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## University of Saint Mary Offers Berkel Scholarship for Student with a Dedication to Community Service



**Antoinette "Toni" Berkel**

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The University of Saint Mary is offering a scholarship for one incoming student who's demonstrated a dedication to community involvement over the course of their school career.

The Antoinette Berkel Memorial Scholarship provides \$5,000 of tuition assistance per year for a student enrolled at USM. The scholarship awardee will be selected on the basis of academic performance, financial need, and a displayed commitment to community betterment. Preference will be given to students who have attended Catholic high schools.

The Berkel Scholarship is offered every four years, or upon the completion of the current holder's Saint Mary career. The current awardee, criminology major Amy Theis of Leavenworth, Kan., is nearing graduation.

The Berkel Scholarship was established in 2006 through the generosity of longtime Saint Mary supporter, USM trustee emeritus, and area businessman Charles J. Berkel in memory of his wife, Antoinette "Toni" Berkel. The goal of the scholarship is to encourage and support young people pursuing Catholic Education.

"We are pleased to be able to offer the Antoinette Berkel Scholarship to eligible students," said USM President Sister Diane Steele. "The Berkel family has continued its long standing generosity in awarding this scholarship to Saint Mary students. Also, the award recognizes some of the key values we look for in students, including strong academic performance and community involvement."

Potential honorees must be nominated by a high school teacher, a college professor, a pastor, or a principal. The selection process is currently open. To be considered, applicants must:

- Achieve a minimum 3.2 high school GPA and a minimum score of 20 on their ACT
- Be nominated
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Have their nomination be supported by two references.

Contact Ken Wuerzberger, director of enrollment management for USM, at (913) 758-6307 or [Wuerzeberger53@stmary.edu](mailto:Wuerzeberger53@stmary.edu) for more information or to apply, or visit [www.stmary.edu/scholarships](http://www.stmary.edu/scholarships).

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