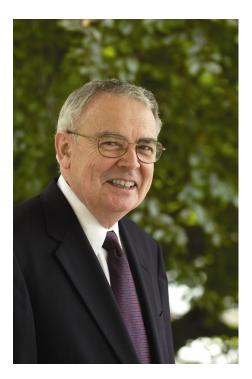
## FROM THE PRESIDENT



## 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-inchief 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-inchief, 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.

William J. Farrell, Ph.D. President