

COLLEGE OF
MOUNT SAINT VINCENT

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Dear Mount Students:

On March 29th, the College of Mount Saint Vincent welcomed a standing-room-only crowd for Accepted Student Day. As prospective students and their families consider Mount Saint Vincent, they ask good questions that add up to the important one: “Is the Mount the right place for me?” In our faculty, they found people of national scholarly accomplishment who share an inspiring commitment to teaching. In our students, they found the future of this country—talent, motivation, achievement, and energy. We are proud of Mount Saint Vincent. It is an uncommonly fine college: dynamic, growing, and deeply committed to high-quality opportunity for all of its students.

Our treacherous national economy led some prospective students and their parents to ask good questions about the future. Economic adversity has forced some asked colleges and universities to cut back programs and undercut what prospective students can expect for the future. What about Mount Saint Vincent? Good question.

Like everyone, the Mount feels the pressure of economic adversity, but we are doing pretty well in following the same principles that have guided us for many years. We work to keep tuition as low as possible and will continue to do so, for we know how much families sacrifice to be able to provide their daughters and sons the quality of a Mount education. The tuition increase for next year will be between four and five percent. We budget very carefully, and decided in November and January to trim expenses to avoid problems later in the year. We have successfully done so. Where other institutions are cutting faculty and staff, we have not, and are budgeting so that we will not have to do so in the future. We are committed to the people who work here and to the programs and services they provide our students.

We *have* substantially increased our budget in financial aid so that we can help our students and families who are facing particular hardship because of the economy. The new Peter Jay Sharp Athletic and Recreation Center is under construction and will be completed in October. Searches are under way for a half dozen new faculty members for next year. We are turning the Alumnae Pavilion into an additional gathering space, bringing residents and commuters together for student activities and study. And we have many other improvements still on schedule for this summer and the coming year. In short, we are keeping on track to grow our programs and to provide the very highest quality educational experience for our students.

Please ask us any questions you have. We are committed to help in any way possible.

Sincerely,



Charles L. Flynn, Jr.
President