



2010-2011 President's Report

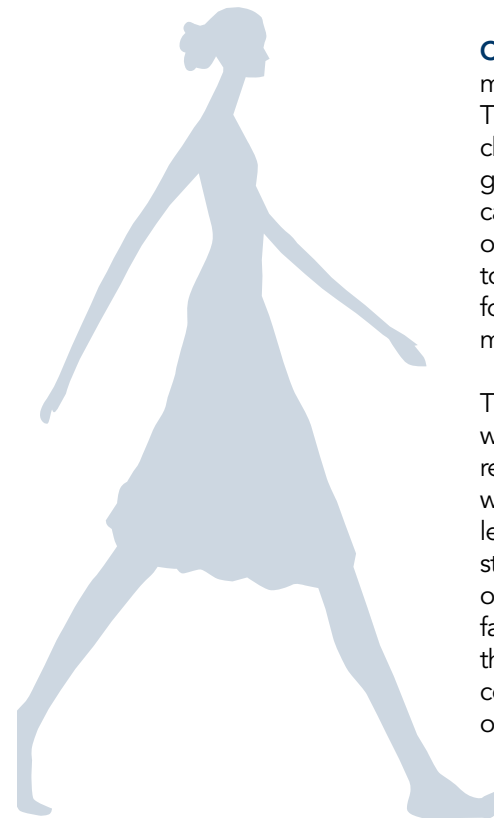


We Have a Story to Tell!

Since the dawn of communication, “*Tell me a story*” has been an eager appeal from children and adults in anticipation of tales of inspiration, character, and outstanding achievement sure to follow.

College of Saint Mary has a story to tell of the elements that wove throughout this past academic year. A story of distinctive academics, of purposeful leadership, and outstanding achievement.

A story of our mission and faith affirmed, expansion and growth, and of the road ahead.



COLLEGE OF SAINT MARY is the best ministry in which I have ever been engaged. The students, faculty and staff have challenged me, changed me, and given me great hope in the future. Our work here is to call forth the potential and foster leadership in our students, to provide them the resources to claim their voice and to partner with others for the care of the next generation. We have many stories of success!

The success of our students as educated women, committed professionals, and relational role models is, in many ways, their work. But “it takes a village!” Our village of learners is multi-generational (with our oldest student 72) and multi-cultural (24% women of color). The village includes committed faculty and staff dedicated to encouraging the growth of others. And, our village simply could not function without the generosity of our alumnae and friends. These pages speak



of our awards, projects, and programs – a testimony that, indeed, your investment makes a difference!

Without *your* contributions, we could not celebrate our stories of success.

Thank you...thank you...thank you!


Dr. Maryanne Stevens, RSM

During the 2010-2011 academic year, College of Saint Mary received numerous local, regional and national recognitions affirming our mission, its value and impact on our students and the community.

LEADER OF DISTINCTION The Corporation for National and Community Service honored College of Saint Mary as a leader of distinction among institutions of higher education for our support of volunteerism, service-learning and civic engagement, listing CSM on the 2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

CONTRIBUTOR TO THE PUBLIC GOOD The Washington Monthly ranked CSM 12th in the Top 30 Baccalaureate Colleges in the U.S. The ranking is based on the institution's contribution to the public good. CSM students contributed more than 6,440 hours of service within the greater Omaha community annually.

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OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY EDUCATION PARTNER CSM was recognized as Nebraska First Lady's Outstanding Community Partnership in Education Service Award recipient. Specifically cited for recognition was CSM's 18-year partnership with Girls, Inc., Operation SMART® (science, math & related technology). CSM teacher-education students spent eight weeks a semester delivering SMART® programming to approximately 100 at-risk girls.

WOMANSPIRIT AWARD President Stevens received the prestigious WomanSpirit Award from The Women's Fund of Omaha in recognition for her leadership and impact on the lives of local women and girls particularly through University programs she has initiated during her Presidency.

