

Notre Dame College Opens New Campus Facility for Students with Learning Differences, Chardon, USA

Notre Dame College in South Euclid, Ohio, moved its Academic Support Center for Students with Learning Differences (ASC) into new — and newly renovated — campus space in time for the start of the 2014-2015 school year. The ASC is now on the second floor of the south wing of Regina Hall.

The project was made possible by gifts from the Smiley Family Charitable Foundation, the Parker- Hannifin Foundation, and numerous other named and anonymous institutions and individuals.

The renovation project included remodeling approximately 12,500 square feet of the former second-floor Regina High School classrooms into nearly 30 separate rooms, including private tutoring and testing spaces and a conference area.



Sister Mary Judith Anne Sabau, tutor at the Academic Support Center, takes Lolly and Mark Sabau through the new facility.



Sister Agnesmarie LoPorto, converses with Notre Dame College President Thomas Kruczek outside the chapel after the blessing ceremony.

The ASC's new home is more than twice the size of its former space in the Clara Fritzsche Library and includes computer labs, lounge areas, and office spaces for the more than 150 students with documented learning differences now on campus, as well as the instructional staff. Three Sisters of Notre Dame of the Chardon province are on the staff as tutors: Sister Mary Frances Murray, Sister Mary Joela Leinberger, and Sister Mary Judith Anne Sabau.

The ribbon cutting ceremony and blessing of the new space took place on October 9, 2014. The ceremony began with a prayer service in the Regina Hall chapel. After the blessing and the ribbon cutting the guests were invited to tour the Academic Support Center on the second floor and the Division of Nursing on the third floor.



Sister Mary Carol Ziegler, Sister Mary Antoinette Dershaw, and Sister Bernadette Marie Bacho enjoy refreshments after the blessing.



The new ASC private study rooms and a group work-study area are ready for action.