“At Saint Joseph’s University, we understand that education must be used to better the lives of others. As an institution fundamentally committed to engaged citizenship, Saint Joseph’s makes significant contributions locally and regionally, as well as across the globe. This report summarizes the impact that SJU’s employees, students, alumni, programs and initiatives have on our local economy and, more importantly, on the vitality of the communities we touch. We’re proud of our unique location in the city and suburbs and embrace the diverse opportunities we have to make a difference.”

Mark C. Reed, Ed.D., President
REGIONAL IMPACT
REGIONAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

Saint Joseph’s University, consistently ranked among the top universities in the Northeast, is a key economic force in the City of Philadelphia, the region and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Providing higher education to students from across the country and the globe, SJU advances the local economy through its sizable and growing annual operations as well as its capital investments. The University’s enduring presence in Philadelphia represents substantial expenditures in operations and employee payroll, which, in turn, support the region’s workforce and business activity. Many students who are attracted to the area for a Saint Joseph’s education remain in the Delaware Valley after graduation to continue their studies or work, making the area more attractive to current and prospective businesses.

$575 MILLION
ANNUAL REGIONAL ECONOMIC BENEFIT IN THE FIVE-COUNTY REGION

$230+ MILLION
2015-16 OPERATING BUDGET

1500+
The University employees over 1500 local individuals

TAX REVENUE:
$5.1 MILLION IN PHILADELPHIA
$12.9 MILLION IN PENNSYLVANIA

ECONOMIC AND FISCAL IMPACT:
$306 MILLION IN PHILADELPHIA
$610 MILLION IN PENNSYLVANIA
ANCILLARY SPENDING
STUDENTS AND VISITORS

Each year, spending by University students, faculty, staff and visitors at venues unaffiliated with the institution (such as restaurants, retail stores and other local businesses), provides a boost to the local economy. Beyond the operational and capital expenditures made directly by Saint Joseph’s University, this ancillary spending introduces new consumers and supports economic growth in the City of Philadelphia, the 5-county region, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Spending by SJU students is the largest component of ancillary spending, followed by visitors, including prospective students, visitors of students, and athletic event attendees.

INTEGRAL TO THE REGION’S ECONOMIC SUCCESS

In addition to having direct impact on local businesses, ancillary spending by students and visitors also contributes to tax revenue and supports jobs within the region.

8629 NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED AT SAINT JOSEPH’S

108,000 VISITORS TO CAMPUS EACH YEAR

$75 MILLION STUDENT ANCILLARY SPENDING (ANNUALLY)

$9.4 MILLION VISITOR ANCILLARY SPENDING

59,000 ATTENDEES TO SPORTING EVENTS EACH YEAR
ALUMNI IMPACT

Saint Joseph’s University alumni play important roles in all facets of the region’s economy. The nature of the University’s product — its educated and skilled graduates — are important drivers of the region’s continuing economic competitiveness.

WAGE PREMIUM BENEFITS, 2015*

$3,250** $75 MILLION

WAGE PREMIUM

EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS
TO PENNSYLVANIA

TAX REVENUE:

$543,000 $3,247,000

TO PHILADELPHIA
TO PENNSYLVANIA

38,101

ALUMNI LIVING IN PHILADELPHIA METROPOLITAN AREA

1,611

ALUMNI WHO ARE CEOs, PRESIDENTS, PARTNERS OR PRINCIPALS

97%

ALUMNI WHO ARE EMPLOYED AND/OR IN GRADUATE SCHOOL, OR IN A FULL-TIME VOLUNTEER PROGRAM, WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF GRADUATING

* Wage premium is an amount the median salary is higher than “expected earnings.”

