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Dear Saint Michael's community members,

Happy September! Our fall semester is in full swing at St. Mike's as students returned to campus a few weeks ago, and we welcomed our newest Purple Knights in the Class of 2029.

I was thrilled to meet so many alumni this summer during my travels with our Institutional Advancement team to Maine and Massachusetts – a highlight of my summer. Prospective students were also invited to these events so they could feel the Purple Knight sense of community firsthand. These were truly meaningful experiences.

I'm looking forward to inviting many of you back to campus next weekend for one of my favorite events of the fall, Alumni and Family Weekend, which is being held September 19-21. This is always a great opportunity to visit the College, reconnect with friends, and learn about new developments at St. Mike's. We are also celebrating several St. Mike's milestones, including the five-year anniversary of the Leahy Institute for the Environment, 10 growing seasons on The Farm at Saint Michael's, 50 years of the McCarthy Arts Center, and 55 years of Saint Michael's Fire and Rescue.

As part of Alumni and Family Weekend, I will deliver a College Leadership Address in Cheray 101 on Sept. 20 at 11 a.m. All families and alumni are welcome as I share information about the Saint Michael's College experience and updates on our initiatives. Light refreshments will be available.

With the start of the school year, I also want to take a moment to honor alumni who passed this summer, including [Rich Tarrant '65](#), a devoted Purple Knight, businessman, and philanthropist whose generosity is reflected in our Tarrant Center and in many of the opportunities available for students today. His life will be celebrated during a funeral mass at the Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel on campus on Oct. 4.

I hope to see you on campus soon. Thank you for all you do to make St. Mike's a place of learning, growth, and belonging.

Best regards,

Richard Plumb, Ph.D.

President