

## **Wheeling Jesuit University Making a Private Education Affordable**

### Community Connection Grant Available for Local Students

WHEELING, WV, Sept. 26, 2011 -- Making a private education affordable, Wheeling Jesuit University has created the Community Connection Grant, which will enable area students to enroll at the University at a significantly discounted tuition rate.

The grant is available to any new, transfer or non-traditional commuting full-time student not currently enrolled at Wheeling Jesuit. The student must reside in a regional community, have graduated from or currently be enrolled at one of the eligible 65 regional high schools or three community colleges in West Virginia, Ohio or Pennsylvania. A complete list of schools is available at [www.wju.edu/admissions/ccg.asp](http://www.wju.edu/admissions/ccg.asp). The grant will be available for transfer and non-traditional students in the Spring of 2012 and for new students just entering college in the Fall of 2012. This grant does not apply to professional and graduate programs. Recipients of the CCG will pay \$2,240 to \$14,640 per year for a Wheeling Jesuit education, depending on how much federal and state aid they receive.

“We want to continue our mission of educating women and men in the Jesuit tradition for life, leadership and service in a global society. The Community Connection Grant will provide an affordable educational opportunity for regional students,” said Larry Vallar, vice president for enrollment management. “We recognize the challenges that families face in today’s economy and we are pleased to keep higher education at a Jesuit institution within reach for area students.”

For more information on the Wheeling Jesuit University Community Connection Grant, please visit [www.wju.edu](http://www.wju.edu).

A global leader in academic excellence, undergraduate research and service learning, Wheeling Jesuit University is ranked in the top 10 percent of the nation's colleges by Forbes Magazine. One of 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States, Wheeling Jesuit has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report as a top university for the past 15 years. Wheeling Jesuit has 19 NCAA Division II athletic teams for men and women, claiming 59 championships and more than 45 Academic All-Americans.

The campus is home to the Robert C. Byrd National Technology Transfer Center, the Erma Ora Byrd Center for Educational Technologies, the NASA-sponsored Classroom of the Future, a Challenger Learning Center and the Clifford M. Lewis Appalachian Institute. For complete information, please visit [www.wju.edu](http://www.wju.edu) or call [1-800-624-6992](tel:1-800-624-6992).