

NEWS RELEASE

March 6, 2009

Contact: John Shultz 913-758-6165
E-mail: shultz35@stmary.edu



University of Saint Mary to Host Annual High School Art Invitational *March 22 – April 10, Goppert Gallery*

(Leavenworth, Kan.)— Dozens of local students from 15 area high schools will present their work and compete for cash prizes and scholarships at USM’s High School Art Invitational, which begins at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 22, and runs through Friday, April 10, at the Goppert Gallery in Xavier Hall on the Leavenworth campus, 4100 S. 4th St.



An opening reception will be held from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Goppert Gallery with the show’s awards ceremony slated for 2 p.m. The reception and show are free and open to the public. Gallery hours after the opening are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 2-4 p.m. on Sundays.

“Area high school students have a variety of opportunities for art contests,” said Susan Nelson, director of the Art Program at USM. “But they have few chances to exhibit their work in a professional gallery setting, and that’s what this event provides.”

The theme of this year’s show is “Color,” and submitted works must use a significant amount of color to enhance a work’s beauty and expression. Past shows have had similar themes, like last year’s “Black & White.” The 2008 offering featured entries from 135 students.

Megan Woodward, a 1996 USM grad and Hallmark Cards employee, will help judge the 2009 High School Art Invitational.

Call Susan Nelson at 913-758-6151 or email her at nelsons@stmary.edu for more information on the art show. Visit www.stmary.edu/acad_art/ for more information.

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.

###