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Mount Mary College Receives Grant to Enhance College Completion Program

MILWAUKEE (October 26, 2012) – [Mount Mary College](http://www.mtmary.edu) has received a \$214,000 grant from the Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation (Great Lakes) to enhance its Promise Program which provides high level academic support to first-generation and low income students so they're able to remain in college and earn their undergraduate degree. The Great Lakes grant will fund the new *Promise Plus Project*, developed to give Promise Program students additional support for non-academic challenges that decrease their likelihood of graduating.

“Students from disadvantaged backgrounds face a host of challenges that can cause them to withdraw from college,” says Nicole Gahagan, Promise Program director. “With the generous funding from Great Lakes we’ll be able to provide targeted services and resources aimed at helping these students with issues such as financial challenges; lack of connection with other students; lack of social, cultural or family support; and lack of understanding about how academic majors lead to specific careers,” she added.

Since 2006, Great Lakes has committed nearly \$74 million in funding to programs that support disadvantaged students who start and complete a postsecondary degree or certificate.

For more information on Mount Mary’s Promise Program, or the Promise Plus Project, contact Nicole Gahagan at 414-258-4810 ext. 427, gahagann@mtmary.edu, or visit http://www.mtmary.edu/promise_program.htm.

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Mount Mary College, founded in 1913 by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, was Wisconsin’s first four-year, degree-granting Catholic college for women. Located on an 80-acre campus in Milwaukee, the College offers more than 30 undergraduate majors for women and eight graduate programs for women and men. Mount Mary also emphasizes study abroad, service learning, and social justice initiatives. Its nearly 1700 students enjoy small class sizes (average 14) and over 90 percent of full-time students receive financial aid or scholarships. Through classroom instruction and community service, Mount Mary develops women to be leaders in their professions and their communities, serving as role models to inspire achievement in others. Visit Mount Mary at www.mtmary.edu.

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