



## ST. MARY'S ACADEMY

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### **Three St. Mary's Academy athletes sign on to play collegiate basketball**

Portland, Ore. – Jan. 18, 2012 – St. Mary's Academy basketball starters Zoie Sheng, Sha'Nice Storey and Taelor Ross all entered their senior season with their college futures already settled.

Sheng and Storey, two honorable mention all-state guards, signed letters of intent in November to play college basketball at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco.

"They started recruiting me last summer. ... I thought it sounded like a lot of fun and a cool school," Sheng said. "It was completely different from the schools that were recruiting me up to that point. The art thing added a totally different aspect to it. I've always been artistic, but I didn't know how to pursue it (as a career). Now I do."

Sheng's enthusiasm for the Academy of Art University proved contagious.

"After they started talking to Zoie, they started talking to me, too. The coach called me one day to talk about it. ... The more I learned about it, the more I liked it. Then when I went (to visit), I liked it even more," Storey said.

At the same time as Storey and Sheng were committing to the Academy of Art University, low post Ross signed on at Seattle University. Her brother, Terrence, plays a few miles away at the University of Washington.

"I didn't have any doubts. I really enjoyed the coaches, and it's a diverse team at a Jesuit school. I couldn't ask for anything better than that," Ross said.

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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](http://www.stmaryspdx.org).