



Dear Saint Michael's Alumni and Families,

My name is Vernita Weller, Senior Success Advisor and Parent Programs. I am delighted to introduce myself to you and share a little about me. I am originally from the Boston, MA area and have lived in Vermont for over 25 years. I was thrilled when my youngest daughter decided to attend Saint Michael's as a transfer student. As the proud parent of a Purple Knight, I know what it means to support my college student navigating through college territory, being that listening ear, but also giving them room to make their own developmental discoveries.

As a Senior Success Advisor and Parent Programs coordinator I believe in supporting the whole student—spiritually, emotionally, and academically. My primary goal is to guide students as they navigate their academic journey, assisting them with academic advising, connecting them to campus resources, and offering advice on tools for success.

Whether it's answering questions about academic policies, discussing student success strategies, or providing information about campus programs and services, we are here to support you as well as your student. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any concerns or questions. I look forward to working with both you and your student on their path to success here at Saint Michael's College.

Warm regards,

Vernita Weller  
*Senior Advisor for Student Success and Parent Programs*

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## No one says "Thank You" like our students!

Your incredible support during the June Challenge—and all year long—not only shattered fundraising records but also ensures we can continue providing an exceptional education for our students. We're deeply grateful for your generosity. [Watch a thank you video!](#)



## Hey Alumni!

Did you ever use the SMC network to find your next hire--or your next opportunity? Ever hire an SMC intern? Have your own SMC career story to share? We'd **love** to hear about it! Email us at [alumni@smcvt.edu](mailto:alumni@smcvt.edu) and share your story!

## Purple Knights are headed oceanside!

Connect with fellow alumni and share your SMC experiences as we welcome the newest Purple Knights into the family. **RSVP today to one or all of our summer gatherings:**

### [Portland Country Club \(Falmouth, ME\)](#)

Wednesday, July 23 · 5–7 PM

*Special Guests - President Richard Plumb and his wife Mary Plumb*

### [South Shore BBQ Luncheon \(Mattapoisett, MA\)](#)

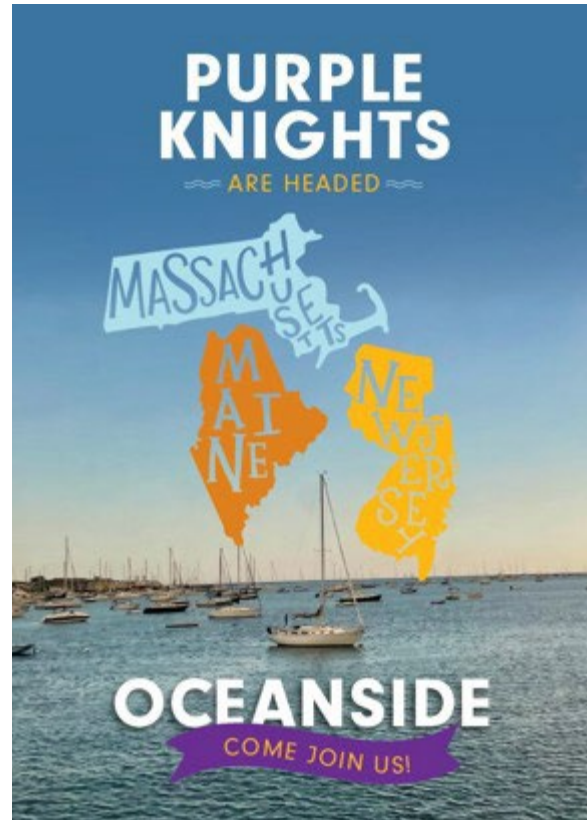
Sunday, July 27 · 11 AM–1 PM

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### [Spring Lake, NJ Summer Social](#)

Sunday, August 3 · 11 AM - 1 PM

*Special Guest - Heidi St. Peter/ SMC Dean of 1st-Year Experience and Leadership*



🔗 **RSVP above and/or view and RSVP for all events [HERE](#).**



## Purple Knights Take the Field with the Lake Monsters

This summer, three Saint Michael's baseball players are making the most of their off-season—suiing up for the Vermont Lake Monsters and playing in front of packed hometown crowds at Centennial Field. See how they're making their mark in the Futures League and

what this opportunity means for their growth on and off the diamond.

