

RIVIER HONORS THREE VERY DESERVING GRADUATES WITH THE SISTER MADELEINE OF JESUS AWARD

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President William Farrell congratulated Sister Madeleine of Jesus Award recipients at a dinner and awards ceremony at the Crowne Plaza. Pictured above with Dr. Farrell are (left to right) Raoul Lupien, accepting on behalf of his wife, the late Alice Moge Lupien '50; and recipients Dr. Henriette Levesque Allen '50 and Paula Williams '00C.

The Saturday night alumni dinner and awards ceremony is always a popular Homecoming event, but this year the event held special appeal as the College celebrated the lives and accomplishments of three very deserving graduates. Established in 1974 to honor Rivier's foundress, the Sister Madeleine of Jesus Award is presented each year to a graduate who has distinguished himself or herself through exceptional dedication and contribution to the College, as well as outstanding service to the community.

This year, three recipients were honored at the alumni awards ceremony at the Crowne Plaza in Nashua. **Paula Williams '00C**, **Dr. Henriette Levesque Allen '50**, and the late **Alice Moge Lupien '50** were recognized as models of leadership in their local communities and beyond.

"Each of this year's recipients, in very different ways and different fields of endeavor, is an outstanding example, throughout her professional and personal life, of the attributes the Sister Madeleine of Jesus Award was established to honor," says Director of Development Mary Ann Oppenheimer.

Paula Williams '00C

Paula Williams, who has taught in Rivier's nursing programs since 1992 and was recently appointed divisional chairperson of nursing, is described as a model for what it means to be a lifelong learner. She earned a bachelor of science in nursing, a master's in administration of nursing services, and a certificate of advanced graduate studies in educational leadership. She is currently a doctoral candidate in education at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell, completing her dissertation on leadership and management skills in nursing.

Williams' leadership skills are evident in the nursing department, and according to one colleague, "Paula provides expert, competent, credible, and visible leadership that encourages faculty and staff in her department to develop and grow as individuals and as professionals."

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Williams is active in her community, where she has taught CCD classes for nearly 20 years, volunteered with the Hollis (NH) School Department, and with the American Cancer Society.

Dr. Henriette Levesque Allen '50

In describing Dr. Henriette Levesque Allen, one colleague wrote, "She has a legacy of mentorship that touches leadership in schoolhouses all over this country." Described as a "leader of leaders," Allen earned a B.A. in English and History from Rivier College in 1950 before going on to teach schoolchildren, first in Rhode Island, then in Saudi Arabia and in Libya, before setting down roots in Jackson, Mississippi.

She furthered her education in Mississippi, earning a master's of education from Mississippi College, and a Ph.D. from the University of Southern Mississippi. She was later named assistant superintendent for the Jackson, Mississippi School District and executive director of the Mississippi Association of School Administrators.

During her 30-year career, Allen left her mark on many educational endeavors in the state—the redesign of an alternative learning program for at-risk students; a far-reaching library and technology project for fourth and fifth graders; a brand-new Academic and Performing Arts Complex; an at-risk school that is now an exemplary model; and much more.

While she has accomplished much for Mississippi schoolchildren, her colleagues noted that perhaps her greatest achievements are in mentoring and encouraging her fellow educators, principals, and superintendents on the local, regional, and national levels.

Alice Moge Lupien '50

In her lifetime, Alice Moge Lupien was described as a model of Christian faith in action. Even as a young high school student, she demonstrated leadership abilities in the Catholic Action Movement for Young Christian Students. That leadership, combined with faith, intelligence, compassion, humor, and love for learning—were the hallmarks of her long and generous life.

Lupien's entire life was marked by service to others—her community, her church, her family, and her alma mater, all benefited from her generosity. After earning her Rivier degree in 1950, Lupien spent 40 years as an active volunteer with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, helping the neediest people in her adoptive hometown of St. Sauver-Des-Monts, Canada. Together with her husband, Ralph, she dedicated 20 years to the Cursillo Movement and for nearly 50 years, she sang in her church choir and volunteered in church activities.



The Sister Madeleine of Jesus Award'2005.

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