



August 29, 2024

Dear members of the Saint Michael's community,

This week, we welcomed all students, faculty, and staff back to campus, including the more than 300 new members of the Class of 2028. The campus is once again abuzz with activity, from the contagious energy of the Orientation Leaders to the excited anticipation of the first week of classes. I'm sure that this time of year brings happy memories to all of you from when you were similarly welcomed home.

As we begin the fall semester on campus, I wanted to share a few updates about some changes that we began to roll out on campus this summer. One of those changes I announced to you last month – that the College created a Division of Edmundite Mission, which will be led by Fr. David Theroux '70 S.S.E., the inaugural Vice President of Edmundite Mission. The new division was created to ensure that the Edmundite values and mission upon which our College was founded remain central to Saint Michael's heritage into the future.

Also, our three academic centers have been reimagined as Institutes for Social Impact. This includes the Patrick '61 and Marcelle Leahy Institute for the Environment, the Institute for Global Engagement and the Institute for Equity and Justice. We want to ensure that these important resources stand out among the many different centers and organizations we have on campus as these three areas define much of what we stand for as Saint Michael's College.

Finally, the College is preparing to launch a Student Success Center, which will be located in Durick Library. The Center will combine all the resources on campus that typically guide students through their academic experience. This includes the Office of Purposeful Learning; the Henry "Bud" Boucher

Jr., '69 Career Education Center; the Academic Enrichment Commons; and other potential offices on campus. More information will be coming soon on this Center, the ways it will help students achieve their goals, and how it will help the College operate more efficiently.

I hope to share more updates with you throughout the academic year on these and other initiatives' progress. In that interest, I will be holding a series of virtual town hall meetings with alumni and families starting this fall. Please keep a lookout for an upcoming announcement with the date, time and topic of the first town hall.

Thank you all for your continued support of Saint Michael's College. I hope to see many of you on campus for [Alumni & Family Weekend, which starts Sept. 20, 2024](#). We have a great line-up of activities, including the grand opening of the Kelly Ski Center at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 20 and the Welcome Back Bash at 2 p.m. on Sept. 21. The full schedule of events can be found [here](#).

Best regards,

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President