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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Mount Mary College Announces Recipients of Teaching Excellence Award**

**MILWAUKEE** (September 28, 2010) – Mount Mary College has presented its 2010 “Excellence in Teaching” awards to two faculty members. Ann Angel, M.F.A, assistant professor of English, received the full-time award, and Lynne Berendsen, Ph.D., adjunct instructor in Psychology, received the part-time award.

Angel, who joined the Mount Mary faculty in 1989, teaches numerous undergraduate and graduate level English and writing courses. She has published 13 books for teens and adults. The most recent, *Janis Joplin: Rise up Singing*, will be released October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Her books have received national recognition including *John Glenn, Space Pioneer*, which received the 1989 Arthur Tofte Juvenile Book Award. *Such A Pretty Face* was nominated in 2007 as an American Library Association (ALA) Best Book for Young Adults. It was also selected as a Recommended Read by Horn Book Magazine that same year and received a Top Choice Award from flamingnet.com, a review site for teens.

Angel was selected as a participant in A Room of Her Own (AROH) Foundation’s guest residency at Georgia O’Keefe’s summer residence, Ghost Ranch, in Abiquiu, NM which provided the opportunity to study under renowned memoirist, Melanie Hall.

Angel received her M.A. in Communication with emphasis in Journalism from Marquette University and her M.F.A. in Writing from Vermont College of Fine Arts.

Berendsen joined Mount Mary in 1997. In addition to her teaching responsibilities at Mount Mary, she serves as a clinical psychologist at Life-Span Family Services in Brookfield, WI. She is

actively involved in local, state and national professional organizations and has served as co-author on the psychology of gender and racial issues.

She received her B.A. in Behavioral Science/Psychology from Mount Mary College. She received her M.S. and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology with a minor in Social Psychology; Therapy with Culturally Diverse Populations from UW – Milwaukee.

Winners of the Teaching Excellence Award must demonstrate innovative teaching techniques; current knowledge of developments, trends and research in their academic field; dedication; enthusiasm; and support of students' personal, moral and intellectual growth.

***PHOTOS ATTACHED***

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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 60 undergraduate areas of study for women and seven graduate programs for women and men. Mount Mary also emphasizes study abroad, service learning, and social justice initiatives. Its more than 1,900 students enjoy small class sizes (average 14) and 95 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](http://www.mtmary.edu).