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Saint Joseph College School of Pharmacy Awarded \$10,000 Diversity Scholarship from Walgreens

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. – **The Saint Joseph College School of Pharmacy has recently been awarded a Walgreens Diversity Scholarship in the amount of \$10,000.** The purpose of the funding is to **develop, implement and support programs that will have a positive impact and aspire to promote diversity at the School of Pharmacy.** Offering a unique three calendar-year, co-educational doctoral degree program (Pharm.D.), the Saint Joseph College School of Pharmacy will welcome its inaugural class this fall at 229 Trumbull Street in Hartford – the College’s first campus extension based in Connecticut’s capital city.

According to School of Pharmacy Dean Joseph R. Ofofu, Pharm.D., R.Ph., “Walgreens and the Saint Joseph College School of Pharmacy share a worthy principle – promoting and ensuring diversity in our practices. This donation will directly benefit our students, our pharmacy program and the communities served by our future pharmacists.”

Since 2008, Walgreens has donated more than \$2 million to support diversity initiatives at accredited pharmacy schools across the country. With these donations, Walgreens hopes to encourage more students to consider becoming health professionals on the frontline of care. Only 11 percent of students pursuing pharmacy degrees are from minority groups. As the nation's largest drugstore chain, Walgreens is dedicated to customers and their diverse health and wellness needs.

The mission of the Saint Joseph College School of Pharmacy is to provide exemplary pharmacy education to a diverse and qualified student population possessing high leadership potential. The school fosters creation of new knowledge and strong ethical values in the development of competent, compassionate pharmacists dedicated to superior patient care and service to their communities. For more information on the Saint Joseph College School of Pharmacy, visit <http://www.sjc.edu/academics/schools/school-of-pharmacy/>.

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Saint Joseph College, founded in 1932 by the Sisters of Mercy to provide higher education opportunities for women, is a comprehensive institution serving women from diverse backgrounds and religious traditions. Responsive to the evolving educational needs of the community, the School of Graduate and Professional Studies also offers both women and men graduate degree programs in many fields, a Weekend Program for Adult Learners, professional certificate programs relevant to today’s workforce, and other continuing education opportunities. In the fall of

2011, the Saint Joseph College School of Pharmacy, the first doctoral program in the College's 78-year history, will open at Hartford 21 on Trumbull Street in downtown Hartford. View our Web site at www.sjc.edu.

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