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Mount Mary College Commencement to Take Place May 21, 2011

Valerie Daniels-Carter to deliver commencement address

MILWAUKEE (May 5, 2011) – Mount Mary College will conduct its commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in the College’s Bloechl Recreation Center located at 2900 N. Menomonee River Parkway, Milwaukee. Undergraduate degrees representing 23 majors will be conferred on approximately 158 students. Graduate degrees representing seven programs will be conferred on approximately 112 students. Seventeen certificates representing ten areas of certification will also be awarded. The 287 degrees to be conferred in May combine with 107 degrees in December for a total of 394 for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Valerie Daniels-Carter, President and CEO of V & J Holding Companies, Inc. (V & J), will deliver the commencement address. Mrs. Daniels-Carter co-founded the company in 1982 with her brother John Daniels, Jr. Under her leadership the company has grown from its first Burger King franchise to its current 137-unit, multi-brand operation. V & J is now the largest female-owned franchise organization in the U.S. as well as the largest minority-owned Pizza Hut franchisee.

Mrs. Daniels-Carter currently serves on numerous boards and committees and has received national recognition for her accomplishments. *Essence Magazine* recognized her as one of the 50 most admired African-Americans in the U.S., as well as one of Top 10 Black Female Entrepreneurs. She was also named to *Black Enterprise Magazine’s* Women of the B.E. 100. Her company was also named a Top 500 Women-Owned Businesses by *Working Woman Magazine* and a Top 200 Restaurant in the U.S. by *Restaurant Finance Monitor*. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Lincoln University.

She received a Master of Science degree in Management, as well as an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, from Cardinal Stritch University.

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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 1900 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. www.mtmary.edu.

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