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## **Seton Hall University Selected as New Home for Robert K. Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership**

Following a national search, the [Robert K. Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership](#), the leading international nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the awareness, understanding and practice of servant leadership, has selected Seton Hall University as its new home. The Center's programs include leadership development workshops and keynotes, online learning, a membership community, a bookstore, growing the body of scholarly research and an international conference that connects, educates and inspires servant leaders from around the globe.

A prominent thought leader in leadership, education, business, nonprofits and management circles, the late Robert K. Greenleaf founded the Greenleaf Center, originally known as The Center for Applied Ethics, in 1964. His landmark essay, "The Servant as Leader," and his book *Servant Leadership: A Journey Into Legitimate Power and Greatness* launched the modern servant leadership movement.

To build on its position as a global thought leader in the theory and practice of servant leadership, the Center sought out a collaborative relationship with an academic institution committed to advancing the understanding of the values, principles, and practices that enable institutions —*and the people within them*—to thrive.

There is today a great and growing interest in organizational structures, cultures, and leadership models that are better suited to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This interest is driven by the need for organizations to become more agile and innovative if they are to succeed or even survive in today's hypercompetitive environment, where change is constant and constantly accelerating, and where two out of three employees are disengaged.

Another way to frame the problem is simply this: *in order to thrive in today's world, organizations need to build cultures and environments that bring out the best in their people.*

Robert Greenleaf's vision of servant-leaders and servant institutions has much to offer those for whom this challenge is a high priority, and the Greenleaf Center—by virtue of its special role in

preserving and advancing Greenleaf’s vision—is uniquely positioned to play a key role in helping them meet this challenge.

A partnership with Seton Hall University will help the Center play this critical role. Such a partnership will increase the visibility and accessibility of both institutions to those with an interest in servant leadership. It offers a powerful synergy to create a robust shared platform from which to develop and disseminate a deeper, richer understanding of servant leadership. It will provide greater opportunities to encourage and support groundbreaking research, and facilitate the exchange of information among students, academicians, and practitioners.

The Greenleaf Center will relocate from Atlanta, GA, to Seton Hall’s South Orange campus on July 1 and will be housed in Presidents Hall. The Center’s decision to be based at Seton Hall followed a highly competitive national search and selection process.

“The University and the Greenleaf Center share a commitment to the fostering of servant leadership throughout the nation and the world. By associating the Center’s research and advocacy with Seton Hall’s culture of service and leadership, we will create a powerful alliance for spreading Robert Greenleaf’s transformative ideas,” said Interim Seton Hall President Mary J. Meehan, who serves as a board member and former chair of the Greenleaf Center.

Seton Hall's commitment to servant leadership is an integral aspect of its mission and in keeping with the University’s Catholic values to cultivate students as servant-leaders and to inspire all University constituents with a dedication to servant leadership. The University supports these efforts with its Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership, Servant Leader Scholars program and an annual Servant Leadership Day.

Joseph Patrnczak, Greenleaf Center Board Chairman and a national pioneer in the field of servant leadership, states: “The Greenleaf Center considers it a privilege to be here at Seton Hall. We recognize that the qualities of servant leadership have permeated the University for many years, and that Seton Hall has fully committed to servant leadership and forming students as servant leaders.”

Pat Falotico, CEO of the Greenleaf Center, says “Our partnership with Seton Hall University will allow the Greenleaf Center to ways to better serve the future leaders of our world who are coming of age on college campuses and experiencing the growth opportunities afforded by affiliated associations.”

The Greenleaf Center is fully committed to continuing to serve individuals and institutions as it has over its rich 55 year history through its vast array of resources, programs and offerings.

## **ABOUT SETON HALL UNIVERSITY**

One of the country’s leading Catholic universities, Seton Hall has been showing the world what great minds can do since 1856. Home to nearly 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students and offering

more than 90 rigorous academic programs, Seton Hall's academic excellence has been singled out for distinction by *The Princeton Review*, *U.S. News & World Report* and *Bloomberg Businessweek*.

Seton Hall embraces students of all religions and prepares them to be exemplary servant leaders and global citizens. In recent years, the University has achieved extraordinary success. Since 2009, it has seen record-breaking undergraduate enrollment growth and an impressive 110-point increase in the average SAT scores of incoming freshmen. In the past decade, Seton Hall students and alumni have received more than 30 Fulbright Scholarships as well as other prestigious academic honors, including Boren Awards, Pickering Fellowships, Udall Scholarships and a Rhodes Scholarship. The University is also proud to be the third most diverse national Catholic university in the nation.

During the past five years, the University has invested more than \$165 million in new campus buildings and renovations. And in 2015, Seton Hall launched a School of Medicine as well as a College of Communication and the Arts. The University's beautiful main campus in suburban South Orange, N.J. is only 14 miles from New York City — offering students a wealth of employment, internship, cultural and entertainment opportunities. Seton Hall's nationally recognized School of Law is located prominently in downtown Newark. The University's Interprofessional Health Sciences (IHS) campus in Clifton and Nutley, N.J. opened in the summer of 2018. The IHS campus houses the University's College of Nursing, School of Health and Medical Sciences and the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine at Seton Hall University.

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## **ABOUT THE GREENLEAF CENTER**

Robert Greenleaf coined the term “servant leadership” almost five decades ago. With the goal of promoting a more just and caring society, Greenleaf created a compelling vision of individuals and institutions focused not on the accumulation and exercise of power for personal advantage, but on sharing power, placing the needs of others first, and helping people develop and perform to their full potential. Today, many of the world's most successful organizations have embedded this vision of servant leadership at the core of their operating model.

The Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership is dedicated to expanding the reach of Robert Greenleaf's vision to as wide an audience as possible, reaching out and serving individuals and organizations in the for-profit, not-for-profit, and public sectors. Through our conferences, workshops, customized training programs, consulting engagements, research grants, and extensive catalog of publications, the Center provides information, support, and a collaborative network for those committed to living and leading with a servant's heart.

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