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## **University of Saint Joseph Appoints Inaugural Director of the Teaching and Learning Center**



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**WEST HARTFORD, CONN. – Thomas McManus, Ph.D. has been appointed as the inaugural director of the Teaching and Learning Center at the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) in West Hartford.** A Texas native, he has recently relocated to Connecticut and is a resident of Farmington.

In his new role, McManus will provide strategic vision and leadership to support faculty development, enrich pedagogical practices and student learning outcomes. His responsibilities will encompass new faculty orientation; the effective use of technology by faculty in all educational settings; assisting faculty in adapting teaching strategies for diverse learners; and supporting the development of professional and scholarly pursuits within the faculty.

“McManus brings a wealth of faculty development, administrative and teaching experience along with an impressive record of scholarship to the University of Saint Joseph,” said USJ Provost

Michelle M. Kalis, Ph.D. “Guided by McManus’ innovative leadership, our new Teaching and Learning Center will enhance the ability of the faculty to provide a value-centered education that prepares USJ students as global citizens, lifelong learners, critical thinkers and informed decision makers.”

Prior to joining USJ, McManus served as associate professor and director of Educational Methodology and Technology at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa. He was previously an associate professor and department chair of Educational Leadership at Saginaw Valley State University (University Center, Mich.). McManus was recognized as a Fulbright Scholar in 2001, serving as a lecturer/researcher at the University of Oulu in Finland where he explored the use of wireless and handheld technologies in an international online collaborative learning environment. In 2004, McManus was a visiting professor at the University of Shikoku in Japan where he taught English and American Culture. His background also includes private sector expertise in film and video production for clients such as IBM, Dell and PBS.

McManus earned his Ph.D. in Instructional Technology from the University of Texas at Austin. Additionally, he holds an M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction and a B.S. in Radio-Television-Film from the University of Texas at Austin.

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