

# St. Mary's University

## IN THE BEGINNING WE WERE FIRST . . . AND SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE

- Founded in 1852, we were the **first** institution of higher learning in San Antonio.
- Today we are the **oldest and largest** Catholic university in the Southwest.
- In 1997 we tied for **first** in the “Best Value” category for providing the highest quality education for the money among colleges and universities in the West region.
- In 1989 we were the **first** non-medical university to offer a PhD in San Antonio.
- We have ranked in the **top 10** schools of Mexican-American students admitted to medical school for the past 15 years.
- We rank **first** among schools in the U.S. for Mexican American graduates who have earned a PhD.
- The graduation rate for Hispanics at St. Mary's University is **triple** the graduation rate for Hispanics at four year universities.
- St. Mary's emphasizes **ethics** across the curriculum.
- St. Mary's emphasizes **writing** across the curriculum.
- Of the 105 full-time graduate faculty, 102 or **97%** have the doctorate.
- St. Mary's is the **only** university in the Southwest that offers a master's degree in Catholic School Leadership.
- St. Mary's is **one** of two universities in Texas that offers a master's degree in International Relations.
- St. Mary's University is recognized as being in the **top 20 percent** of all U.S. counseling programs, and is the only Catholic university in the Southwest with a PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision that is accredited by CACREP, the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs.
- We are the **only** Catholic university in the Southwest with an MA in Community Counseling that is accredited by CACREP.
- We are the **only** Catholic university in the Southwest with a PhD in Marriage and Family Therapy with Candidacy Status (accreditation status) or accreditation by COAMFTE, the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education. There are only 13 other programs in the US and one in Texas with this distinction.
- St. Mary's is the **largest** Catholic university in the Southwest with MA in Marriage and Family Therapy that is accredited by COAMFTE. Only four other master's programs in Texas are accredited by COAMFTE.
- St. Mary's University is recognized as being in the **top 20 percent** of all U.S. business programs, and is the only Catholic university in the Southwest with an MBA and undergraduate business programs accredited by AACSB, the International Association for Management Education.
- In 1993, we were **one** of two universities to receive the National Science Foundation's Institutional Achievement Award.
- Our teacher education program was recognized among the **top 30** institutions in the U.S.
- St. Mary's University holds **NAIA championships** in men's basketball and women's softball. Men's basketball teams have won their conference 27 of the last 30 years. Men's baseball teams have won their conference 23 of the last 40 years.
- Accreditation is a status awarded to an educational institution or program that has been found to meet or exceed stated standards of excellence and quality in educational practices. The specialized accrediting status affects the recruitment of qualified students and faculty and includes benefits such as increased visibility, enhanced reputation, clarification of mission and direction, stimulation for self-evaluation, and improvement through objective review by a specialized accrediting body. In addition to the programs above, others with **specialized accreditation** include:
  - Catholic School Leadership (MA): Approved by the Texas State Board for Educator Certification.
  - Educational Leadership (MA): Approved by the Texas State Board for Educator Certification.
  - Electrical Engineering (Basic Program): ABET - Engineering Accreditation Commission, Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology
  - Industrial Engineering (Basic Program): ABET - Engineering Accreditation Commission, Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology
  - Law (JD): Approved by The American Bar Association
  - Reading (MA): Approved by the Texas State Board for Educator Certification.