

# Shaping the Student Experience: Donor Impact FY23

I am always amazed that the generosity of the Saint Michael's community knows no bounds. There are so many reasons that people give to the College, from personal reflections on a life-affirming education, honoring the memory of a loved one, or supporting programs that benefit today's Purple Knights. It's always wonderful to hear stories explaining the provenance of this generosity.

This year, support for the College came from myriad sources, including government grants, family and private foundations, alumni, parents, friends, corporate matching programs and the SMC Edmundite community. Combined, these gifts totaled an impressive \$9.9 million. Although FY23 gifts benefitted all parts of campus, the top areas for directed philanthropy included: the Saint Michael's Fund, the Patrick '61 and Marcelle Leahy Center for the Environment, the Center for Global Engagement, the Kelley Ski Center, and health science initiatives.


Early in the year, we received the exciting news that the Center for the Environment was granted approximately \$6.5 million from the 2023 Omnibus

Appropriations Bill, thanks to the work and dedication of now-retired Senator Patrick Leahy '61. This is the largest direct grant in the history of the College. You can read more about this transformational gift and the renaming of the Center in honor of the Leahys on the College's website.

In June, Reunion was celebrated in true Saint Michael's fashion, with a P-Day style party on the 300s field, and intrepid reunion volunteers made some exciting last-minute class gift announcements at the Purple and Gold Brunch.

Combined with generous alumni, parents and friends who supported us throughout the year, a total of approximately \$3.4 million was raised from individual donors, which speaks volumes about the breadth of our support.

Sincerely,



Theresa P. Selby

Interim Executive Director of Institutional Advancement

## Paying his blessings forward - and back CRAIG DUFFY '06

In the history of Saint Michael's, countless alumni have made their mark on the College through academic success, extracurricular involvement, volunteer engagement, professional achievement, and outright generosity. **Craig Duffy '06 has made a profound mark on Saint Michael's in every one of these ways – and all by the age of 40.**

In 2021, Duffy was named an Alumni of the Year. Reading the citation during the presentation, Professor Carolyn Lukens-Olson said, "He's been called 'The poster child of St. Mike's alumni,' holding nearly every volunteer role possible. As his professor and friend, I would add that Craig was one of the most outstanding students ever to set foot on this campus. Good to the core, kind to a fault and as quick-witted as anyone you ever met, he is a wonderful example of what every college wants their alumni to be."



After graduating from St. Mike's and while earning his MBA from Assumption University, Craig became a supply-chain logistics specialist. As luck would have it, he landed at Boston-based pharmaceutical company Moderna in January 2020. His liberal arts education, problem-solving and interpersonal skills helped him hit the ground not just running, but racing, working to facilitate the critical clinical trials that allowed Moderna to begin vaccinating the world against COVID-19. His arrival at Moderna benefitted both the company and the employee, who, true to form, thought first of his alma mater with the windfall he received for his hard work throughout the pandemic.

Craig has recently made a significant 'blended' gift, which includes a multi-year pledge to the Saint Michael's Fund with a potential matching corporate gift, and a substantial legacy gift in his will, to benefit future generations of Purple Knights.

Perhaps most touchingly, Craig has established a scholarship in honor of his favorite professor, who has shaped his life in the most positive ways for more than 20 years. "I don't want to embarrass them publicly by sharing their name, but I have thanked them privately for their remarkable influence on my education, career and personal growth."

A former reunion chair, admission volunteer, Alumni Board president, member of the Board of Trustees, doting husband, and father of two young boys, Craig shows no sign of slowing his career or his devotion to Saint Michael's.

This past summer, Craig hired three-time SMC hockey captain Andrew DeCristoforo '22, who has quickly proven himself a valuable employee, strong teammate, and fast learner. "Saint Michael's alumni are universally prepared to fulfill the Saint Michael's vision of *Do Well and Do Good* upon graduation," Craig explains. "Maybe it's the influence of the Edmundites, the wonderful professors, the residential campus or the love of our alumni community for the school," he muses. **"Whatever the combination of factors, I am lucky to have received an extraordinary education. And I plan to continue to support Saint Michael's in any way that I can."**

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# Fundraising Highlights 2023



**\$3.4 million**

Gifts and Pledges



**4,308**

Total Number of Donors



**\$1,768,238**

Raised in Unrestricted Funds



**\$246,735**

Raised through Purple Knight Challenge



**2,095**

Loyalty Circle Members



**451**

President's Medallion Society Members



**206**

Sustain St. Mike's Members



**\$447,087**

Realized Bequests



**\$2.3 million**

Available in Named Scholarships



**235**

Students Receiving a Named Scholarship

LOYALTY CIRCLE: Three or more consecutive years of giving  
PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION SOCIETY: \$1,000 or more annual gift  
SUSTAIN ST. MIKE'S: Monthly recurring gift