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University of Saint Joseph Professor Honored by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs



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WEST HARTFORD, CONN. – Marie G. Kulesza, M.S., CPA, assistant professor of Business Administration at the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) has been named recipient of the 2013 Teaching Excellence Award presented by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) for Region 1 (Northeastern). The Council recognizes individuals annually from each of its 10 regions who exemplify teaching excellence in the classroom. The University of Indianapolis – Athens Campus is the financial sponsor for the 2013 award.

Kulesza will be honored, along with other regional recipients, at the 2013 ACBSP Annual Conference, June 21-24 in Salt Lake City, Utah; view: www.acbsp.org. Two International Teaching Excellence Award recipients will be announced at a special Salute to Regions luncheon, one from a baccalaureate/graduate degree-granting institution and one from an

associate degree-granting institution. As a regional recipient, Kulesza is now a candidate for the international award.

A resident of Plantsville, Conn. and a Certified Public Accountant, Kulesza earned her M.S. from the University of Hartford and a B.S. from Central Connecticut State University. She has been teaching at the University of Saint Joseph since 2008.

“Professor Kulesza enriches our department, the University and its students, and our community by being the best teacher and the best person she can be. She is a marvelous role model for our students,” said Steven B. Jarett, M.P.A., CPA, associate professor of Accounting and chair of the department of Business Administration at USJ.

The Associate Degree Commission of ACBSP established the International Teaching Excellence Award in 1995 to recognize outstanding classroom teachers. In 2002, the Baccalaureate/Graduate Degree Commission created a similar award to recognize excellence in teaching at the baccalaureate/graduate degree level. ACBSP is the only specialized accrediting body for business schools that presents an award recognizing excellence in teaching, open to application by the entire membership.

“It is more important than ever for business programs to produce graduates who are ready to enter the global marketplace,” said Douglas Viehland, ACBSP executive director. “ACBSP has a mission to develop, promote and recognize best practices that contribute to continuous improvement of business education. Recognition of teaching excellence is one way we achieve this goal,” he stated.

ACBSP currently has more than 1,171 member campuses in 52 countries and 10 regions.

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