University of Saint Joseph School of Pharmacy Chair Appointment to Senator Jay Rockefeller’s Office

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. – Bruce Edgren, Pharm.D., R.Ph., chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Administration at the University of Saint Joseph School of Pharmacy, has recently accepted an appointment to Senator Jay Rockefeller’s office. He will be working on health and health finance issues via the senator’s role with the Health Subcommittee on Finance and the Commerce Committee.

The appointment resulted from Dr. Edgren being named a 2012 - 2013 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Health Policy Fellow. As one of eight health professionals selected for this prestigious and competitive fellowship, Dr. Edgren will spend a year in Washington, D.C. working in congressional offices with key responsibilities for health legislation and programs.

USJ School of Pharmacy Dean Joseph R. Ofosu, Pharm.D., R.Ph. said, “Dr. Edgren’s distinguished background in Pharmacy practice and education, along with his extensive collaborative experience in the private sector, are encompassed in this exceptional professional honor. His selection for this competitive fellowship is truly an outstanding distinction and an immense source of pride for the University of Saint Joseph School of Pharmacy.”

A resident of Farmington, Conn., Dr. Bruce Edgren joined the University of Saint Joseph School of Pharmacy in 2009. In his current position, Dr. Edgren is responsible for the provision of the practice-based educational component of the University of Saint Joseph Doctor of Pharmacy Program. Previously, he was associated with Maple & Main Consulting, LLC in Farmington, Conn., a private consulting firm he founded that provided expertise for the pharmaceutical industry and pharmacy benefit companies. In addition, Dr. Edgren has held academic appointments at Michigan State University School of Medicine, Ferris State University (Mich.), and the University of Minnesota at both St. Paul Children’s Hospital and the Minneapolis Children’s Medical Center. Dr. Edgren earned his bachelor’s and Pharm.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota.

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