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St. Mary's Academy Recognizes Three Extraordinary Alumnae at Academy Awards

Portland, Ore. – **May 4, 2011** – The ninth annual St. Mary's Academy Awards will honor three extraordinary alumnae on Saturday, May 7, 2011. Scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. in the Rooftop Student Commons, this year's Academy Awards honors:



Mary Jaeger '76 for Embodiment of the Mission of St. Mary's Academy

Mary Jaeger's focus has spanned from serving the elderly as the Chief Operating Officer of the Franciscan Sisters' national nursing home network to serving neglected and abused children in Washington and Multnomah Counties as the Executive Director of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). In 2009, Mary was appointed by Governor Kulongoski to be the Long Term Care Ombudsman for the State of Oregon. Oregon's unique Ombudsman statute requires experience in long term care and volunteer management skills in addition to academic requirements. At her appointment, Governor Kulongoski cited Mary's unique background, passion for the vulnerable and high ethical standards as a perfect match for Oregon's needs.



Kimberly Westermann Randles '70 for Outstanding Service to Community; Sr. Shawn Marie Barry Award

The fundraising success Kim achieved lead her to be considered one of our area's premier fundraisers. Among her accomplishments as a volunteer at Jesuit High School is the fundraising efforts and lobbying of ODOT to install traffic lights at Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy and White Pine Lane. She was hired as Vice President of Development at Jesuit High School in 2003 and successfully led their annual fundraising efforts while also completing a capital campaign. After departing Jesuit in 2006, Kim revived a struggling capital campaign for Catholic Charities. Under her leadership, the campaign for the \$13 million Clark Family Center was completed within eighteen months. Upon completion of the campaign, Kim assumed the position of Chief Development Officer where she continues to lead all fundraising efforts for Catholic Charities – approximately \$2 million per year. The mission of Catholic Charities is to bring hope, resources and advocacy to the poor and most vulnerable among us regardless of faith, race, marital status or condition in life.

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Linda Patrick, SNJM '67 for Excellence in Educational Administration

Sr. Linda has worked tirelessly for more than 15 years as Assistant Principal for Student Life at St. Mary's Academy. Changing with the needs of today's young women, she is steadfast in her faith, values, compassion, integrity and her dedication to the development of young women. Sr. Linda is loved by students, parents, colleagues and superiors alike. She relates to all students with respect and an element of humor that combine to earn her credibility. As a Sister of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, Sr. Linda's leadership position at St. Mary's helps perpetuate the Order's dedication to the full development of the human person.

"This year's honorees have made important contributions to the underserved in our community," says Coralynn Arrigotti Petrie '83, Director of Institutional Advancement. "Whether directly through St. Mary's, Catholic Charities or Oregon's governmental agencies, the life's work of these three women has been meaningful in a profound way. It is living proof of how women who graduate from St. Mary's truly make a difference in their world."

The St. Mary's Academy Awards is an annual opportunity to identify the premier achievements of alumnae and highlight the accomplishments of those that exemplify the spirit and mission of the school. Nomination forms are mailed to alumnae and parents of alumnae each fall. Nominations may also be made by visiting the St. Mary's Academy website and are accepted throughout the year.

Alumnae are eligible to be recognized in one of eleven categories: Outstanding Service to Community; Woman of Achievement in Science/Medicine; Technology/ Engineering Achievement; Environmental Preservation; Career Achievement; Theatre, Music or Art Achievement; Excellence in Teaching/Educational Administration; Athletic Achievement; Extraordinary Contemporary Alumna; Embodiment of the Mission of St. Mary's Academy and Living Out a Dream Award.

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About St. Mary's Academy

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 one of 716 all-female schools in the country. The student body represents a diverse background of young women from over 30 urban, suburban, and rural communities in Oregon and southwest Washington. St. Mary's Academy is distinguished by its development of the whole person, and is the only school in the state to receive three U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Schools awards. For more information about St. Mary's Academy, please visit: www.stmaryspdx.org.