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University of Saint Mary to Host Annual High School Art Invitational *March 28 – April 16, Goppert Gallery*

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—Dozens of students from at least 13 local high schools will get to have their artwork displayed for a judged exhibition in a professional gallery setting at USM’s annual High School Art Invitational. The event’s opening runs from 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, March 28, and the exhibit is open through Friday, April 16, in Xavier Hall’s Goppert Gallery on the USM Leavenworth campus, 4100 South 4th Street. The reception and show are free and open to the public.



Student artists will compete for cash prizes and scholarships. Awards will be presented during the opening reception on Sunday, March 28. Gallery hours after the opening are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 2-4 p.m. on Sundays.

USM’s invitational offers area students a rare opportunity, said Susan Nelson, director of the art program at Saint Mary. “Area high school students have many, many opportunities for art contests,” Nelson said. “But they have few true chances to exhibit their work in a professional gallery setting, and that’s what USM’s event offers them.”

The theme of this year’s show is “Portraits,” and entries must reflect the theme. Previous High School Art Invitational themes have included “Black & White” and “Color.” Past exhibits have featured more than 135 entries.

Mindy Cantu, a 2008 USM graduate, will help judge the 2010 High School Art Invitational.

Call Susan Nelson at (913) 758-6151 or email nelsons@stmary.edu for more information on the art show. Visit www.stmary.edu for a complete listing of Saint Mary events.

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 for more information.

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