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University of Saint Mary Introduces Kansas City Area's First Evening Math Program *Area's Only Evening Program Starts Fall 2005*

(Leavenworth, Kan.)— It's been a challenge for working professionals to complete Kansas licensure to teach secondary math. With required courses offered during the mornings or early afternoons, working professionals hardly have the time to sneak away to class. In fact, no college or university in the Kansas City metropolitan area offers evening math classes to complete certification—until now. The University of Saint Mary announces the Kansas City area's first Evening Math Program to attain Kansas licensure to teach secondary math. The program launches in the fall 2005 semester.

According to the National Council of Teaching Mathematics, good math teachers are in high demand. The new evening math program at Saint Mary affords working professionals a convenient way to become one. Classes will meet one night a week for 16-weeks at the University of Saint Mary Overland Park Campus, 11413 Pflumm Road, Overland Park, Kan. Upon completion, the Evening Math Program will give professionals Kansas licensure to teach math for grades 6 through 12.

According to Dr. Rick Silvey, chair of the University of Saint Mary natural sciences and mathematics department, implementing an evening program for students to attain Kansas licensure in mathematics just makes sense. "I hear so many people say they would love to become a mathematics teacher, but they just can't take the necessary course load that's offered during the day," Silvey said. "Offering the necessary courses in the evening gives everyone that wants this opportunity a legitimate chance to reach their goals."

Thirty-eight credit hours are currently required to complete a degree in mathematics, including 12 core courses. Under the new program, each student is required to complete 33 course hours in 10 mathematics cores courses and six to eight hours in two courses from one of the following disciplines: physics, chemistry, economics, accounting or information technology.

"This is a great opportunity for anyone that wants to teach mathematics," Silvey continued. "It's time we made getting certified that much easier."

Enrollment in the evening math program has just begun. Call 913-345-8288 to enroll for fall 2005 classes or for more information about the Kansas City area's only evening math program.

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