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THE **CAMPAIGN** FOR SAINT VINCENT



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Saint Vincent is a Catholic, Benedictine college of the liberal arts and sciences. The mission of the College is “to provide quality undergraduate and graduate education for men and women to enable them to integrate their professional aims with the broader purpose of human life.”

Because of a committed, highly credentialed faculty, Saint Vincent College has earned a national reputation for the rigor of its programs and the success of its graduates. Saint Vincent College has been repeatedly recognized on *Washington Monthly*’s national list of best Liberal Arts Colleges based on social mobility, research and service, as well as listed in its “Best Bang for the Buck” in the Northeast, in the publication’s 2017 rankings.

Our Catholic, Benedictine tradition emphasizes the search for truth through the liberal arts and sciences in a broad spiritual context of ultimate meaning and moral values. The rapid technological changes of our digital age have had a profound impact on how we prepare our students for the moral and ethical challenges and opportunities they will face in shaping a better world. Pope Francis has written about the “urgent need for radical change” in contemporary education which so often lacks a spiritual context: “Our generation will show that it can rise to the promise found in each young person when we . . . create the material and spiritual conditions for their full development; to give them a solid basis on which to build their lives; to guarantee their safety and their education to be everything they can be” (*Laudato Si’* 2015).

We have chosen the motto of Archabbot Boniface Wimmer as the driving spirit of our strategic plan and capital campaign: **Forward, always forward.**

We are grateful that Saint Vincent is recognized as an outstanding college. With your support and our hard work, we will become an even better college. That we do so is important for our students, for America, and for the world in which we live.

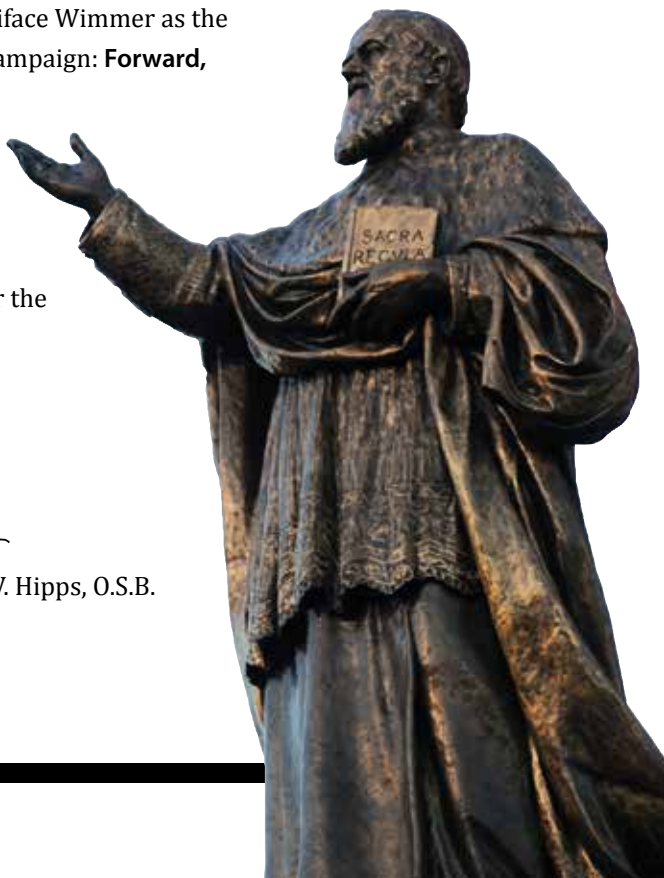
May God be gracious and bless us.



+Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B.
ARCHABBOT AND CHANCELLOR



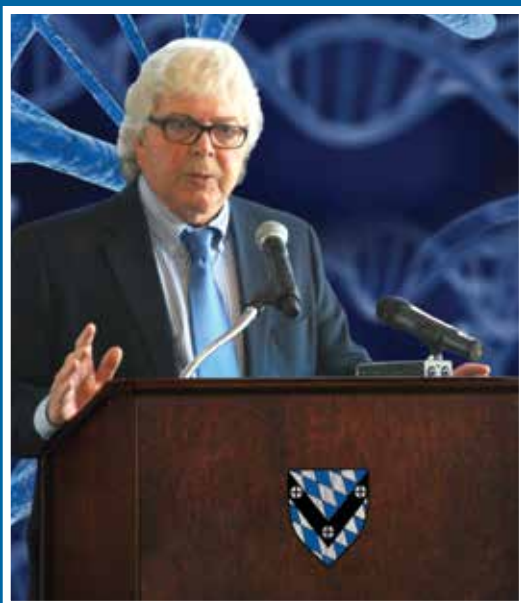
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Dr. John Smetanka presents a sky show at the Angelo J. Taiani Planetarium and Astronaut Exhibit inside the Sis and Herman Dupré Science Pavilion.



