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University of Saint Mary To Host Science & Mathematics Research Forum For Undergraduates

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Thursday, April 19, 2007

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The University of Saint Mary Science and Math Department is hosting a day-long undergraduate science and mathematics research forum for both USM students and select students from Benedictine College at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 19, 2007. The forum will bring undergraduate science and mathematics majors together with professionals in the fields, exposing them to proper methods and career opportunities.

Approximately 30 USM students and 20 BC students will present research discoveries to a panel of professional scientists and mathematicians from the area, including D. Sue Jaspersen, assistant investigator for the Stowers Institute for Medical Research, Dr. Samer Al-Murrani, principal scientist for Hill's Pet Nutrition Chemistry, and Dr. Alice Bean, physics professor at the University of Kansas.

Caroline Mackintosh is the chairperson for the research forum. She wants the experience to demonstrate to undergraduates the proper procedures for presenting research, and to expose them to career opportunities in research-based fields.

“An important part of carrying out any research is the ability to communicate that research to your peers,” Mackintosh said. “Our goal for this forum is to teach students about the importance of proper research, in hopes that it may inspire students to consider research as a career option.”

Call Caroline Mackintosh at 913-758-6161 or email MackintoshC@stmary.edu for more information about the science and mathematics forum.

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.

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