Stories of Mission Affirmed



College of Saint Mary is dedicated to providing unique experiences of academic rigor, innovation and exploration to prepare students for adaptability in a global environment. The past 12 months witnessed valuable enhancements to our academic programs.

SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE Thanks to generous donor support, CSM acquired the Saint John's Bible, a rare seven-volume treasure of which only 299 sets will be produced. At this time we have received the first four volumes. Art, Theology, History and English majors benefit from their study of the manuscripts which feature the centuries old techniques of hand-calligraphy and hand-illumination, as well as the unique presentation of ancient and contemporary art, flora, cultural designs and insects in its illustrations. CSM is the only educational, religious or cultural institution in Nebraska to own this amazing collection.

CADAVER LAB Our cadaver-based anatomy and physiology studies distinctly elevate the preparation of our students in nursing, occupational therapy, biology and pre-med programs, providing a unique understanding of the human body through observation and

research. One of seven NASA grants received during the year funded a Student Cadaver Lab assistant.

DUAL CREDIT A new dual credit agreement with two Omaha Catholic high schools was established. Thirty students enrolled in three dual credit Theology courses. The success of this program led to CSM's offering of an Education and English dual credit course to the selections for Fall 2011.

INBRE The Idea Network for Biomedical Research in Education (INBRE), sponsored by the National Institute of Health (NIH), funded four CSM students with research fellowships. INBRE's purpose is to increase student interest in scientific research, particularly in relationship to biomedical issues. The students perform research at CSM or INBRE partner schools with science faculty and present their work at the INBRE state conference.

College of Saint Mary enjoys full accreditation from all outside program accreditors.

Stories of Distinctive Academics



A Mercy Education is more than career preparation, it is about developing character and responsible citizenship. In this past year, CSM took several steps to demonstrate our commitment as an institution to responsible stewardship of resources.



CLIMATE COMMITMENT In 2010 CSM President Dr. Maryanne Stevens joined more than 673 higher education presidents across the country in signing the American College & University Presidents' Climate commitment. By signing the agreement, CSM has pledged to significantly reduce its net greenhouse gas emissions with a goal of achieving climate neutrality by 2050. CSM established a baseline greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory to benchmark its progress towards achieving a carbon-neutral campus. A "Climate Action Plan" is in development to further CSM's roadmap to reducing its carbon footprint. Additionally,

CSM began a campus-wide recycling effort to responsibly reduce waste.



LAND REUNITED After several decades, CSM has reclaimed its original campus land. In need of cash in the 1970's the University sold portions of its land to nearby Aksarben. The last remaining portion to be restored to CSM was the Heritage Park acreage. With the Heritage Park gift the University campus now enjoys over 40 acres.

DEBT-FREE College of Saint Mary is proud to report that we ended our 2010-2011 operating year with no bank debt except that which is backed by confirmed pledges.

As we move forward, the goal of the Board of Trustees is to balance any debt-service the University may incur with donor-pledged funds.



Inspired and motivated by our mission, College of Saint Mary strives to extend educational opportunities to those most in need. The 2010-2011 year celebrated several milestones of serving women and girls, not only in the classroom, but also in co-curricular activities and community outreach.

LATINA SUMMER ACADEMY CSM's groundbreaking program, Latina Summer Academy for Math and Science, the only one in the Midwest region, celebrated its 10th anniversary with the largest attendance to date. Latinas are the highest at-risk group of women to drop out of high school. LSA's stimulating one-week residential college experience remains an encouraging force for rising ninth- and tenth-grade Latinas to graduate from high school and attend college. Of the Latina students enrolled at CSM in Fall 2010, approximately 20% are graduates of the Latina Summer Academy.



