



# SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE FOUNDED 1904

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*Spring is on the way!*



*The Saint Michael's Men's Alpine Ski team is proudly represented here after record-breaking men's and women's performances at the NCAA National Collegiate Skiing Championships.*

Hello SMC Community,

"Welcome home. Tell us what you need us to do to help." These are the words I have heard most frequently since I began my position here as Director of Admission a month ago. I have heard this from students, faculty, staff, alumni, board members and friends of the College. And although I am an alumna of SMC

and had lived the experience of this amazing community, after having been away from campus for a few decades, I admit I had forgotten what the radical hospitality here feels like.

My career in enrollment higher ed has taken me to colleges in New York, Wisconsin, Chicago, Ireland and finally back to where it started, to St. Mike's. I have always worked in private liberal arts colleges as this is the educational paradigm that I believe is the most impactful for developing our students' ability to create lives of meaning, guided by values like empathy, courage and integrity underpinning an excellent academic experience. The challenges we have faced in our country over the past few years and continue to face demonstrate the growing need for our type of institution. These challenges include the commoditization of education and the enrollment cliff of a declining population of college aged students. I am very excited to be doing this work alongside this community. The admission staff is innovative, resilient and committed to telling the St. Mike's story, but it is a story that goes beyond the Admission office. Whether or not you believe it takes a village to raise a child, I can tell you that it does take an institution to recruit a student. The St. Mike's mission, identity and commitment to each other and our shared success have been and will continue to be huge assets to our recruitment efforts.

I hope as the weather begins to move to spring and we begin to move to a new chapter of presidential leadership we can work together to recruit a strong, resilient, community of scholars who will not only be learning to create lives of meaning, but be impactful members of their communities and also good human beings. As they say in Irish: Bail ó Dhia ar an obair – God bless the work.

Please stop by the Admission office when you are on campus so I can reflect back the wonderful welcome that I have received from all of you.

"Welcome home. How can we help?"

Marcy O'Malley '84  
Director of Admission



## **Saint Michael's Alpine Ski Team, and four SMC ski racers, set new program records at NCAA Championship**

The Saint Michael's College skiing program claimed a school-record 11th place among 22 schools when the NCAA National Collegiate Championship ended on Saturday with the final day of Nordic races. Four Alpine skiers singlehandedly accounted for the

finish while also shattering a school mark with 145 points. Eirik Kveno '25 earned his second All-America finish in three days when the Alpine skiing segment of the NCAA National Collegiate Championship concluded on Friday. He joins Simen Strand '24 as the only skiers in College history to land All-America in both disciplines at any point in their careers, let alone the same championship; Strand was All-America in both in 2022 before adding another GS All-American performance on Wednesday, when Helene Kristoffersen '25 and Gray Flanagan '26 were also All-Americans. The quartet finished the NCAA Championship with five All-America qualifications after the Purple Knights had only six All-America accolades in program history entering the week. Congratulations, SMC Alpine Ski!

[Read more about Saint Michael's Alpine and Nordic ski teams at the NCAA Championship.](#)

## Alumni Spotlight: Patrick Asaba '06 founds nonprofit, builds school in Uganda

"My wife, Jeni, and I dreamed of building a school in Uganda since our first trip there as a couple in 2008," Patrick Asaba '06 said. "Having grown up there, I knew how much it was needed. We knew we had to do something to help, but we weren't sure how to start." Within months, the couple gained legal counsel and set up a 501c3 nonprofit organization — [Building for Bridget](#). On February 6, after three years of sourcing land, designing building plans, and project managing, the school opened. It now provides a safe learning environment for 260 children in a rural part of western Uganda. In addition to his day job in IT, Patrick volunteers his time to manage all aspects of the school. Patrick was actively involved with MOVE as a student and reminds us what it means to *Do Well and Do Good*, locally and abroad! Thank you and congratulations on your incredible achievement, Patrick!



