



Dear Saint Michael's Community,

We are thrilled to announce that the Saint Michael's Student Success Center opened this January. Located on the upper floor of Durick Library, the Success Center is the culmination of a year-long renovation project to create a dynamic, integrated hub for academic and professional development. This beautiful new space houses Academic Advising and Student Support Services, The Boucher Career Education Center, Accessibility Services, and the Academic Enrichment Commons, and is in close proximity to the College Writing Center. This summer, we will be joined by the Study Abroad Office and International Student Services, creating a one-stop destination where students can receive comprehensive academic guidance and support, explore research opportunities, plan transformative study abroad experiences, arrange internships, prepare for career opportunities, and navigate their path toward life after college. In bringing all these services together under one roof, the Success Center represents more than just a physical transformation; it embodies our commitment to providing seamless, comprehensive support for every Saint Michael's student.



Stop by the upper floor of Durick Library during your next campus visit – our team would be delighted to give you a tour and discuss the wealth of opportunities available to our students, not to mention show off the nicest study space on campus.

Tim Mackin
Dean of Undergraduate Education



For the Love of St. Mike's

For the month of February, we are asking the St. Mike's community to give to what you love. Help us reach our goal of 200 donors this month by [making a gift](#) in support of any area of the College that has meaning to you. As part of [For the Love of St. Mike's](#), all gifts to the Saint Michael's Fund are being matched, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$50,000!

Make a gift today at smcvt.edu/love.

As part of our campaign, we're celebrating the traditions, moments, and memories that make St. Mike's so special. We'd love to hear from you! Share your favorite campus traditions, nostalgic stories, or anything that takes you back to your time as a student—whether it's a beloved event, a favorite hangout spot, or a moment that perfectly captures the spirit of St. Mike's. Your memories will help bring our alumni community together and remind us all why we love this place. Please take a moment to [fill out this form](#) to share your stories—we can't wait to hear from you!

[Share your SMC memories here >](#)

[Make a gift today >](#)

Register Now for Spring Career Connections!

We're excited to invite you to Spring Career Connections (formerly the Career Symposium) on Friday, March 7, for an afternoon of networking and professional development for Saint Michael's students. Hosted in partnership with the Alumni Board of Directors, Alumni and Family Engagement, and the Boucher Career Education Center, this event connects students with alumni eager to share insights and support their career growth.



Event Schedule:

12:00–2:00 PM | Alumni Employer Spotlight Tables & Table Talks with Alumni Experts (Alliot Student Center)

3:00–4:00 PM | Keynote Speaker Lindsey Kurrle '93 (Roy Room, Dion Student Center)

4:00–6:00 PM | Networking Reception (Archway Lounge, Dion Student Center)

[Register to attend the Keynote and the Networking Reception >](#)



Jason Charest '07 Headlines SMC Engineering Colloquium

The SMC Math and Statistics Department recently held its annual Engineering Colloquium, featuring alumnus Jason Charest '07 as the keynote speaker. Jason, a graduate of the 3+2 Engineering program with a BS in Civil Engineering from UVM and a BA in Engineering with a math minor from Saint Michael's, shared

highlights from his career as a Senior Transportation Planning Engineer with the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission.

He discussed his work on major local projects like the Burlington-Winooski bridge replacement and emphasized how Saint Michael's prepared him for professional success

by developing his communication skills, which he uses daily to explain technical concepts to the public. Jason also reflected on the lifelong friendships he formed at SMC, including meeting his wife, Jillian '04, now VP of the Alumni Board.

[More information about the 3+2 Engineering program >](#)

Saint Michael's College Celebrates 33rd MLK Convocation

Saint Michael's College hosted its 33rd Annual MLK Convocation from Jan. 20–23, celebrating Dr. King's legacy with the theme *Beloved Community: Radical Empathy*. The event featured keynote speaker Terri Givens on bridging divides through radical empathy, Reverend Dr. Shaun Whitehead on Dr. King's relevance today, and Professor Pamela N. Walker on a little-known Civil Rights Movement story via the USPS. Additional events included thought-provoking discussions, a gospel choir performance, and an interactive art installation. The convocation honored the College's long-standing commitment to social justice and community building.



[Read more about MLK Convocation >](#)



Last Call: Tell Us More

Whether you are an alumnus, a parent or a friend of Saint Michael's College, we want to hear from you. As we continue to strengthen and grow under the leadership of Dr. Richard Plumb, we want to learn what motivates you to give to Saint Michael's. By sharing this with us, you are helping guide our fundraising strategy so the College can thrive for another 120 years and beyond. One lucky respondent will receive a special gift from the SMC Campus Store! **Responses must be received by Friday, February 14th.**

[Fill out the survey >](#)

Join St. Mike's in the Naples, FL St. Patrick's Day Parade!

Show off your Purple Knight pride and celebrate the luck o' the Irish at the [13th annual Naples St. Patrick's Day Parade](#) on **Saturday, March 15**. Walk with fellow alumni, family, and friends—and score a **FREE** parade T-shirt!

📍 **10:30 AM** – Meet at SMC staging location

🚶 **11:00 AM** – Parade begins (1.8 miles, steady pace)

[RSVP by February 12](#) to secure your spot and T-shirt!

Questions? Contact Stephanie Snell at ssnell2@smcvt.edu.





Saint Michael's College Expands Environmental Education Through Scholarship Opportunities

Saint Michael's College is deepening its commitment to environmental education and student success through the Patrick '61 and Marcelle Leahy Institute for the Environment. With \$6.5 million in federal

funding, the Institute positions the College as a leader in sustainability education and workforce development.

