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University of Saint Mary to Hold Open House At Leavenworth Campus

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(Leavenworth, Kan.)— The University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth will hold an Open House from 1-4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 27. Prospective students will get the chance to learn more about USM and its academic programs, talk with professors and current students, and take student-led campus tours. The Open House will be held at the main campus, 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan.

Prospective students will also be able to learn about Saint Mary's wealth of scholarships and financial aid options — an increasingly important factor in selecting a college in the current economic climate. Last year, a record number of incoming freshmen listed a school's financial aid offerings as a "very important" or "essential" factor in selecting a school, according to "*The American Freshman*," a highly-regarded annual survey.

"We work very hard to make the University of Saint Mary an affordable option for every student," said Judy Wiedower, USM's director of financial aid. "In fact, 98 percent of all full time students receive some form of financial aid, including scholarships."

Attendees will also get information about other USM offerings, including the free laptops made available to all incoming full-time freshmen, campus life, the brand new "apartment-style" residence hall slated to open this summer, USM's eight varsity sports programs, and the newly-revived cheerleading program.

Registration is required. Call 1-800-752-7043 or visit www.stmary.edu for information. Check-in begins at 12:30 p.m. on the first floor of Mead Hall.

The University of Saint Mary is a Catholic co-educational applied liberal arts university founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. The University of Saint Mary is located at 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan., with additional locations in Overland Park, Shawnee, and Kansas City, Kan. Visit www.stmary.edu on the web for more information.

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