A Message from Dr. Joseph Nyre, President, Iona College-
2012 College Rankings

September 12, 2012 -- US News and World Report released its annual college rankings today, and Iona College was rated 68th among colleges in the North Region. While the ranking was significantly lower than recent years, I am pleased to report that the College’s fall, 2012, entering-freshman class holds academic credentials significantly higher than classes in recent years. The positive impact of that class will be factored into the rankings in 2013. The fall in rankings is due principally to the College’s self-reporting in the summer of 2011 that inaccurate data had been submitted to independent agencies and organizations, including US News and World Report.

The board of trustees, administrative staff, and faculty continue to work closely together to take substantive actions that will bolster our academic standing and distinction, to attract qualified students, and to recruit and retain talented and compassionate faculty.

We also are engaged in a number of initiatives to share the Iona story to help parents, potential students, and faculty understand our many distinctions and the value of an Iona education. In addition, a new comprehensive fund-raising campaign is being launched later this year to increase financial contributions for the College in support of scholarships and academic excellence, though I am pleased to report that alumni giving has remained consistent with previous years. As a part of the campaign, the office of alumni affairs will more than ever be conducting activities to engage graduates with Iona College of today.

While we have experienced many changes in the past year, we remain committed to providing an educational experience shaped by a tradition of integrity and service to others that prepares students for a successful career and a meaningful life. We look forward to the 2012-13 academic year with renewed promise and optimism. Go Gaels!

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