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SAINT JOSEPH COLLEGE ANNOUNCES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION OF ITS NEW SCHOOL OF PHARMACY IN DOWNTOWN HARTFORD

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. – January 26, 2011 – Saint Joseph College announces today that its new School of Pharmacy received Precandidate Accreditation status for its Doctor of Pharmacy program by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), the third approval required for the school to matriculate students this fall.

“The accreditation from the ACPE confirms the quality of our unique three year, co-educational doctoral program in Pharmacy (Pharm.D.), and opens the doors to a state-of-the-art facility in downtown Hartford for our first class of students this fall,” said Pamela Trotman Reid, Ph.D., president of Saint Joseph College.

Accreditation by the ACPE, the national agency for the accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy and providers of continuing pharmacy education, follows the School of Pharmacy’s approvals by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and the Connecticut Department of Higher Education.

The Saint Joseph College School of Pharmacy will offer a three calendar year doctoral degree program to its inaugural class of approximately 68 students in the fall of 2011. The School of Pharmacy is Saint Joseph College’s first school located outside of its West Hartford campus, and exemplifies its commitment to the Greater Hartford community as it builds upon its well-regarded health sciences curricula.

“The Saint Joseph College School of Pharmacy will prepare accomplished pharmacists. It will be a school devoted to service, scholarly work, and best professional practices,” said Dr. Joseph R. Ofosu, Saint Joseph College Dean of Pharmacy. In addition, the School will collaborate with pharmaceutical companies and government organizations in activities to serve the area’s health needs.

“Saint Joseph College’s new School of Pharmacy will add significantly to the capital city’s vitality by bringing students, teachers, administrators and others to downtown Hartford. We are thrilled to have the School of Pharmacy open its doors in Hartford this fall to our future pharmacists,” said Hartford Mayor Pedro E. Segarra.

The Saint Joseph College School of Pharmacy will significantly increase the College’s \$73 million impact on the Connecticut economy. The College has completed construction and leasehold improvements on its Hartford 21 facility and plans to add 42 faculty and staff positions to the Greater Hartford area. “The Saint Joseph College’s School of Pharmacy is an important economic booster for our area and one that will benefit us for many years to come,” said Oz Griebel, CEO of the MetroHartford Alliance.

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.

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