THREE CHOSEN FOR PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

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Left to right: Bill Thomas, Sr. Joan Joyal, p.m., President William Farrell and Fred Tappan at the 2007 Presidential Award of Excellence barbecue.

President William Farrell presented **Fred Tappan**, **Bill Thomas**, and **Sr. Joan Joyal**, **p.m.** with the 2007 Presidential Award of Excellence at a barbecue on Monday, May 7. Now in its fifth year, the award recognizes employees who exhibit commitment to serving the Rivier College community; demonstrate a high degree of initiative in carrying out their job responsibilities; maintain effective relationships with others; and strive to incorporate the College's mission into their daily work.

Fred Tappan of the Maintenance Department has been an important part of the Faculty-Staff Annual Giving Committee, volunteering to solicit people who have never given to the College. He emphasizes the importance of community and does more than he's asked to do. One nominator wrote, "He truly has the success of this college and the mission of this college in his heart and lives it every day."

Public Safety Officer Bill Thomas is one of the people on campus when most offices are closed—he helps students, adjunct faculty members, prospective students, special guests of the College, and the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary. In 2003, while passing a house on fire in Merrimack, he did more than just call 911—Bill stopped and knocked on the door. Thanks to his concern, there were no injuries and minimal damage to the home. "Bill treats everyone with dignity and respect—especially students," read one nomination.

Sr. Joan Joyal, Assistant Registrar, keeps the College's many academic programs in order and has the best understanding of the curriculum on campus. She ensures that the correct courses are offered each semester so that students can stay on track for graduation. A nomination explained "Sr. Joan makes sure that Rivier's academic programs are running like a well-oiled machine."