MOTHERS LIVING & LEARNING CSM's *Mothers Living & Learning* (MLL) program also celebrated its 10th anniversary at the beginning of the academic year. CSM is one of just eight colleges in the U.S. to offer a residential single-parent program, and MLL, with 32 students, is the largest of its kind. Single mothers make up 62% of the U.S.'s total families living in poverty. For households headed by single mothers with a bachelor's degree, only 4.6% live in poverty. Currently, only 10% of single mothers in the U.S. hold a college degree. Because of the "tools" CSM provides student-mothers to address the myriad of challenges that stand in their way of achieving a college degree, our MLL students have a 57% graduation rate compared to an average of 23% for at-risk students at other institutions.



Stories of Lives Transformed

College of Saint operates with a concern for our students and with an eye on the future. We want to remain competitive, flexible to address emerging priorities, and meet the needs and interests of current and prospective students. A number of new initiatives emerged this year.

SWIM TEAM College of Saint Mary's Athletic Department expanded to six sports with the addition of Swimming. Our team took to the water fast and received an invitation to compete at the NAIA Championship Swim Meet in their first season. In addition, Athletic Director Jim Krueger announced that Golf would become the seventh sanctioned sport at the University this fall.

SPACE AT A PREMIUM

With an enrollment of 1,100 students, Fall 2010 enjoyed the historically highest number of students in our residence halls with barely a bed to spare! Due to sustained enrollment, growth space is at a premium particularly for the health sciences, and for residents. In 2010 CSM announced a capital campaign to raise funds for a new

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residence hall. The project will open space in Walsh Hall, currently occupied by our MLL student-mothers and their children. The space will be renovated for health science labs and classrooms.

STRATEGIC PLAN Sixty-four CSM faculty, staff and community leaders gathered for two days in Spring 2011 to evaluate, plan and strategize using an accelerated decision-making process. Vision 2016 emerged to drive CSM for the next five years. Six goals were identified: Academic Excellence, Values Integration, New Programs/New Revenue, Fundraising/Development, Recognition, and Women's Leadership.

Stories of Purposeful Expansion



As a Catholic University, College of Saint Mary offers opportunities for learning, leadership development, and personal growth in a faith-based environment. Several new additions this year provided faculty, staff and students with opportunities to distance themselves from the busy world of college activity and reflect upon their lives, their faith, and their beliefs about who they are called to be.

FOCUS The 2010-2011 academic year was the first time College of Saint Mary hosted FOCUS missionaries on campus.

FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) is a national outreach that meets college students on their campus and invites them into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ in the Catholic tradition. The missionaries helped 52 CSM students raise funds to attend the 2011 FOCUS conference in Denver. Additionally, FOCUS sponsored outreach events, weekly Bible studies, and one-on-one mentoring with CSM student-leaders.



PRAYER CIRCLE CSM's new Prayer Circle was established to serve as a quiet space for reflection. This beautiful place serves to strengthen spirituality on campus and honor our Catholic foundation. The circle features a sculpted crucifix, titled "Embrace of Hope," created by artist Michael Montag of Omaha, surrounded by a pathway of bricks and flowering bushes. The Prayer Circle was funded through generous donor support.

BLESSING OF THE PETS On October 4, the Feast of St. Francis Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology, CSM held the Blessing of the Pets, the first activity at the recently dedicated prayer circle.



"I have a passion for the education and advancement of women, believing that it takes a village of educated women and men partnering together to make a better world."

**Dr. Maryanne Stevens, RSM
College of Saint Mary President
May 2011, at the WomanSpirit Award**

College of Saint Mary is blessed to receive each day the heartfelt voluntary philanthropic gifts from members of our "village," ensuring our mission of fostering potential and developing leadership in women continues to *bloom*. Your gifts are essential to our ability to provide affordable education, foster distinctive academic programs of excellence, attract the highest caliber of faculty, and offer co-curricular activities of the greatest value.

It is alumna like Nancy who generously supports our endeavors from annual fund to specific projects, even offering a challenge match to encourage others to give. It is parents like Gerry and Mary who, long after their daughter graduated, faithfully give

in appreciation of their daughter's educational experience. It is former faculty like Claire, who established an endowed scholarship in his wife's name, an alumna, to ensure that minority students will have the opportunity to study science. And, it is friends like Melissa, with no connection to CSM other than a strong belief in those programs which offer at-risk women a pathway out of poverty through education, whose generous gifts support these efforts.