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*"My four years
at Saint Vincent
were crucial to my
attraction to the
field of genetics.*

*The exposure
to the liberal arts has served me well during my
career. The broad base of knowledge garnered at
Saint Vincent initiated the continual accumulation
of experience and, I hope, wisdom that guided me
through my personal and professional vicissitudes.
More importantly, my awakening to so many diverse
areas of personal interest I owe to my years at Saint
Vincent College."*

— **DR. HERBERT W. BOYER, C'58**
CO-FOUNDER, GENENTECH



A Saint Vincent Benedictine Education

Benedictine educational institutions throughout the world all have their own particular character and culture. Yet, because the 1,500-year Benedictine Catholic tradition has played such a significant role in the development of western civilization, Benedictine colleges and universities have a strong sense of connectedness with each other.

The unique quality of Benedictine diversity within a communal unity inspired the Association of Benedictine Colleges and Universities to articulate values rooted in the biblical wisdom synthesized for practical living by Saint Benedict in his classic *Rule*. All incoming students upon their arrival receive a copy of the *Rule of Saint Benedict* as a gift of the Archabbot for use in their first theology course. They learn that the time-tested biblical wisdom of the *Rule* has relevance for them, especially in our time which cries out for a vision of deeper spiritual meaning and peace.

Some of the Benedictine hallmarks include:

COMMUNITY LIFE: SERVING THE COMMON GOOD Saint Vincent College seeks to cultivate an atmosphere of respect for the dignity of each person and a commitment to the common good through responsible living enriched by the example of those around us.

HOSPITALITY: WELCOMING EACH PERSON AS CHRIST HIMSELF In the *Rule*, Saint Benedict directs his monks to welcome each person as Christ himself. At Saint Vincent College each student is welcomed as Christ in a spirit of peace and equality. The diversity of backgrounds within the campus community provides a rich environment where differences are respected.

