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University of Saint Joseph Announces 2013 Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipients

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. – The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) will award three honorary degrees at its 78th Commencement on Sunday, May 12, 2013. The ceremony will take place at 10:00 a.m. on the south lawn of the University's West Hartford campus located at 1678 Asylum Avenue. Honorary degree recipients include **Nancy Staisey, Ph.D.**, vice president of Smarter Cities, North America at IBM who will also deliver the 2013 Commencement address; **Samar Mohammad Omar Alsaggaf, M.D., M.S., Ph.D.**, of the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission in Washington, D.C.; and **Philip J. Schulz**, USJ Trustee Emeritus.

About the Recipients



A Pennsylvania native, **Dr. Nancy Staisey** has worked with Fortune 500 and mid-size clients in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Asia and Africa. In her current role at IBM, she combines her expertise in business with technology innovation, focusing on creating smarter cities that are healthier, safer and more productive for residents. A graduate of Northwestern University, Dr. Staisey completed her M.A. and Ph.D. at Carleton University in Canada, where she was a National Research and Development Scholar and Fellow. In 1996, she was named Krieger Wolf Distinguished Lecturer at Northwestern

University.



Dr. Samar Mohammad Omar Alsaggaf is the director of the Department of Medical and Health Sciences Programs at the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission in Washington, D.C. and associate professor of Anatomy at King Abdulaziz University in Saudi Arabia. Dr. Alsaggaf has played an integral role in the development of the Cultural Mission's advanced medical training exchange program. She aims to expand the medical alliance between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia while creating leaders for the Saudi health care system. She holds an

M.D. from King Abdulaziz University and a Ph.D. in Anatomy and Embryology from King Saud University.



Philip J. Schulz, retired managing partner of the Hartford office of PricewaterhouseCoopers, has served in a variety of roles on the USJ Board of Trustees. He provided outstanding leadership as Board Chair from 2004-2008, during a time of transition for the University, and served as a member of two Presidential Search Committees. In 2009, he was named Trustee Emeritus. He also serves on a number of other boards, including those of Olin Corporation, Saint Francis Care, and the McLean Fund. Mr. Schulz holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Niagara University and completed the Tuck Executive Program at Dartmouth College.

“We are delighted to honor these three exemplary individuals in celebration of the outstanding achievements of the class of 2013,” said USJ President Pamela Trotman Reid, Ph.D. “Dr. Staisey, Dr. Alsaggaf and Mr. Schulz exemplify the core values we promote at the University of Saint Joseph. The breadth of their combined backgrounds, professional accomplishments, and community service will inspire our newest graduates.”

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The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) offers a wide range of graduate, undergraduate, and certificate programs that combine a professional and liberal arts education with a focus on service. Coeducational graduate master's and doctoral degree programs are taught on the University's two campuses in West Hartford and Hartford, Connecticut; at off-campus locations throughout the state; and online. Undergraduate programs for women and for coeducational adult students take place on our beautiful suburban campus and include more than 22 majors and six pre-professional programs, each of which provides personal attention in a caring environment. Founded 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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