	29.9	20.5	1.6	.6
37.	Intramural/Intramural sports	48.2 (N=307)	15.3	30.0	5.9	.7
38.	Student Government	71.9 (N=306)	3.3	9.8	10.8	4.2
39.	Various student clubs or organizations	42.9 (N=303)	21.1	26.7	8.9	.3
40.	Varsity athletics	68.2 (N=308)	9.1	11.7	8.1	2.9
41.	Wilderness Program	65.4 (N=309)	16.8	15.2	2.6	0
42.	Theater and Fine Arts events	48.7 (N=306)	21.9	25.8	3.3	.3
43.	Study Abroad	68.0 (N=309)	23.3	5.8	2.3	.6
44.	Personal counseling	60.1 (N=308)	17.9	16.2	4.9	1.0
45.	Career development programs	33.1 (N=308)	23.4	26.9	12.0	4.5
46.	Residence life programs	46.4 (N=306)	6.2	19.6	21.6	6.2
47.	Dining Services	9.4 (N=310)	3.5	26.5	44.5	16.1
48.	Credit-bearing Internships	69.3 (N=309)	10.7	12.9	5.2	1.9
49.	Non credit-bearing internships	83.8 (N=309)	5.5	4.9	4.2	1.6

Thinking about your overall experience at SMC, circle the number that best represents the quality of the relationships that you thought were "typical" at SMC:

50.	Relationships with other students (N=313)	Unfriendly, Unsupportive Sense of Alienation	1 .6	2 1.0	•	4 7.3	5 22.4	6 38.0	7 28.1	Friendly, Supportive Sense of Belonging
51.	Overall relationships with faculty members (N=313)	Unavailable, Unhelpful Unsympathetic	1	2	-	4 10.2	5 32.3	6 38.7	7 17.6	Available, Helpful Sympathetic
52.	Relationship with faculty members	Unavailable, Unhelpful								Available, Helpful
	in your major	Unsympathetic	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Sympathetic
	(N=313)			.3	2.9	5.1	16.0	34.5	41.2	
53.	Relationships with administrative	Unhelpful								Helpful, Considerate
	personnel and offices	Inconsiderate, Rigid	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Flexible
	(N=313)		3.2	4.2	11.2	24.6	3 27.2	22.0	7.7	

Section C: STUDENTS AND FACULTY

Students are expected to be able to turn to members of the faculty for academic stimulation and support. If you have sought such support over the past four years, have you <u>usually</u> found the faculty to be willing to. . . .

<u>l.</u>	Please answer questions 54-55 for faculty in your major.	Yes	No	Did not Seek
54.	Give you advice and guidance about your educational goals?(N=312)	82.4	5.4	12.2
55.	Give you advice and guidance about your career goals? (N=311)	68.2	10.3	21.5
II.	Please answer questions 56-59 for all SMC faculty.			
56.	Offer you emotional support and encouragement? (N=312)	62.8	9.0	28.2
57.	Provide honest feedback about your academic work? (N=312)	88.5	6.4	5.1
58.	Offer you sufficient intellectual challenge and stimulation? (N=311)	83.9	10.3	5.8
59.	Discuss important ideas in classes? (N=312)	92.0	5.1	2.9
60.	Discuss important ideas outside of classes? (N=312)	69.9	14.1	16.0

59.	Discuss important ideas in classes? (N=312)	92.0	5.1		2.9	
60.	Discuss important ideas outside of classes? (N=312)	69.9	14.1		16.0	
61.	Was the amount of academic work that was expected of you in your about right? (N=313) Too much 8.3 Too little 7.3 Just	major too m		le, or v	was it ju	st
62.	Was the amount of academic work that was expected of you outside just about right? (N=313)			too litt	le, or wa	as it
	○ Too much 20.4 ○ Too little 7.0 ○ Jus	t right 72.5				
63.	How often have you worked harder than you thought you could to me (N=311)	et a profess	or's standar	ds or	expecta	tions?
	○ Very often 14.5 ○ Often 38.9 ○ Occ	casionally 4	12.4	0	Never	4.2
64.	We sometimes hear students or faculty talk about students' "working Do you always work up to your full potential or only some of the time? I always work up to my full potential I usually work up to my full potential I often work up to my full potential I sometimes work up to my full potential I rarely work up to my full potential I rarely work up to my full potential 4.5	•	ull potential.	" How	about y	ou?

65. Do you think that the Catholic Edmundite tradition of SMC influenced your college years in ways that would have been different if you had attended a similar college but that was NOT Catholic? (N=310)

 \circ yes, positively 40.0 \circ yes, negatively 5.5 \circ No effect 54.5

66. During the current school year, did you ever have a non-work-study job which you did only for pay? (N=311)

o yesl 51.8 o no 48.2

66a. How many hours a week did you work?

less than 10 31.8

o 10 to 20 50.0

o more than 20 hours 18.2

Section D: LEARNING EXPERIENCES

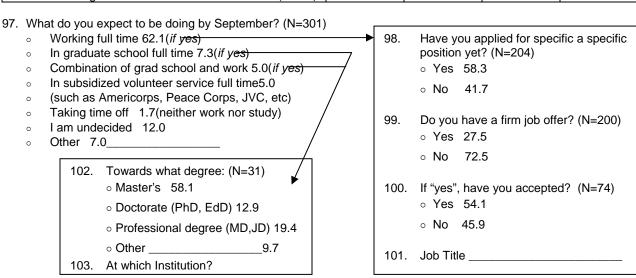
Compared with when you entered college as a first year student, how would you now describe your:

