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College of Mount St. Joseph Re-Awarded Scholarships through RWJF New Careers in Nursing Program

*Scholarships will support the Department of Nursing in training a demographically
representative pool of nursing professionals*

Cincinnati, OH, November 3, 2011 – The College of Mount St. Joseph announced today that for the second year, it has been selected as a grant recipient of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation *New Careers in Nursing Scholarship Program* (NCIN). During the 2011-2012 academic year, the College of Mount St. Joseph will receive \$100,000 to support students in the school's Master of Nursing (MN) program who are from traditionally underrepresented groups in the field of nursing. The NCIN Scholarship Program was launched in 2008 by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) to address the national nursing shortage, develop a diverse professional nursing workforce, and fuel the pipeline of nurse faculty and leaders.

“Through the NCIN program, we are challenging nursing schools across the country to expand nurse leadership and strengthen education, two clear goals of the landmark 2010 Institute of Medicine (IOM) report on *The Future of Nursing*,” said Denise A. Davis, DrPH, RWJF program officer for NCIN. “By diversifying the nursing profession through these scholarships, we are also helping to create a health care workforce ready to meet the needs of the 21st century American patient.”

At the College of Mount St. Joseph, scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each will be awarded to ten students entering the MN program in May 2012. To date, the NCIN program has supported 20 students in two years at the Mount, and continues to develop culturally competent health professionals and future leaders of the profession.

“The College of Mount St. Joseph is honored to receive this grant for the second time,” said Darla Vale, PhD, RN, CCRN, dean of adult and graduate studies. “The scholarships received in 2009 resulted in a 53% increase in enrollment in our Master of Nursing program with 39% of the class being from underrepresented groups in nursing. This year’s award will continue to promote our commitment to diversify our student body and enhance the leadership development of our students. A Pre-Entry Immersion Program (PIP) will be offered that is designed to improve student retention and leadership development.”

For more information about the College of Mount St. Joseph’s accelerated MN program, visit www.msj.edu/grad-nursing. To find out more about the NCIN program, visit www.newcareersinnursing.org.

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