

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

For an academic community to thrive, its members must continuously nourish and celebrate their collective life of the mind. This inaugural issue of the *Online Academic Journal* does both in capturing scholarly and creative advancements by those in liberal arts, sciences, education, nursing, and business administration studies at Rivier College. As President of Rivier College, I am impressed with the initiative, for this online academic journal will have a global readership. I encourage all of you who read this first issue to respond to the editor-in-chief with all of your comments. To all those from the College who have labored long and hard on this effort, especially Dr. Vladimir Riabov, the journal's editor-in-chief, I congratulate you. You have offered the world the best way to salute Rivier's fertile life of the mind: a collection of visible and recognized professionalism in research, scholarship, and creative accomplishment.

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President