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# University of Saint Mary Named "2007 Best Midwestern College" By *The Princeton Review*

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—For the second consecutive year, the University of Saint Mary has been named a "Best Value College" for 2007 by the Princeton Review. The Princeton Review awards the distinction based on student surveys and "academic excellence" within a particular region. More than 115,000 students were surveyed nationwide.

The Princeton Review creates its own evaluation based on survey results. According to the latest data, The Princeton Review states about USM, "Sports are extremely popular, and athleticism is a uniting factor amongst the student body. However, the uncoordinated can still fit in as, 'students are free to participate in anything they want and are not restricted to one activity or sport. The football team goes to play productions to support the people in theater...the basketball team attends choir concerts...and this is prevalent with all activities.' Echoes another, 'I feel that everyone finds a niche here, but it seems like everyone cares for everybody so everyone fits in no matter who they are.'"

According to The Princeton Review, the selection process is based solely on student survey results; no mathematical calculations are used to determine which schools qualify. The surveys question students at private and public colleges, both small and large, across the United States. The results are then broken down according to geographic region. The Midwestern region includes: Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. All The Princeton Review listings are updated annually.

In addition to being named a 2007 "Best Midwestern College," the University of Saint Mary was the only private university in Kansas named to The Princeton Review's "America's Best Value College" listing in 2006. Only 150 schools nationwide were included in the listing. "America's Best Value College" was also compiled based on student survey and students from 646 colleges were surveyed.

*The Princeton Review* is a New York City-based company known for its test-prep courses, books and education services. It is not affiliated with Princeton University or ETS.

The University of Saint Mary is a private, co-educational applied liberal arts university founded by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. The University of Saint Mary is located at 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan., with additional locations at 11413 Pflumm in Overland Park and inside Providence Medical Center at 8929 Parallel Parkway in Kansas City, Kan.