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## The PADs Project: Solutions to World Problems



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The PADs Project (<a href="https://www.saintmarys.edu/chemistry/pads">https://www.saintmarys.edu/chemistry/pads</a>) is a collaborative, multi-discipinary research project that designs and develops inexpensive paper-based devices for detecting and screening a wide range of chemicals and pharmaceuticals. She was awarded the Spes Unica award for excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service in 2013.

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