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MELANIE SINCHE, M.Ed., M.A., NAMED DIRECTOR, CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND THE WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CENTER AT USJ

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (Nov. 19, 2018) – The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) proudly welcomes Melanie Sinche M.Ed., M.A., as director of the Career Development Center and the executive director of the Women's Leadership Center (WLC). In the Career Development Center, Sinche will expand internship offerings, help students to prepare for and pursue professional internships and employment, develop mentoring opportunities, work in partnership with faculty, and cultivate relationships and collaborations with regional employers. In addition, she will lead the WLC as executive director. After two years of delivering on its mission to encourage, empower, and coach women for leadership roles in their professional and personal endeavors, the WLC – with its new director – will create community partnerships, develop programming, and engage in research about women in leadership roles to guide the organization's work into the future.

President Rhona C. Free, Ph.D., remarked on the new director, saying, "With Melanie in the lead, the Career Development Center and WLC will connect USJ students to even more internships, clinical experiences, and jobs with employers in growing industries in the Greater Hartford region, and ensure that USJ continues to emphasize preparing women for leadership. She has experience in career counseling for students at the country's most prestigious universities and is highly respected in the bioscience, health, and STEM areas where USJ is sending more students. Melanie will help students to achieve their career goals and lead the WLC in its mission to serve the community with research about what women leaders need to succeed in different fields."

With extensive career experience from Harvard University, University of North Carolina, the National Institutes for Health and most recently, The Jackson Laboratory for Genomic Medicine, Sinche is a nationally recognized university leader and non-profit administrator in career counseling and student affairs. She has served as a founding director of three offices for student and postdoc career and professional development. In addition, she authored a highly respected book on career development in STEM industries and is a widely-sought speaker with over 100 invited speaking engagements from 55 universities, non-profit research institutes, and government agencies. A certified career counselor with over 20 years of experience serving student and postdoc populations, Sinche has provided students

in all phases of their professional careers with development workshops, career counseling services, and access to her network of employers.

"I'm excited to join the positive momentum at the University of Saint Joseph and return to higher ed where I started my career. The combination of this role in career services and the Women's Leadership Center brings together services and programming for students, faculty, and the community including employers; I'm thrilled to be part of this team," remarked Sinche.

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