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2024 Alumni Awardees

Left to right: Pat Gallivan '89, President Richard Plumb, Jacki Murphy

'74, Angie Armour '99 M'09, Ashley Harkins '09, Samantha Delaney '19, Andrew Terrell '84. (Not pictured: Christopher Flanagan '94 - awarded posthumously)



Nearly 800 Alumni Returned for a Spectacular Reunion 2024 Weekend! Thank You for Coming Home to St. Mike's

It was a special celebration for the Class of 1974, who came home after 50 years and were inducted as Golden Knights on Friday evening.

The classes ending in 4s and 9s also enjoyed class events that night at venues from campus to Winooski to Burlington, and five reunion classes took over Waterworks in Winooski.



The Purple and Gold brunch on Saturday showcased our outstanding [alumni awardees](#), including six Alumni of the Year and the Fr. Michael Cronogue Award for Service. George Keady '79, trustee, and Sue Koscher '84 presented President Plumb with a check for approximately \$1.4 million from all reunion classes - a 35% increase over last year!

The P-Knight party on Saturday hosted over 650 attendees in the 300s field who enjoyed food trucks, lawn games, and axe throwing, as DJ Craig Mitchell '93 spun tunes from the alumni-curated [Reunion 2024 playlist](#). The fun continued through the night as alumni packed into the townhouses and enjoyed chicken patties served by RDs at the late-night grill.

The weekend closed out with a delicious farewell breakfast and Mass, sending alumni on their way with full bellies and hearts. It was evident all weekend that our alumni *do well and do good* and continue to cherish their connection to St. Mike's and to one another.

Check out [a reunion recap video](#) and tons of Reunion 2024 photos all on our [Reunion memories webpage](#).

We would love to see YOUR pictures too! Take a minute to upload them to our [Reunion 2024 Google Drive](#) today.



One of the best things we heard from alumni all weekend was "How can I help St. Mike's?" And we have plenty of ways to answer the question!

- Continue to show your love for St. Mike's by [giving back by participating in our June Challenge \(see below\)](#).
- Introduce a prospective student to St. Mike's through our [Nominate a Knight](#) referral program. The student you nominate will receive a \$1000 Scholarship for each of their four years here.
- Review and rate St. Mike's on [Niche](#) to boost our ratings and help students learn about the wonderful experience awaiting them as future Purple Knight!
- Wear your St. Mike's gear around your hometown. If you didn't get a chance to get new swag at the Campus Store last weekend you can [purchase your gear online](#). They are also open weekdays in the summer from 9 am – 4 pm if you're local to campus.
- Join the conversation with current students and fellow alumni on the [LinkedIn St. Mike's Alumni Connections group](#).

As always, connect with us for questions or comments at events@smcvt.edu or by contacting me directly.

All the best,

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The June Challenge is Here!

The 2024 June Challenge is here! Please consider making a gift by June 30 so that we may continue to provide our students with the skills and experiences they need to do well and to do good.

We have two amazing challenges this year. An anonymous donor will match all gifts to the Saint Michael's Fund, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$50,000 and Ed Mitchell '84 will give \$55,000 if we reach 500 donors by the end of the month. We sincerely thank you for your continued support throughout the year and during this challenge month.

Visit smcvt.edu/junechallenge to make your gift today!



Commencement 2024

Members of the Saint Michael's College Class of 2024 were urged by multiple speakers during the College's 117th Commencement to shine their light on the world around them as they leave campus and navigate what's next.

Approximately 380 students at Saint Michael's College received bachelor's and master's degrees during the Commencement celebration on Sunday, May 12, 2024. Degree recipients in the undergraduate Class of 2024 represented 23 states and 10 countries, while master's graduates represented 10 states and five countries.

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Saint Michael's Celebrates Three Fulbright Winners

Three recent graduates from Saint Michael's were selected as Fulbright winners for the 2024-25 academic year and will all depart in January 2025 for their selected countries. All three will be working as English Teaching Assistants.

Abdimalik Hashi M'24, who graduated in May from Saint Michael's MATESOL program, will be in Kenya; Carson O'Neil '23 will be in Costa Rica; and Willow Schaefer '24 will be in South Korea.

[Read more on each student>](#)



Honoring Don "Pappy" Sutton at Reunion 2024

On Saturday, June 1st, as part of Reunion 2024, St. Mike's Fire & Rescue staff, alumni and friends gathered to dedicate a bench in honor of Don "Pappy"

Sutton. The bench was donated by Delta House and serves as a testament to Don's legacy as the long time fire chief.



Chris Kenny '86 M'98 to Move to Institutional Advancement

Chris Kenny '86 M'98 will step down from his position at the end of June to become the College's Executive Director of Stewardship & Leadership Giving. Kenny has served the Department of Athletics in various roles for 37 years, the last nine as Director.

President Richard Plumb announced that current Associate Director of Athletics Matt Akins will succeed Kenny as Director of Athletics on July 1. Akins becomes just the 5th AD at the College since just after the end of World War II.

[Read more on Kenny>](#)



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.

June 19th: Calling all Yankees fans! [RSVP](#) for tickets to watch the Yankees take on the Orioles at 7:05 PM.

June 27th: The Lake Monsters are back! Purple Knights are invited to watch the Lake Monsters take on the Brockton Rox at 6:35 PM. [RSVP](#) today.

August 11th: Time for the Red Sox! Join us for the Sox Vs. Astros game. [RSVP](#) for tickets today!

August 23th - September 1st: The Champlain Valley Fair is back in town! [Tickets are available to purchase ahead of time.](#) This is your chance to celebrate "the ten best days of the year!" The fair will be from 10 AM - 10 PM each day.

August 27th: Join us for a Phillies Vs. Astros game on Tuesday, August 27! [RSVP](#) today.

September 20th-22th: Save the date for Alumni & Family Weekend 2024! More information to come.

September 25th: Save the date to meet President Plumb at a reception in Boston at the New England Aquarium. More information to come.

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