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**MidAmerican Bank & Trust Company Presents
Check to University of Saint Mary Supporting
10th Annual Lincoln Lecture**

(Leavenworth, Kan.)— Pete Payne, president of MidAmerican Bank & Trust Company of Leavenworth and Lansing, Kan., presents a check to University of Saint Mary President Sister Diane Steele on Jan. 14 supporting USM's 10th Annual Lincoln Lecture. Since the Lincoln Lecture's inception, MidAmerican has been instrumental in supporting the annual event.

This year's "lecture" will be a concert featuring a performance of "The Lincoln Portrait" by Aaron Copland. Fox-4 News anchor Phil Witt will narrate as the piece is performed by the Academy Orchestra of the Youth Symphony of Kansas City. The orchestra features youth musicians (Grades 3 through 12) from northeast Kansas as far west as Topeka. The conductor is Russ Berlin. The orchestra will also play "Ceremony of Allegiance," the "National Anthem," Copland's "Simple Gifts," "American Frontier" – Dvorak, and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The concert will be at 7:30 p.m. on Monday Feb. 18 at the McGilley Field House at the University of Saint Mary. Admission is free. For more information, call (913) 758-6165. The University of Saint Mary is located at 4100 South 4th Street in Leavenworth, Kan.

The University of Saint Mary Lincoln Lecture Series was created in 1999 to acknowledge the university's Bernard Hall Lincoln Collection, which contains thousands of rare and unique Lincoln artifacts, including an original copy of the 13th Amendment, the document that abolished slavery, signed by President Lincoln. Lincoln also had a close connection to Leavenworth. He delivered his very first presidential campaign speech in Leavenworth in 1859 at the site where MidAmerican Bank's Delaware Branch (Fourth Street and Delaware) now sits.

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