



## Introduction to the [MassBioEd Foundation](#) Newsletter

MassBioEd Foundation continues to expand services to industry, educators, and students. This quarterly newsletter will keep you informed of the latest program developments, education trends, and news from the Foundation and biotechnology community at large. Please follow the links to read more about the MassBioEd Foundation, our partners and how together we are connecting academia and industry to prepare Massachusetts' workforce.

## New MassBioEd Educational Resource Center Website Launched

MassBioEd Foundation is thrilled to offer educators, students, educational institutions, and biotechnology companies a new website to support science and biotechnology education in Massachusetts. The [MassBioEd Resource Center](#) is designed to build strategic partnerships among high schools, colleges, universities, and the biotechnology industry. Check out what's new for educators, students, and biotech companies. [\[More\]](#)

## MassBioEd Awards BioTeach Grants to 50 Schools in the Commonwealth

Fifty public high schools from across Massachusetts have been selected to receive [BioTeach grants](#) from MassBioEd for the 2008-09 academic year, bringing the total number of schools awarded BioTeach grants to 163. BioTeach grantees receive financial, professional, and educational resources to teach biotechnology to students in the Commonwealth and inspire curiosity in the life sciences industry. [\[More\]](#)

## MassBioEd Recognizes Legislators for their Support of the BioTeach Program

The Massachusetts Biotechnology Education Foundation recognized legislators for their support of the foundation's BioTeach program, which awards grants to advance biotechnology education in the Commonwealth's high school classrooms. [\[More\]](#)



*House Speaker Sal DiMasi at the BioTeach State House Day*

## From Opera to Biotechnology: One Student's Path

Age the age of 30, soprano Kathleen Tompkins came to the conclusion that either Boston is not the city for an opera major, or perhaps she chose the wrong career path in college. Unsatisfied yet optimistic, Kathleen decided a major life change was in order: she was going back to school to study biotechnology. [\[More\]](#)

## What will it Take to Regain the Lead in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in Massachusetts?

MassBioEd editorial board member Isa Zimmerman [\[link to ed board bio\]](#) shares her perspective on how to inspire increased student interest in STEM career paths. She writes, "Everyday you read or hear about the need for STEM-trained workers at all levels—from researchers to clerks—to maintain the health of the Massachusetts economy." [\[More\]](#)

### **VISIT THE MASSACHUSETTS BIOTECHNOLOGY COUNCIL'S REDESIGNED WEBSITE**

Now with updated information regarding [jobs and internships!](#)

### **MEET YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL BOARD**

### **BECOME A RESOURCE PARTNER WITH MASSBIOED**

If you represent a biotechnology organization, you can [create content on the MassBioEd website](#) and promote your organization.

### **BIOLOGY AND BIOCHEMISTRY JUDGES NEEDED**

for the [Massachusetts State Science & Engineering Fair](#)

### **BIOTECH LEARNING CENTER**

MassBioEd offers several options for [courses, seminars, and hands-on training](#) targeted towards those currently in the biotechnology industry.

### **THE STEM SCHOLAR INTERN MATCHING FUND**

Strengthening Your Company While Strengthening the Commonwealth

### **SPECIAL THANKS TO MASSBIOED'S CURRENT SPONSORS**

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