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Saint Joseph College Professor of Education Joanne Cunard Receives Literacy Award



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WEST HARTFORD, CONN. – Joanne Cunard, Ph.D., professor of Education at Saint Joseph College, was recently honored with the 2011 International Reading Association's (IRA) *Celebrate Literacy Award* given in partnership with the Connecticut Reading Association (CRA).

Dr. Cunard was recognized for her significant literacy contributions to the field of reading and to the organization on the local and state level as well as supporting literacy for the students and the learning community at Saint Joseph College. An educator for more than 37 years, Dr. Cunard is a CRA board member, serves as committee chairperson for the International Literacy Projects, serves on the board of Read to Grow, chairs The Think Tank of College and University Faculty and State Department Administrators in Literacy, and was the Connecticut State Coordinator to the IRA. Most recently she served on the State Literacy Team to write *Keys to Success: Connecticut's Birth to Grade 12 Literacy Plan* (published February 2011).

A resident of West Hartford and winner of the 1995 Reverend John J. Stack Teaching Excellence Award at Saint Joseph College, Dr. Cunard earned her Ph.D. at the University of Connecticut, an M.A. from The Ohio State University, and a B.A. from Ohio University.

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Saint Joseph College, founded in 1932 by the Sisters of Mercy to provide higher education opportunities for women, is a comprehensive institution serving women from diverse backgrounds and religious traditions. More than 22 majors and six pre-professional programs are available plus accelerated bachelor's to master's degrees. Responsive to the evolving educational needs of the community, the School of Graduate and Professional Studies offers both women and men graduate degree programs including: management, counseling, education, and nursing along with online programs in biology, biochemistry and nutrition. In addition, the undergraduate Weekend Program for Adult Learners, professional certificate programs relevant to today's workforce and other continuing co-educational learning opportunities are available. In the fall of 2011, the Saint Joseph College School of Pharmacy, the first doctoral program in the College's 79-year history, welcomed its first class to Hartford 21 on Trumbull Street in downtown Hartford. View our Web site at www.sjc.edu.

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