



Dear Saint Michael's College Community,

I'm thrilled to have recently joined this incredible community as the new Director of Admissions. After many years working within the SUNY system, it's exciting to now call Vermont and Saint Michael's College home. I was drawn to the College because of its strong commitment to academic excellence, holistic student development, and the values of community and service that are woven into every aspect of campus life. From the moment I arrived, I've been inspired by the sense of purpose, connection, and care that defines this place.

This fall is an especially exciting time as we introduce several new financial aid initiatives designed to make a St. Mike's education more accessible and affordable for all students. The **Flagship Match**, **Free Tuition Vermont**, **Commuter Commitment**, and **International Student Scholarship** provide multiple paths to affordability, including

discounted, free, and set tuition for all. The Flagship Match ensures qualified students pay no more tuition than they would at their state's flagship public university, while the Free Tuition Vermont and Commuter Commitment recognize and support Vermont families who contribute so much to their local communities.

I'm proud to join our entire college community in sharing the Saint Michael's College story—one that not only opens doors for students, but also stands firmly behind our mission of access, opportunity, and belonging.

Warmly,

*Zachary Frangos*

**Director of Admissions**



**Thank you for your support of the PK Challenge!**

Thanks to the support of 2,222 donors, we broke Purple Knight Challenge records this year, and raised \$427,272 for our 22 varsity athletic programs! Support from our alumni, families, and friends is vital to our teams; you make the experiences of our 476 student-athletes possible. We are One Team – UKnighted!

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### **Alumni & Family Weekend 2025 was one for the books!**

We were thrilled to welcome back over 300 alumni, families, and friends who brought incredible energy and enthusiasm to campus. The weekend was packed with standout events, including a sold-out Salad Lunch celebrating 10 years of the Farm at SMC, a College Leadership Address from President Plumb, and the lively Welcome Back Bash hosted by the SGA and Student Affairs. Guests also enjoyed the debut of *Meet the Makers*, a showcase of alumni and student creativity and entrepreneurship.

Meanwhile, the McCarthy Arts Center celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a full day of talks and events honoring its legacy in the arts. From meaningful conversations to joyful reunions, the weekend captured the spirit of Saint Michael's—warm, welcoming, and full of heart.

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

[Check out our recap video from the weekend courtesy of the Media Creation Studio>](#)





## **The St. Mike's Way: Making Private Education Publicly Accessible**

The College is rolling out new tuition and scholarship programs designed to make a St. Mike's education more accessible while also simplifying the financial aid process. New incoming students qualify for a flat-rate tuition structure based on where they are coming from.

With the Flagship Match, students will pay the same tuition and fees rate as their home state's flagship public university. Vermonters whose households make less than \$100,000 get full tuition coverage through the Free Tuition Vermont program. Commuters and international students will have set tuition rates.

These programs apply to incoming Spring 2026 students and the entering classes that follow. When a student enrolls, they get a financial aid package that stays with them for four years – or the duration of their time in pursuit of their degree. Current students will continue to receive the financial aid package they were offered when they enrolled.

[Find out more here!](#)

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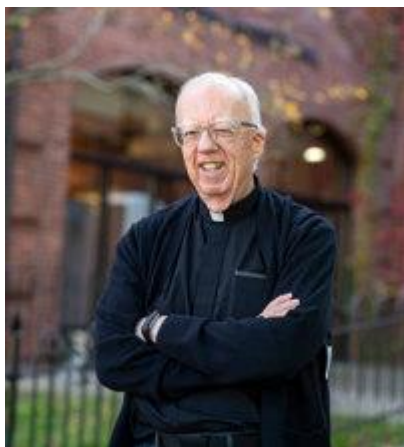


### Keep Learning with St. Mike's: *Online, Self-Paced Professional Courses*

Looking to upskill, explore new career paths, or stack credentials? Saint Michael's College has partnered with [MindEdge Learning](#) to offer flexible, affordable professional development courses and certificates—on your time, at your pace. Founded in 1998 by Harvard and MIT educators, MindEdge offers top shelf online courses at your fingertips! And now through the end of 2025 enjoy a 10% discount on all registrations. Enter "**SMC10**" at check out.

[Click today](#) and learn more - literally! Because learning doesn't stop at graduation.

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### Updates from Edmundite Campus Ministry

In this week's blog, Vice President of Edmundite Mission Fr. David Theroux explores how Catholic higher education can respond to growing political demands for "viewpoint diversity" without compromising academic integrity or Catholic identity.

As ideological audits and funding threats loom, he asks: What does true objectivity require—and how can Catholic colleges widen intellectual range while staying rooted in justice, truth, and the common good?

[Click to read this story and more from Fr. David>](#)

[Check out photos from the \*\*Feast of Saint Michael\*\* and the \*\*Blessing of the Animals!\*\*](#)



### **Join the Alumni Board of Directors—Applications for 2026 Now Open!**

Are you passionate about strengthening connections within our alumni community and shaping the future of alumni engagement? We're now accepting applications for the [Alumni Board of Directors](#)! This is a unique opportunity to collaborate with fellow alumni, support meaningful initiatives, and make a lasting impact.

Whether you're near or far, your voice matters.

[Apply today and help us build a vibrant, inclusive alumni network!](#)



## 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).

**Now through October 31:** Outdoor Gear Exchange is offering a 10% student discount through Halloween! Show your student ID and receive 10% regularly priced items. For more info, [check out OGE's website](#).

**October 17:** Join your fellow Purple Knights in cheering on our Women's Ice Hockey team as they take on the Harvard Crimson at the Bright-Landry Hockey Center! Use the St. Mike's exclusive code STMICHAELSALUM! when buying your tickets to get a discount. [Register today!](#)

**October 20:** Join the Institute for Global Engagement and the Boucher Career Education Center for the first of their Global Career Conversation Series with Anne D'Angelo '89 on Zoom at 7 p.m. EST. [Register here](#).

**October 23:** Looking to build your network and meet current SMC students and alumni? Join us for an evening of conversation and connections at OnLogic in South Burlington, VT from 4-6 p.m.! [RSVP to save your spot](#).

**October 25:** SMC Admissions Fall Open House! [For more info and to register to save your spot, click here](#).

**November 8:** Come join us at Saint Michael's College for an Official WCA Rubik's Cube competition! All are welcome, regardless of experience, speed, or interest. Watch the fastest speedcubers from all over New England, and hopefully witness some new records! This event will be held from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. EST in Eddie's Lounge on the 2nd floor of Alliot. For more information and to register as a competitor, [click here](#).

**November 11:** Join St. Mike's alum Tom Bowman '77 as he reflects on his time as the Pentagon reporter for NPR and how access and reporting has evolved. This event will take place from 4:30-6:30 p.m. EST in the Roy Room, Dion Family Student Center; light refreshments and cider donuts will be served. [Register to reserve your spot today!](#)

**November 14:** Join us in Cheray 101 at 3:30 p.m. for this year's Mathematics and Statistics Colloquium, featuring alum Mary Falcigno '15, M.S. Mary will share professional development advice she's learned from a decade working for the U.S. Army. For more information, [head to the event page on our website!](#)

**November 15:** SMC Admissions Fall Open House! [For more info and to register to save your spot, click here.](#)

**December 6:** Burlington area Purple Knight alumni and friends! Join us for a Children's Christmas Party from 2-4 p.m.; enjoy treats, activities, and photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. [Let us know you're coming here!](#)

**June 4-7, 2026:** Mark your calendars for Reunion 2026! We'll be celebrating classes ending in 1's and 6's, but as always, all alumni are welcome!