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UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH ANNOUNCES REDUCTION IN ROOM AND BOARD COSTS AND MODEST TUITION INCREASE

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WEST HARTFORD, CONN. (April 8, 2016) - The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) today announced a bold tuition, room and board plan for the 2016-17 academic year — one designed to meet the financial needs of students and families while enhancing students’ overall experience.

The University will:

- Reduce the overall cost of room and board; as much as 8.8% for a double room
- Eliminate the housing amenities fee
- Implement a modest 2% tuition increase on all undergraduate programs

“We did not just look for cuts, but looked to reduce costs in a way that would maximize students’ ability to succeed,” said University of Saint Joseph President Rhona Free, Ph.D. “The decision to reduce the costs of room and board is one example. Studies show that students who live on campus have significantly greater academic success.”

In addition, Free said students who live on campus are more likely to graduate, and to do so in four years; have higher GPAs; are more involved with other students, faculty, and the institution as a whole; report greater levels of satisfaction with their college experience; and acquire greater self-confidence, self-reliance and public speaking skills.

“We want to provide students and their families a sustainable and predictable cost structure to help them prepare for a college education,” said USJ’s Free, who will be formally inaugurated as the ninth president of the institution on April 15.

Specifically, the total cost of a double room at USJ will be reduced by 8.8%. Meal plans, which include expanded options, will be reduced by 39%, 31%, or 20%. Other cost savings include the

elimination of the amenities fee and an increase to the number of hours students can work in on-campus positions (up to 19 hours).

In March, the University of Saint Joseph announced a partnership with Hartford Promise. Hartford Promise will award scholarships of up to \$20,000 to eligible Hartford students attending an accredited four-year college or university, and up to \$5,000 to those attending two-year institutions. The University of Saint Joseph will supplement the program by offering students a housing scholarship. The scholarship will cover the full cost of on-campus housing for four years, provided students retain their Hartford Promise eligibility.

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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 25 majors and seven 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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