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GENGRAS CENTER OPEN HOUSE & SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCE FAIR ON NOVEMBER 18 NEW BUILDING OFFERS EXPANDED AUTISM SERVICES

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (October 28, 2015) – The Gengras Center School at the University of Saint Joseph will hold an Open House and a Special Needs Resource Fair on Wednesday, November 18, 2015. The Open House will take place from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Gengras Center School; the Resource Fair will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Center for Applied Research and Education (CARE). Both buildings are located at the University’s West Hartford campus at 1678 Asylum Avenue. A state-approved private special education facility, the Gengras Center School serves students ages 5-21 from towns throughout Connecticut and Southern Massachusetts

The Open House will provide an overview of the School’s services, which include 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 facility, CARE, allows for enhanced Applied Behavior Analysis services to accommodate the rising number of students diagnosed with autism. Referrals for the current and upcoming school years are now being accepted.

The Special Needs Resource Fair, “Planning for Future Success,” will provide information on various topics including adult service agencies, special needs estate planning, the CT Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, and the CT Department of Developmental Services.

Registration is not required for either event. 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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