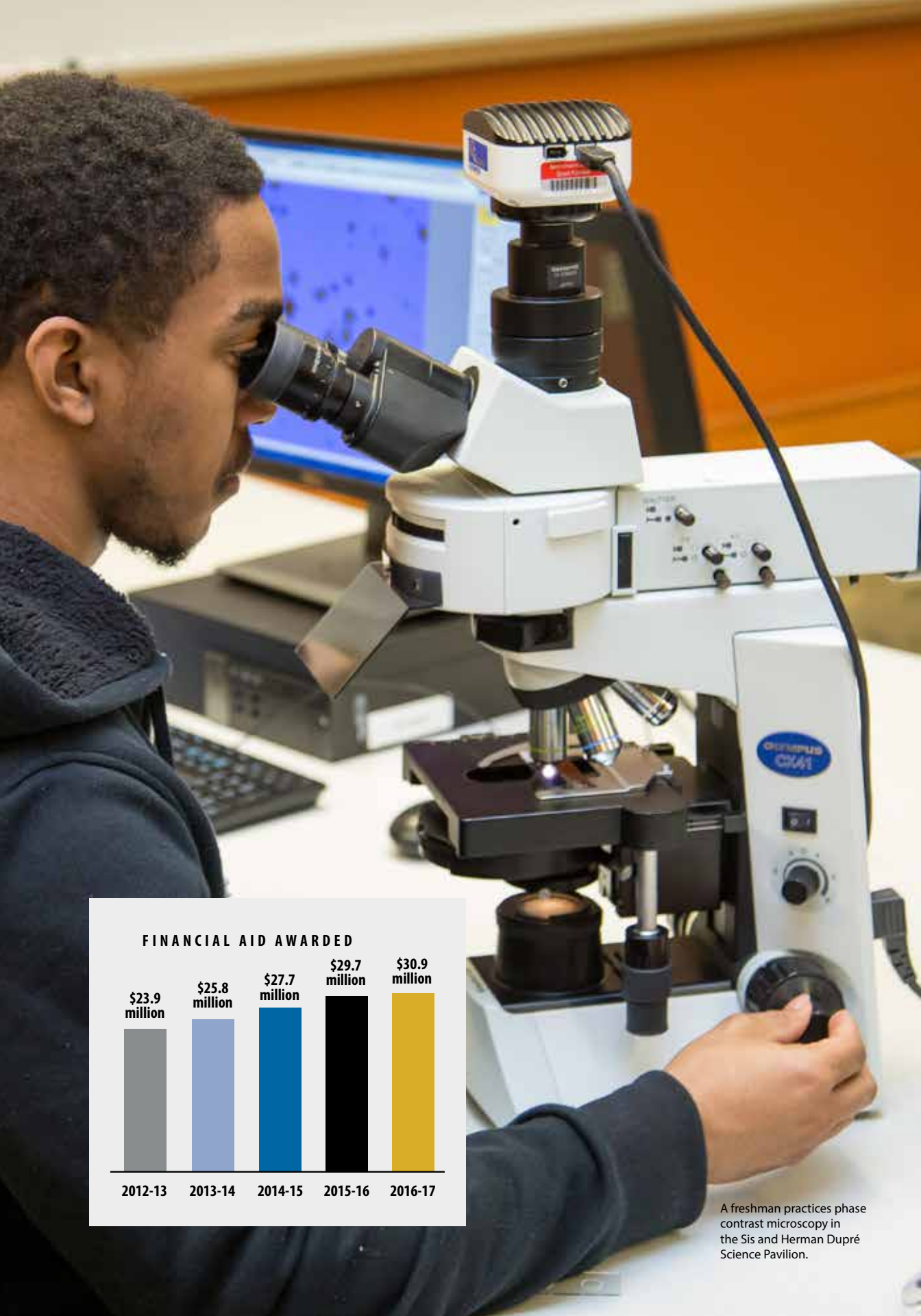
STEWARDSHIP: SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CREATION Awareness of the sacredness of life in all aspects is fundamental to our Catholic, Benedictine tradition. Stewardship of the earth and respect for personal goods constitute essential building blocks for peace and harmony.

SPIRITUALITY: "THE DIVINE PRESENCE IS EVERYWHERE," RULE 19.1 Saint Vincent provides an experience for students to grow in faith and explore the benefits of a meaningful prayer life. Benedictine spirituality fosters an exploration of the space between what is visible and what is invisible – that place where God's presence and our own personal experience intersect.

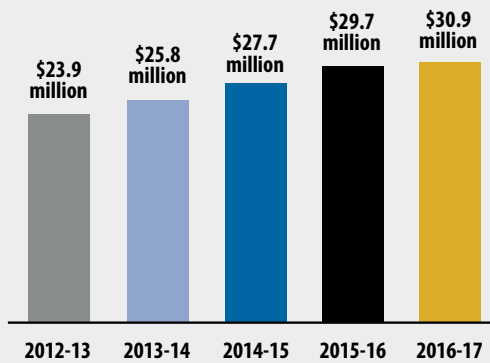
LOVE OF LEARNING: A LIFELONG COMMITMENT An understanding of the importance of lifelong learning is a key value reflected in the Benedictine tradition. Saint Vincent seeks to help students to differentiate the essential from the ephemeral. Discerning those values which will enable society to advance the common good for all humanity is an essential aspect of our educational mission.

Community Outreach

Enhancing its commitment of outreach to the local region, Saint Vincent will continue to expand its signature outreach programs: the Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve, the Fred Rogers Center, the Kennametal Center for Operational Excellence, the Loe China Studies Center, the Threshold Lecture Series, the Saint Vincent Summer Theatre, the Saint Vincent Concert Series and a variety of musical programs offered through Saint Vincent College such as the Camerata and the College Singers.



FINANCIAL AID AWARDED



A freshman practices phase contrast microscopy in the Sis and Herman Dupré Science Pavilion.

The Power of the Past and the Promise of the Future

For more than 170 years, Saint Vincent College has educated students in the Catholic, Benedictine tradition of the liberal arts and sciences, a tradition that focuses on personal fulfillment and a meaningful life through professional achievement and service to others.

With your help, we are committed to a campaign to move Saint Vincent College Forward, Always Forward.

