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Biographical Sketch

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Eileen Schwalbach, Ph.D. assumed the presidency of Mount Mary College on February 9, 2009 becoming the College's eleventh president since its founding in 1913. Dr. Schwalbach had been the College's acting President since September 2008.

Dr. Schwalbach has an extensive history with the College. She began her career at Mount Mary in 1993 by teaching part-time in the Education Department. She joined the faculty full-time in 1997 and served as Associate Professor and Director of the Graduate Program in Education. In May 2003, she began her new position as Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs and in January 2004, became Interim Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. She was named permanent Vice President in July of 2004, Provost in 2007, and served as Acting President from September 2008 through February 2009.

Prior to coming to Mount Mary, Dr. Schwalbach was a teacher in the Milwaukee Public School System for 25 years. For most of those years she taught English at Milwaukee Trade and Technical High School. During her last year she served as a School to Work teacher facilitator for the district.

During her tenure with Mount Mary, Dr. Schwalbach was instrumental in developing three flagship programs including the Midtown Program, Urban Education Fellows Program and Caroline Scholars programs. These multimillion-dollar programs are improving additional educational opportunities to students in the community and ultimately fueling growth in enrollment.

Dr. Schwalbach currently serves on the boards of the Milwaukee Achiever Literacy Services, Milwaukee Academy of Science, St. Joan Antida High School, Parents Advancing Values in Education (PAVE), and the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, in addition to serving on the Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Review Council. She is a member of the Greater Milwaukee Committee and TEMPO. She is Co-Chair of The Talent Dividend and Co-Chair for the 2010 United Way Campaign.

Dr. Schwalbach received her B.A. in English from Marquette University. She received her M.A. in English and her Ph.D. in Urban Education from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. She received a Certificate from Harvard University's Institute for Educational Management in 2005 and completed The Harvard Seminar for New Presidents at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education in 2009. She was awarded the 2009 Legacy Award from Milwaukee Achiever Literacy Services.