		•	Much		No		Much
			Stronger	Stronger	Change	Weaker	Weaker
67.	General knowledge	(N=310)	53.5	44.8	1.0	.6	0
68.	Problem-solving skills	(N=310)	33.9	59.0	6.8	.3	0
69.	Knowledge of a particular field or discipline	(N=311)	67.5	31.8	.3	.3	0
70.	Ability to think critically	(N=311)	45.3	50.5	3.5	.6	0
71.	Foreign language ability	(N=311)	15.4	31.8	45.0	5.5	2.3
72.	Job-related skills	(N=310)	25.8	54.8	16.5	1.9	1.0
73.	Religious beliefs and convictions	(N=305)	6.6	28.9	51.8	9.2	3.6
74.	Leadership abilities	(N=310)	30.3	52.3	15.2	2.3	0
75.	Ability to work independently	(N=311)	39.5	45.7	14.1	.6	0
76.	Interpersonal skills	(N=310)	37.1	51.3	10.6	1.0	0
77.	Cultural awareness and appreciation	(N=310)	35.5	46.5	17.1	1.0	0
78.	Acceptance of people from differ. races/cultu	res(N=311)	26.4	39.2	31.5	2.6	.3
79.	Confidence in your academic abilities	(N=309)	31.7	52.8	13.6	1.6	.3
80.	Writing skills	(N=310)	33.5	54.5	10.0	1.6	.3
81.	Public speaking ability	(N=310)	27.4	52.3	18.1	2.3	0
82.	Ability to work cooperatively	(N=310)	24.2	54.2	21.0	.6	0
83.	Mathematical skills	(N=310)	9.7	30.0	49.0	8.4	2.9
84.	Ability to influence others	(N=309)	21.4	55.3	22.3	1.0	0
85.	Ability to analyze the basic elements of an identeory (N=307)	ea or	30.0	60.9	8.8	.3	0
86.	Ability to synthesize/organize ideas/information	on (N=309)	28.5	62.8	8.1	.6	0
87.	Ability to judge value of ideas (N=311)		30.2	58.8	10.0	1.0	0
88.	Ability to apply theories and concepts to prac problems (N=311)	tical	32.5	59.8	7.4	.3	0

Section E: THE FUTURE (OR ENTERING "THE REAL WORLD")

Below is a list of objectives that many graduates have. After reading each one, please check the appropriate box indicating the importance which you assign to it.

				Very	Somewhat	Not at all
			Essential	Important	Important	Important
89.	How important is it for you to raise a family?	(N=309)	46.9	29.4	17.5	6.1
90.	How important is it to be well off financially?	(N=310)	21.6	38.4	65.5	4.5
91.	Becoming an authority in my field?	(N=310)	16.5	32.9	37.4	13.2
92.	Helping others in difficulty?	(N=310)	33.5	50.3	15.8	.3
93.	Developing a meaningful philosophy of life?	(N=308)	39.6	35.7	22.4	2.3
94.	Keeping up to date with politics?	(N=309)	14.9	54.0	90.9	9.1
95.	Volunteering or doing community service?	(N=310)	26.8	39.0	31.0	3.2
96.	Influencing social values?	(N=310)	27.4	37.7	31.6	3.2



104.	Regardless of your plans for September, what is the highest degree you eventually hope to obtain? (N=308) No further degree; my Bachelor's degree is sufficient 5.5 Master's 49.4
	o Doctorate (PhD, EdD) 19.5
	 Professional degree (MD, JD) 8.1 I am undecided about further degrees 16.9
	o Other6
105.	Approx. how much educationally related debt will you (your family) be responsible for upon graduation? (N=307) ○ None 21.8 ○ \$10,000 to \$30,000 56.0
	 Less than \$10,000 9.8 More than \$30,000 12.4
106.	Some students are very career oriented and enroll in courses and majors primarily to enhance their chances of getting into a particular profession or career. Do you think of your courses and major in that way or do you think of them more in terms of the "pure" liberal arts? (N=302) career oriented 53.3 o pure liberal arts 38.4 o other 8.3
Se	ction F: BACKGROUND
107.	Do you usually think of yourself as Catholic, Protestant, or have some other religious identification? (N=307) ○ Catholic 58.3 ○ Protestant ✔ 10.4 ○ Other ✔ 15.6 ○ None ✔ 15.6
	108. If you are NOT a Catholic, were you "comfortable" attending Saint Michael's? (N=123) ○ Yes 95.9 ○ No 4.1
109.	In thinking about the last 7 days, did you happen to attend mass or some other religious service? (N=307) •Yes 24.4 • No 75.6
110.	In the current year, do you receive financial aid in the form of loans, grants, scholarships, or work study? (N=309) ○ Yes [<i>If yes</i>] ♥ 84.1 ○ No 15.9
	111. Is it in the form of a: (N=313) ○ Stafford Loan ○ Pell Grant or ○ some other type of loan, scholarship or aid.
112.	What is your approximate GPA? (N=308) o 4.0 to 3.5 25.3
113.	Did you transfer into Saint Michael's from another institution? (N=309) o Yes 12.0 o No 88.0
114. °	Do you have a double major?(N=303) Yes [If yes]
	Please list both majors:
115.	Gender: (N=308) o Male 42.5
	hinking back over your four years here, is there any ONE change you might suggest that could improve the perience of our students? If so, what might that change be?
	(use over too)
116.	SMC ID No Data will be used anonymously and ID's are only included for statistical

purposes.