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University of Saint Mary to Host Undergraduate Science & Mathematics Research Forum

9 a.m.-3p.m. Tuesday, April 14, Mabee Auditorium

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—Offering both Saint Mary undergrads and students from other area colleges a chance to present their research work, USM's natural sciences and mathematics department is hosting a day-long undergraduate science and math research forum from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14. The event begins in Mabee Auditorium at the university, 4100 South 4th Street in Leavenworth, Kan.

The forum will bring together dozens of undergraduate science and math majors with experts in the professional fields. It will give students a chance to present their research findings to their peers, improve their skills, and connect them with career opportunity contacts. Besides Saint Mary students, students from Baker, Benedictine, MidAmerica Nazarene, and Wichita State universities will be participating.

Research will be presented to a panel of area experts including Dr. Robert White, with Children's Mercy Hospitals & Clinics and associate professor at the UMKC School of Medicine; Dr. Mayumi Derendinger, assistant professor of mathematics at William Jewell College; and Dr. Carey Johnson, professor of chemistry at the University of Kansas. Special guest Dr. Dan Richardson, chief executive officer of Kansas State University's Olathe Innovation Campus, will give the introductory speech.

"Part of getting students to do research is giving them the opportunity to articulate that research," said Dr. Caroline Mackintosh, USM assistant professor of biology and head organizer of the research forum. "This event provides students with that opportunity—one they may not get through other venues. It will also open their eyes a little bit to the research that their peers are doing."

This month's research forum marks the second time USM has hosted the event. The first forum was held in April 2007, with over 50 Saint Mary and Benedictine students participating.

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