



Mount Mary University

Overview 2026

Executive Summary

The Board of Trustees at Mount Mary University is officially searching for its 14th president to lead the historic, Milwaukee-based Catholic institution into its next chapter. Founded in 1913 by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, the university serves approximately 1,100 students. The next president will be an inspiring, collaborative leader tasked with defining a forward-looking strategic vision, ensuring financial stability, and raising the university's profile. To succeed, the ideal candidate should be a person who deeply aligns with the university's Catholic mission, possesses proven executive or higher-education leadership experience, and understands modern higher-education market trends, challenges and opportunities for small, enrollment driven institutions.

Mission and Vision

Mount Mary University is a diverse and inclusive learning community that educates students to transform themselves and the world.

We are an urban Catholic university for women, sponsored by the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND), that provides an environment for the development of the whole person. We encourage leadership, integrity, and a deep sense of social justice arising from a sensitivity to moral values and Christian principles.

We are committed to excellence in teaching and learning with an emphasis on thinking critically and creatively. The undergraduate programs integrate a core curriculum with career readiness for women of diverse backgrounds and circumstances; graduate programs provide opportunities for both men and women to enhance their professional excellence.

Our Values

A Mount Mary University education reflects our core values and is distinguished by the following characteristics:

- **Competence**—We are committed to excellence in the classroom experience and in the resulting knowledge base and skill set demonstrated by graduates.
- **Community**—We work in the spirit of the School Sisters of Notre Dame by creating a better world through education.
- **Compassion**—We purposefully act in ways that foster human development and unity.
- **Commitment**—We are deliberate in our approaches to advancing the universality of human dignity by encouraging leadership in the areas of personal development and global change.



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Strategic Plan

As Mount Mary University continues to evolve and plan for a bright and sustainable future, key areas of focus to sustain our Mission are:

- A Thriving Mount Mary
- Innovative, Interdisciplinary, Interprofessional and In-Demand Academics
- Empower All Learners to Succeed and Lead
- Interconnectedness with Our Community and World

THE FULL STRATEGIC PLAN
CAN BE FOUND HERE:



Living Our Values Everyday

Mount Mary University's vision is to be recognized as a learning community that works in partnership with local, national and global organizations to educate women who will transform the world at the undergraduate level and welcome all at the graduate level. Core values of compassion, competence, community and commitment promote a holistic education that welcomes students from diverse backgrounds and emphasizes the development of the whole person.

The 14th President of Mount Mary University will build on the institutions capacity to recruit and retain students from all cultures while fostering a rich campus climate that promotes unity, respect, social justice and inclusion in an ever-changing academic environment.

Mount Mary University President

The next president will lead strategic initiatives to attract, recruit, and retain faculty, staff, and administrators from wide-ranging backgrounds. By broadening talent pipelines and creating robust mentorship and professional development programs, the leader will ensure that the university's employment ranks are as richly diverse as its student body, positioning these professionals for long-term success and institutional impact.

In addition to hiring, the president will be responsible for fostering an inclusive campus climate that honors and integrates the community's diverse perspectives. This involves aligning daily operations, institutional policies, and campus dialogue with Mount Mary's core values of social justice and human dignity. From the executive suite, the leader will model collaboration to ensure all members of the community feel valued, respected, and heard.

The president will weave this cultural richness into the very fabric of campus life, anchoring these efforts in the educational vision of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. By championing equity as a core expression of the university's mission, the leader will unite the campus around a shared commitment to mutual respect, strengthening Mount Mary's identity as a deeply connected and forward-thinking institution.

