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## **University of Saint Joseph President to Visit Israel to Build Educational Ties**



USJ President Pamela Trotman Reid, Ph.D. Credit: Tim Coffey Photography.

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. – The University of Saint Joseph today announced that its president, Pamela Trotman Reid, Ph.D., will visit Israel for a study tour that will focus on the country’s education system, including its social, cultural and economic influences.

“I look forward to my tour with anticipation,” said Dr. Reid. “I am excited to meet the educators and students who make Israel a country of such great academic and cultural achievement, and to encourage them to visit our country and learn more about the array of academic opportunities and the welcoming atmosphere of the University of Saint Joseph community.”

From May 22 to 29, Dr. Reid will visit Israel alongside other U.S. university presidents who have been invited by the America-Israel Friendship League. The study tour, led by Dr. Stephen Trachtenberg, president emeritus and university professor of public service at George Washington University, will include briefings with high-level national and municipal education officials and exchanges with the other university presidents as they travel to Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and Haifa.

Dr. Reid's trip to Israel exemplifies her personal attention to building foreign relationships designed to develop strong international recruitment programming for the University of Saint Joseph. During her presidency, she has guided the University in establishing agreements with institutions in China, Oman, Ghana and Japan. Most recently, Dr. Reid returned from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where she was invited by the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission (SACM) to speak at an international conference of leaders of academic institutions.

Since becoming the eighth President of University of Saint Joseph (formerly Saint Joseph College) in January, 2008, Dr. Reid has worked to build upon the University's reputation for academic excellence and ensure its commitment to integrity, women's leadership, and service.

In addition, Dr. Reid's demonstrated commitment to the community and her leadership skills have made her a frequently-sought speaker and project collaborator. She has received a number of honors, including being recognized as one of the Top 25 Women in Higher Education by the national newsmagazine, *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* (2013); among the 100 Most Influential Blacks in the State of Connecticut by the Connecticut State Conference of the NAACP (2009, 2011); Eight Remarkable Women in Business by *Hartford Business Journal* (2010); and Hartford's 50 Most Influential People by *Hartford Magazine* (2010). She also received a 2011 Polaris Award from Leadership Greater Hartford, and a 2011 Maria Miller Stewart Award from the Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund.

Dr. Reid currently serves on the boards of the MetroHartford Alliance, the iQuilt Project for Downtown Hartford, and the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art. She is on the executive committees of the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges and the Hartford Consortium for Higher Education; the board of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities; and the Division III Presidents Council of the NCAA. In July, 2012, she was appointed to the Capital Region Development Authority by Governor Dannel P. Malloy.

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