

DEDICATED ALUMNAE HONORED WITH SR. MADELEINE OF JESUS AWARDS

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From left to right: Alumni Council Vice-Chair Agnes Grace '59, President William Farrell, Jean Wesinger '01, Sr. Cecile Gamache, p.m. '54, Eve-Marie Lacroix '66, Susan Zator '66, and Alumni Council Chair Delores Davis '94G at the Alumni Awards Luncheon at Reunion 2006.

This year, the Alumni Association honored Sr. Cecile Gamache, p.m. '54 and Eve-Marie Lacroix '66 with the Sister Madeleine of Jesus Award. Established in 1974 to honor Rivier's foundress, the award recognizes graduates who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and contribution to the College and outstanding service to their communities.

Sr. Cecile has devoted more than forty years to Rivier College and more than fifty to the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary. She first came to Rivier in 1950, after graduating from Jesus Mary Academy in Fall River, Mass. She earned her bachelor of arts in mathematics in 1954. After her graduation, she taught math. In 1956, she entered the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary and made her profession three years later. She went on to earn a master's in mathematics from Boston College and study at the University of Rhode Island and at Notre Dame University.

Sr. Cecile returned to Rivier in 1970 to teach math. Five years later, she was assigned to the business office and appointed Assistant Vice President for Finance and Administration—she still holds that position, as well as serving on the Rivier College Board of Trustees, the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary Corporation, and the Presentation of Mary Finance Committee.

Co-worker Jean Wesinger '01 read Sr. Cecile's citation. She said, "I believe that Sister Cecile's greatest professional achievements have been realized through her service to others and her devotion to the Roman Catholic faith."

In nominating Eve-Marie Lacroix for the award, classmate Susan Zator wrote, "her dedication to her profession, her family, her community, and her college make her a true credit to Rivier and all that Rivier represents." For the last 21 years, Eve-Marie has helped medical professionals and patients find the information they need at the world's largest medical library, the National Library of Medicine. She serves as chief of the public services division, directing NLM's programs to provide access to the collection. She also develops and maintains MedlinePlus.gov, an extensive web resource providing health information for the public.

After receiving her bachelor of arts in chemistry from Rivier in 1966, Eve-Marie went on to earn a master of science in science information from the Illinois Institute of Technology. She has published articles on library collection management and improving public access to health information. As a member of the Section 108 Study Group, she makes recommendations to the Library of Congress about copyright law related to digital media and its inclusion in libraries and archives. Her efforts guarantee that the public has access to valuable health information and authors are acknowledged appropriately and treated ethically. ■

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