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The annual **International Festival** was held in the Tarrant Gym on Saturday, November 16. Food and entertainment from around the world made for a lively evening. A full story and photo gallery are available [here](#).



Thanks to generous donors, the third annual [Purple Knight Challenge](#) resulted in 1100 gifts and raised \$76,000 for our student athletes. Congratulations to the women's lacrosse and men's ice hockey teams who netted the most gifts and in turn received an additional \$500 each for their programs.



This year's [day of giving](#) campaign aimed to raise \$1 million to name Residence Hall IV in memory of **Father Michael P. Cronogue, S.S.E.** The Society of Saint Edmund contributed \$500,000 and challenged donors to raise a matching amount. Within 24 hours, donors pledged an additional \$415,000. Donations continue to be accepted [here](#).



Prof. Karen Popovich and the Department of Business Administration and Accounting hosted two international fellows this fall: **Mai Thi Thao Chi** (Chi) of Da Nang, Vietnam (pictured above left), and **Natalia Prikhodko** of Krasnoyarsk, Russia (pictured above right). Chi and Natalia lived in graduate housing on campus for most of their stay at Saint Michael's College.

The business department was supported by the Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) and Patti Delaney, the Special Assistant to the VPAA for International Projects.

Chi and Natalia were participants in two similar programs sponsored by US Department of State and administered by American Councils for International Education. The programs' goals include strengthening leadership development, and networking in Southeast Asia and Russia by bringing highly motivated fellows to an American university or professional setting, depending on the fellows' background and goals.

Chi is a lecturer in economics at the Da Nang University of Architecture, founder of an organization that connects Vietnamese language learners with native speakers of English, and a trainer in digital marketing for tourism and other start-ups in Da Nang. She has an MBA from Da Nang University of Economics.

Natalia is co-owner and managing partner of Siberian Design School in Krasnoyarsk where she is responsible for all aspects of the school's operation. She has a degree in economics and management from Siberian Federal University.



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