



Dear Saint Michael's College Alumni, Parents & Friends,

As a proud member of our Saint Michael's College community, you know how special this campus is—a place where students work hard to create bright futures, do well, and do good. However, some of our students face unexpected challenges along the way, often simply because they are living away from their families for the first time and/or are so incredibly passionate and driven to engage in this campus.

Campus Food Security has become a growing concern nationwide. THRIVE@SMC is a grassroots, collaborative program that nourishes and cares for our community by increasing access to food security and holistic well-being while providing career readiness opportunities for student leaders. Student leaders for the group fuse academic learning and credit with service and systemic solutions for challenging complex issues experienced right here at home. And, it truly takes a village. The logo you see above is the result of two of Professor Becca Gurney's courses working with the team to develop a brand that connotes advocacy and belonging and increases education and awareness. The entirety of the Cross-Campus Food

Security Working Group consists of educators around the college from Bergeron Wellness to Student & Residential Life to Athletics and IT to CAN and is led and organized by MOVE and the Leahy Institute for the Environment.

THRIVE@SMC provides access to free, nutritious food (including produce from the SMC Farm), hygiene products, and other resources to students in need, ensuring they can focus on their education without the burden of hunger. Since its opening in 2022, THRIVE has distributed over 700 pounds of food, hygiene products, and other resources to the SMC community, thanks to the generosity of supporters like you.

Donations of items from the community and people like you make all the difference. You can make your donation of an item by visiting our [Amazon Wishlist](#) or contacting thrive@smcvt.edu. If you find yourself on campus, there are donation boxes in the Institute for the Environment, MOVE, DEC, the Library, and Ross/Tarrant.

Together, we can ensure that student energy is reserved for their learning and community engagement and pursuit of career readiness and opportunity.

Thank you for being an integral part of this incredible community,

The Saint Michael's College Cross-Campus Food Security Working Group

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P.S. If you'd like to learn more about how THRIVE@SMC is making an impact, visit [@thrive.smcvt](#) on Instagram!



Thank you for making Career Connections a success!

Career Connections 2025 brought more than a hundred students, alumni, and local business leaders together for a day of networking and career exploration. Students gained valuable insights, made meaningful connections, and explored job and internship opportunities. A highlight was the inspiring keynote from **Lindsay Kurrle '93**, who emphasized adaptability and the power of the SMC network. The event showcased the strength of our community and left attendees motivated for their next steps!

We'd like to thank the Alumni Board of Directors and the Career Education Center for helping us make this event one to remember. We'd also like to thank our sponsor for Career Connections 2025, **Pomerleau Real Estate**. If you're an alum who would like to share your thoughts on Career Connections, please consider taking our [Career Connections Survey](#).

[Check out photos from the event! >](#)



Becoming a Purple Knight Again: Alumni Return to Their Roots

Many Saint Michael's College graduates find their way back to campus—not just to visit, but to teach and support the next generation of students. This article explores the experiences of

alumni who have returned as faculty and staff, sharing what it means to come full circle.
Written by Emma MacDonald '26.

[Read more about their journeys >](#)

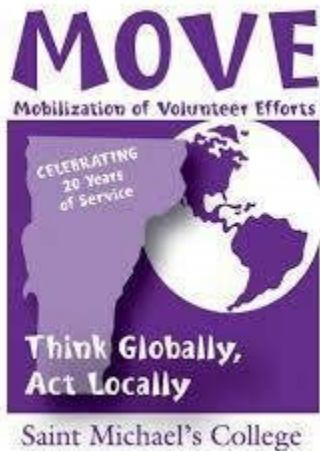


Join the SMCRFC for an Alumni BBQ & Touch Rugby Game!

The SMC Rugby family is coming back together! On **April 12th**, alumni are invited to the **300s Field** for an alumni BBQ and a friendly game of touch rugby. This is a great opportunity to reconnect, share stories, and showcase some skills on the pitch.

The event takes place during the Women's+ team home tournament, offering a full day of SMC Rugby action and a chance to cheer on the team.

[RSVP by April 1st to help the team plan >](#)



MOVE April Events!

April is National Volunteer Month and MOVE invites you to celebrate the impact of volunteer service in the community. You are an important part of our past and present and make up a big part of our MOVE story. With that in mind, we hope you'll join us this April at one or all of the following alumni volunteer opportunities:

All of April – Share with us [What MOVEs You](#). Your MOVE story can be submitted throughout National Volunteer Month and will be posted on the SMC website as a beautiful representation of the volunteer quilt this SMC community has woven over time!

All of April – We encourage you to contribute to THRIVE@SMC by making a non perishable food and/or hygiene donation through our [Amazon Wish List](#). All contributions are meaningful and help our community *thrive*.

