

THE GALLERY: STEPHEN SOUTHERLAND '09

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Stephen Southerland worked with Rivier’s Heritage Committee to create a special piece of artwork for Heritage Week during the College’s 75th anniversary celebration. Southerland and the Committee decided on a large painting featuring buildings around campus named for Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, accompanied by portraits of the Sisters.

“The hardest part was deciding on the main composition—how to make all the pieces fit,” Southerland says. After many preliminary drawings and lots of feedback from Associate Professor of Art Cliff Davis, Southerland finalized a design. “Once I got that figured out, the rest was easier,” he says.

Southerland says working on the paintings gave him a new appreciation for the Sisters and the history of the College. “They were significant people whose lives were a significant part of what we’re experiencing today,” he says. “At the Heritage Dinner, I was glad to see that the Sisters liked the painting—that was important to me.” ■