Promise Program: Transforming Possibilities into Success  
2012-2013 Year in Review

Annual Performance Report Summary
The Promise Program completed the federally mandated Annual Performance Report (APR) for AY 2012-2013 in December. Last year, the Promise Program served 143 first-generation and low-income Mount Mary University undergraduate students in an effort to help them remain in good academic standing, persist in college, and graduate with a baccalaureate degree.

99% of Promise Scholars are in good academic standing
90% of Promise Scholars persisted from AY 2012-2013 to AY 2013-2014

We are excited to inform the Mount Mary University community that we have successfully surpassed our academic standing and persistence goals AGAIN this year! Our federally approved objectives are to have 80% of Scholars remain in good academic standing, and 79% of Scholars persist from one academic year to the next. See the chart at the right for a comparison to the past years’ APR.

As of August, 2013, we have celebrated with 56 Promise Scholars as they received their degrees.

3.102 = the average Promise Scholar cumulative GPA
62% of Promise Scholars have a GPA of 3.0 or above

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Services and Activities Summary
During the 2012-2013 academic year, we assisted 143 Scholars through professional tutoring; academic and social skill workshops; financial literacy information and training; personal counseling; academic advising; career development; advanced degree planning; cultural and educational enrichment programming, including 2 very well-received Promise Scholar retreats (see picture, below); and supplemental grant aid.

The Promise Program made 1,070 advising contacts, held 237 tutoring appointments, assisted during 80 individual counseling appointments and provided workshops to 114 attendees during the 2012-2013 academic year.

2012-2013 Workshops

Academic Success:
- Knowing Your Learning Style
- Time Management
- Note Taking 101
- Test Prep & Study Techniques
- Test Anxiety and Test-Taking Strategies (online workshop)
- Succeeding at CCON

Financial Literacy:
- FAFSA webinar
- Personal Budgeting
- Navigating the Financial Aid Process (online workshop)
- Financial Literacy: Smart money Skills (online workshop)

Career Development:
- Resume & Cover Letter Writing
- Backpack to Briefcase (a partnership with Alumnae engagement)
- Mastering the Job Interview (online workshop)

Personal Development
- Scholar Retreat (fall & spring)
- Healthy Relationships
- Relaxation during final exams
- Stress Management

Mission Statement
Mount Mary’s Promise Program strives to open the doors of opportunity for first-generation, low-income college students by offering guidance in all aspects of the college experience. Promise Scholars benefit from a supportive environment that celebrates their achievements and assists them with individual challenges they might face. The Promise Program is committed to providing Promise Scholars the tools, resources, and mindset necessary to be successful college students and morally responsible leaders with a strong sense of social justice.