St. John's Catholic Prep graduates eligible for guaranteed admission at Mount St. Mary's University

Graduates from St. John's Catholic Prep in Buckeystown will have guaranteed seats – and scholarships – at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg.

The two Frederick County schools signed an admission agreement that will guarantee St. John's Catholic Prep students admission to Mount St. Mary's and a scholarship there worth at least $88,000 over four years. Under the terms of the agreement, the high school students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 and SAT scores of 1080 (EBRW and math) or an ACT composite score of 21.

"This agreement recognizes the mutual goal of two of the leading Catholic institutions of Frederick County to enhance access to high quality values-based education," said Timothy E. Trainor, president of Mount St. Mary's, in a Jan. 22 news release. "Both institutions have long histories of enrolling students who are looking to make a difference; this agreement is a natural fit."

Thomas Powell, president of St. John's Catholic Prep and former president of Mount St. Mary's (2003-2015), said both Mount St. Mary's University and St. John's Catholic Prep share a legacy as two of the country's oldest Catholic educational programs.

"It is only natural that we have formed a partnership for our students to enroll at the Mount," Powell said in the news release.

An admissions representative from Mount St. Mary's will visit St. John's Catholic Prep up to three times a year to relay important admissions information, on topics such as academic programs, applications and financial aid.

This is not the first time that the schools have collaborated. In the fall of 2017, St. John's Catholic Prep began offering college-level courses to its students through Mount St. Mary's – the first school in Frederick County to work with the university.

Select juniors and seniors travel to Mount St. Mary's Frederick campus to study sociology and criminal justice, and receive dual credit for passed courses.