** Published by The Economist

The wide span of careers and industries in which SJU alumni work reflects the variety of educational opportunities at the University and the student body’s diverse interests. Saint Joseph’s graduates are particularly influential in the consumer products and financial services sectors of the economy, which are significant contributors to fiscal growth in the Philadelphia region.
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Saint Joseph’s University is an active and engaged member of the civic community in both Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties. Dedicated to stewardship of the surrounding neighborhoods, University leadership is involved with a variety of local organizations, committees and boards of directors. SJU board members and alumni affinity groups, such as the Real Estate and Construction alumni chapter, are active in improving the business corridor of 54th Street. Students and faculty collaborate with the IRS to deliver the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program to local residents and work with the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Department of Commerce through the Economics department.

ORGANIZATIONS WE’RE AFFILIATED WITH

- Bureau of Labor Statistics (US Department of Labor)
- US Department of Commerce
- Wynnewfield Overbrook Revitalization Corporation (WORC)
- Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce
- PA Preferred (PA Department of Agriculture)
- Delaware County Chamber of Commerce
- Main Line Chamber of Commerce
- Society of Professional Women
- Settlement Music School
- Mercy Health System Quality and Ethics Board
- Lower Merion Township Community Facilities Element Committee
- School District of Haverford Township Board of Directors
- Saint Christopher’s Hospital for Children
- Penn Wynne Library Association Board of Directors
- Merion Civic Association Board of Directors
- PA Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority (PICA) Board of Directors
- Daemion Counseling Center Scientific Advisor
- VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Internal Revenue Service
- Mainline Health Lankenau Hospital
- Wynnewfield Residents Association (WRA)
- Overbrook Farms Club
- Neighborhood Club of Bala
- Union Fire Company of Lower Merion
- Narberth Ambulance
- International Town and Gown Association

Economics Department:
- Voya Financial
- Profugo
- HouzeMe

Beautiful Social:
- American Diabetes Association
- TEDxPhiladelphia
- New Leash on Life – USA

$44.5 MILLION
GRANT AID AWARDED TO STUDENTS FROM PENNSYLVANIA, INCLUDING THOSE IN LOWER MERION AND PHILADELPHIA

$2 MILLION
OF VENDOR BUSINESS TO MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES

68%
OF TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO LOCAL VENDORS (PHILADELPHIA, 5-COUNTY OR PA)
As a Jesuit institution, Saint Joseph’s University has a rich tradition of volunteerism, which engages students, faculty, staff and alumni in a wide range of service opportunities that build leadership and instill civic pride in the volunteers while contributing to households and communities throughout the City and 5-county region. Some examples of Saint Joseph’s University’s community involvement include on-campus events and partnerships with local nonprofits:

- Hand in Hand
- National Community Day
- Senior Dinner Dance
- Admissions’ Canned Goods Collection
- Covenant House (ALMAS)
- Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support
- Back on My Feet
- Project HOME
- Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission
- Our Mother of Sorrows Volunteer Meal Delivery
- Philabundance – Community Garden
- Calcutta House
- Easter Seals Early Intervention
- Inglis House
- My Brothers House
- IHM Center for Literacy
- Puentes de Salud
- Sacred Heart Home
- Shriners’ Children’s Hospital
- St. Ignatius Nursing Home

SJU also partners with local educational institutions, providing support in a variety of ways including tutoring/mentor programs.

- Beeber Middle School
- Gesu
- Gompers
- HIAS Afterschool
- KenCrest CDC-Kensington
- Lewis C. Cassidy School
- Antonia Pantoja Charter School
- Visitation School
- St. Martin de Porres
- Lower Merion High School
- Harriton High School
- HIAS Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society-After School
- Peoples Emergency Center

A GOOD NEIGHBOR

With pride in the University’s unique location, SJU is an engaged member of the Philadelphia and Lower Merion communities. Each year, nearby residents are invited to the variety of lectures, concerts, art exhibitions and athletic contests that SJU provides at no cost to the public. Biannually, SJU sends newsletters to the surrounding neighbors to inform them of upcoming events, invite them to use the track and athletic facilities for exercise, and to offer free tickets to men and women’s basketball games.

