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PILLARS OF DISTINCTION

INNOVATIVE TEACHING AND LEARNING

Innovative learning and teaching are hallmarks of a Mount education and are prioritized through the exploration and implementation of strategies for new pedagogies, scholarly examination of best practices, and exploration of innovative curricular and co-curricular design. The liberal arts and professional programs, on both the graduate and undergraduate levels, are enriched by a deep array of learning opportunities and experiences, including internships, student research, community-based programs, clinical placements, portfolios, and academic competitions, all robustly supported and enhanced by the effective use of technology in both the classroom and in online environments.

GLOBAL AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING

Through academic and co-curricular emphases on cross-national dynamics and perspectives, Mount Saint Mary's prepares students to work and to live in a global community. The Mount's learning environment pursues internationalization through the integration of cultural fluency and global awareness, both on campus and abroad, assuring that Mount students will be leaders of and for the world.

WOMEN

Mount Saint Mary's University provides a transformational educational experience which empowers and challenges women to strive for excellence, both as scholars and as contributors to a more just society. A catalyst for the promotion of women's issues locally, nationally, and globally, the Mount emphasizes the development of women as leaders, with a special commitment to the advancement of women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

COMMUNITY

Mount Saint Mary's is a learning community dedicated to preparing students for interdependent, mutually respectful relationships in service of the common good. The Mount fosters students' understanding of their responsibility to serve the local, national, and global communities in which they live and work, and to actively benefit from the abundant resources of the city of Los Angeles. This takes place in the context of a richly diverse, close-knit college community which values respect, excellence, and the contributions of all.

SPIRIT OF THE FOUNDERS

Mount Saint Mary's was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (CSJ) as part of their mission to educate women to reach their full potential and to address the needs of all, as "the dear neighbor," deserving of their ministry. In this spirit, the Mount commits itself to our CSJ heritage of dynamic and innovative service to the Church and the world, emphasizing the Catholic intellectual and social traditions of rigorous academic explorations of faith, and a keen responsiveness to the needs of the communities and the times in which we live.

