



Dear Saint Michael's community,

Here on campus, we are celebrating a successful, joy-filled opening to the school year. I am deeply grateful for all on campus who planned and implemented such an exciting welcome for our new students and their families. The weather was conducive to a cooler time for all!

As is the tradition at Saint Michael's, our incredible Orientation Leaders used every ounce of their energy to welcome the first-year students and move them into their new homes in the residence halls. Our Student Center for Diversity, Empowerment, and Community (DEC) hosted new students and their families for SOAR, our summer orientation academic retention program. Purposeful Learning welcomed our returning student leaders from Residence Life, Orientation, Student Government, DEC, MOVE, Adventure Sports, and Athletics to participate in the first annual Collaborative Student Leadership Development Seminar. Along with these students, our campus was quite lively with our preseason athletes and our Fire & Rescue student volunteers on campus. Additionally, Resident Directors and Resident Advisors were trained for their roles for the upcoming year. Campus, for sure, was already brimming with the Purple Knight pride by the time move-in day arrived.

We hope to see you here for some of the wonderful events during [Alumni & Family Weekend](#) from September 20-22. All in all, it's shaping up to be an exciting fall

semester! I can't wait to see what else our incredible Saint Michael's community has in store.

With peace,

Dawn Ellinwood

Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students

Sitting Down with the Plumbs

Carson O'Neil '23, Stewardship and Communications Officer, recently sat down with President Richard Plumb and his wife, Mary, to learn more about their time

as a couple, in higher education and how they are adjusting to life in Burlington. This is the first video in a three-part series, each set to appear in the following two PK Pulse editions.



[To view the full interview>](#)



Save the Date for this year's Purple Knight Challenge

This year's Purple Knight Challenge will be held **Monday, September 16, through Sunday, September 22!** The

PK Challenge is an annual fundraising competition that benefits our 21 varsity

athletic teams. It's not too early to make a contribution to your favorite program by visiting smcvt.edu/pkc24. All gifts made early will count toward the totals. Start spreading the word now to give your team a jump start. Thank you for your support of our incredible student-athletes and teams!

Alumni & Family Weekend

Save the date for Alumni and Family Weekend this fall, September 20 -22, 2024. This weekend is about coming together to celebrate what it



means to be a part of the St. Mike's family -- past, present, and future!

The weekend will kick off with the grand opening of the [Kelley Ski Center](#) on Friday night, a welcome back bash hosted by the SGA on Saturday – featuring remarks by President Plumb at 2pm - and many other events around campus showcasing all that is uniquely St. Mike's. A full schedule and event details can be found [here](#).



Founders Hall Commemorative Brick

Looking for a birthday present for a fellow Purple Knight? A wedding gift for a St. Mike's couple? Want to own a piece of Founder's Hall history yourself? Purchase a Founders Hall commemorative brick! [Make a donation](#) to Saint Michael's College and receive a commemorative brick, which is affixed with a Founders Hall plaque and includes a certificate of authenticity.



Student Athletes Exploring the World

Two dozen Saint Michael's College student-athletes studied abroad this summer and during the 2023-24 school year. Additionally, sixteen Saint Michael's students - including seven student-athletes, were also selected to receive The Freeman Foundation Scholarship. The Freeman

Foundation supports intercultural understanding between the United States and Asia.

[More on the athletes and where they went>](#)

Double your impact to St. Mike's!

Did you know that thousands of companies match donations by employees to charitable organizations? If your employer or your spouse's employer has a matching gift program, your gift to St. Mike's may be doubled or even tripled. Visit smcvt.edu/matchinggifts to see if your company will match your donation and to access the forms, guidelines, and instructions that you need to submit a matching gift.





Life on Campus Lately

Saint Michael's College is more than an academic institution; it's a dynamic and inclusive community. Our campus, home to students, faculty, staff, and a vibrant refugee population, also welcomes the public for walks and

recreational activities.

We embody the Edmundite mission through our commitment to community and service, demonstrating compassion and inclusivity in our interactions. This dedication shapes our daily life and is a core value we pass on to our students.



Upcoming Events

events@smcvt.edu

Schedule of Events

In addition to the events highlighted below, we have plans in the works in a city near you! Keep an eye on our [events calendar](#) as details are confirmed. Interested in planning an event in your area? Email events@smcvt.edu.

September 19th: Join fellow alumni and friends for the Connecticut's River Valley 'Lunch Bunch' for their annual BBQ - with special guest President Plumb. Interested in attending? RSVP by September 16 to [Andy McElroy '71](#).

September 19th: Calling all our Maine alumni! Meet up for a Purple Knight out at Allagash Brewing Company from 4-7 PM. [RSVP Today](#).

October 26th: Save the date for the Inauguration of Saint Michael's College's 18th President. Details can be found [here](#).

November 16th: Join us as we honor the 1998-99 men's ice hockey team with induction into the [Saint Michael's Athletic Hall of Fame](#), commemorating the 25th anniversary of the first national champion team in the history of Saint Michael's. More details to come.



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