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Saint Joseph College Awarded \$400,000 Grant by Hartford Foundation for New School of Pharmacy

WEST HARTFORD, CT – **A grant of \$400,000 has been awarded by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to support renovations to the downtown Hartford site where Saint Joseph College will operate a new School of Pharmacy.** The school which will open to students in the fall of this year at 229 Trumbull Street, will be Saint Joseph College's first doctoral program and its first Hartford-based campus extension.

The School of Pharmacy will occupy approximately 33,000 square feet (primarily on the third floor) of 229 Trumbull Street in the center of Hartford's business and entertainment district. The Trumbull Street building, managed by Northland Investment Corporation, is part of the "Hartford 21" complex, which includes the XL Center, apartments, businesses, and the Downtown YMCA.

"Placing the Saint Joseph College School of Pharmacy at this site will make a positive financial impact on the city of Hartford," said the School of Pharmacy Dean Joseph R. Ofosu, Pharm.D., R.Ph. "This will be accomplished by providing the area with jobs such as short-term, immediate opportunities during the construction phase; ongoing permanent opportunities encompassing staff, security, and maintenance positions; and eventual professional placements - specifically the pharmacists who graduate from our program and remain in Connecticut to provide services in our communities. In this era of job losses and declining business, this is a tremendous contribution to the local economy."

Renovations funded by the Hartford Foundation grant will include the lobby area; two major classrooms (each with a capacity of 100 students); the dean's suite; a student lounge; student and faculty research labs; a library; faculty offices; and several open, informal meeting areas for academic collaboration and interaction.

"All spaces have been designed to provide a high-quality, student-centered educational environment that emphasizes active and cooperative learning strategies," said Ofosu.

"Additionally, the latest academic technology will be incorporated into the new facility, giving faculty the opportunity to implement many different instructional methodologies to fully engage students in the learning experience."

The mission of the Saint Joseph College School of Pharmacy is to provide exemplary pharmacy education to a diverse and qualified student population possessing high leadership potential. The

school fosters the development of competent and compassionate pharmacists, who are imbued with strong ethical values in the practice of pharmacy and service to their diverse communities. For more information, visit www.sjc.edu/academics/school_of_pharmacy/.

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The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is the community foundation for the 29-town Greater Hartford region, dedicated to improving the quality of life for area residents for the past 85 years. The Foundation receives gifts from thousands of generous individuals and families, and last year, awarded grants of nearly \$26 million to a broad range of area nonprofit organizations. For more information about the Hartford Foundation, visit www.hfpg.org or call 860.548.1888.

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. Responsive to the evolving educational needs of the community, the School of Graduate and Professional Studies also offers both women and men graduate degree programs in many fields, a Weekend Program for Adult Learners, professional certificate programs relevant to today's workforce, and other continuing education opportunities. In the fall of 2010, the Saint Joseph College School of Pharmacy, the first doctoral program in the College's 77-year history, will open at Hartford 21 on Trumbull Street in downtown Hartford.

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