

## DR. CHARLES MITSAKOS NAMED OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR-OF-THE-YEAR

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Sr. Mary Jane Benoit presents Dr. Charles Mitsakos with the Outstanding Educator Award at a ceremony in May 2006.

**Dr. Charles Mitsakos**, Chair of the Division of Education, was honored as the recipient of the 2006 Sr. Mary Jane Benoit Outstanding Educator-of-the-Year Award at a ceremony in May 2006.

The award, named in honor of Sr. Mary Jane Benoit, a Rivier graduate of the classes of 1953 and 1956, is given to an individual who brings the highest distinction to themselves and their communities through their teaching and mentoring of students in education and/or mental health.

Dr. Mitsakos has had a profound impact on the field of education in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, serving the Lexington, Chelmsford, Andover, and Winchester public school systems with dedication from 1961 to 1992. He first joined the Rivier College faculty as an adjunct instructor in education in 1977. Since assuming his current role as Chair of Rivier's Division of Education in 1993, he has provided academic and administrative leadership for graduate and undergraduate programs in education.

"Mitsakos is a leader extraordinaire, who encourages students, colleagues, and groups to pursue, explore, and participate in the unlimited possibilities that create learning experiences and opportunities," says **Dr. Ann Ackerman**, Associate Professor of Education. ■

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\* As Rivier's Director of the Marketing & Communication Office, **KAREN COOPER** oversees the College's marketing and advertising, public relations, publications, communications, and the website. She earned her Master's of Business Administration with a concentration in marketing from Rivier in 2003, and this fall she will be teaching graphic design in the College's Professional Communications program. Some of her accomplishments at Rivier include the design of the current College logo; the development of the College magazine, *Rivier Today*, of which she is the editor; and the launch of the new College website in 2005. She also serves as Associate Editor of the Rivier Academic Journal.