



UNIVERSITY of
SAINT FRANCIS™

A Letter from Sister M. Elise Kriss

The University of Saint Francis exists to challenge and engage a diverse student body by facilitating learning and personal development in an environment permeated by Franciscan values. This fundamental mission puts our students and their personal and professional learning at the heart of all we do at the university. Although we have been doing this for over 115 years, recent innovations and the completion of a comprehensive strategic plan have strengthened our ability to provide an excellent, student-centered learning experience grounded in the Catholic/Franciscan tradition.

Our Franciscan values emphasize respect for each individual, joyful service, a trusting community, a deeper awareness of peace and justice issues, and respect and care for creation. Our educational values stress professionalism, scholarship, leadership, social responsibility, faith, and spiritual development. We strive to integrate these values into all aspects of the university's academic programs and co-curricular activities. Through them, you will have the opportunity to develop personally and professionally by working with our talented and dedicated faculty.

Your professional preparation will be complemented by a strong emphasis on the lifelong learning skills you will develop by studying the liberal arts. All academic programs facilitate the development of problem solving skills, effective communication, technological competence, and an understanding of our complex world. You will be provided with meaningful learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom that will prepare you to be a productive and competent leader in society.

Change and innovation are hallmarks of the University of Saint Francis. We strive to be on the cutting edge of learning technology, which includes web-based and web-supported programs and courses. This commitment to innovation, in the context of a quality education, will prepare you for the world of work or for graduate study.

It is with great pride, therefore, that I welcome you to the University of Saint Francis.

Sister M. Elise Kriss