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LONG ISLAND REDC ANNOUNCES OPENING OF ADELPHI UNIVERSITY'S NEW NURSING INNOVATION LAB AND TRAINING CENTER

22,000-Square-Foot Lab and Training Center in New Nexus Building

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The Long Island Regional Economic Development Council (LIREDC) today announced the ribbon-cutting for Adelphi University's new state-of-the-art Nexus Building, which houses the university's new 22,000-square-foot Nursing Innovation Lab and Training Center. As a result of the Governor's Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) Initiative, the Long Island REDC awarded Adelphi $2,500,000 in 2014, to assist with building the new nursing center. The laboratory is expected to be the cornerstone for an innovative program in the nursing and healthcare industry.

"Demand for nurses with a four-year-degree is growing, and it is vital that we have well-trained candidates to fill these important jobs," said Long Island REDC Co-Chair Stuart Rabinowitz, President of Hofstra University. "New York State's colleges and universities are economic engines of their communities, and under Governor Cuomo's leadership, they are receiving funding to help them flourish."

"The Center's clinical education and simulation labs will ensure that Adelphi nursing graduates are the most prepared in the region," said Dr. Patrick R. Coonan, dean of the Adelphi University College of Nursing and Public Health. "This investment in our University and most importantly, our students, signals the State's confidence in Adelphi. This investment is a terrific example of the important public-private partnerships that are so critical to ensuring a robust and educated workforce and thriving local economy."

"Investing in Long Island's workforce is a major priority of the Long Island REDC and Governor Cuomo," said Long Island REDC Co-Chair Kevin Law, President and CEO of the Long Island Association. "The new Nursing Innovation Lab and Training Center will help aspiring nurses get the training they need to launch successful careers."

The high-tech training center, which opened to students at the start of the Fall 2016 semester, has been outfitted with cutting-edge digital learning devices and simulated hospital settings such as operating rooms and family medical offices. In addition to hosting Adelphi students, it will offer ongoing continuing education to ensure that regional nurses remain well trained to meet the changing nature of healthcare. Demand for nursing graduates with four-year degrees is growing. For fall 2016, Adelphi's first-year nursing applications increased by 29 percent and transfer nursing applications were up 81 percent. The university anticipates that the new facilities will allow an additional 200 students to complete nursing studies at Adelphi annually.

In recent years, Adelphi University has experienced an uptick in the number of veterans enrolled in nursing, healthcare, and business fields. The new nursing center expands Adelphi's ability to accept veterans for this major.

Because the project supported workforce development, higher education, and potential benefits to veterans, the Long Island REDC designated opening the Nursing Innovation Lab and Training Center a Priority Project in 2014, Round IV of the Regional Council Initiative. The Council recommended providing Adelphi a $2.5 million capital grant. The project will create eight direct jobs.

About Adelphi University
Adelphi University seeks to transform the lives of all students through an environment and set of experiences designed for self-discovery. Combining intellectual rigor with signature, personalized programs, Adelphi enables students to exceed expectations and succeed in and beyond the classroom.

Adelphi students explore and realize their passions through close faculty relationships and rich hands-on experiences, including research, internships and service learning. Our Panther Network of 90,000 alumni and deep community partnerships around New York City give students and graduates access to opportunities that only the greatest city in the world can offer. Learn more about www.adelphi.edu.

About the Regional Economic Development Councils
The Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) initiative is a key component of Governor Cuomo's approach to State investment and economic development. In 2011, Governor Cuomo established 10 Regional Councils to develop long-term strategic plans for economic growth for their regions. The Councils are public-private partnerships made up of local experts and stakeholders from business, academia, local government, and non-governmental organizations. The Regional Councils have redefined the way New York invests in jobs and economic growth by putting in place a community-based, bottom up approach and establishing a competitive process for State resources.

After six rounds of the REDC process, more than $4.6 billion has been awarded to more than 5,200 job creation and community development projects consistent with each regions strategic plans, projecting to create and retain more than 210,000 jobs. For more information on the Regional Councils, visit www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov.

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