Comprehensive Campaign Goal (Total).....	\$100 Million
Endowment.....	\$40 Million
Infrastructure.....	\$40 Million
Current Programs and Student Support.....	\$20 Million



Dr. Cynthia Martincic, associate professor and chair of the Department of Computing and Information Systems, assists CIS students Scott Reichard, Justin Bowman and Brittany McMillan.

ENDOWMENT – STRENGTHENING OUR FOUNDATION

Endowment Goal \$40 Million

Scholarships

Professorships

Programs, Innovation and Renewal

SCHOLARSHIPS

At Saint Vincent we are expanding access and opportunity through scholarship resources. The need is urgent. Our commitment to support students – both merit and need-based – is an expression of our confidence that the Saint Vincent experience will make a difference in the lives of our students. By increasing the students' scholarship endowment, Saint Vincent College will strengthen its capacity to provide financial support for students who are committed to making a difference in a challenging world. Increasing scholarship and endowment resources is a paramount priority of our campaign.

STUDENT AID

100%
of all incoming
freshmen receive
some form
of financial aid.



PROFESSORSHIPS

The faculty of Saint Vincent College is composed of outstanding scholars and teachers who excel in their respective fields. They chose Saint Vincent because our College embodies for them an educational philosophy that seeks to enhance not only the students' intellectual skills, but also the moral, spiritual and human values that will serve them well throughout life. Our commitment to moral and ethical values will be preserved by continuing to recruit and retain gifted and dedicated faculty who reflect these values and engage students to incorporate them into all aspects of their lives. By establishing endowed professorships, we will be better able to attract and retain outstanding professors, who will serve as role models and expand Saint Vincent's reputation for quality education in the Benedictine tradition. Various levels of endowed professorships will help us recognize and reward the exceptional teaching of our faculty and provide support for scholarly research, publications and service learning.



Students in a class taught by Dr. Bruce Bethke, professor of biology, examine fluorescently stained neural cells in the digital imaging laboratory made possible by a grant from the National Science Foundation. The laboratory provides students with the experience of working with current, real-world technologies and greatly increases the quantitative literacy of students preparing for graduate or professional school or professional employment.



PROGRAMS, INNOVATION AND EXPANSION

Providing resources to enhance academic programs and scholarly activities of faculty and students through endowed funds will provide opportunities for faculty and students to advance in their intellectual growth and contribution to society. Through this campaign, we will establish funding for innovation in academic and scientific pursuits as well as for the preservation and care for the buildings and grounds of our beautiful campus. Named endowment gifts will ensure that our programs and our campus enhance academic quality and appreciation for a well-cared-for campus.

ENDOWMENT GIVING LEVELS :

Endowed Chairs/Centers	\$3,000,000
Endowed Professorships	\$2,000,000
Endowed Lectureships	\$1,000,000
Endowed Programs	\$100,000
Named Expansion Projects	\$50,000+
Named Student Scholarship Funds	\$25,000+

Technology and Humanity

“If you think about what a human being is, we exist because of brains, soul, heart. What we can replicate in a robot is the brain. But you never will replicate the heart, which is passion, compassion. And the soul, which enables us to believe. The robot will never have the ability to believe in something. So perhaps we will have at the end of this [digital] revolution — possibly, possibly — a basis for a new human renaissance.”

— KLAUS SCHWAB

FOUNDER OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM



A group of students work on an experiment in a cell biology laboratory.

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INFRASTRUCTURE –
THE ACADEMIC SPINE OF CAMPUS

Infrastructure Goal (Total)	\$40 Million
Library and Technology Information Hub	\$17 Million
Advanced Technology Updates for Alfred Hall and Robert S. Carey Student Center Classrooms	\$2 Million
Student Life and Humanities Hub/Dining Services	\$16 Million
James F. Will Engineering and Biomedical Sciences Hall	\$5 Million



The Sis and Herman Dupré Science Pavilion has positioned Saint Vincent among the national leaders in science education.

FOUR PROJECTS FOR INNOVATION
AND EXPANSION

The areas of campus that encourage social interaction also give students access to the technological tools and resources needed to develop the skills to succeed in their chosen profession. Access to information and the ability to use that information responsibly is essential in our highly technological world. Navigating the vast expanse of digital and high-tech information requires knowledge that is informed by values, wisdom and judgment. As the world becomes more digital and technological, greater is the need for social connectedness that contributes to the common good.

