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## **Saint Joseph College Receives \$1 Million Gift from Long Time Donors; The Kathleen B. and Gene F. Bruyette Classroom Will Focus on Technology**



WEST HARTFORD, Conn. – May 3, 2011 -- Saint Joseph College today announced a \$1 million gift to the institution from long-time supporters Kathleen and Gene Bruyette.

The gift, the largest to date for the Saint Joseph College School of Pharmacy, will create the Kathleen B. and Gene F. Bruyette Classroom in the Round, a technology-focused, interdisciplinary center of education, knowledge sharing and special events. The classroom will be located in the new Saint Joseph College School of Pharmacy in downtown Hartford, which will welcome its inaugural class this fall.

“Kathy and Gene Bruyette are our greatest benefactors and once again Saint Joseph College has been blessed with their largess. We could not be more grateful,” said Pamela Trotman Reid, Ph.D., president of Saint Joseph College. “Kathy and Gene’s continuing support of our

institution now enables us to further enhance our new state-of-the-art School of Pharmacy facility in downtown Hartford. Our students and community will benefit from their generosity.”

“We greatly admire the students, faculty and staff of Saint Joseph College, and are pleased to have the opportunity to assist them in their first-ever doctoral degree program,” said the donors. “The new School of Pharmacy will have a profound impact on students and the greater Hartford community. We are thrilled to be part of this exciting endeavor.”

“Implementing technology-focused learning is critical in educating future generations of pharmacists, and the Kathleen B. and Gene F. Bruyette Classroom in the Round will help us reach our mission,” said Dr. Joseph R. Oforu, Saint Joseph College Dean of Pharmacy.

Kathleen Bruyette is a graduate of Saint Joseph College, Class of 1949, and a former member of its Board of Trustees. Gene Bruyette is a founder and former chairman of Keefe, Bruyette and Woods and also served on the College’s Investment Advisory Committee. Both received honorary doctorate degrees from Saint Joseph College in 2004.

The Bruyette’s previous donations created the Saint Joseph College Kathleen Bruyette Natatorium and the Bruyette Athenaeum at the Carol Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities located on the West Hartford campus of Saint Joseph College. In addition, their gifts helped establish the College’s groundbreaking Financial Literacy program, the President’s Fund and the annual Keefe-Bruyette Early Childhood Seminar at Saint Joseph College.

Saint Joseph College is a comprehensive institution providing higher education opportunities for women and men from diverse backgrounds and religious traditions. Responsive to the evolving educational needs of the community, the School of Graduate and Professional Studies also offers 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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*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 2011, the Saint Joseph College School of Pharmacy, the first doctoral program in the College's 78-year history, will open at Hartford 21 on Trumbull Street in downtown Hartford. View our Web site at [www.sjc.edu](http://www.sjc.edu).*

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