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Eight St. Mary's Academy students placed in league acting competition

Portland, Ore. – Jan. 13, 2012 – Two St. Mary's Academy juniors were finalists in the 2012 Mt. Hood Conference Acting Competition, and six St. Mary's students received honorable mention.

The event took place on Jan. 7 at St. Mary's Academy. St. Mary's two finalists, Nan Campbell and Claire Martin, performed a duo scene and finished in the top 10 percent. At last year's competition, the pair received an honorable mention in the duo category, finishing in the top 20 percent.

This year, Campbell and Martin performed a scene from Shakespeare's "As You Like It."

"We had a lot of fun with it," Campbell said.

The characters they portrayed, Celia and Rosalind, are best friends, making it easy for the real-life best friends to infuse their scene with authenticity.

"It really feels natural to us," Martin said, adding that she and Campbell are already thinking about what scene they'd like to do for next year's competition. They're leaning toward something Shakespearean again.

Three pairs of St. Mary's students finished in the top 20 percent in the duo category of the competition this year. They are seniors Anna Klos and Sarah Carey, senior Marian Hill and sophomore Ali Peterkort and seniors Hollie Dyer and Karina Mena.

"I am so proud of these students. It speaks highly of their skill and dedication that they were able to perform so well at this event. Much deserved congratulations to them," said Shannon More, theatre director at St. Mary's Academy.

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About St. Mary's Academy

St. Mary's Academy is a Catholic high school for young women located in the heart of downtown Portland that provides a challenging college-preparatory education with a focus on developing the whole person. Founded in 1859 by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, St. Mary's Academy is Oregon's oldest continuously operating secondary school and offers a supportive learning environment to a diverse student body from more than 30 urban, suburban and rural communities in Oregon and Southwest Washington. It is the only school in the state to have received three Blue Ribbon awards from the U.S. Department of Education. For more information about St. Mary's Academy, please visit www.stmaryspdx.org.