Library and Technology Information Hub

The expansion of the Latimer Family Library into a technology information hub will be a key project in the capital campaign. The library plays a major role in academic research, scholarship and teaching. Preparing our students to meet the challenges and opportunities of the profound technological, social and economic transformations currently reshaping human history is a high priority at Saint Vincent College.

The interface between the humanities and technology is critical to the task of creating a society that embraces our deepest ethical and spiritual values. Through innovative development of its academic curriculum, our faculty is committed to helping students to deepen their understanding of emerging technologies and their impact on our society. This understanding is of critical importance since it touches upon the meaning of human existence itself.

“Science and technology have brought mankind enormous progress, but science and technology by themselves will not save us . . . Science without ethics, art without spirituality, technology without human moral values, materiality without transcendence remain branches in search of a vine.”

— CARDINAL DONALD WUERL

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS, MAY 11, 2013, SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE



The design proposal for expansion of the Latimer Family Library into a technology information hub continues the longstanding Benedictine tradition of granting a place of honor to the library in support of the College's teaching mission.

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Advanced Technology Updates for Alfred Hall and Robert S. Carey Student Center Classrooms

Faculty and students have identified urgent and important needs for technology updates for Alfred Hall and the Robert S. Carey Student Center. This campaign will provide new information technology access for classrooms, as well as update HVAC climate control and other mechanical systems to create a better learning environment for our students.



Architect's rendering of the Student Life and Humanities Hub

Student Life and Humanities Hub

The Student Life and Humanities Hub will bring together members of the campus community and create an atmosphere for the open exchange of ideas and cultural enrichment.

The Hub will house the

Citrone Family Commuter Center, the office of Campus Ministry, high-tech classrooms, meeting and study areas as well as performance exhibition areas for the fine arts.

An integral part of the Hub is the enhancement of our dining facilities to create a social environment that facilitates communication among students and the wider campus community. The expansion of the dining service area is intended to create an atmosphere that encourages individuals and groups to interact on a personal level.

The Hub dining experience also focuses on helping students to grow in awareness of the importance of time for reflection to avoid the mental exhaustion that comes with perpetual digital connectedness. Learning to pause and step back from ongoing digital activity is an important skill for survival in our digital age.



Views of the exterior and interior of the James F. Will Engineering and Biomedical Sciences Hall, completed in fall 2017.

“The Sis and Herman Dupré Science Pavilion at Saint Vincent College is more than just a building. It’s a symbol of the school’s commitment to science education. I am particularly impressed by the facility’s innovative design elements — inspired by science and math themes — alongside its multi-use labs where different sciences can cross-pollinate their methods, tools and ideas toward a greater understanding of the physical world. The country needs this right now.”

— NEIL DEGRASSE TYSON

ASTROPHYSICIST, AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY DIRECTOR,
HAYDEN PLANETARIUM IN NEW YORK CITY,
SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE THRESHOLD SERIES SPEAKER

James F. Will Engineering and Biomedical Sciences Hall

Building on its historically strong academic programs in the natural sciences, Saint Vincent College launched an engineering science degree program and an integrated science major with an allied health concentration. A new biomedical sciences and engineering hall, named in honor of past Saint Vincent College president James F. Will, has been completed as a new wing to the Sis and Herman Dupré Science Pavilion. This facility features classroom and laboratory space, faculty offices for the engineering program and a human anatomy laboratory. In addition to providing education and research opportunities for the College’s undergraduate and graduate programs, the human anatomy laboratory also serves as a resource for physicians, health care agencies and medical device companies for surgical training sessions, continuing medical education programs and biomedical research.



Br. Albert Gahr, O.S.B., a young Benedictine monk on the Saint Vincent faculty, monitors student research in the digital imaging laboratory in the Sis and Herman Dupré Science Pavilion.

CURRENT PROGRAMS AND STUDENT SUPPORT –

MAKING A VITAL IMPACT

Providing a world-class education for our students at Saint Vincent College requires planning and support. Many of our campaign initiatives support academic and student scholarship endowments as well as new construction and renovation of existing facilities. Support for existing academic and student service programs that are funded on a recurring, annual basis is critical. These programs of student support have a vital impact on the educational experience at Saint Vincent.

