

## Community Partner Award:

## Don DiJulia and the Center for Addiction Recovery and Education (CARE) at Saint Joseph's University

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A two-sport athlete as an undergraduate in baseball and basketball, Don DiJulia's career began in coaching, with a one-year stint as assistant baseball coach at SJU in 1968. Now one of the most respected administrators in college athletics, DiJulia closed out his storied SJU career at the end of the 2017-18 academic year. Following his retirement from his role as Athletic Director, it was announced that DiJulia will assume the role of Special Assistant to the President, serving primarily as an advisor and representative of the university and of the President on campus, to alumni and with our many external constituents. DiJulia's affiliation with SJU spans six decades, from his time as a student to the present.

DiJulia was honored at the 2009 NACDA Convention with the Gary Cunningham Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Division I-AAA Athletics Directors Association (DI-AAA ADA). In 2005, he was chosen as the Northeast Regional Division I-AAA Athletic Director of the Year. DiJulia was inducted into the Saint Joseph's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2018, as well as the Big 5 Hall of Fame and the ECAC Hall of Fame.

At a time when almost half of Americans' lives have been affected by addiction, Saint Joseph's University formed the Center for Addiction and Recovery Education (CARE) in 2019 to address one of the nation's most pressing issues and confront the stigma of substance use disorder through a strategic four-part mission: educate healthcare providers and the community, conduct interdisciplinary research on addiction issues, advocate for effective public policy, and activate community engagement. In 2021, Saint Joseph's University continued announced an on-campus residential community for students in recovery from substance use disorder. The residence is the first-of-its-kind in the Philadelphia region, as it will be staffed and supported by University personnel with deep expertise in collegiate recovery.

