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With construction and renovations at Regina Library complete, members of the campus community are taking advantage of the improved space.



Dr. Jamison Hoff (left) watches President Farrell present a framed photograph of the Library to Jane and William Conway. (Photos by Jodie Andruskevich)

Regina Library's year-long renovation and expansion was completed in June. Many of the people who made the project possible celebrated at a reception during Reunion Weekend. For some, the reception offered a first look inside the new space—others had witnessed progress daily.

Dr. Jamison Hoff, Chair of the Board of Trustees, says, "As the building emerged from initial drawings into the beautiful structure we now enjoy, it was clear that Rivier was blessed in its construction partner, Harvey Construction. Their remarkable team of professionals brought the project in on time and slightly under budget, while keeping our library open and functional throughout

the year-long construction process."

Dr. Hoff and President William Farrell acknowledged contributions from several trustees and their families to the library project. Bill Conway, his wife Jane and their children made a \$2 million gift to the library; Tom and Veda Richardson made a significant gift to the project as well. Dr. Farrell acknowledged library staff, Harvey Construction and architect Al Corzilius of Corzilius Matuszewski Krause Architects, P.A. for their roles in concluding the project successfully.

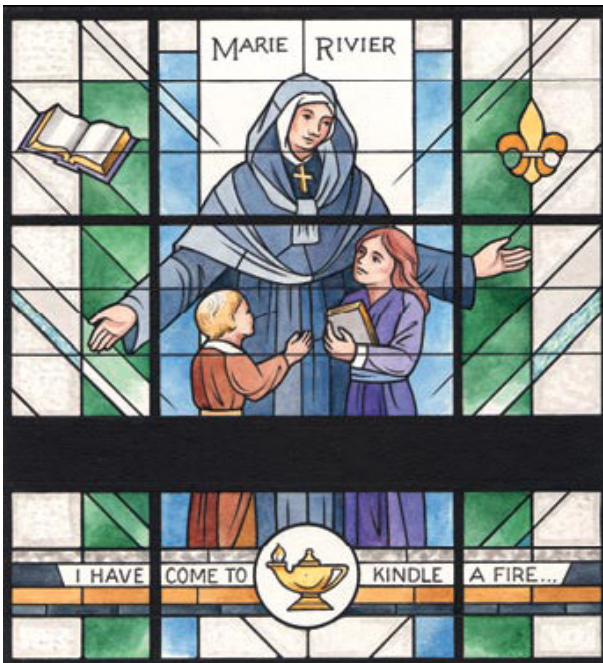
To recognize the Conway family and Mr. and Mrs. Richardson for their contributions, President Farrell presented each family with a framed photograph of the new building. In addition to William Conway '02H and Jane Conway, Mary Jane Conway King, Jim Conway and his wife Ann attended the ceremony.

Jim Conway recalled that the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary didn't mind that he and his siblings used to play on the College's tennis courts. "They could have chased us away, but they didn't. That was one of our first experiences with the College," he said. The family's contributions to the library reflect the way that relationship has grown through the years.

The library is one tangible sign of improvements made possible as a result of Rivier's first capital campaign. "We are privileged to have received such an outstanding level of support from alumni, trustees, faculty, staff, and friends of the College," says Dr. Farrell. Their contributions have allowed Rivier to build a library that will serve the needs of the College for years to come.

Dan Speidel, Director of Regina Library, says that he and the library staff look forward to seeing how students will use all the spaces now available to them. He says that Rivier's addition and renovation are consistent with changes taking place in libraries across the country—more collaborative study space, increased computer access and different-sized study and reading spaces for patrons.

"I am delighted that our new addition offers not only the best features of a 21st century library, it is designed to serve us equally well into our future. There are media rooms, student collaboration spaces, computer labs, Wi-Fi, and a cyber-cafe. Situated at the heart of campus, the new library is rapidly becoming a hot spot for the learning, sharing, and interacting that so enriches our life together," says Dr. Hoff. ■



One of the final details in the library will be a stained glass window depicting Blessed Anne Marie Rivier and honoring the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary. The rendering above depicts the window, which will be part of the reading room.

“I think it’s beautiful—I like the open study space with all the computers and the quiet places to go,” says Devon Grout ’09. Since the new wing opened in April 2008 she’s been using the library a couple times a week. She attributes her increased visits to the Library’s open layout and accessibility.

Rivier systems librarian Elaine (Sears) Bean ’82C/’87G and her husband Robert Bean ’77G made a gift to the library to purchase trees in honor of three Sisters of the Presentation of Mary who worked at Regina Library. The gift honors former directors Sr. Albina Marie Gazaille ’45 and Sr. Arlene Callahan ’67 and former reference librarian Sr. Margaret Trudell ’58G. “These three Sisters made significant contributions to Regina Library. I will always be thankful for the opportunities these women gave me,” says Bean. She credits all three with helping her develop both personally and professionally.



Guests at the library celebration take tours of the new space.



From top left: A plaque honoring the Conways hangs inside the library's new entrance. ■ Jim Conway speaks at the library celebration. ■ Dr. Jamison Hoff presents Veda and Tom Richardson with a bouquet, while Dr. Farrell holds a framed photograph of the new library. ■ The Conway family gathers outside the front of the library.

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