

SJC Accepts Million-Dollar Grant from Lilly Endowment

Before the start of the 2004-2005 academic year, Saint Joseph's College was excited to accept a million-dollar grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., titled "Recruiting and Retaining Intellectual Capital." Scheduled for dispersion between August 1, 2004, and July 31, 2009, the funds will increase the number and amount of academic scholarships allotted to incoming students, enhance faculty development programs, upgrade science labs, and provide for a wider variety of noteworthy speakers on campus.

"SJC has been and continues to be involved in campus-wide strategic planning, which means the institution has a clear picture of its strengths and weaknesses," explained John Nichols, National Endowment for the Humanities Distinguished Professor. "The proposal that the College submitted to Lilly Endowment was based on the places where two sets of factors intersected: what the Endowment was willing to fund - increase of intellectual capital - and where in that area SJC had weaknesses to remedy and strengths to confirm - the strategic plan."

Over the next five years, the grant will supply \$300,000 in additional scholarship aid, \$150,000 in faculty development, \$100,000 in guest speaker presentations, and \$450,000 in laboratory renovation. Faculty development will cover doctoral and post-doctoral coursework, off-campus workshops, participation in long-term research, and travel related to courses in the College's curriculum. New equipment and upgraded technology will be introduced in the science labs, and an undergraduate research laboratory will be created. "The most attractive feature of all this renovation is the new lab facility, which will allow top students to collaborate with faculty on research projects. This is a clear instance of raising the level of student work," Nichols said.

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