87,600 HOURS

approximate number of Annual Service hours per academic year by:

- 7500 MEMBERS OF THE SJU COMMUNITY
- 56 DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS BY SERVICE LEARNING STUDENTS
- 200 UNIQUE COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVES
- 500 STUDENT PARTICIPANTS IN APEX
SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS
SUSTAINABILITY AT SJU

SJU takes seriously, our call to be stewards of the environment. The creation of its Institute for Environmental Stewardship (IES) is a manifestation of that commitment and the result of a $1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. Academically, SJU offers majors and minors in Environmental and Sustainability Studies and Leadership, Ethics and Organizational Sustainability. Our campus is home to a biodiversity lab with insects, turtles, frogs, fish and many other organisms.

The Green Fund brings together faculty, students, and facilities in creating new sustainability changes on campus in both Philadelphia and Montgomery Counties. All projects will have a positive impact on the natural environment.

SJU hosts Storm Water Management Workshops in conjunction with the Lower Merion Conservancy with the aim of educating and empowering local residents.

SJU was designated a “Fair Trade University” in 2014.

FACILITIES AND GREEN FEATURES:

- Two green roofs
- Three rain gardens
- Storm water retention facilities to help control the rate of storm water runoff
- 30 acres of green space and a community garden
- Recycling bins in individual administrative offices and all on-campus residence rooms
- Centralized hallway recycling systems
- Reusable to-go containers for 1st year students
- Michael J. Hagan '85 Arena outfitted with 10kW solar panel system to offset some of the carbon-based electric load of the facility
- SJU was designated a “Fair Trade University” in 2014.
- Water bottle filling stations in 28 locations across campus
- High efficiency lighting in the lower gym of O’Pake Recreation Center
- Energy saving programmable heating, cooling and lighting
- A honey bee hive installed on the roof of the Science Center in collaboration with the Lower Merion Conservancy.

48% OVERALL CAMPUS RECYCLING RATE

50% FOOD WASTE DISPOSAL COSTS SAVED BY UNIVERSITY WITH BIO BIN

23,000 kWh GENERATED BY SOLAR PANELS ON CAMPUS.

400+ TONS RECycled IN 2016

SJU participates in the Recyclemania collegiate recycling competition.

SJU earned a 2016 “Go for the Green Award” from Environmental Advisory Council of Lower Merion Township.
CONSTRUCTION IMPACT

The University’s capital investment in new construction represents a significant contribution to regional economic output, wages and employment. Along with a boost to business activity, physical improvements on campus create a more vibrant community for students, staff and residents of the Philadelphia and Lower Merion communities around Saint Joseph’s University.

RECENTLY COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

- Safety lights/crosswalks
- Villiger Residence Hall
- Campus Entrance on Cardinal and City avenues
- Maguire Wolfington Welcome Center
- John ’60 and Maryanne Hennings Post Learning Commons
- James J. Maguire ’58 Campus Athletic Fields
- Gillin Boathouse on the Schuylkill River

FISCAL IMPACT OF ANNUALIZED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

$690,000 IN PHILADELPHIA

$1.6 MILLION IN PENNSYLVANIA

114

1,950

TOTAL ACREAGE OF SAINT JOSEPH’S UNIVERSITY

JOBS CREATED DURING PAST CONSTRUCTION

$184+ MILLION

CAPITAL INVESTMENTS IN THE LAST 5 YEARS (2011-2015)

$30 MILLION

PLANNED CONSTRUCTION FOR 2017-18
Saint Joseph’s University held its first classes for 30 young men in 1851, on Willings Alley, one block from Independence Hall. Today, its enrollment has grown to include more than 9,000 men and women on a campus that spans 114 acres on both sides of City Avenue at the western edge of Philadelphia.

The acquisition of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia’s Cardinal’s Residence was Saint Joseph’s most recent capital expansion project. Now named the Maguire Wolfington Welcome Center, the building serves as a stunning first impression to prospective students and their families.

A comprehensive, internationally recognized university, Saint Joseph’s draws its students from across the country and around the world. Its Phi Beta Kappa chapter in the College of Arts & Sciences and AACSB accreditation in the Erivan K. Haub School of Business signal academic distinction in a wide range of undergraduate, graduate and executive programs.

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