

The *Knighly* News

for International and Overseas Alumni of Saint Michael's College

Sterritt Named Next SMC President

Dr. Lorraine Sterritt will join Saint Michael's College in July 2018 as its 17th president. Dr. Sterritt was born and raised in Ireland, and received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in French from Queen's University Belfast. She received a master's degree and a doctorate in French from Princeton University. She has held positions at Harvard University, the University of Pennsylvania, Stanford University, and Princeton University. Dr. Sterritt will be the first woman in Saint Michael's College's history to serve as president. Read more about Dr. Sterritt [here](#).



Student Spotlight



Adrián Díaz '18 (Spain), is a Media Studies & Digital Art, and Psychology double major. Adrián completed multiple internships including one with the Saint Michael's College

Office of Admission, where he is also a tour guide. He was named to the Saint Michael's Dean's List for the fall 2016 and fall 2017 semesters.

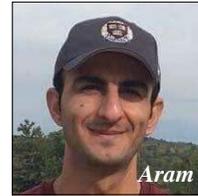
Adrián is captain of the men's varsity soccer team and was named to the Northeast-10 Conference Weekly Honor Roll three times during the fall 2017 semester for his outstanding athletic performance. He is a member of the student-athlete leadership board for [Hope Happens Here](#), a student-run campus organization that promotes mental health awareness and mental well-being among college students, with a focus on student-athletes.

Adrián served as a Social Ambassador, writing a blog about his college experience. He also participated in an extended service trip to the Dominican Republic during the spring 2017 recess. Click [here](#) to meet more of our international students.

Current Student Updates



Iuliia



Aram



Atheer

[The Center for Multicultural Affairs and Services](#)

launched the International Speaker Series during the fall 2017 semester. Four Fulbright Scholars, enrolled in the graduate program for [Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages \(TESOL\)](#), presented.

Iuliia Fakhrutdinova M'19 (Russia) and **Mohamed Alsaffar M'19 (Bahrain)** spoke about their home countries. Iuliia discussed Russian culture, history, and stereotypes; Mohamed shared the history and culture of Bahrain.

In addition, **Aram Ahmed M'19** and **Atheer Hasak Al-Mayyahi M'19** presented two viewpoints on **Iraq**. Aram, who is from the Kurdistan Region, discussed his area's culture and music, while Atheer spoke about the Iraq not typically presented in U.S. media.

Campus Notes



A child's drawing decorates the thank you note from the Sara Holbrook Community Center.

International Education

Week was celebrated

November 13-17. [The Office for International Students and Scholars \(OISS\)](#) organized

activities, including collecting

personal hygiene products for clients of the [Sara Holbrook Community Center](#) in Burlington.

On the Road with Admissions

[Kevin Spensley](#), Director of International Enrollment, will visit **China** and **Vietnam** in spring 2018. Contact Kevin directly for additional details.

Do you have personal or professional news to share with the SMC international community?

Please contact: [Melissa Holzman](#), International Student Advisor, Office for International Students and Scholars