A key initiative, the Leahy Scholars Program, provides \$2.4 million in scholarships to support students pursuing careers in environmental leadership. By connecting scholars with alumni and industry experts, the program fosters career pathways and a strong professional network. Recent awards totaled \$126,000, allowing students to focus on their education and fully engage in college life.

Alumni and families play a vital role in this initiative. To support the next generation of environmental leaders, consider [donating](#) or getting involved. For more information, contact Kristyn Achilich, Director of the Leahy Institute for the Environment, at kachilich@smcvt.edu.

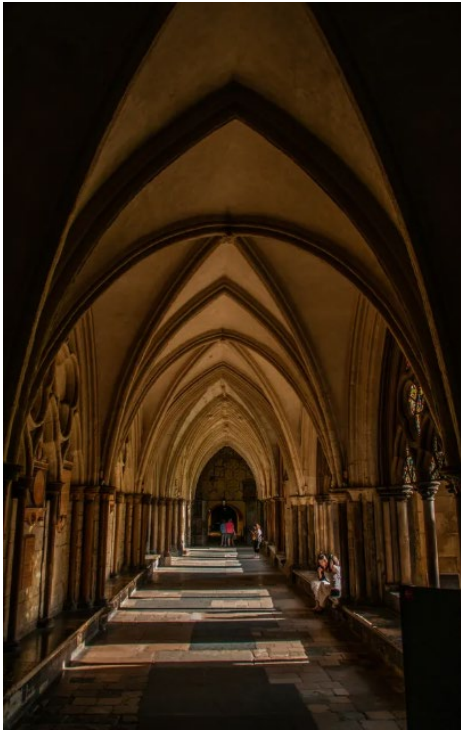
Early Great Leo Papineau and Lou DiMasi III Chosen for Vermont Sports Hall of Fame

Leo Papineau, one of the early greats in the history of Saint Michael's Athletics as a member of the Class of 1924, has been selected for induction into the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame on April 26 at the

Delta Marriott Burlington Hotel in South Burlington. The three-sport captain later won nearly 700 games as a high school coach in Northern Vermont and was a well-regarded referee and advocate for girls' sports. Lou DiMasi III M'11, the College's Assistant Director of Student Activities, Recreation and Fitness, has also been selected as part of the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame's 12th induction class, composed of 13 honorees. Prior to returning to Saint Michael's in his current role in 2023, DiMasi was an All-America ice hockey player at Norwich and long-time Saint Michael's men's golf coach.



[Read more about Leo and Lou here >](#)



Saint Michael's College Heritage Tour

There are only 8 spots left on the Saint Michael's Heritage Tour in June! This tour focuses on the outstanding life and legacy of Father Armand Prevel and the life of St. Edmund in England, with an optional extension in France.

Join Rev. Father Marcel Rainville, S.S.E. '67, Louis Giancola '68M'95, President and Mary Plumb, and many other alumni in this once in a lifetime trip!

[View an itinerary and information, and reserve your spot >](#)



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.

March 7th: Join us for the Alumni Board of Directors' Spring Career Connections event! Visit bit.ly/SMCCareerConnections for more information.

March 15th: Join members of St. Mike's and your fellow alumni in Naples, FL for the 13th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade! [Register by February 12th to get your T-shirt!](#)

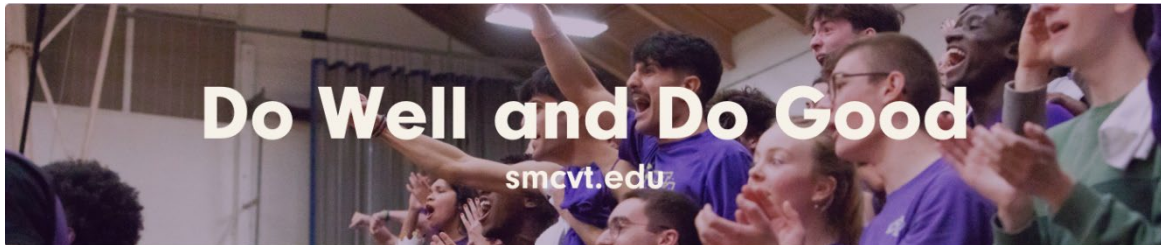
March 25th-May 1st: Saint Michael's College Learn to Swim program is back! [View more information about this year's session and to sign up!](#)

May 19th: Save the date for the 2nd Annual Purple Knight Golf Outing at Keney Park in Hartford, CT! More details to follow.

June 6th-8th: Get ready for Reunion 2025! Visit smcvt.edu/reunion for more information.

June 12th-25th: The Saint Michael's College Heritage Tour: In the Steps of Father Armand Prevel, [learn more and sign up!](#)

June 12th-25th: Mark your calendars for the CT Valley Lunch Bunch's 75th Annual Barbecue at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, CT! Details to follow.



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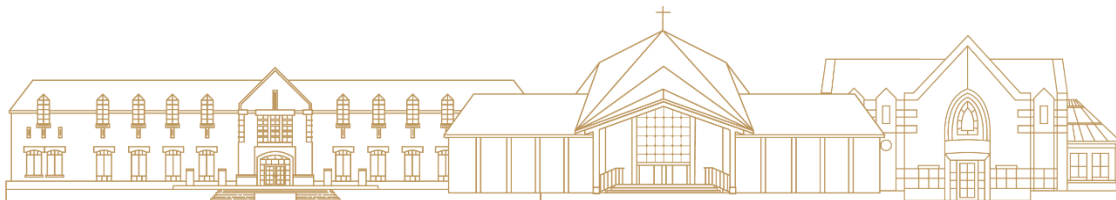
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