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## **Faculty Promotions Announced at University of Saint Joseph**

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. – Faculty promotions have been announced by University of Saint Joseph Provost Michelle M. Kalis, Ph.D. “These accomplishments reflect the strength of the University’s faculty and its commitment to teaching, scholarship and service,” Dr. Kalis said. “The University community is proud to celebrate the achievements and milestones in the academic careers of these outstanding faculty members.”

The University of Saint Joseph Board of Trustees has approved six faculty members for promotion effective in the 2013-2014 academic year and has named another as faculty emeritus:

### ***Received Tenure:***

**Associate Professor Kathleen Whitbread, Ph.D., has been granted Tenure in the School of Education at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford, Conn.** Dr. Whitbread earned her Ph.D. at Union Institute and University and her M.S. and B.S. from Southern Connecticut State University. She is a resident of Clinton, Conn.

### ***Promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure:***

**Melissa Marcucci, Ph.D., has been promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure in the School of Health and Natural Sciences at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford, Conn.** Dr. Marcucci earned her Ph.D. at Yale University and her M.S. and B.A. at Boston University. She is a resident of Cheshire, Conn.

**Enrique Sepúlveda III, Ph.D., has been promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure in the School of Education at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford, Conn.** He received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis and his B.A. from California State University. He is a resident of Hartford, Conn.

### ***Promotion to Associate Professor:***

**Pamela Aselton, M.P.H., M.S.N., Ph.D., has been promoted to Associate Professor of Nursing in the School of Health and Natural Sciences at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford, Conn.** Dr. Aselton received her Ph.D., and master’s degrees from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst after earning her bachelor’s degree from Southern Connecticut State University. She is a resident of Amherst, Mass.

***Promotion to Professor:***

**Gerald Darling, Ph.D., has been promoted to full Professor of Physics and Chemistry in the School of Health and Natural Sciences at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford, Conn.** Dr. Darling earned his Ph.D. at Dartmouth College and his M.Eng. and B.S. at Cornell University. He is a resident of West Hartford, Conn.

**Judith Durham, Ph.D., APRN, has been promoted to full Professor of Counseling in the School of Graduate and Professional Studies at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford, Conn.** Dr. Durham earned her Ph.D. at the University of Connecticut, her M.A. at Antioch New England Graduate School, and her B.S. at Alfred University. She is a resident of Columbia, Conn.

***Named Faculty Emeritus:***

**Karen Palmunen, Ph.D., has been named Associate Professor emeritus at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford, Conn.** Dr. Palmunen received her Ph.D. and M.A. from Brown University and her B.A. from the University of Kansas. A resident of Kensington, Conn., Dr. Palmunen was honored with the distinction after over 20 years of service to the University of Saint Joseph.

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