DeSALES UNIVERSITY STUDENTS BEGIN HERO’S JOURNEY

CENTER VALLEY, Pa., -- (August 17, 2009) – Twelve DeSales University students begin a year-long executive leadership development program when they attend a three-day retreat in late August as part of the 2009-2010 Salesian Leadership Institute’s “Catholic Hero’s Journey.”

In its fourth year at DeSales, the program is sponsored by the Salesian Center for Faith and Culture and is made possible through a grant from the Ryan Family Foundation. The program was created in collaboration with the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI), in Exton, Pa., and has been customized for the University to incorporate various elements of Salesian spirituality.

During the retreat, students will be guided to discover their own special gifts and talents and learn how to apply those talents in ways that maximizes the impact of their efforts. Following the August retreat, students will then participate in ten monthly meetings with fellow participants on the DeSales campus, part of the program’s support network with which they can share their experiences and challenges and motivate each other to achieve their goals.

All students participating in the SLI program will enter their Junior year at DeSales in the Fall. They are: physician assistant majors Mary Kate Boylan of Doylestown, Pa., Elizabeth Wenck of Allentown, Pa., and Chase Schaeffer of West Lawn, Pa.; communications majors Kevin Enright and Laura Fehrle, both of Philadelphia; also from Philadelphia, Stephanie Chrzanowski, a nursing major; sport and exercise science majors Alex Brown of Nazareth, Pa., and Melissa Gilroy of Shohola, Pa.; Justin Campanelli of Langhorne, Pa., a marketing major; Megan Montchyk of Bellmawr, N.J.; and Elizabeth Valk of Birdsboro, Pa., an elementary education major.

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