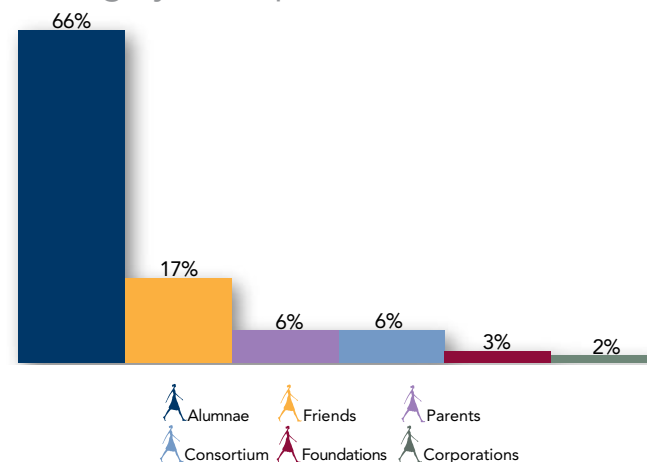
To all who willingly give so that the work of the village is enhanced and ensured, we are forever grateful for your partnership. Thank you for investing in the continuance of our CSM stories.

Stories of Generous Hearts

Financial Overview

Fiscal Year 2010-2011

Giving by Participants

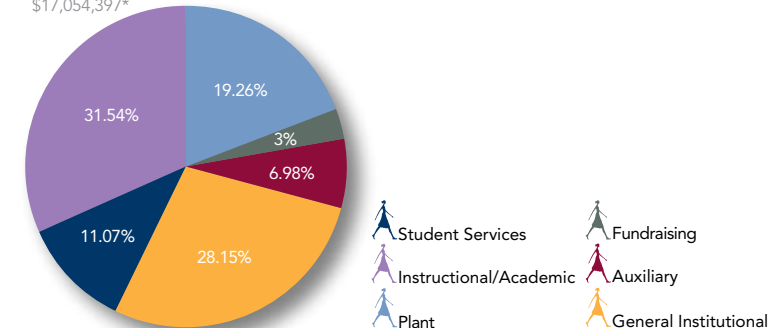


Our operation is balanced. Excess revenues include the gift of Heritage Park (\$3.5 million) and contributions for the new residence hall (\$7.7 million).

*Unaudited Financials

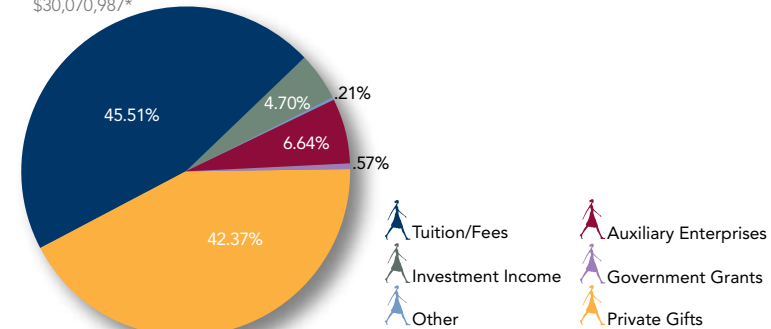
Expenditures

\$17,054,397*



Revenues

\$30,070,987*



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**“No work is more
productive of
good to society...
than the careful
education of
women.”**

Catherine McAuley
Foundress
Sisters of Mercy

Committed to the works, values and aspirations of the Sisters of Mercy, College of Saint Mary is a Catholic university dedicated to the education of women in an environment that calls forth potential and fosters leadership.

THIS MISSION INSPIRES US TO:

- Academic excellence, scholarship, and lifelong learning
- Regard for the dignity of each person
- Attention to the development of mind, body, and spirit
- Compassionate service to others