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Mount Mary College Receives Associated Collegiate Press and Wisconsin Newspaper Association Awards

MILWAUKEE (March 18, 2011) – The Mount Mary College student news publication “Arches” has received “First Class with One Mark of Distinction for Writing and Editing” from the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) at its Best of the Midwest College Newspaper Convention. It also received fifth place in Best of Show for Publication Website. Award recipients were selected from colleges and universities throughout the Midwest.

The Wisconsin Newspaper Association (WNA) awarded “Arches” third place for General Excellence in its “Better Newspaper Contest,” sponsored by the WNA Foundation. “Arches” staff members Kameryn Opatken received third place for graphics and Shannon Somers-Mueller received honorable mention for column writing.

The annual WNA contest recognizes student achievements in college newspapering for pieces published in the previous academic year. The judge’s panel is comprised of Wisconsin newspapers’ publishers, general managers, editors, reporters, photographers, copy editors and other staffers.

Mount Mary’s student newspaper focuses on news and events of interest to the College community and includes national, metropolitan, local and college news and features. It is a member of the Wisconsin Newspaper Association and a First Class status member of the Associated Collegiate Press. Both have previously awarded the newspaper several design awards, Press Marks of Distinction and two individual Best Newspaper Contest awards.

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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.

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