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### ***EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO GIRLS 2011 GRANT AWARDED TO COLLEGE OF SAINT MARY***

College of Saint Mary (CSM) is the recipient of the 2011 Excellence in Service to Girls grant, a \$20,000 award from the Women's Fund of Omaha made possible by support of the Mammel Foundation.

The Women's Fund of Omaha awards a grant annually in the amount \$20,000 to a nonprofit organization for their outstanding work with girls in the Omaha community. CSM plans to use the funds awarded to them to continue their outreach to young women.

"We are grateful for the important role the Women's Fund of Greater Omaha plays in the local community and appreciate the Mammel Foundation's significant support in furthering their impact. We are delighted to continue partnering with them to further the progress of women in the area," says Dr. Maryanne Stevens, College of Saint Mary President.

CSM was presented with the award during the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Fund of Omaha fall luncheon this past October, in recognition of their Latina Summer Academy.

CSM's Latina Summer Academy invites 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Latina students to campus for a week-long camp devoted to math and science. The 2011 camp was the University's 10th annual and was celebrated with record attendance. Currently, 27% of the Latina students enrolled were graduates of this program. CSM offers this program as a resource to young Latina women providing them with the confidence, the capability and the desire to prepare for an economically sound future. The

academy continues to make a difference in lives of young Latina women, keeping them focused on the future while setting attainable higher education goal for themselves.

*College of Saint Mary, founded in Omaha in 1923, is the region's only Catholic college for women. With approximately 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 [CSM.edu](http://CSM.edu).*

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