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KEEFE-BRUYETTE SYMPOSIUM FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS AT SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN Registration Open for March 16 Event

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (February 18, 2015) – The School for Young Children at the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) will host its 13th annual Keefe-Bruyette Symposium on Investigations and Inquiry in Math and Science for Young Children on Monday, March 16, 2015. The event begins at 8:15 a.m. (registration, followed by the keynote address at 9:00 a.m.) in the Bruyette Athenaeum's Hoffman Auditorium, located on the University's West Hartford campus at 1678 Asylum Avenue.

Focused on math and science teaching for young children, the day-long symposium draws early childhood educators from throughout the northeast who participate in workshops led by their peers. This year's featured keynote speaker is Cindy Hoisington, M.Ed., an early childhood science educator at Education Development Center, Inc. and the science advisor for the PBS show, *Curious George*. Hoisington's keynote address, "Why Science in Early Childhood Settings?" will evaluate the ways in which young children benefit from science experiences, as well as examine positions endorsed by the National Science Teachers' Association and the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

In addition to the keynote address, participants at the Keefe-Bruyette Symposium select a morning and afternoon workshop from an expansive menu. Topics include: Promoting Language through Science; Teaching Math and Science through Storytelling; Using Outdoor Nature Play to Enhance Math and Science Skills; and more.

The price of the morning session, which includes Cindy Hoisington's keynote address, a morning workshop, and lunch is \$65. The afternoon session, which includes lunch, an afternoon workshop, and a tour of the School for Young Children is \$65. Full-day price is \$80; full-time students pay a discounted fee of \$50. To register, contact Sue O'Donnell, laboratory school coordinator, at 860.231.5561 or sodonnell@usj.edu.

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