Wednesday, April 9, 1-2pm – Water for All: A Path to Global Health & Equity Walk-a-Thon – Participate in a walk-a-thon fundraiser at SMC to raise awareness about the importance of clean, accessible water globally. [Sign up here](#).

Friday, April 25, 2-5pm – Outdoor Volunteer Efforts (OVE) Farm Friday – Volunteer on the Farm at SMC 2-4pm and stay for a Salad Days meal 4-5pm. [Sign up here](#).

Sunday, May 4, 1:30-3:30pm – COTS Walk – Join MOVE for the COTS walk through downtown Burlington. Our team, *SMC Walkers*, walks to raise public awareness about homelessness in our community *and* to raise money to support COTS shelters and services. We hope you'll join us this year. To sign up to walk and/or to donate, [visit our team page](#)



No. 2 Men's Ice Hockey Defeats No. 1 Saint Anselm for NE10 Postseason Crown

The Saint Michael's College men's ice hockey team clinched the Northeast-10 Conference Championship on March 1, 2025, with a decisive 5-1 victory over top-seeded Saint Anselm College. Senior defenseman David Ciancio led the charge, scoring two goals and assisting on another, earning him the tournament's Most Valuable Player honors. This triumph marks the Purple Knights' sixth NE10 postseason title and their first since 2009. The team concluded the season with 18 wins, the second-highest total in program history, showcasing their defensive strength by leading the league with a 2.40 goals-against average and a .929 save percentage.

[Read more about the Purple Knights' win >](#)



Farm at SMC Shares Open to Local Alumni

The Farm at SMC is gearing up to launch our 2025 Free Choice CSA and this year local alumni are invited to purchase shares!

Starting on 3/24/25 you can register to become a CSA member by visiting the Farm's Instagram ([@farm.smcvt](#)) and clicking the "Faculty, Staff, & Alumni CSA Registration Form" linked in our bio OR by emailing Farm and Food Program Manager, Christine Gall at cgall@scmvt.edu

Shares can be purchased in denominations of \$400, \$300, \$200, or \$150 and are good for the duration of the CSA season, which runs from mid-April through late October. Each Monday throughout the season, CSA members will receive an email with a list of available produce. Let us know what veggies you want and then stop by the Institute for the Environment on campus that Thursday to pick-up your pre-packaged order! Still not sure our Free Choice CSA is right for you? Check out our [Frequently Asked Questions factsheet](#) or reach out to Christine Gall directly with your questions.



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.

Purple Knights on the Road

April 3rd: Washington D.C. Knights! Join us as we welcome the 3rd annual Destination D.C. group traveling down from St. Mike's at the Dubliner Irish Pub from 6-8 PM! We will also be joined by special guest, NPR reporter Tom Bowman '77. This networking reception will also include prospective students and their families. [RSVP here!](#)

April 3rd: Join us in Boston at Joe's on Newbury from 5-7 PM to welcome 16 members of the newly established SMC Student Investment Fund (SIF)! The students will be accompanied by SIF faculty advisor Professor Patrick Walsh, and Business Professor Nicole Morris. In addition, this event will include prospective students and their families. [RSVP here!](#)

April 22nd: Join St. Mike's alumni, staff, and prospective students for a fun evening with food, speakers, and great conversation in the beautiful Atrium at 300 Tice in Woodcliff Lake, NJ, from 5:30-7:30 PM. [RSVP here!](#)

Purple Knights in the Community

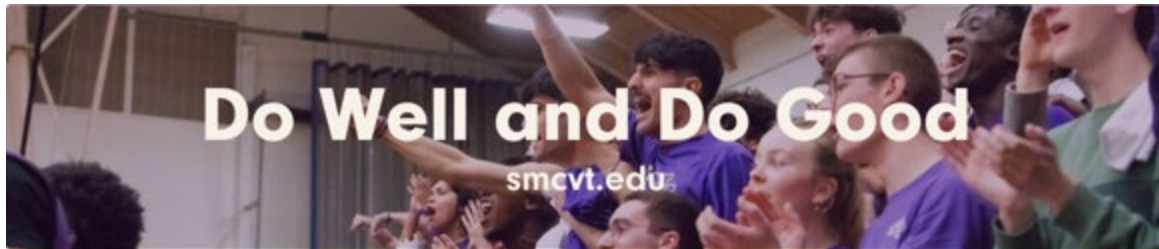
April 5th: Attention SMC Lacrosse alumni, come cheer on your Men's Lax Purple Knights in their April 5th game vs. Assumption on April 5th! More info to come.

April 15th: Join MJ Picone '87 at the annual ImmaCare shelter to cook and serve dinner together in the spirit of the Edmundite tradition. Cooking will start at 5:30 PM, with serving dinner starting at 7 PM. If you are able, please bring travel size toiletries or socks. Register by calling or texting MJ at 860-805-2139.

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



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