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*The School for Young Children at the University of Saint Joseph presents:*

## **The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Keefe-Bruyette Symposium**

**Monday, March 25, 2013**

**“Investigation and Inquiry in Math and Science for Young Children”**

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. – **The School for Young Children at the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) will host its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Keefe-Bruyette Symposium on Early Learning in Math and Science on Monday, March 25, 2013.** 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 the University’s West Hartford campus at 1678 Asylum Avenue. Focused on “Investigation and Inquiry in Math and Science for Young Children,” (infant/toddler and pre-K), 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.usj.edu/syc/docs/professional-development/symposiumbrochure2013.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 – longtime education philanthropists.

This year’s featured keynote speaker is Diana Wehrell-Grabowski, Ph.D., chief executive officer and principal owner of Mobile Science Education Consulting Services, a science educational consulting company. Her keynote address is entitled, “Nurturing the Young Child’s Natural Curiosity and Sense of Wonder through Experiencing the Natural World around Them.”

Serving more than 30 years as a classroom educator of children and adults, Dr. Diana Wehrell-Grabowski has provided hundreds of teacher training and family science workshops and also taught science education methods courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels. She is an active member of many professional organizations for educators including: the National Science Teachers Association, Florida Association of Science Teachers, and the National Association for the Education of Young Children, to name a few. Dr. Wehrell-Grabowski holds a Ph.D. in Science Education from Florida Institute of Technology; an M.Ed. and a B.A. from the University of Guam.

In addition to the keynote address, participants at the Keefe-Bruyette Symposium select a morning and afternoon workshop from an expansive menu. Topics include: The Toddler's Mathematical Mind; Science Says: Build It!; Nature in a Nutshell; Properties of Matter: Solids, Liquids, Gases – Oh My!; and much more. **Registration is required.** The price of the morning session, which includes Dr. Diana Wehrell-Grabowski's keynote address, morning workshop and lunch, is \$65. The afternoon session, which includes lunch, the afternoon workshop and a tour of The School for Young Children, is \$65. Full-day price is \$80; 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@usj.edu](mailto:dmorton@usj.edu) or Sue O'Donnell, laboratory school coordinator at 860.231.5561 or [sodonnell@usj.edu](mailto:sodonnell@usj.edu).

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