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**Subject:** Report: Visit of Dr. Yvonne van der Meijs from the Faculty of Health and Social Studies, HAN University of Applied Sciences, Nijmegen

Dear Colleagues interested in the Internationalization Project at Saint Joseph College,

I am writing to inform you that we had a successful forty-one hour visit with our contact at HAN University, Dr. Yvonne van der Meijs. Yvonne met with Dr. Anne Lippert and Dr. Pamela Reid. She later met ten members of the faculty and one member of the staff during the open house. We were very pleased that Dr. Esther Haloburdo, former Chair of the Division of Nursing and Professor Emerita, was able to attend. Esther laid the foundation for the relationship with the Division of Health and Social Studies at the HAN University of Applied Sciences, Nijmegen, in 1992-93. It has since grown with the support of Dr. Margery Lawrence, Chair of the department of Nutrition, and Professor Robert Madden of the department of Social Work. As several of you know, Professor Robert Madden is preparing for an embedded course in Spring 2011, culminating in a trip to the Netherlands.

We had sixteen individuals attend lunch with Yvonne. The individuals present at lunch included several members of the Admissions Office, Office of Community Outreach and Partnerships and several faculty members. This was followed by a two-hour meeting during which Bob and Shyamala worked on fine tuning the document for the renewal of the MOU between the two schools. We thank Dean Wayne Steely for hosting Yvonne for breakfast this morning. Shyamala and Leo drove Yvonne from and to the airport. Shyamala served as the unofficial photographer. We were able to provide accommodation for Yvonne's stay in Mercy Hall.

One of the beautiful externalities of this visit was that we discovered two Nijmegen connections in our own SJC community — Dr. Bruce Edgren's mother-in-law, Mrs. Lair, and Dr. Elizabeth Vozzola's mother, Mrs. Vozzola. It was so nice to see the two of them reminiscing about Nijmegen.

Thank you for your support. We hope that you will spread the word about the trip to Nijmegen in May 2011. Please do not hesitate to contact the Office of International Studies and Programs for all of your "international" questions.

Cordially,  
Shyamala Raman