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University of Saint Mary Increases Scholarship Awards to Better Serve Students with Financial Need

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—In response to increasing tuition and fees at colleges and universities across the country and particularly in the Midwest, the University of Saint Mary has re-worked its financial aid and awarding structure to ensure quality, Catholic higher education remains accessible to students from varied economic backgrounds.

USM's new awarding structure will allow qualified freshmen to receive awards ranging from \$32,000 to \$48,000 spread out over a four-year college career.

The university's new awarding structure was developed with the current economic climate in mind. USM has experienced significant enrollment growth over the past few years, and is increasingly aware of the strain existing economic conditions is putting on families.

"The University of Saint Mary was founded on a commitment to making education accessible to all, across all boundaries," said Ken Wuerzberger, the university's director of enrollment management. "We know that families are continuing to navigate the challenges of paying for higher education, and we plan on doing all we can from both an academic and financial aid standpoint to put USM on the map as a leader in supporting Catholic educational opportunity and spiritual growth for all."

The new awarding announcement also comes as the university is also re-affirming its commitment to expanding its health care programs and training the health care professionals of tomorrow. USM recently received approval from the Higher Learning Commission to offer its first doctorate program—the Doctor of Physical Therapy*—and is looking to expand its roster of health care offerings, a list that already includes several pre-professional health paths and highly-regarded nursing programs.

Prospective students are welcome to attend USM's Discovery Days open house Oct. 25-26 at the main Leavenworth campus. Attendees will get the opportunity to spend a night in the dorms, sit in on a class, and meet with financial aid advisors.

Visit www.stmary.edu to learn more about the university, or go to www.stmary.edu/scholarships for more information on Saint Mary scholarship offerings.

The University of Saint Mary is a Catholic co-educational applied liberal arts university founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. The University of Saint Mary is located at 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan., with additional locations in Overland Park and Kansas City, Kan. Visit www.stmary.edu for more information.

**The University of Saint Mary is seeking accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone; 703-706-3245; accreditation@apta.org). The program will submit an Application for Candidacy, which is the formal application required in the pre-accreditation stage. Submission of this document does not assure that the program will be granted Candidate for Accreditation status nor does it assure that the program will be granted Accreditation*

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