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High School and College Students Explore Careers in Pharmacy at the University of Saint Joseph

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WEST HARTFORD, CONN. (April 30, 2013) – The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) invites high school and college students to learn about careers in pharmacy during a free, interactive informational session on **Saturday, May 4, 2013, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.**, at the university's **School of Pharmacy located at 229 Trumbull St., Hartford**. To register, contact Jennifer Tan, PharmD at JTan@USJ.edu (860-231-2017) or Mark Sweezy, Ph.D., MSweezy@USJ.edu (860-231-5878).

The half-day program includes breakfast, lunch, a book on pharmacy, and a free laptop bag for all participants. A panel of pharmacists will discuss career options. Students will also work alongside the faculty in a hands-on lab session. The program concludes with a session devoted to diversity in pharmacy and alternative medicine.

Employment of pharmacists is expected to increase by 25 percent through 2020, according to statistics released by the U.S. Department of Labor. Jennifer Tan, Pharm. D., assistant professor in the department of pharmacy practice and administration at the USJ School of Pharmacy, said that the demand for trained pharmacy professionals stems from the increasing complex pharmacological needs of a growing elderly population. The increased role of medication therapy management in health care will see pharmacists become more actively involved in the drug therapy decision-making for patients of all ages.

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The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) offers a wide range of graduate, undergraduate, and certificate programs that combine a professional and liberal arts education with a focus on service. Coeducational graduate master's and doctoral degree programs are taught on the university's two campuses in West Hartford and Hartford, Connecticut; at off-campus locations throughout the state; and online. Undergraduate programs for women and for coeducational adult students take place on our beautiful suburban campus and include more than 22 majors and six pre-professional programs, each of which provides personal attention in a caring environment. Founded in 1932 by the Sisters of Mercy, the University of Saint Joseph welcomes students from diverse backgrounds and religious traditions. To learn more, visit our website at www.usj.edu.

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