## Purple and Gold Day 2023 is almost here!

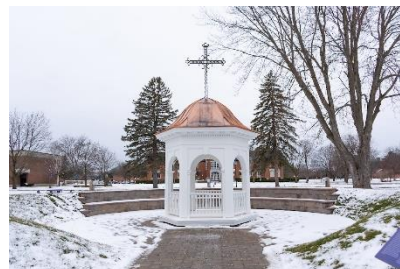
Join us as we celebrate Purple and Gold Day 2023 on Thursday, March 30th with socials across the country! From Vermont to California, we have socials planned all over the United States. Since our initial email, more venues in additional cities have been added and will continue to be added as the spirit day gets closer. All events will be held from 6:00-8:00 pm unless otherwise noted. Check out the full list of Purple and Gold Day socials on [our](#)

[website](#). Interested in hosting a social in your area? Email [events@smcvt.edu](mailto:events@smcvt.edu). We can't wait to see you soon!

[RSVP today for a Purple and Gold Social near you!](#)

## Set your SMC legacy in stone by the Founders Cupola

For more than a century, the Founders Hall cupola watched over generations of Purple Knights from sunup to sundown. The iconic Saint Michael's feature has now found a new home in the middle of campus, beginning its next chapter in its Saint Michael's story. To make its place of honor on the ground as meaningful as its perch on Founders Hall, we are offering a limited opportunity to purchase an engraved paving brick along the walkway up to the cupola on the campus green. You can customize your 6.25" x 9.25" paver by adding your name or honor someone who made your time here special, as the cupola itself did so well. The deadline to purchase your paver is Sunday, March 19th. Please join us today and make a gift that will beautify the area where this historic landmark now sits.



[Purchase a Founders Cupola paver today.](#)



## College plays key role in musical fundraiser for earthquake victims

To support relief efforts after recent devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, Saint Michael's College and its faculty played a central role as the Green Mountain Mahler Festival presented a benefit performance of the Johannes Brahms German Requiem at the Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel on February 25. Nathaniel G. Lew, Saint Michael's professor of music and director of the Honors Program, joined Castleton University Director of Choral Activities Sherrill Blodget to conduct the orchestra and chorus. Organizers encouraged donations for earthquake relief at the door and online.

[Read the full story on the SMC musical fundraiser for earthquake victims.](#)



## The Farm at Saint Michael's College CSA shares open 3/20!

The Farm at SMC is gearing up to launch our 2023 Free Choice CSA and this year local alumni are invited to purchase shares! Starting on March 20th, you can register to become a CSA member by visiting the Farm's Instagram ([@farm.smcvt](https://www.instagram.com/farm.smcvt)) and clicking the "Faculty, Staff, & Alumni CSA Registration Form" linked in our bio OR by emailing Farm and Food Program Manager, Christine Gall at [cgall@scmvt.edu](mailto:cgall@scmvt.edu). Shares can be purchased in denominations of \$300, \$200, or \$150 and are good for the duration of the CSA season, which runs from mid-April through late October. Each Monday throughout the season, CSA members will receive an email with a list of available produce. Let us know what veggies you want and then stop by the Center for the Environment on campus that Thursday to pick-up your pre-packaged order! Still not sure our Free Choice CSA is right for you? Check out our [Frequently Asked Questions factsheet](#) or reach out to Christine Gall directly with your questions.

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Alumni Shares  
Large: \$300\*  
Medium: \$200  
Small: \$150  
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Small: \$50

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registration  
begins  
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Don't forget to  
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## Saint Michael's celebrates International Women's Day

On Wednesday, March 8th, the Saint Michael's community celebrated the many women who make our community special in observance of the international holiday. This year is made particularly special as we on campus are celebrating the 50th anniversary of Title IX, in addition to our recent recognition of the first female graduates of the College at Reunion 2022 with the second cohort of female Golden Knights being inducted at Reunion 2023. In an email to the alumni community, Chair of the Board of Trustees Pat Casey remarked the occasion: "At Saint Michael's, we celebrate International Women's Day (IWD) each year, reflecting on the strides that women have made here on campus and elsewhere, and looking ahead to even greater accomplishments and inspiring possibilities." Visit [our website](#) to learn more about the history of women at Saint Michael's and meet this year's scholarship recipients. You can [donate to the International Women's Day Scholarship](#) year-round to honor your experience or to recognize the Saint Michael's women who help our community thrive each and every day.

