

## **PROFESSORS FROM CHINA'S NANJING UNIVERSITY VISIT RIVIER** (Rivier's News Report, August 10, 2011)\*

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**F**aculty from Nanjing University of Science and Technology in Nanjing, China are at Rivier College to help them more effectively teach English to their students.

From Aug. 5-Aug. 21, 2011, Rivier College is hosting a group of 16 Chinese professors of English and English literature at Nanjing University for a two-week enrichment program to deepen their knowledge of American culture and literature. The program includes multiple presentations and panel discussions given by Rivier faculty and staff exploring topics such as the American educational structure, Chinese influences in American poetry, and ecoliterature. The professors will also visit various Boston tourist attractions such as Faneuil Hall, a Duck Boat tour, and the New England Aquarium; the beaches at Kittery, Maine; and Walden Pond.

Zhu Jufen, Associate Professor and Deputy Dean of the university's School of Foreign Studies, said the trip will deepen their knowledge of life in the United States so they can more effectively teach their students about American society and the English language.

"We came here to learn firsthand the American way of life so that we can infuse our teaching with insights garnered from our own personal experience here," she said. "That way, our students can learn even more from us."

The College hosted a group of professors from China for the first time last year for a similar type of program. Last year's group came from the Chongqing University of Science and Technology and Southwestern University of Finance and Economics.

"Our visiting Chinese colleagues are trying to get immersed in our culture. While they have read extensively about it and teach about it, they have not personally experienced American life in a profound

way,” said Rivier’s Director of Conference Services and Special Events **Barbara Kokoszka**. “It’s a fact-finding mission for them in their educational process.” ■

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