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**Dr. Jill Krebs Named Dean of Curriculum and Instruction
at Springdale Preparatory School**

NEW WINDSOR, MD (May 18, 2017) – Jill Krebs, Ph.D., an experienced academic counselor and program director who has published educational journal articles and ethnography, has been named dean of curriculum and instruction at Springdale Preparatory School, a co-educational day and boarding school located in New Windsor, Carroll County, Maryland.

Krebs has more than five years of academic administrative experience to her credit. Most recently, she served in dual roles at McDaniel College in Westminster. As academic counselor in the Student Academic Support Services Department, Krebs counseled and mentored a full caseload of students with documented disabilities. Concurrently, she served as Masters of Liberal Arts (MLA) coordinator, revising curriculum and creating new core courses for the MLA program. She created and assessed program outcomes, advised MLA students including designating approval for thesis projects, recruited faculty, maintained the program website and coordinated other promotional activities.

Previously, Krebs served as assistant director of McDaniel's First Year Seminar Program, for which she provided outreach for admitted and deposited students and their families, managed the placement exam process, and maintained student records for placements, first year seminar assignments and advising documents. She also assisted in planning transitional programming, recruiting faculty and overseeing course design. She supported students in academic deficiency, coordinated programs to support at-risk students and provided regular outreach to those populations to improve retention. Prior to joining McDaniel, she was a learning specialist for the Academic Resource Center at the University of Bridgeport in Bridgeport, Connecticut. She served as an in person and online writing tutor through the Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium.

“As we continue preparations for the opening of Springdale Preparatory School, we sought an academic leader with extensive experience in academic administration as well as teaching,” says Johnny Graham, founding head of school. “Jill Krebs has worked with a variety of student populations during her career and her students’ achievements demonstrate her professionalism and dedication to their success. We look forward to giving Jill the tools necessary to empower our students to succeed here at Springdale.”

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Krebs has held numerous teaching positions in her career. From 2005-2016, she served as an adjunct instructor at a variety of institutions including Wilson College, McDaniel College, the University of Bridgeport, Mary Baldwin College and Virginia Commonwealth University.

She holds a Ph.D. from Drew University, in the Religion and Society program, with a concentration in Sociology of Religion. Her Ph.D. was awarded with distinction, after her dissertation “Local Girl: Our Lady of Emmitsburg, Visionary Culture and the Fashioning of a Catholic Subjectivity” earned the Chamberlain Prize for creative thought and stylistic excellence. In addition, she earned a master’s degree in Women’s Studies with a Women in an International Context concentration from Towson University. She earned her undergraduate degree at Western Maryland College (now McDaniel), with majors in Women’s Studies and German.

“I look forward to providing students at Springdale Prep with a strong interdisciplinary education that is both a meaningful and transferable experience,” says Krebs. “In order to enter both college and the workforce, they will need to be critical thinkers who can employ problem solving skills and communicate well. At Springdale, we will employ an educational model that will promote learning based on the individual needs of each student as we equip them with the tools they will need to succeed in the future.”

Krebs has published an ethnography and several articles and served as guest editor for journals including *Social Compass*, *Religious Studies Review*, *Religion and Gender*, *Nova Religio*, *Religion & American Culture*. In addition, she has presented at conferences for the American Academy of Religion and the Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Academy of Religion.

Krebs, a Carroll County native, will join Springdale Prep on July 5, 2017.

About Springdale Preparatory School

Springdale Preparatory School is a new, co-educational day and boarding school located on 21 acres in northern Maryland’s rolling countryside. A college preparatory school with a diverse student population from Maryland counties, other states across the country and from all over the world, Springdale Prep offers rigorous academics while equipping all learners with the tools needed to meet all of life’s challenges. Springdale prepares students for enduring success beginning with a foundation of respect for other students, faculty, and the world around them. Students develop strong relationships with each other and with faculty, who help to shape them to become tomorrow’s leaders. Whether in the classroom, in the dormitory, or on the athletic fields, students experience learning through innovation and develop the skills needed to embrace lifelong learning and make a difference.

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