Talking Points

- Regis University is opening a new College of Computer Information & Sciences to meet the growing demands of the expanding computer industry.

- At a time when some industry experts are critical of computer science courses, calling them “catastrophically boring” (David Willets, Education Minister UK) and saying education is failing to keep up with the needs of businesses, Regis University is setting the stage for a new era of computer education by championing people who want to study IT, science, and computer engineering.

- Regis University is the only Jesuit university with a dedicated computer and information sciences school, championing people who want to study IT, science and computing as a way to tackle humanity’s biggest challenges, from poverty to clean water access to global climate change.

- Computer and information technology jobs are projected to add more than 800,000 jobs by 2020.* Computer Systems Design jobs are projected to grow at nearly 4% each year through 2020.* And, by 2018, it is estimated there will be 2.4 million STEM (science – technology – engineering – math) job openings.

- Regis University has the only Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) program in Colorado. Healthcare professionals will be able to take advantage of intersecting health informatics and management degrees, an ever increasing field of study and requirement for health care agencies. Because of the move to electronic/digital health records and other federal initiatives, enrollment in the Regis’ Health Information Management program, which has been in existence for 30 years, has more than doubled in size and attracted students from across the United States. It is recognized as a top health information management program. (Commission on Accreditation of Health Information and Information Management Education)

- Regis is designated as a Center of Academic excellence in Information Assurance Education by the US Department of Homeland Security and the National Security Agency.

- Regis offers three ABET accredited degrees. Accreditation with the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET demonstrates a program’s commitment to providing its students with a high-quality education. Regis has three undergraduate programs with ABET accreditation – Computer Information Systems, Computer Networking, and Computer Science.

- By choosing an ABET-accredited program, a student ensures that the quality of their education meets the standards of the profession. It also enhances employment opportunities, facilitates further education in the form of licensures and registrations, and establishes one’s eligibility for loans, grants and scholarships.
CC&IS allows Regis to expand its graduate programs in Information Assurance and Computer Security; Data Science and Predictive Analytics; Healthcare Informatics and Management; and offer a new doctoral program in Computer Science, as well as its undergraduate offerings in these areas for traditional undergraduate students by offering a bachelor of arts in computer science and a bachelor of science in computer science degrees.

Regis will be expanding courses, certificate programs, and offering new minors.