

Happy New Year, Purple Knights!

I hope you had a joyful and restful holiday season, filled with moments of celebration, reflection, and connection with loved ones. As we turn the page to 2025, it's the perfect time to look ahead to new opportunities and continued growth for the Saint Michael's community.

We're excited to invite you to join us for the *Spring Career Connections* event on **Friday, March 7, 2025**. This gathering, the latest evolution of the Career Symposium, provides alumni with a meaningful way to give back by sharing career advice, connecting with students, and highlighting job and internship opportunities.

Event Highlights:

- Alumni Employer Spotlight Tables (12:00–2:00 PM | Alliot Student Center)
 Showcase your organization and connect with students, offering internships or employment opportunities
- Table Talks with Alumni Experts (12:00–2:00 PM | Green Mountain Dining Room) Lead small group discussions with students on career topics such as job searching, networking, and graduate school decisions.
- Keynote Speaker (3:00–4:00 PM | Roy Room)
 Featuring Lindsay Kurrle '93, Secretary, Vermont Office of Commerce and Community
- **Networking Reception** (4:00–6:00 PM | Archway Lounge)
 Build relationships with students and fellow alumni over refreshments.

As we reflect on the holiday season's spirit of generosity and connection, this is a wonderful opportunity to extend that spirit into the new year by supporting the next generation of Purple Knights at this important event. If you're interested, <u>complete this interest form</u> to get involved.

Here's to a bright 2025 filled with meaningful connections and shared success.

Warmly,
Stephanie Snell
Director of Alumni & Family Engagement



Get Involved! Consider joining our Parent and Family Volunteer Network

At Saint Michael's College, we believe that supporting your student through their college journey is a collaborative effort, and we're excited to have you partner with us! The Office of Alumni and Family Engagement is creating a network of

family volunteers who can truly make a difference in our community by participating in both on- and off-campus events, and contributing to family-focused initiatives. We invite you to take a moment to complete our <u>Family Volunteer Interest form</u> and help us build this network together. Your involvement is invaluable!

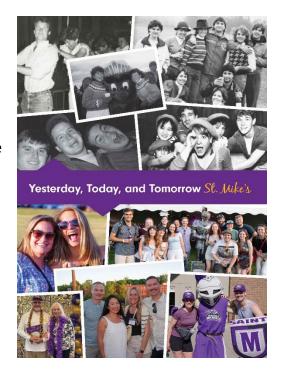
Our inaugural meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday**, **January 29th**, **at 7:00 PM EST**. A Zoom link will be sent to all who submit our Family Volunteer Interest form.

For any questions, feel free to reach out to **Stephanie Snell**.

Mark Your Calendars for Reunion 2025, June 6-8!

This year we are celebrating those classes ending in 0s and 5s. Don't miss the opportunity to revisit your best St. Mike's memories, make new ones, and catch up with classmates and the entire SMC community. Class reunion chairs will be reaching out shortly (if you haven't heard from them already) to join the committee, discuss your class gift, and help all make plans to return home for Reunion.

Additionally, Alumni of the Year Awards are presented each year at Reunion to recognize those graduates who have distinguished themselves in years of faithful service to the College to both promote SMC and live its



mission. This year we are pleased to introduce a new <u>Alumni of the Year submission</u> <u>form</u> to capture nominees from reunion classes to celebrate next June and ensure that all classmates have a chance to nominate. The Alumni Board of Directors will review all nominated Purple Knights and vote on the award winners. **Awardee submissions must be received by February 28, 2025.**



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 college bookstore!

Fill out the survey >

Alumni Round-Up from SMC Athletics!

Saint Michael's College student-athlete alumni are excelling in fields ranging from business and professional sports to military service and community leadership. These remarkable individuals continue to make headlines and uphold



the Purple Knights' legacy of success and impact. Curious to learn more about their inspiring achievements? Read the <u>full article</u> and see how these former athletes are making a difference on and off the field!

Stay up to date on all things PK Athletics >



All Things MOVE!

We've welcomed the New Year and are very excited for all that is to come this semester. Spring 2025 started strong with passionate SMC participants serving the NOLA, Immokalee, and Buffalo communities in important and meaningful ways. If you've been on a service trip, you know how powerful they can be! When Core Team returns, we have some great professional and staff development opportunities for our amazing leaders. Local programs will be up and running soon and, as always, we are excited to be playing games at Our Lady of Providence, advocating for the farm worker community with Migrant Justice, doing crafts at COTS, sitting down to meals at Dismas House, etc. We also look forward to valuable on-campus collaborations with the three Institutes, Be Well, and MLK Jr. Convocation. As Margaret Meade said so brilliantly, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can

change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that has." With that in mind, if you'd ever like to support MOVE and our incredible Core Team by sharing your MOVE story, being part of a future training, sharing an idea for service, and/or volunteering with us, please just reach out (lscott@smcvt.edu). Thank you, alums and families, for your ongoing support; it is felt and appreciated!

Be well,

Lara Scott, Director of MOVE

Saint Michael's College Approves New EMS Minor

Saint Michael's is proud to launch the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Minor, an interdisciplinary program that equips students with essential skills for healthcare and emergency response careers. With courses in Health Sciences, Public Health, Sociology, and Psychology,



the minor prepares students for patient-facing roles and post-graduate programs (MD, PA, RN).

Rooted in the College's mission of service, the EMS Minor builds on our 54-year history of volunteer EMS leadership through Fire & Rescue and is open to ALL students of SMC!

Questions? Email Kate Soons, Director of Health Sciences, for more info!



Update your Contact Info!

Attention parents of current students! Please help us keep your contact information up to date by completing this brief survey.



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 <u>events calendar</u> as details are confirmed. Interested in planning an event in your area? Email <u>events@smcvt.edu</u>.

January 20th-23rd: 33rd Annual MLK Convocation. Each year, Saint Michael's College honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr and his vision of Beloved Community through programming, activities, and music. Dr. King's Beloved Community is a global vision, in which all people share in the wealth of the earth (The King Center). The theme of our 2025 convocation is Radical Empathy, inspired by Dr. Terri E. Givens' work to bridge racial divides and explore how the structures that lead to segregation, inequality and injustice impact all of us. More information about the week can be found here.

March 7th: Save the date for the Alumni Board of Directors' Spring Career Connections event! More info to come soon.

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

June 12th-25th: The Saint Michael's College Heritage Tour: In the Steps of Father Armand Prevel, <u>learn more and sign up here!</u>





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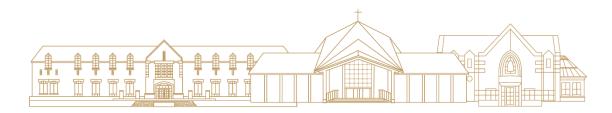


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