



*From the Office of the President*

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**Welcome Remarks**  
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Dear Regis Community,

Welcome to the 2018 - 2019 academic year, especially to those students, staff and faculty new to Regis this fall! Whether you work, attend classes at any of our campuses or attend classes online here at Regis, we are excited to have all of you here for what promises to be an extraordinary year.

We look forward to an engaging and rewarding year of learning and discovery. That, we know, is your central purpose in being here and we are committed to doing everything we can to help you be successful in your studies and work. As you head into the upcoming holiday weekend and then return, I want to remind you of our community's guiding principles of engagement:

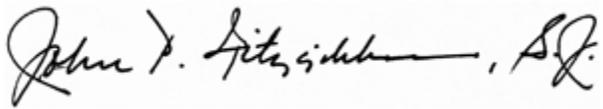
- We believe in the goodness of creation and the sacred dignity of all individuals, each made in the image of God, called to grow with others into the freedom of love. We will not tolerate any speech or action that violates the dignity of any human person, and we will defend those targeted by the forces of bigotry and hate in our society and on our campus.
- The principle of free speech and the free exchange of ideas, an essential good and critical to the life of the University, must never be used as a front for hateful speech, symbolism, or violence, which have no place at a Jesuit, Catholic university.
- We believe that we belong to each other, and that each person shares responsibility for the long, hard work of shaping an inclusive community where all can flourish.
- We believe the University serves not only itself and its students but is called to be a force for justice and peace in society, above all, in defense of the poor and marginalized.

I love Regis because we live out the Ignatian ideal of becoming men and women in the service of others better than any Jesuit school I know. Our university is a place where knowledge is advanced, where scholarship and research is conducted, where we prepare professionals and where humanity is formed. Regis University cares deeply about the growth, development and success of all our students and our workforce.



To students, I urge you to dedicate yourselves, study hard and focus on the reason you're here - to get an education from a top rate university where you will build a foundation that will serve you for the rest of your lives. To faculty and staff, please know you are valued profoundly and I thank you for carrying out our mission every day.

Gratefully,



John P. Fitzgibbons, S.J.  
President