

EDITOR'S FOREWORD

Dear Readers,



You are opening the first issue of the *Online Academic Journal*, which is addressed to the global community and is devoted to reporting advancements in the liberal arts, sciences, education, nursing, and business administration studies from the Rivier College academic perspective.

Many members of our local community (faculty, students, administrators, staff, alumni, and professionals from New England) have submitted their research results, scholarship findings, project summaries, essays, poems, short stories, workshop materials, photographs, and campus news archival information for publishing. After a rigorous peer review process, we have selected nineteen manuscripts and offer them to you, our readers. The first issue is introduced by a visionary statement on *Catholic Traditions and Liberal Learning* by Dr. Albert DeCiccio, Academic Dean, and Dr. Howard S. Muscott's address to participants of the *Honors Convocation-2005*. Papers, written by Rivier faculty members: Carol A. Langelier, J. Diane Connell, John C. Caiazza, Carol Rolf, Elizabethada Wright, and Kevin T. Wayne, disclose developments in psychology, behavioral studies, philosophy, law, government studies, rhetoric, communication, and business management. All three papers in the *Computer Science* section are authored by Rivier graduates (David Snogles, Ajay Kumar, and Martin N. Milkovits). The *poetry* section includes the outstanding work of a recognized author (Sr. Lucille C. Thibodeau), as well as that of two undergraduate students (Tracy Kalogeropoulos and Sue E.

Siebert), and a young author (Emily Shaffer) from New York. A short story, "From Man, All Animals Run" is written by Julia Osher, a young, talented author from New England. Two images from amateur photographers, Rivier faculty members (Howard S. Muscott and Vladimir V. Riabov), reflect the beauty of our land.

The *Chronicle* section covers various significant events in Rivier campus life, such as *Annual Events of Celebrating Faculty Scholarship, Research, and Creative Accomplishment*; *Humanities Lecture Series*; *Professional Seminars in Computer Science*; *Exhibitions in the Rivier College Art Gallery*; *Faculty Development Summer Grants*, and others. Here the readers can find *Faculty Profiles*; information about the college's collaboration with local companies and educational organizations; workshop materials; the abstracts of articles, which have been recently published by faculty, students, staff, and alumni in other publications; information about conferences, professional societies, and other materials.

Members of the Editorial Board believe that *visible and recognized professionalism* is a strong component of professional development in our community, and *The Rivier College Online Academic Journal* will help to build high professional standards in various areas of expertise, as well as to create a *unique bond* between faculty, staff, students, and the community at large.

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We look forward to your contributions to the *Rivier College Online Academic Journal* in the future.

Sincerely yours,

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