



St. Mary's College Alumni Association
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SMC Alumni Awards Application

The St. Mary's College (SMC) Alumni Association sponsors the following awards to recognize students who will be entering their first year post secondary education.

- ❖ The “**Carmen Provenzano Leadership**” Award(s)
- ❖ The “**SMC Alumni**” Award(s) **founded by Rudy Duschek**
- ❖ The “**SMC Alumni**” Award(s) in **Honour of Michael Plastino CPA, CA, Licensed Public Accountant**
- ❖ The “**SMC Alumni**” Award(s) in **Honour of Wishart Law Firm**
- ❖ The “**Basilian**” Award(s) in **Honour of the Basilian Fathers**

Notice to Applicants:

1. Students must be entering their first year of post secondary education. If a student is unable to attend post secondary school after graduation (i.e. due to illness, financial need and/or other extenuating circumstances), please explain why and state your future plans.
2. Student's academic standing must be commensurate with his or her ability (attach transcript and mid-term report). **SCHOLARSHIPS WILL ONLY BE AWARDED WITH PROOF OF ACCEPTANCE AT THE INSTITUTION SPECIFIED (University or College).**
3. The successful candidates must show leadership ability and commitment to their school and/or community.
4. A committee setup by the SMC Alumni Association will review the applications and select the successful candidates. This team may consult with school staff about the selections. The committee may also wish to meet with the successful candidates.
5. Applications must be received no later than **Friday June 5, 2020** by Student Services at *St. Mary's College* guidance offices. **Late submissions may not be considered.**



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1. The “CARMEN PROVENZANO LEADERSHIP” Award(s)

Our dear friend Carmen Provenzano cherished his memories of the Basilian Fathers and his five years as a student at St. Mary's College. The SMC Alumni Association is pleased to offer these scholarships in his name.

Carmen was a part of many firsts at St. Mary's. As a student, he was a member of the initial class at the College in 1956 and became our first Students' Council President. He shared the quarterback position on our first Knight's football squad with Harvey Barsanti and the late Roger Dezordo and played on the first Senior Knight's basketball team.

After graduating from Law School, Carmen returned home to start his practice here and became the first President of the St. Mary's College Alumni Association where he was instrumental in organizing two Cottage Lottery Fundraisers that provide capital for the bursaries that we are proud to offer in his name.

Carmen's many accomplishments for the Sault Ste. Marie area and Canada are well known. He loved his community and its people and served selflessly to help them. In turn, the people have responded by naming a street “*Carmen's Way*” in his honour.

We at St. Mary's know of his love for his Alma Mater and the priests who helped form him. We return that love by offering this aid to our future generations in the name of one of St. Mary's most beloved sons.



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- 2. The “Basilian” Award will be presented each year in the name of a Basilian Priest(s) who has served SMC since 1956. The awards will acknowledge our Founding Fathers, Father Matt Mulcahy & Father Pat Lalonde.**

When the Basilian Fathers first opened the doors to St. Mary's College in 1956, they brought with them a tradition that was already 200 years old. From their founding in France in 1757, the Congregation of the Priests of St. Basil has grown worldwide and today has schools and parishes in Canada, the United States, France, Mexico and Columbia. All of the schools that they have founded share a common motto with St. Mary's - "Teach me Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge".

Fifty years after they began our traditions at SMC, the Basilians have left behind a legacy of commitment to our Gospel Values and Excellence in education. Like any growing, vibrant and organic entity, what began with Father Matt Mulcahy and Father Pat Lalonde in the last century continues to develop today at St. Mary's and will continue throughout the new millennium.

When they left St. Mary's, the Basilian Priests left behind their footprint of teaching young people about Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge. We remember the words of our iconic Priest, Teacher and Coach, Father Brian Higgins. "There is no better place to be than in a school, in a city on a river that are all named after the Blessed Virgin Mary."

And so it is only right that this award honour the commitment and sacrifice of all of those wonderful men who heard God's call to come to our city to share the charism of the Congregation of the Priests of St. Basil.

Our generation has embraced this Gift of the Spirit given to us by them and we will continue into the future generations to follow the path that they have shown us.

We thank God for their vision and leadership.

The Basilian Fathers lived the lessons of Matthew's Gospel (5:3). The criteria for this award will emphasize a history of "*Faith in Action*", rather than strictly academic achievement during the applicant's secondary school year.



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3. THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED THROUGH THE ST. MARY'S COLLEGE ALUMNI FOUNDATION BY RUDY DUSCHEK, CLASS OF 1978.

Rudy Duschek CPA, CA, the benefactor of this scholarship, is an alumnus of St. Mary's College (class of 1978). Rudy believes that his accomplishments and desire for continuous learning result directly from the values and attitudes instilled by his teachers at St. Mary's and elsewhere. Rudy has been fortunate enough to have mentors that have challenged him and truly advocated the principles of Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge.

After graduating from St. Mary's, Rudy completed his Bachelor of Commerce degree at the University of Windsor in 1982. Since then, through a commitment to life-long learning, Rudy has been fortunate to earn several professional designations.

The SMC Alumni Award will be awarded to a graduating student who has exhibited scholastic success and contributed to the school and community at large and *who wishes to pursue a trade following graduation* from SMC. The *graduating student must have been accepted for a community college or apprenticeship program* commencing in the next term following graduation from St. Mary's College. Candidates must complete the Alumni award application form, including providing appropriate acceptance letters and transcripts, and must meet other criteria to be considered for this award.



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4. The "SMC Alumni" Award

All aspects of school life are so important to the development of young men and women. This award will be presented to a deserving student who has demonstrated true school spirit, dedication and commitment to their school and fellow classmates.

This award can be named in honour of an alumni and/or sponsor who has gone over and above in support the SMC Alumni Association.



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Student Information Addendum

Instructions: The following inclusions for this Student Information Profile and Application must **NOT** be handwritten but typed by computer and formatted with double spacing. Properly processed and printed items should be submitted to the Student Services department in your school along with the *Student Profile Information* page above.

1. Please list by grade your activities and involvement *inside* and *outside* the school including sports, committees, clubs, employment, volunteering, etc.
2. Please describe (500 words or less) what you learned or achieved from your high school experience (personal development) and extra-curricular activities (employment, volunteering, etc...).
3. Please briefly describe (300 words or less) why you have chosen your particular course of post-secondary education.

ALL Sections Must be completed.