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**Saint Mary's
University**
OF MINNESOTA

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota is dedicated to advancing the educational and career goals of today's students. Founded in 1912 by Bishop Patrick R. Heffron, Saint Mary's is a private, Catholic, comprehensive institution, administered by the De La Salle Christian Brothers since 1933.

SMU enrolls about 6,000 students. Of those, about 1,350 are traditional undergraduates; more than 4,600 are adult learners in the Schools of Graduate and Professional Programs.

Undergraduate College in Winona: At the coeducational, residential Winona campus, located in the majestic bluffs of the Mississippi River Valley, the undergraduate College curriculum combines traditional liberal arts and sciences with career preparation in a student-centered environment.

Graduate and Professional Programs: SMU's Schools of Graduate and Professional Programs is one of the largest graduate schools in Minnesota. A pioneer in outreach education since 1984, the school creates communities of learning when and where they are needed, serving both adult learners and the broader educational needs of society. Programs are offered at SMU's Twin Cities, Winona and Nairobi campuses and Rochester center, with courses offered in Apple Valley and approximately 100 off-campus sites in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

"U.S. News & World Report" (2008) ranks Saint Mary's in the National Universities category of its America's Best Colleges listing. Saint Mary's is one of a select group of U.S. institutions honored by the John Templeton Foundation for "consciously instilling integrity and value judgment into the educational experience of students." Saint Mary's is featured in "Colleges of Distinction," a national guidebook that honors select institutions for excelling in key areas of educational quality.

Scholarships & Financial Aid

About 80% of all undergraduates receive close to \$21 million in financial aid. About \$8.3 million is provided by Saint Mary's as need-based or merit scholarships, and grants. The remainder is federal or state aid, loans, and work-study.