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MISSION IMPACT REPORT 2023

JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023



I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generous support of Mount Marty University.

Your commitment to our institution has a profound impact on both our students and the Benedictine values we hold dear.

At Mount Marty, we believe in the power of education to transform lives and shape the future. Your contributions enable us to provide our students with a high-quality education that not only prepares them for successful careers but also instills in them the core values that are the foundation of our institution. Values such as compassion, integrity, hospitality and community are at the heart of everything we do, and your support helps us instill these principles in the leaders of tomorrow.

Thanks to your generosity, we are able to continue our mission of making a difference in the world by nurturing the minds and hearts of our students. Your investment in Mount Marty is an investment in the betterment of society, as our graduates go on to positively impact their communities and beyond.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support of Mount Marty University. Together, we are shaping a brighter future for our students and the world.

With gratitude,



BARBARA REZAC

VICE PRESIDENT FOR MISSION AND ADVANCEMENT

ALUMNI AND STUDENT PASSIONS CONNECT YEARS APART

BENEDICTINE VALUES IN ACTION: FROM VOLUNTEER TO RED CROSS CEO

For decades, the American Red Cross (ARC) has been a symbol of hope, resilience, and support in times of crisis. At the helm of this global force of compassion stands an inspiring figure, an alumna of Mount Marty University (MMU), who embodies the university's Benedictine values in her journey from volunteer to Chief Executive Officer.

Meet Jill Orton, a woman whose remarkable career has been marked by dedication, service, and a relentless pursuit of knowledge. Her ascent from a volunteer to a CEO of the American Red Cross is a testament to the transformative power of education rooted in the Benedictine tradition.

Jill's journey began as a volunteer with the ARC over three decades ago. She was drawn to the organization by a desire to learn, grow, serve others, and be challenged - values that she had embraced during her time at MMU. As a Benedictine institution, Mount Marty encouraged students to explore their passions, seek knowledge, and cultivate a spirit of community. It was here that Jill found her calling as a humanitarian.

"Mount Marty gave me the tools I needed to succeed," Jill reflects. "It wasn't just about acquiring knowledge; it was about nurturing the whole person, instilling values that guide your actions throughout life."

One of the key attributes Jill cultivated at Mount Marty was critical thinking. The university's commitment to fostering curiosity and independent inquiry empowered her to seek answers, whether through research or her own determination. It was this curiosity that would later prove instrumental in her career at the ARC.

"Mount Marty inspired and encouraged my curiosity and was a great launching spot," she shares. "They provided a safe environment to succeed and fail, knowing that both experiences contribute to growth."

In her rise through the ranks of the ARC, Jill also reflects on the importance of discernment, another value instilled at Mount Marty. Situational leadership and change management, too, became a cornerstone of Jill's approach to managing crises and leading people.



"Discernment and situational leadership are about making the best decision possible with the time and resources available," Jill explains. "Discernment and self-awareness also help you define who you are and what you want to be."

Through her unwavering commitment to the ARC, Jill Orton has embodied the Benedictine values instilled in her at MMU. Her journey from a curious student to a global humanitarian leader is a testament to the power of education rooted in compassion, service, and community. As a CEO of the ARC, she continues to inspire others to follow in her footsteps and make the world a better place.



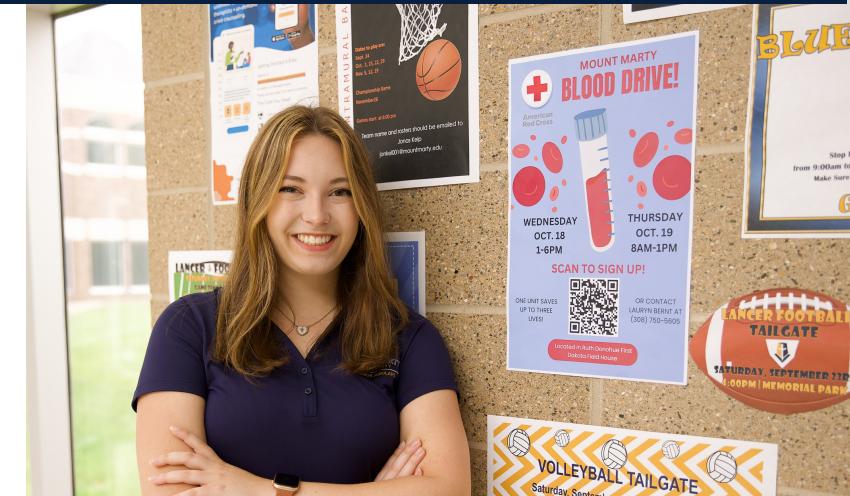
MOUNT MARTY'S MISSION REMAINS IMPACTFUL

Lauryn Bernt has always been driven by a deep sense of purpose, a calling to make a difference in the world. This drive led her to attend Mount Marty University (MMU) to not only pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing but also to apply to be a Mission Scholar.

MMU established the Mission Scholars program with the overall goal of cultivating a new generation of individuals who know and understand what it means to live by the rules of St. Benedict. Through this program, more students are able to put into practice the rule of ministry, leadership, and humanitarian service that the Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery instilled as a core principle of our university.

Lauryn's journey into the world of humanitarian service has been deeply influenced by her time at MMU; and her personal purpose and Mount Marty's mission have led her to partake in the American Red Cross (ARC) Collegiate Leadership Program.

"No place could have better prepared me for this experience than Mount Marty," Lauryn reflects. "MMU's mission of preparing students for a contemporary world of work, service to the human community, and personal growth has made a profound impact on me," states Lauryn.



She goes on to explain that MMU's core values wonderfully align with ARC's and that those Benedictine values inspire her to serve others in a Christ-like manner. Lauryn's journey with the ARC isn't just about personal growth; it's about giving back to her community at MMU.

She participated in two weeks of intensive training in Washington, D.C., specifically designed to equip her for the role she would play upon her return to Yankton. With a plan to implement blood drives at MMU in conjunction with the ARC, her focus will be on alleviating the blood shortage hospitals around the country are experiencing, recruiting volunteers to help donors feel comfortable, and creating a sense of community.

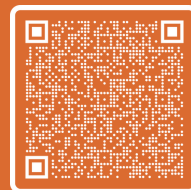
Lauryn's passion for giving back to the MMU community is evident.

"Giving back to the MMU and Yankton community is just one way I can return the kindness and support that MMU has shown me. I feel called to extend the hospitality I have been shown. Perhaps the greatest reward of this experience is not what I receive, but what I can inspire within others."

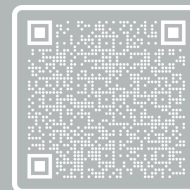
Lauryn's journey has come full circle. Her partnership with the ARC, guided by her values and shaped by her education at MMU, is not only fulfilling her passion but also providing her with the opportunity to inspire others to make a difference. In the spirit of compassion and community, she is determined to leave a lasting impact on the world.

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