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UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH (USJ) LOOKS TO THE FUTURE WITH NEW MAJORS

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (Feb. 12, 2018) – Designed to expand offerings for students who are interested in gaining a broad set of professional skills preparing them for a range of employers, USJ's new undergraduate majors – Computer and Data Science, Health Science (General), Health Science (Pre-Physician Assistant Studies), Sport Management and Promotion, and Bioinformatics – augment 26 other majors already offered at the University.

Provost Michelle Kalis, Ph.D., remarked, “Each major area of study, taught by full-time faculty, will provide students with the academic foundation to continue to pursue lifelong learning in their chosen field and become more marketable in an increasingly competitive employer market.”

For undergraduate students with a keen interest in a career founded on computer and data science, the University's new program will prepare them for a wide range of careers – in the information technology sector, and many others, from health and social sciences to financial services that depend on computer programming, software engineering, cloud computing, and computational data mining. This combination of skills is highly attractive to employers who are increasingly inclined to use data-driven and evidence-based decision-making across departments in an organization.

The Health Science major has two tracks to provide focused areas of study based on a student's chosen field. For those who want to pursue a non-clinical position in health care or to continue their education with a graduate degree in a range of medical careers, the B.S. in Health Science (General) will be of great interest. For highly-ranked students committed to a Physician Assistant (PA) career, the Pre-PA track offers dedicated seats in USJ's very competitive graduate PA Studies Program.

For students who dream of a career in the sports industry, a B.S. in Sport Management and Promotion can be the ticket to success. From marketing and sales of sports events to guest relations or financing teams and managing venues, the Business Administration department's industry-experienced faculty will provide a foundational education in sport management and promotion. All students will participate in internships, selecting from a variety of options, including sports teams, sports events and venues, marketing departments, and more.

To meet the growing need for professionals who understand the languages of biology and computer science, a B.S. in Bioinformatics at USJ is designed for students who want to learn how to use computational tools and equations to sort and make sense of biological data, including genetic data. This program provides a solid foundation in chemistry, biology, computer science, mathematics, and statistics. Graduates may pursue careers in research, government agencies, the pharmaceutical industry, environmental agencies, or any organization that addresses contemporary problems in biology and medicine.

With these additional programs of study, capital improvement projects across campus, and the expansion of USJ athletic teams, the University is better positioned than ever to meet the needs of prospective students and provide a well-rounded talent pipeline for employers across a wide range of industries.

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The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) offers a wide range of coeducational undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs that combine a professional and liberal arts education with a focus on service. Undergraduate programs for both traditional and adult students take place on our beautiful suburban campus and include more than 26 majors and seven pre-professional programs, taught by expert faculty in an engaging environment. 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. 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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