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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **St. Mary's University and Medicine Hat College Partner for New Biology Block Transfer Agreement**

**CALGARY** – St. Mary's University and Medicine Hat College signed a five-year agreement to facilitate Medicine Hat College science students' direct entry into the third-year of St. Mary's University's BSc Biology degree.

The agreement was initiated by science faculty at both institutions as a way to provide more academic and career pathways for Medicine Hat College students.

"We are very pleased to partner with Medicine Hat College to provide their students a pathway to a four-year degree at St. Mary's University in the Biological Sciences," said Dr. Tara Hyland-Russell, Vice-President Academic and Dean of St. Mary's University. "The Medicine Hat transfer students will enter the third year of the Biology degree at St. Mary's and will bring with them additional perspectives and experiences to enrich our learning community."

The Biology degree at St. Mary's University offers experiential learning, research opportunities, small classes and laboratories as well as excellent preparation for careers and professional programs rooted in the Biological Sciences.

"We're delighted that this agreement will simplify the transfer to St. Mary's for students from Medicine Hat College," said Dr. Mary Ann McLean, Biology professor at St. Mary's who was instrumental in the new agreement. "We look forward to MHC students joining us in their third year. They will find a welcoming environment here at St. Mary's, with lots of hands-on labs and real world experiments."

#### **About St. Mary's University:**

St. Mary's University is an innovative teaching and research university that provides affordable, accredited and highly valued degrees in the Liberal Arts, Sciences and Education located on a historic site in Calgary, Alberta. The students at St. Mary's are inspired to combine academics with a passionate commitment to ethics, social justice and respect for diversity of opinion and belief.

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