



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### Life Sciences High School Apprenticeship Training Graduation Thursday

The Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (MLSC) and the BioBuilder Educational Foundation to celebrate and congratulate the first class of Life Sciences Apprentices

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**WHAT:** The Massachusetts Life Sciences Center and BioBuilder Educational Foundation will hold a graduation ceremony to celebrate the first class of high school apprentices to be trained through the Life Sciences High School Apprenticeship Challenge program, funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center. The training, led by BioBuilder and hosted by MIT, has taught students laboratory and professional skills that will prepare them for internship opportunities with local life sciences companies and research institutions.

**WHO:** Confirmed speakers include:

- **Dr. Johannes Fruehauf**, President & Co-Founder, LabCentral
- **Travis McCready**, President & CEO, The Massachusetts Life Sciences Center
- **Dr. Lydia Villa-Komaroff**, Director and Former CSO, Cytonome/ST
- **Dr. Natalie Kuldell**, President & Founder, The BioBuilder Educational Foundation

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 18, 2016 3:30PM – 5:00PM

**WHERE:** LabCentral, 700 Main St., North, Cambridge

**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.

### **About BioBuilder**

BioBuilder bridges the gap between high school classrooms and university research by connecting the science and engineering done by professionals to the way these subjects are taught in high schools. By presenting authentic research questions in accessible, modular, and teachable form, BioBuilder fulfills its mission to spark interest, engagement and understanding in STEM fields. Conceptualized at MIT in 2007 by Dr. Natalie Kuldell and incorporated as a MA public charity in 2011, BioBuilder currently focuses on the emerging field of synthetic biology and brings investigative curriculum to high school students and teachers. Starting with 27 teachers in its first year, BioBuilder has grown rapidly to now involve more than 500 teachers in 40+ states and more than a dozen foreign countries.

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