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Fair Oaks Farms hosts The Art of Hospitality

- Charity event for Saint Joseph's College -

Fair Oaks, Indiana, February 1, 2019 — On Saturday, February 16th, Fair Oaks Farms is hosting the Art of Hospitality charity event, in support of Saint Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana. Co-sponsoring the event are the South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority; Newton County, Indiana; Jasper County, Indiana; and the Northwest Indiana Forum.

The Art of Hospitality will celebrate the three artists and their art that graces the public spaces and guest rooms of the Fairfield by Marriott® Fair Oaks Farms, which opened on January 24th.

From 4:00 to 7:00 pm. on the Saturday of Valentines weekend, the Art of Hospitality is composed of three parts:

- A "TED®-talk-like" presentation by the three nationally acclaimed artists, New Mexico-based painter of fluid abstracts <u>Michael Kessler</u>, Chicago-based art photographer <u>JD</u> <u>Dennison</u> and Montana-based painter of supersaturated realism <u>R. Tom Gilleon</u>, in The Farmhouse Ballroom.
- A "gallery opening" with the art and the artists, and a full complement of heavy hors d'oeuvres and open bar, in the new Fairfield by Marriott®, Fair Oaks Farms, which is directly connected to The Farmhouse restaurant, pub and conference center.
- The evening will conclude with dessert and an auction of artworks donated by the three artists, with all proceeds benefiting Saint Joseph's College.

The cost of the one-of-a-kind Art of Hospitably event is only **\$75** (\$50 of which is a charitable donation to Saint Joseph's College), and tickets are available from <u>Saint Joseph's College on Eventbrite</u>.

Michael McCall, Chief Strategy Officer of Fair Oaks Farms, said, "We are pleased to host the Art of Hospitality charity event, benefiting Saint Joseph's College, and we are honored to have the event co-sponsored by the South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority; Newton County, Indiana; Jasper County, Indiana; and the Northwest Indiana Forum.

Our new Fairfield by Marriott® Fair Oaks Farms is a very special hotel, with contemporary barn architecture and art filled interiors, which we are excited to bring to the northwest Indiana region. Celebrating the hotel's uniqueness for the benefit of a very worthy cause, Saint Joseph's College, with brilliant artists and their wonderful creations, amply augmented with food and libations, will combine to create a party to remember."

About Fair Oaks Farms:

Fair Oaks Farms (www.fofarms.com) is an escape to the country for food and fun, and enrichment and entertainment; and, it is the leading agritourism destination in the country, visited by many from around the world. Located just outside of greater Chicago, on the way to Indianapolis and directly off Interstate 65, Fair Oaks Farms was started by local farmers who are dedicated to feeding a hungry planet through environmentally responsible and transparent agriculture. The Fair Oaks Farms experience engages guests in innovation and best practices that sustain the land, animals and people.

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