

RIVIER AND DANIEL WEBSTER COLLEGES TO COLLABORATE ON SCIENCE EDUCATION

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Rivier and Daniel Webster Colleges were awarded a \$13,729 planning grant by the NHHEAF Network Educational Foundation in Concord, N.H. The planning grant allows the colleges to work together and with school districts to define and plan a program called IGNITES: Inspiring and Growing Natural Interests and Talents in Education for Science. It is the first such collaborative effort between the two schools.

IGNITES will address a national problem on a local level, increasing diversity in the U.S. scientific population. The program will target middle school students and teachers to strengthen science learning resources in the Nashua region by offering hands-on summer experiences linking students and teachers.

Rivier faculty will provide instruction in biology, chemistry, and education; Daniel Webster professors will teach physics, engineering, and aeronautics. "We were pleased to collaborate with Daniel Webster to obtain this grant and we look forward to developing a program together that will promote education in the sciences," said **Sr. Therese Larochelle**, p.m., Rivier's Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Each college is already involved with efforts in the region to enhance the teaching and learning of science in the K-12 environment. Faculty at both institutions hope that when IGNITES is launched, it will serve as a model for other New Hampshire colleges, universities, and school systems. ■

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