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Five St. Mary's Academy Students Earn All-State Choir and Orchestra Honors

Portland, Ore. – **November 30, 2010** – St. Mary's Academy proudly announces a record-breaking five students were recognized as the state's top choral and string players. Music teachers were notified by email on November 1. The following students were recognized in the All-State Choir and All-State Orchestra:

Rosalie Doak – choir
Megan Magsarili – choir
Claire Martin – choir
Daniella Ohnemus – cello
Emily Schoen – violin

"Being selected as a member of the all-state ensembles is a tremendous honor for high school musicians," said Kathy Briggs, St. Mary's Director of Music. "I am so proud and excited for our talented SMA girls to have this opportunity."

Students met in September to perform a specific set of exercises and music determined by the Oregon Music Educators Association (OMEA). Students recorded mp3 sessions of singing or playing their instrument and submitted them electronically to be judged.

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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 an all-female Catholic high school and Oregon's oldest continuously operating secondary school. 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.