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Five New Members Join University of Saint Mary Board of Trustees

(Leavenworth, Kan.)— When the University of Saint Mary Board of Trustees open session for the academic year at the close of October, five new members will join the 22 person team.

The five new members, Andres Dominguez, Robert Doran, Ken Karr, Laura Starr and Mark Wilkinson, were nominated and subsequently inducted to the board in July 2005. The new members officially start when the university's Administrative Council, Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth (SCL) Corporate members, and the Board of Trustees reconvene October 28.

All the new board members are familiar with the university. In fact, several are former board members or are kin to former board members.

Dominguez is the only person of the five new members to graduate from the university, then Saint Mary College. He earned a degree in Public Affairs Administration in 1982. He currently serves as the Director for the Kansas City Community and Philanthropic Initiatives for the Ewing Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City, Mo.

October 2005 marks the second term on the university's board for Doran and Karr. Doran served on the board from 1998-2001. He is the retired president and C.E.O. for Capital Electric Companies, Leavenworth, Kan. and Kansas City, Mo. Karr returns to the board as the president of the Fagan Company, Environmental Mechanical Contractors, Inc. after serving on the board from 1993-1998.

Laura Starr is following in the footsteps of her father, Lawrence Starr. Lawrence was a member of the USM Board of Trustees until his death in 2004. Shortly after Lawrence's passing, the university's Global Studies Institute became the Lawrence D. Starr Global Studies Institute. Laura Starr is currently a landscape architect for Saratoga Associates in New York.

Mark Wilkinson has ties to the university's sponsors, the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. He currently serves as the assistant treasurer for the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health System, Inc. The Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth founded the University of Saint Mary when they opened a boarding school for woman called Saint Mary Academy in 1870. The academy later became a college and then a university in 2003.

University of Saint Mary President Sister Diane Steele, SCL, Ph.D. said she is excited about the diverse culture and creative expertise the five new members bring to the table. "It's important for the university to step forward into the next generation of thought. That includes adding new culture and new experiences to our board team," she said. "The new members possess diverse, rich experiences and culture that will help the university for years to come."

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