



Greetings, St. Mike's Community!

I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to our St. Mike's family members, with a special welcome to our incoming Class of 2028 families. The Alumni & Family Engagement e-newsletter, "Purple Knight Pulse," - or "PK Pulse" for short - will feature news from campus leaders, student and alumni profiles, messages from the president, details on campus and regional events, and much more. If you miss any updates, previous issues can be accessed on our website [here](#). And to all of our parents who were previously subscribed to Knight News - which features a wider variety of on campus news - we invite you to [re-subscribe here](#) or through buttons found at the bottom of the email.

Additionally, we are fortunate to have a dedicated group of alumni volunteers who lead our regional clubs, organize class reunions, and contribute in various capacities. We are eager to establish a similar network of family volunteers who can participate in both on- and off-campus events, as well as contribute to family-specific initiatives. Please take a moment to complete our [Family Volunteer Interest form](#) so that we can begin building this network.

As families and students enjoy these final weeks of summer, we are gearing up for an exciting year ahead on campus. Our faculty and staff eagerly await the return of students later this month, ready to infuse renewed energy and enthusiasm into our campus community. To our alumni enjoying the last weeks of summer, we invite you to consider Vermont and St. Mike's as a memorable stop on your travels. Please let us know when you plan to visit campus so we can warmly welcome you and update you on any changes since your last visit.

Finally, we eagerly anticipate welcoming *EVERYONE* back to campus for Alumni & Family Weekend this fall, September 20-22. Families will have the opportunity to experience our vibrant campus alongside their students, while alumni return home to St. Mike's to reconnect with old friends and create new memories. RSVP [here](#) to let us know you're coming, and view the weekend's [schedule of events](#).

Warm regards,

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### **Once a Knight, Always a Knight**

President Plumb recently met up with a handful of beloved retired faculty and staff in Alliot.

**Back row:** Dave Landers, Retired Associate Professor of Psychology and Director of the Student Resource Center, Ellen Kane, VP of Institutional Advancement

**Front Row:** Richard Plumb, President, Jennie Cernosia, Former Director of Student Activities and Adjunct Faculty member, Lou DiMasi Sr.,

Student Success Advisor and former Men's Ice Hockey Coach and Assistant Director of Student Life and Sue Kuntz, Retired Professor of Psychology.

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### **Julio Castellanos '90 on Work in Guatemala**

In early July, Julio Castellanos '90 completed a five-month Entrepreneurship course that sowed hope with the Center of Formation of Padre Bartolomé Ambrosio youth in Guatemala City. The photo was taken the day the youth submitted their project ideas. Castellanos was then asked to speak at their graduation.

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### **Alumni & Family Weekend**

Save the date for Alumni and Family Weekend this fall September 20 -22, 2024. This weekend is about coming together to celebrate what it means to be a part of the St. Mike's family - past, present, and future!



The weekend will kick off with the grand opening of the [Kelley Ski Center](#) on Friday night, a welcome back bash hosted by the SGA on Saturday, and many other events around campus showcasing all that is uniquely St. Mike's. A full schedule and event details can be found [here](#).

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### **David Weiss '15 On The Vermont Flooding**

David Weiss '15 is a flight nurse with the [UVM Health Network critical care transport program](#). During his time at St. Mike's, Weiss was a student leader on Fire & Rescue. Post-grad he took his skills and passion to go on pursuing an accelerated bachelor of science in nursing (ABSN) program at East Coast Polytechnic Institute (ECPI) graduating as valedictorian. Several recent Fire & Rescue graduates have also pursued this type of degree all of which will begin this fall: Lindsey Skinner '24 attending Colby-Sawyer College, Gabrielle Gosselin '22 & Katie Braman '23 attending Northeastern University.



Weiss also serves on the [Urban Search and Rescue Vermont Task Force 1](#), and they responded to the recent flooding in Vermont.

[More on the 2024 Vermont flooding](#)>



## 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).

**August 27th:** Join fellow Purple Knights for a Phillies Vs. Astros game - first pitch is at 6:40 PM! [RSVP](#) for tickets.

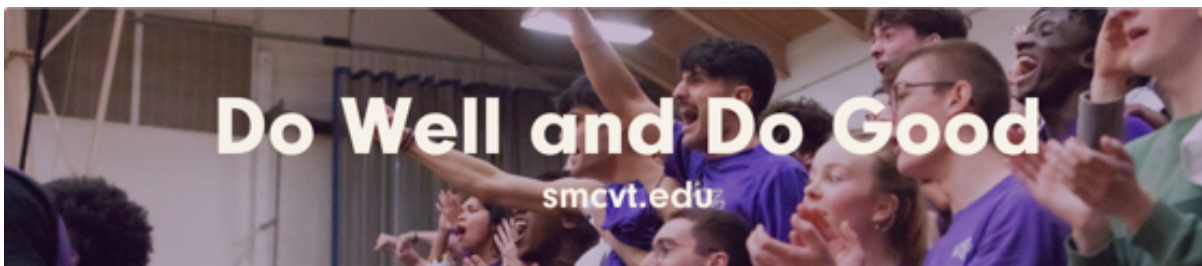
**September 19th:** Join fellow alumni and friends for the Connecticut's River Valley 'Lunch Bunch' for their annual BBQ - with special guest President Plumb. [RSVP](#) today.

**September 25th:** Join fellow Purple Knights and meet President Plumb at a reception in Boston at the New England Aquarium. More details to come.

**October 26th:** Save the date for the Inauguration of Saint Michael's College's 18th President. Details are forthcoming and can be found [here](#).

**November 16th:** Join us as we honor the 1998-99 men's ice hockey team with induction into the [Saint Michael's Athletic Hall of Fame](#), commemorating the 25th anniversary of the first national champion team in the history of Saint Michael's. More details to come.

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