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**Mount St. Mary's College Director Selected as Emerging Leader**

ARLINGTON, Va.—Devery J. Rodgers, the Fritz B. Burns Endowed Chair of Education and director of Instructional Leadership and Clear Credential programs at Mount St. Mary's College, Los Angeles, has been recognized as an Emerging Leader by PDK International, a global association of education professionals.

The PDK Emerging Leader program recognizes top educators under age 40 from around the world for their leadership. A committee made up of PDK's past Emerging Leaders selected the 22 honorees from a competitive field of applicants, based on their outstanding professional accomplishments.

In addition to being honored at an event in Washington, D.C., honorees also have the opportunity to be published by PDK, apply for grants, and participate in PDK initiatives.

"Honoring these young leaders is one of PDK's most important initiatives," said William J. Bushaw, PDK International's executive director. "We know the future of education is in good hands with leaders like these making a difference in the lives of our students."

Rodgers served as a teaching assistant at the University of Southern California and a K-12 school administrator with the Los Angeles Unified School District before accepting the position at The Mount. Besides her responsibilities at Mount St. Mary's College, Rodgers also serves as an educational technology instructor at National University.

"Having taught at all levels of education, my experiences build on my goal to promote a quality education for all students," Rodgers said.

She is a member of the PDK International University of Southern California chapter, Women in Instructional Leadership, Association of Pan-African Doctoral Scholars, Inc., National Black Graduate Student Association, USC Education Graduate Organization, Association of California School Administrators, Women in Educational Leadership, National Alliance of Black School Educators, USC and UCLA Alumni, and Fulfillment Fund Scholars Alumni Ambassadors.

For more information on PDK's 2012-2013 Class of Emerging Leaders, go to [www.pdkemergingleaders.org](http://www.pdkemergingleaders.org).

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