

RIVIER COLLEGE TO HOST LOCAL BUSINESS EDUCATORS

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Rivier College will host the annual New Hampshire Business Education Association (NHBEA) conference for the state's high school and post-secondary business educators, bringing them together for professional development.

The meeting will be held on Nov. 8, 2011, from 7:30 a.m.–2p.m. in the Demoulas Room of the Education Center and is open to the public.

“We’re very excited to once again host this opportunity for our colleagues in the field of business and economic education and support them in their efforts to instill in our young people a spirit of entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and social responsibility,” said **Maria Matarazzo**, a member of the NHBEA Executive Board and former Rivier College Division of Business Administration Chairperson.

Sister Paula Marie Buley, IHM, President of Rivier College, will deliver welcoming remarks to begin the meeting.

Workshops given by various college and university business administration faculty discussing topics relevant to today's business climate will follow. Rivier College Associate Professor of Business Administration **Karen Spohn** will lead a session on environmental social governance. **Eric Drouart**, of Assumption College, will discuss international business and Southern New Hampshire University's **David Doyon** will give a presentation on international financial reporting.

The keynote speaker for the conference will be **Alex Ray**, founder of Common Man Restaurants, who will describe how he was able to sustain and grow his restaurant business in the Granite State despite periods of economic turmoil.

“His address will really be about how global events impact our local communities,” Matarazzo said. “Business educators need to be aware of this information so they can empower their students to be leaders in the workplace and excel in the classroom.”

The afternoon session will feature Rivier College Learning Disabilities Program Advisor **Dr. J. Diane Connell**, who will speak about how to effectively instruct students with wide ranges of cognitive abilities.

At the meeting, the organization will also honor outstanding educators with awards recognizing them for their service to the profession. Each year, the NHBEA presents the Dr. Burt Kaliski Award to an extraordinary business faculty member at the high school or postsecondary level of instruction; the Peterson Award, a scholarship awarded to a deserving NHBEA member to take an undergraduate or graduate course; and the NHBEA's Achievement Award. The recipient of this award is recognized as the Business Educator of the Year for the State of New Hampshire and is honored by the governor and the state Department of Education at its annual New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards Celebration.

The NHBEA is a professional organization devoted exclusively to serving individuals and groups engaged in instruction, research, and dissemination of information for and about business. For more than 80 years, the NHBEA has been a leading association devoted to the recognition that business education competencies are essential for all individuals in today's fast-changing society. ■

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