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UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH DROPS SAT/ACT REQUIREMENT

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (August 3, 2020) – The University of Saint Joseph has expanded its test-optional admission process for students applying to undergraduate programs, beginning in 2021. USJ first introduced its test-optional admission option in 2016, although several competitive programs, such as Nursing, Direct-entry Physician Assistant, accelerated undergraduate-to-graduate, and Honors programs were excluded.

For students beginning any undergraduate program in 2021, SAT or ACT test results will be eliminated from USJ’s application review process. Applicants may submit standardized test results if they choose, but admission and merit-based scholarship decisions will not be impacted, regardless if the applicant chooses to submit scores or not.

“USJ’s Admission Committee has always taken a holistic approach to reviewing applications, as we seek to admit students who embrace our Core Values and have demonstrated that they are prepared to succeed academically”, said Molly Miner, USJ’s Director of Admissions and Enrollment Management. “No single requirement, including a standardized test score, determines an applicant’s potential to succeed.”

With the standardized test requirement eliminated for all undergraduate programs, USJ’s Admission Committee will focus on other important factors of the application, especially the applicant’s success in challenging academic courses.

The College Board and ACT canceled the March and June testing dates this spring due to the pandemic, and both testing agencies are still actively developing alternatives for the fall. To address these disruptions, the University made the timely decision to extend the test-optional process to all undergraduate programs joining more than 1,300 colleges and universities, including Harvard and UConn, that have moved to test-optional admission. Last year, *US News and World Report* nationally ranked USJ as #3 in Connecticut, behind Yale and UConn.

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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 opportunities for mentored research, community service, clinical field work, and internships. 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 offers degrees with value and values. To learn more, view our website at www.usj.edu.

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