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## **College of Saint Mary Receives Over \$50,000 in Grants from the Armstrong McDonald Foundation and the Nebraska Arts Council**

**Omaha, Neb.** – College of Saint Mary (CSM) is pleased to announce that it has received a combined \$53,149 in grants from the Armstrong McDonald Foundation and the Nebraska Arts Council.

The Armstrong McDonald Foundation awarded a \$51,000 grant to CSM for the health professions departments to purchase high-tech equipment for education, while the Nebraska Arts Council awarded CSM \$2,149 for a concert on March 29, 2012 by Lauren Pelon called 'Women in Music: Someone Will Remember Us.'

The award from the Nebraska Arts Council marks the fifth grant that CSM Fine Arts Program has received under the leadership Dr. Marty Wheeler Burnett.

The Nebraska Arts Council (NAC), a state agency, provides numerous grants, services, and special initiatives that help sustain and promote the arts throughout Nebraska. The NAC is supported by the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, the Nebraska Legislature, and the National Endowment for the Arts. These grant awards will be used by the following organizations for projects taking place between January 1 and June 30, 2012.

The Armstrong McDonald Foundation supports institutions of higher learning (universities and colleges, both private and public) and special projects related to education. Examples of projects fitting this category are renovation of classrooms, digital language labs, educational equipment such as computers, desks and books, complying with requirements for the handicapped on older buildings, purchase of specialized equipment for teaching hospitals and software for libraries. Additionally, the foundation supports non-traditional providers of education for at risk kids and after school mentoring programs.

*College of Saint Mary, founded in Omaha in 1923, is the region's only Catholic university for women. With over 1,000 students, CSM is dedicated to the education of women in an environment that calls forth potential and fosters leadership. For more information on CSM, visit [www.csm.edu](http://www.csm.edu).*

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