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## **The School for Young Children at Saint Joseph College Hosts the Ninth Annual Keefe-Bruyette Symposium on March 14, 2011: “Investigation and Inquiry in Math and Science for Young Children”**

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. - **The School for Young Children at Saint Joseph College will host its ninth annual Keefe-Bruyette Symposium on Early Learning in Math and Science on Monday, March 14, 2011.** The event begins at 8:15 a.m. (registration followed by the keynote address at 9:00 a.m.) in The Bruyette Athenaeum’s Hoffman Auditorium, located on Saint Joseph College’s West Hartford campus at 1678 Asylum Avenue. Focused on “Investigation and Inquiry in Math and Science for Young Children,” the day-long symposium draws early childhood and elementary educators from throughout the state who participate in workshops led by their peers. View complete event details here: <http://ww2.sjc.edu/syc/docs/professional-development/symposiumbrochure2011.pdf>.

The Keefe-Bruyette Symposium on Early Learning is made possible by the generous support of Gene F. Bruyette H’04, P’81, Kathleen Barry Bruyette ’49, H’04, P’81, the late Harry Keefe and his wife, Anita Keefe, long-time education philanthropists. Additionally, Saint Joseph College is pleased to announce the second annual scholarship donation from Farmington Bank in support of this event. **Farmington Bank has sponsored scholarships totaling \$1,500 to fund the participation of 20 employees from the Brighter Futures Family Centers to attend our 9th Annual Keefe-Bruyette Symposium.** The Centers serve Hartford’s Frog Hollow, Sheldon/Charter Oak, Blue Hills, Southwest, Asylum Hill, and Parkville neighborhoods. Saint Joseph College salutes Farmington Bank: we are truly grateful for your leadership and generosity!

**This year’s featured keynote speaker is Judi Stevenson-Garcia, Ed.M., an educator, researcher, teacher mentor, and early childhood advocate.** Endlessly curious about the ways in which children think about and learn mathematics, Ms. Stevenson-Garcia is dedicated to sharing her passion with other educators. She will present “Raising the Standards for Early Mathematics Education: Policies and Practice.” Using data from large-scale studies as well as ethnographic stories from the field, Ms. Stevenson-Garcia will address both the immediate need to raise standards for teaching and learning, as well as the real joys of engaging in mathematics experiences with young children. As a research project coordinator for the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) and a doctoral candidate at Teachers College, Columbia University, Judi Stevenson-Garcia has extensive field experience observing teachers and classrooms around the country. She is currently working with the Rhode Island Department of Education to support the improvement of math and science teaching in their pilot state-funded

pre-K program, and is the professional development coordinator for a four-year National Science Foundation research study looking at the impact of high-quality math and science instruction on the language development of preschool dual language learners. Before beginning her work at NIEER, Ms. Stevenson-Garcia spent several years teaching preschool, as well as first, fifth, and sixth grades. She holds an Ed.M. in Developmental Psychology from Rutgers University and a B.A. in Early Childhood Education and Psychology from The College of New Jersey. Her dissertation work at Teachers College is focused on early childhood mathematics and professional development.

In addition to the keynote address, participants at the Keefe-Bruyette Symposium select a morning and afternoon workshop from an expansive menu. Topics include: Exploring Shapes in Space with the Frogonauts; Science Says: Build It!; Exploring Nature Right Outside Your Front Door; Properties of Matter; Music, Math and Movement – Oh My!; and much more.

**Registration is required. The price of the morning session, which includes Judi Stevenson-Garcia’s keynote address, morning workshop and lunch, is \$60. The afternoon session, which includes lunch, the afternoon workshop and a tour of The School for Young Children, is \$60. Full-day price is \$75; full-time students pay a discounted fee of \$50.**

To register, contact Diane Morton, director of the School for Young Children, at 860.231.5565 or [dmorton@sjc.edu](mailto:dmorton@sjc.edu) or Sue O’Donnell, teacher/grant coordinator at 860.231.5561 or [sodonnell@sjc.edu](mailto:sodonnell@sjc.edu).

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