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# Saint Mary's College

## Awarded \$11,000 for Three-Year Grant

*The funding from Indiana Campus Compact will provide Saint Mary's College with the opportunity to create a will produce a Community Engagement Map*



INDIANAPOLIS, IN – Saint Mary's College's project, *Actualizing the Culture of Community Engagement*, will be led by **Judith R. Fean**, Vice President for Mission and **Rebekah Go**, Director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement. The funding provided by the *Actualizing a Culture for Community Engagement* grant will support efforts to develop a Community Engagement Map which will include survey data on current attitudes and behaviors related to community engagement from the perspectives of faculty, staff, and students. That data will help inform new and revised community-engaged, college-wide policies and procedures, professional development in community engagement for faculty and staff, and the development of new Academic Experiential Learning courses.

Committed to community engagement, **Saint Mary's College is adding \$11,000 to the \$11,000 Actualizing a Culture for Community Engagement grant from Indiana Campus Compact.** Interim Saint Mary's College President Nancy Nekvasil says, "This funding will help strengthen and build upon the community engagement work already being done by Saint Mary's, leading to a better understanding of what community engagement could be, increasing the impact the College's community engagement activities have on the wider community, and providing more transformational opportunities for our students."

Because of this mapping and subsequent embedding of community engagement on a campus-wide, institutional basis, students, faculty and staff will have a greater understanding of community engagement. The College will develop the structure and oversight needed to deepen community engagement across campus and of course, in the community. In addition, the new systems for data collection and assessment will result in an approach to community engagement that will be responsive to changing needs of students and community.

The *Actualizing a Culture for Community Engagement* grant provides Indiana Campus Compact partner institutions with funding and on-going programmatic support aimed at deepening their campus' ethos for community engagement. Indiana Campus Compact staff will work with institutions throughout the three-year funding period to support them in developing and implementing holistic community engagement strategies, support the creation of authentic, reciprocal community-campus partnerships, and work towards systematic change.

***About Indiana Campus Compact***

*Indiana Campus Compact is a partnership of Indiana's public, private, and community college higher education institutions focused on advocating, implementing, and improving service engagement, so that students graduate as well-informed, engaged and productive members of society, who are fully enabled to provide leadership and service that advances the public good in their communities. For more information, please visit [www.indianacampuscompact.org](http://www.indianacampuscompact.org).*