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## **Regis enhances science learning with opening of newly renovated science laboratory**

WESTON, MA.—April 25, 2016--Regis President Antoinette Hays, PhD, RN, was joined by Travis McCready, President & CEO of the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (MLSC) and other federal, state and local officials to mark the opening of the university's newly renovated 826 square foot science laboratory that will strengthen science learning on campus. The renovated space and scientific equipment is the result of a \$355,000 MLSC capital grant awarded to Regis in 2015.

"Massachusetts' evolving innovation economy and academic institutions continue to attract and educate the next generation of entrepreneurial leaders," said Governor Charlie Baker. "Regis College's newest life sciences training facility embodies the Commonwealth's ability to leverage its talent and resources to bring game changing technology to fruition, grow our economy and create jobs."

"This is an exciting day for Regis, as our newly renovated science laboratory and equipment represent important strategic investments in our future. We are focused on accelerating STEM learning to help more students fully participate in today's innovation economy," said Regis President Antoinette M. Hays, PhD, RN. "We are very appreciative to Travis McCready and the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center for their tremendous support."

"We are pleased to participate in today's opening of Regis' state-of-the-art science laboratory," said Travis McCready, President & CEO of the MLSC. "The MLSC has been making capital

investments to support education and training at academic institutions across the entire Commonwealth in order to meet the workforce needs of our state's fastest-growing industry, and to enable life science employers to find the talent they need. Through this effort, Regis will be better positioned to connect students with job opportunities in the Massachusetts life sciences ecosystem."

Regis also has invested in state-of-the-art scientific equipment to support biology and biochemistry studies, including a Vertical Laminar Flow hood, a minus-86 degree freezer, inverted phase contrast microscope, a glass still for purified water, centrifuges, and a Countess II cell counter – all of which will advance student tissue culture training and research using tissue culture cells, High Pressure Liquid Chromatography system (HPLC), a gas chromatograph, and scales, pH meters, physiology equipment, gel scanner, as well as UV/Vis spectrophotometers.

Regis is expected to leverage an increase in the number of life sciences students and foster new industry partnerships by raising the experience and profile of its science graduates.

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### **About Regis**

Regis is a leading Catholic university in greater Boston with over 1900 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students in the arts, sciences and health professions devoted to engage, serve and advance in a global community. With a strategic graduate focus on health care, Regis was recently named a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education by the National League of Nursing for the third time. The intergenerational and multifaceted Weston campus includes a pre-school and a Life Long Learning program (LLARC) for senior adults with a passion for learning. Regis North, a satellite campus in Lawrence, Massachusetts, is an initiative of the Regis Institute of Advancing Studies (IAS) in partnership with Northern Essex Community College (NECC) and dedicated to bachelor's degree completion in nursing, public health and other health sciences. Regis is also an Apple Distinguished School for 2014-2016. Visit Regis on the Web at [www.regiscollege.edu](http://www.regiscollege.edu).

### **About the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center**

The Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (MLSC) is an investment agency that supports life sciences innovation, research, development and commercialization. The MLSC is charged with implementing a 10-year, \$1-billion, state-funded investment initiative. These investments create jobs and support advances that improve health and well-being. The MLSC offers the nation's most comprehensive set of incentives and collaborative programs targeted to the life sciences ecosystem. These programs propel the growth that has made Massachusetts the global leader in life sciences. The MLSC creates new models for collaboration and partners with organizations, both public and private, around the world to promote innovation in the life sciences. For more information, visit [www.masslifesciences.com](http://www.masslifesciences.com).