[Learn more about Saint Michael's College celebrating International Women's Day.](#)

## Save the Date: Saint Michael's Rugby Challenge is March 27 - April 2!

Mark your calendars! Our annual [Saint Michael's College Rugby Challenge](#)

kicks off on March 27. Last year, we raised more than \$12,000 for the Rugby Teams' Alumni Support Fund

and we can't wait to see what's in store this year! It was wonderful to see so many rugby alumni back on campus last fall for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of men's rugby and the 30th anniversary of women's rugby. It makes us especially proud to see how our alumni keep the spirit of the SMC Rugby community alive post-graduation. We hope you'll consider supporting our annual Rugby Challenge on March 27!



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## Job Opportunities at Saint Michael's College

### Jobs at Saint Michael's College

Explore current opportunities at Saint Michael's College for yourself or share with your network to

help grow our community of talented, dedicated, and mission-driven colleagues. This week's highlights include:

- [Stewardship & Donor Relations Officer](#)
- [Rescue Unit Chief](#)
- [Head Coach, Women's Volleyball](#)
- [Full-time Public Safety Officer](#)

See all current opportunities on the [SMC Career Portal](#).

## Upcoming Alumni Events

In addition to the events highlighted below, we have plans in the works in New Jersey, San Diego, Worcester, MA, Burlington, and more! Keep an eye on [our events calendar](#) as details are confirmed. Interested in planning an event in your area? Email [events@smcvt.edu](mailto:events@smcvt.edu).

**March 22nd:** Our very own Saint Michael's Swimming & Diving Team is bringing back the Learn-to-Swim Program, open to children and grandchildren of alumni,

faculty, and staff, hosted here on campus! For more information and the registration form, check out the [Alumni Events Calendar](#).

**March 30th:** Purple and Gold Day 2023! Interested in planning a P&G social in your area and getting local Purple Knights together? Email [events@smcvt.edu](mailto:events@smcvt.edu). You can also check out the [Alumni Events Calendar](#) on our website for a Purple and Gold location near you!

**April 5th:** Join us at [Hawk Ridge Winery](#) in Watertown, CT, owned by Jack McHugh '80, for an Admission & IA event. Purple Knights & parents of Purple Knights have the opportunity to share their SMC story with regional high school guidance counselors. [RSVP Today!](#)

**April 12th:** At 6:30pm in the McCarthy Recital Hall, join us for the panel "Memory Care: Policy, Science, and Service," featuring Meg Polyte '97, M'10, Policy Director for the Vermont Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, Professor Ruth Fabian-Fine, Director of our Neuroscience Program, and Andrea Couture '01, self-published author of *Embracing What Remains: A Memoir*. Save the date, RSVP to come.

**Reunion 2023 is June 2-4! All classes ending in 3s and 8s, we can't wait to see you then! [Let us know if you want to be involved in the Reunion Committee for your class!](#)**



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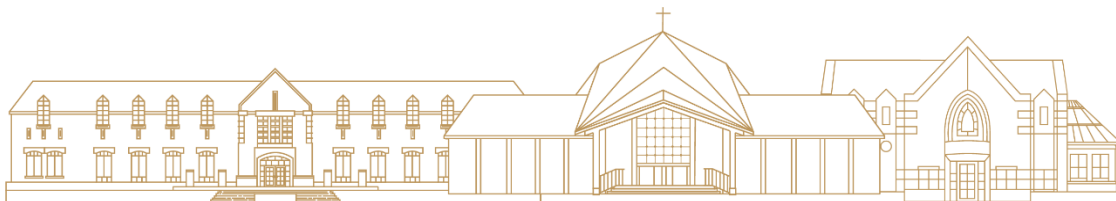


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