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Holyoke Community College President **Christina Royal** has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, a nonprofit public agency that seeks to advance economic development through technological innovation, particularly in key industries such as health care, life sciences, information technology, nanotechnology, broadband deployment, and marine sciences.

"Through its major divisions - the Innovation Institute, the Massachusetts eHealth Institute, and the Massachusetts Broadband Institute - MassTech brings together leaders



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from industry, government, and higher education to advance technology-based solutions that strengthen regional economies, improve the health care system,

expand broadband access and stimulate economic growth throughout the Commonwealth," according to the MassTech website, masstech.org

Royal has a strong background in information technology, both in higher education and in the private sector. She was formerly the executive director of Distance Learning and assistant vice president of eLearning and Innovation at Cuyahoga Community College, and the director of Technology-Assisted Learning at Marist College. Before she made the switch to higher education, she worked as a project manager in research and development at CompUSA, and as the director of curriculum at the Beacon Institute for Learning.

Royal's term on the MassTech board runs until Nov. 20, 2020. She was sworn in on June 1.