[Read the full story >](#)

## Edmundite Heritage Tour Explores the Legacy of Father Prevel and St. Edmund

In June, a group of Saint Michael's College alumni, trustees, faculty, staff, and friends traveled to England and France on the 2025 Edmundite Heritage Tour, following in the footsteps of Father Armand Prevel and St. Edmund. Led by the Edmundite Foundation and accompanied by

President Richard Plumb and his wife Mary, the group explored meaningful spiritual and historical sites in England, including Hitchin, Abingdon, Oxford, Salisbury, Stonehenge, and London. Those who joined the optional extension in France visited Pontigny in Burgundy and Mont Saint-Michel in Normandy, along with stops at the cathedrals of Rouen, Chartres, and Notre Dame in Paris. Other highlights included visits to Saint-Malo, Auxerre, and Château-Gontier, as well as a wine tasting hosted by Dr. Teryl Kinder, who teaches Fine Arts classes at Saint Michael's each Spring and resides near the Abbey of Pontigny. The tour concluded with a beautiful Seine River cruise in Paris, offering a memorable reflection on the Edmundite mission and community. Special thanks to Louis Giancola '68 and Fr. Marcel Rainville '67 for their leadership and dedication in bringing this meaningful journey to life.



[Check out photos from the trip >](#)



### Calling All Business Alumni!

We're building something special, and we'd love your help. First, we are creating a student-accessible library of essential business books, and we would be honored to include your favorite titles. Please consider donating a book that has shaped your professional journey.

This fall, Dr. Nicole Morris will be teaching Entrepreneurship. One exciting student project will focus on collecting alumni stories. Whether you've launched your own business (big or small!), led a bold initiative, or learned from a startup misstep, we want to hear from you. We also welcome alumni to visit class in person or join via Zoom to share real-world insights with our students.



If you are interested in donating a book or sharing your story, please reach out to [nsmorris@smcvt.edu](mailto:nsmorris@smcvt.edu). Nicole looks forward to reconnecting.

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### 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](mailto:events@smcvt.edu).

**July 23:** SMC Alumni and Admissions Summer Social at Portland Country Club! Join Ed Dilworth '63, Glenn Farrell '83, and YFI Homes for an evening of Purple Knight camaraderie. [Register here!](#)

**July 27:** SMC Alumni and Admissions Summer Social at South Shore, MA! Join Howie '71 and Sue O'Hara for a BBQ luncheon. [Register here!](#)

**July 30:** CT Knights, ready for some soccer? Watch the Hartford Athletic take on the New Mexico United at Trinity Health Stadium. Game starts at 7:30 PM with a BBQ buffet beforehand; [buy tickets here!](#)

**August 3:** SMC Alumni and Admissions Summer Social at Spring Lake, NJ! Join Mark and Trish Hansen P'25 for refreshments and nibbles, with special guest Heidi St. Peter '96, Dean of First-Year Experience and Leadership. [Register here!](#)

**August 17:** Mark your calendars for St. Mike's at the Red Sox! [Buy your tickets now!](#)

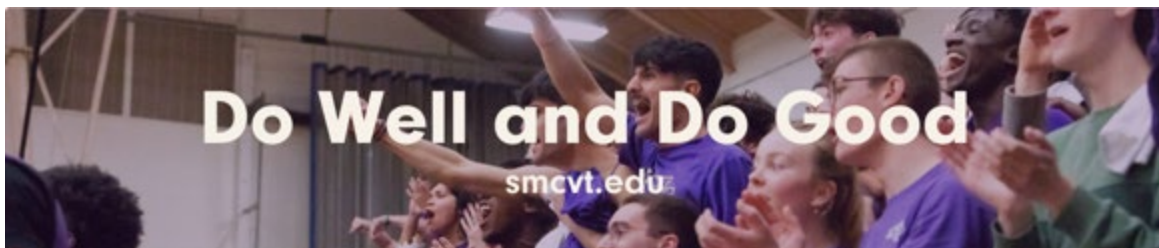
**September 9:** Mark your calendars for St. Mike's at the Phillies! [Buy your tickets now!](#)

**September 18:** Save the Date for the 75th Annual CT Lunch Bunch Barbecue at TPC River Highlands from 3:30-7 PM! More details to follow.

**September 19-21:** Save the Date for 2025 Alumni & Family Weekend! Stay tuned for more details.

**September 24:** *Toy Story: the ethics, economics, and professional opportunities in the toy industry.* 5:00 p.m., Dion Student Center, Roy Room. Panelists will discuss their career trajectories and address the ethics, economics, and professional opportunities in the toy industry.

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