**\*\*NOTE TO RESEARCHERS: ALL ITALICIZED RED LANGUAGE, INCLUDING THIS PARAGRAPH, IS INTENDED AS A GUIDE FOR INVESTIGATOR USE IN DESIGNING A CONSENT FORM, AND SHOULD BE REMOVED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION, ONCE STUDY SPECIFIC LANGUAGE HAS BEEN INSERTED.**

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH:

Dear prospective research participant,

You have been randomly selected to participate in an on-line survey being conducted by [*investigators’ name]*,who is *(Example: part of the Saint Joseph's University community*).  This survey is an important part of data collection to answer questions related to *(Examples: student life, administrative procedures, or specific research questions that have been raised)*.  Please read the information below to best inform yourself about the procedures and specific details of this research study.  In addition, please note that at no point will your name or other identifying information be linked to your responses or choice to participate, making your participation completely confidential.

Confidential

**CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH**

***[Study Title]***

***[Principal Investigator Name]***

***[Faculty Advisor]***

***[Contact Information for FA]***

Purpose:

The purpose of this research is to (*describe the research purpose, i.e. to examine the relationship between use of alcohol and levels of depression in a sample of college students*).

Duration:

Participation in this study will consist of (*explain what participation entails, i.e. filling out 20 questions that should take approximately 20 minutes to complete*).

**Location**:

*(Indicate where/how participation will occur. (Example: This survey may be completed at the participant’s convenience via a computer with an Internet connection and a web browser.  Please note that completing the survey in a public location may allow others to see your responses.  We recommend that you complete the survey in a private setting such as your dorm room, but encourage you to take precautions against others seeing your responses should you complete the survey in a public location.))*

Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria:

Participants for this study are being recruited from *(i.e.* *undergraduate classes at Saint Joseph’s University.*

*You should not participate in this study if you are under the age of 18*).

**How You were Chosen**

*Specify the method used in selecting a sample for your research. Example: Your e-mail address was chosen randomly via the registrar’s office from the Saint Joseph's University student body.*

**Risks and Discomforts**:

The risks and discomforts involved in this study are *(believed to be negligible, no more than minimal, state known or possible risks if greater than minimal)*. *Subject’s may experience some discomfort in answering questions about “state the topic of your research”*

As with any study, you should be aware that unforeseen problems may occur, however, the likelihood of any serious problem is believed to be low. Your participation is voluntary, and you may refuse to participate or stop your participation at any time for any reason without penalty. You may choose to skip a question or terminate participation at any time.

**Benefits**:

*Note any specific benefits. If none, remove the heading, or state that there are no known benefits for participation.*

*NOTE FOR PSYCHOLOGY CEP POOL PROTOCOLS: Please include parameters for credit/full credit depending upon individual participation (ie. Note that the experimenter has the option of declining credit in cases of blatant disregard and/or for assigning partial credit in cases where participants only complete one part of the multi-part study.*

**Available Counseling Resources :**

*Counseling Resources need not be included in all cases. Where NO foreseeable physical and/or mental stress, or risk, is involved, REMOVE THIS HEADING.*

*- When there is potential risk and the research population includes SJU students, please include the following resource:*

*The SJU Counseling Center can be reached at (610) 660-1090 and is located in Merion Gardens in room A504 if you feel the need to discuss the feelings brought up by this topic.*

*- Identification and inclusion of alternate counseling resources, APPROPRIATE TO THE RESEARCH POPULATION AND NATURE OF THE RESEARCH, is the responsibility of the investigator. Consideration of an appropriate choice and the level of risk involved will be part of the IRB review process.*

**Use of Research Results**:

*Detail the intended use of data collected. (Example: The data obtained in this study will be used by the investigator in completing a research project for a senior thesis. Data may be used in publications, presentations and/or for teaching purposes.)*

**Confidentiality**

*Detail plans for maintaining participant confidentiality. (Example for use with a web-based student survey: Your e-mail address and the survey number will be stored in a database to ensure that you are listed as having participated in the survey (even if you choose not to participate or terminate participation at any time).   Your survey responses will be stored in another database, without any identifying information.  Since your name or student ID cannot be linked to your responses or choice to participate, your participation choice and responses are completely confidential).*

**Institutional Review Board Approval:**

This research study has been reviewed by the Saint Joseph’s University Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research. If you believe that there is an infringement upon your rights as a participant in this research you may contact the IRB Administrator at irbadministrator@sju.edu.

# Subject’s Agreement

I have read the information provided above and voluntarily agree to participate in this research study. I understand that I will be given a copy of this consent form.

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**I Agree**

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