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GENGRAS CENTER OPEN HOUSE ON APRIL 1 NEW BUILDING OFFERS EXPANDED AUTISM SERVICES

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (February 26, 2015) – The Gengras Center at the University of Saint Joseph will hold an Open House on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 in preparation of its expanded enrollment capacity. A state-approved private special education facility serving students ages 5-21, the Gengras Center's new facility, the Center for Applied Research and Education (CARE), will serve the needs of students with Autism Spectrum Disorders and developmental disabilities. The Open House will take place from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Gengras Center, located at the University's West Hartford campus at 1678 Asylum Avenue. Referrals for the current school year and fall 2015 are now being accepted.

The CARE building will add 22,000 square feet to the Gengras Center, including a gym, art room, additional therapy space, and four new classrooms, including two for students with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. For 50 years, the Gengras Center has been a leader in educating students with special needs by providing traditional courses in language arts, math, science, social studies, health, art, music and physical education, along with an expansive curriculum in life skills, vocational programming, and transition services. The new expansion allows for enhanced Applied Behavior Analysis services to accommodate the rising number of students diagnosed with autism.

Registration is not required for the Open House. For more information, contact Michelle Lestrud, director of the Gengras Center, at 860.231.5616 or mlestrud@usj.edu. Visit www.gengrascenter.org.

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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.

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