

## EDITOR'S NOTE

### Connecting Worlds

Dear Readers,



The Fall-2011 edition of the *InSight: Rivier Academic Journal* is dedicated to global community, Rivier students, faculty, and alumni. It offers a variety of themes on new ideas, new products and new marketing strategies (*Dr. Gregory Kivenzor*); classroom guidance as an efficient way to deliver important knowledge and skills to students (*Cara Breen*); the effectiveness of project-based instruction in prekindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup>-grade classrooms (*Margaret Holm*); an inside look at the roles, processes, and project workflow to enable computer science students to adjust to the workplace and become productive (*Mary Slocum*); studies of improvements in the automated reliability of complex computer programs (*David Dwyer 'G99 and Paul D'Onofrio 'G10*); poetical voices ("At the Baby Gym", by *Lauren Dwyer*); and campus news. The authors (faculty, students, alumni, and staff members) share with us their stories on serving the local and global communities ("Dynamic Reading Camp Keeping Local Elementary School Students Sharp in Reading"; "Art Department Hosts Online Juried Exhibition for Regional High School Students"; "Summer Institute for Educators Shaping Dynamic Teachers"; "Rivier to Host Local Business Educators", and "Professors from China's Nanjing University Visit Us").

Two themes are notable in this edition of the *InSight: Rivier Academic Journal*: outstanding aerial photo images of landscapes, cover bridges, and churches ("Over New England: Monadnock Aerial Photos" by *Celso Barriga*) that have become the continuing artistic expressions inspired by the Rivier Community Photo Contest-2009; and numerous research articles from Rivier's Ed.D. and graduate students, alumni, and faculty from the Divisions of Business, Education, and Sciences.

In the *Art* section, readers can find brief reviews of recent art exhibits ("Annual Senior Art Student Exhibition", "Faculty & Alumni Art Exhibit", and "Parallel Rhythms: Art Works by John Terence Downs and Annette W. Mitchell") at the Rivier Art Gallery (*Sr. Theresa Couture*).

The *Chronicle* section covers various remarkable events in Rivier campus life, such as the Inauguration of Rivier's 12th President, Sister Paula Marie Buley, IHM; Rivier's 76<sup>th</sup> Commencement; Mass of the Holly Spirit and Academic Convocation; the Graduate Hooding Ceremony; the Nursing Pinning Ceremony; Celebrating Faculty Scholarship Events; Senior Honors Thesis Presentations; Biology Lecture Series; Computer Science Professional Seminars, and others. Here the readers can find information about Rivier's Strategic Goals (announced by Sister Paula Marie Buley, IHM), new Experimental Computer Science Lab, Faculty and Students' Profiles, and information about articles, which have been recently published by faculty, students, and staff in other publications.

As recognition of Rivier's scholarly contribution to the global community, EBSCO Publishing Corp. has nominated *InSight: Rivier Academic Journal* for inclusion in *EBSCO Humanities Source* research database.

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We look forward to your contributions to the *InSight: Rivier Academic Journal* in the future.

Sincerely yours,

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