Campaign Goal for Current Programs.....\$20 Million
Students First Fund
Fred Rogers Center
Academic and Support Services
Student Life Resources, Athletics, Recreation and Wellness

STUDENTS FIRST

Making the Saint Vincent College experience accessible and affordable to students is a high priority. In a national economic climate where wages and the cost of living are growing in disparity, many students experience acute financial need. In recognition of an existing need for scholarship funding, “The Saint Vincent College Annual Fund for Students First” was established. This fund is used entirely for current financial help for our students. For many, the Students First Fund makes a Saint Vincent education a reality.



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THE FRED ROGERS CENTER AT SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

In the mid-1990s Fred Rogers worked with the administration of Saint Vincent College to establish the Fred Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children's Media at Saint Vincent College. The Center demonstrates Saint Vincent's impact on education and its ability to plan and implement projects with national reach. It serves as a national and international resource to address emerging issues affecting the social, emotional, intellectual and physical development of young children, birth to age 5, and their families, teachers and other caregivers. The work of the Rogers Center is integrated into the curriculum of the College and provides opportunities to engage undergraduate students in research through the Fred Rogers Scholars Program.



“Whether we’re a preschooler or a young teen, a graduating college senior or a retired person, we human beings all want to know that we’re acceptable, that our being alive somehow makes a difference in the lives of others.”

— FRED ROGERS



The ultramodern design of the Fred M. Rogers Center dominates the eastern entrance to the Saint Vincent campus. It welcomes thousands of visitors yearly to its resources for early learning and children’s media as well as the conference center.

Dr. Junlei Li, co-director and associate professor of early learning and children’s media at the Fred Rogers Center, integrates the work and mission of the Fred Rogers Center, Saint Vincent College and child-serving partners in the larger community. His research lab, Incubator 143, partners with educators, trainers, advocates, researchers and nonprofits to create positive change for young children and their families by incorporating developmental and behavioral science, communication and design and social change theory.

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“Saint Vincent became a central and seminal part of my life. I was welcomed, educated and provided a climate and culture that allowed me to grow intellectually, physically and spiritually. I got into Harvard Law School by virtue of my education here. And, perhaps most important of all, I left here with values which have sustained me over the 50 years since.”

– JOHN DEGNAN, C’66
PRESIDENT AND CEO,
AMERICAN INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION

ACADEMIC AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Saint Vincent is committed to providing quality academic programs, undergraduate and graduate research experiences and support services for our students. Recognizing that teaching and learning are the most critical parts of our mission, in addition to named endowments for chairs and professorships, named endowments are also available to support academic departments, programs such as study abroad, or support services such as Opportunity SVC. Examples of study abroad opportunities include annual student service programs in Brazil, Taiwan and mainland China, where students engage in intercultural exchange. Opportunity SVC is an academic support program that has been serving the needs of financially disadvantaged or otherwise at-risk students for more than 30 years.



Study abroad by Saint Vincent students, such as this group in Ireland, is a popular academic program.



Service learning by Saint Vincent students such as this encounter in Guatemala is motivated by the College's mission.

STUDENT LIFE RESOURCES, ATHLETICS, RECREATION AND WELLNESS

Saint Vincent provides an array of extracurricular, athletic and service learning programs that enhance our students' educational experiences. Students have the opportunity to engage in leadership and service through our robust Campus Ministry and service learning programs, competitive varsity athletics teams and more than 50 clubs and organizations. These programs and activities enable students to integrate and balance their human interests with their academic pursuits and help to contribute to a well-rounded liberal arts education.



The annual summer training camp of the Pittsburgh Steelers on campus at Chuck Noll Field has been a mecca for fans since 1966.



Saint Vincent students assist participants during Sports Friendship Day, an annual event for persons with special needs.



Fr. Jean-Luc Zadroga, O.S.B., blesses a student with ashes in the Mary, Mother of Wisdom Student Chapel.

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As a Catholic, Benedictine College of the liberal arts and sciences, Saint Vincent plays a vital role in the rich diversity of American higher education today. Thousands of its graduates serve in a variety of leadership positions locally and throughout the world. Saint Vincent seeks to build upon its historic contribution to our nation by renewing its pledge to provide an affordable, quality education for our current and future students.

Your support is essential for Saint Vincent to fulfill its commitment of service as outlined in this case statement.

We are grateful to you for joining in our commitment to the future as together we move **Forward, always forward!**



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