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## **UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH WELCOMES RAOUF BOULES, PH.D., AS DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND NATURAL SCIENCES**



WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (August 18, 2015) – The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) in West Hartford, Connecticut is honored to announce Raouf Boules, Ph.D., as Dean of the School of Health and Natural Sciences. With extensive experience and expertise creating and overseeing innovations in higher education, Dr. Boules intends new and dynamic developments providing pioneering academic opportunities to enhance student enrollment and success at University of Saint Joseph’s School of Health and Natural Sciences, already a leader in learning for the departments of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematical Sciences, Nursing, and Nutrition/Dietetics. In addition to overseeing a Physician Assistant program slated to launch in 2017, Dr. Boules projects broadening both international studies and joint degree programs by partnering with colleges and universities in Connecticut, across America, and across the globe.

Born and raised in Alexandria, Egypt, Dr. Boules earned his undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering and a master’s in Mathematics from the prestigious Alexandria University before emigrating to America to complete his Ph.D. at The Catholic University of America (Washington, DC), in 1984. Following teaching and professorial posts at Alexandria University, The Catholic University of America, and Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Telecommunications (Paris, France), Dr. Boules joined Towson University in Towson, Md., ultimately as chairperson

in the department of Mathematics for a dozen years, where he created innovative programming, elevated student success, and doubled enrollment within his department in five years. He has published numerous papers in leading international journals, presented research at conferences worldwide, and co-authored a well-reputed book about electromagnetic signals.

Dr. Boules finds many facets of his career meaningful including broadening the selection of quality educational opportunities available to students of any socioeconomic status. This commitment to the needs of society aligns with the core values established by the University's founding Sisters of Mercy in 1932, which continues uninterrupted and uncompromised to this day.

Dr. Boules said, "I am honored to join this fine institution – with values of care and service that resonate with my own – to further its academic excellence, promote academic innovation, as well as increase access, affordability, retention, and completion rates for all students. I look forward to strengthening existing partnerships and exploring the creation of new ones to achieve the next level of excellence following outstanding leadership."

University of Saint Joseph President Rhona Free said, "The University will greatly benefit from the appointment of Dr. Boules. His sincere dedication to students and his demonstrated success in key facets of higher education will guide the School of Health and Natural Sciences to new heights. We look forward to his contributions to our community."

Dr. Boules expressed enthusiasm joining University of Saint Joseph in a phase of robust growth. In recent years, USJ: opened a School of Pharmacy in downtown Hartford, which graduated its first class in May, 2014; transitioned from Saint Joseph College to University of Saint Joseph; expanded faculty and increased enrollment; and built the following new academic programs: Pharm.D., Doctor of Nursing Practice; master's in Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis; master's in Social Work; bachelor's in Public Health; and bachelor's in Public Policy and Advocacy.

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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 25 majors and seven 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, view our website at [www.usj.edu](http://www.usj.edu).*

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