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## Open House October 16 at School for Young Children “Where Nature Meets Nurture”

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (September 25, 2013) – The School for Young Children at the University of Saint Joseph will host an Open House on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at 238 Steele Rd., West Hartford, CT. The School for Young Children is a nationally accredited preschool program that serves children age 3-5 through part- and full-day programs, including summer camp. Enrollment is open throughout the year.

Parents and families are invited to tour the facilities, meet staff members, and learn about the School’s child-responsive, play-based curriculum, as well as its focus on science and nature.

Director Diane Morton said, “We invite families to learn more about what makes the School for Young Children unique, particularly our practice of developing curriculum that is appropriate to a child’s age and level of development. This gives children time to explore ideas, talk about experiences, and make choices — the building blocks of a life-long love of learning.”

Founded in 1936, the School was one of the first preschools in the state and one of the first student laboratory programs in the nation. Defining qualities include:

- Highly trained and experienced teaching staff — all classroom teachers hold Education degrees
- Child-responsive play-based curriculum — responds to the needs and interests of children
- Located on an expansive 5-acre nature preserve with a nature trail
- Half-day and full-day options

To register for Open House or for more information, contact Diane Morton, director at [dmorton@usj.edu](mailto:dmorton@usj.edu) or call 860.231.5565. To see The School for Young Children online, visit: <http://ww2.usj.edu/syc>

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