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Ursuline College Welcomes Young Women to Event with Social Activist Shannon Galpin

March 5, 2010 – Pepper Pike, OH - Ursuline College will welcome over 200 young women from local area schools for a presentation and tribute ceremony on March 18, 2010 1:30-3:00pm on Ursuline's campus, 2550 Lander Road, Pepper Pike, OH 44124.

Students from Hathaway Brown School, Laurel and Beaumont will attend an afternoon presentation featuring social activist Shannon Galpin whose message will center on empowering women. Inspired by the work of author and social activist Greg Mortenson, Galpin founded Mountain to Mountain in 2007. Her non-profit organization focuses on women and children's education and empowerment in Afghanistan and other mountain communities.

"We are thrilled to be able to collaborate with area schools who believe in the same philosophy as we do....empowering women. We are very grateful to have Shannon share such an important message about her passion for education women and children with the students," said Ursuline College's President Sr. Diana Stano.

Following Galpin's presentation, attendees are invited to participate in Ursuline's annual Women Watch event memorializing the women and children in Northeast Ohio who have died violent deaths in the past year. The annual event began in response to the violent death of Ursuline Sister Joanne Marie Mascha, OSU in 1995. Women Watch was established in 1996 by the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland to increase awareness of violence prevention in the Greater Cleveland area and to stop violence against women and children.

“Women Watch helps us grieve our losses, take a stand in solidarity and raise community awareness of this grave concern,” said Sr. Diane Therese Pinchot, Ursuline professor and student art organization facilitator.

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