

NEW SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE PROGRAM FOCUSES ON CAREER DEVELOPMENT FOR STUDENTS

PROVIDED BY SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

From their first day on campus, Saint Joseph's College students know that there is something unique about their choice in college — that they are at the heart of every decision that is made, all of which is reinforced by the Connections program.

What is Connections? It's Saint Joseph's College's premier, personal and professional development program that encourages experiential learning, delivering hands-on experience to all Saint Joseph's College students.

To accomplish this inclusive goal, strategic collaboration occurs between the College's Career Development Office, Institutional Advancement, and the Alumni Office, bringing the whole idea of career preparation under one roof. Alumni who have developed their passions into meaningful careers serve as mentors for

students; faculty with career insight and insider tips lead students to the right sources for their careers' next steps; and the College supports students' plans for learning outside of the classroom.

Connections fosters a complete professional experience for all students, who are provided with opportunities to make connections between their passions, their coursework, and their futures through career development sessions, networking socials, career-focused academic programs, and the promise of funding for experiential learning.

Focused on preparing its students for life after college, Saint Joseph's pledges to financially support students to pursue an experiential learning opportunity in their junior or senior year — to the tune of \$2,000. Backed by their professor, the

College will provide each student the opportunity to utilize a grant of up to \$2,000 to be applied to a hands-on learning experience, whether that's an internship, study abroad or volunteer program, or to pursue research in the field of their choice.

Saint Joseph's College helps to ensure students keep the career connections they make by providing students with their own business cards. It's a tried-and-true approach to connecting professionals to professionals, tomorrow's leaders to today's leaders, and young entrepreneurs to other like-minded visionaries. Designed and printed in house, Connections provides every student the opportunity to get their own Saint Joseph's College business card, which prominently displays the student's name, class year, major, and contact information. So when a student connects

with a nationally renowned photographer on a whale shark expedition off the Yucatán Peninsula, a simple exchange at the end of the excursion will connect student to professional, visionary to vision.

It's all about making and keeping connections, and Saint Joseph's College is making it happen. Learn more about the Connections program at sjcme.edu/connections.

Saint Joseph's College is Maine's only Catholic college, providing a supportive, personalized, and career-focused education for more than 100 years. From its 474-acre campus on the shore of Sebago Lake, the College offers undergraduate degrees to on-campus students, and certificates, undergraduate, and advanced degrees for working adults through online programs. For more, visit sjcme.edu.

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Educating for life

Located at the gateway of the Lakes Region and four-season recreation, Saint Joseph's College inspires learning, living, and achieving.

With a variety of career-focused academic programs delivered both on-campus and online, Saint Joseph's College is truly a destination for lifelong **learning and growth**.

To learn more, visit www.sjcme.edu

