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University President Named Higher Education Person of the Year

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. – The University of Saint Joseph is proud to announce that President Pamela Trotman Reid, Ph.D., has been named the 2012 Higher Education Person of the Year by the Northeastern Economic Developers Association (NEDA). Dr. Reid will be honored at the Association’s annual conference on Monday, October 29 at the Marriot Downtown in Hartford, CT. She is the first person to win the newly-formed award.

“I am honored to receive this award from such an important regional organization,” said Dr. Reid. “The University of Saint Joseph and the Northeastern Developers Association share a common vision — the revitalization of our communities through education, innovation, and visionary thinking.”

Pamela Trotman Reid, Ph.D., became the eighth President of University of Saint Joseph (formerly Saint Joseph College) in January, 2008. Since taking office she has worked to build upon the University’s reputation for academic excellence and ensure its commitment to integrity, women’s leadership, and service. She initiated and successfully launched the University’s first professional doctoral program by creating a School of Pharmacy in downtown Hartford, a move that has garnered widespread acclaim from the Greater Hartford community. Under her leadership, the size of the graduate program in Education tripled with the introduction of off-site classes throughout Connecticut; the program for adult learners was refocused; and undergraduate women’s programs have gained increased recognition for excellence and student success.

NEDA’s Higher Education Person of the Year Award recognizes a professional educator who has made significant contributions to their local economy as an educational leader. Criteria include: building partnerships between educators and the business community; exceptional leadership; and demonstrated success in addressing the need of the region’s labor market.

The Northeastern Economic Developers Association consists of more than 500 professional economic developers, appointed and volunteer economic development officials, and others committed to sound economic development practice, in the eleven Northeastern states and the District of Columbia. NEDA provides professional development education, publishes

information about best professional practices, and supports the pursuit of individual economic development education throughout the Northeast.

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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 22 majors and six 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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