

## **TWO LOCAL RIVIER-AFFILIATED NURSE PRACTITIONERS PRESENTED WITH NURSE PRACTITIONER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

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**T**wo nurse practitioners with connections to Rivier College were recently presented with this year's New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association (NHNPA) Nurse Practitioner of the Year award. **Susan Feeney** and **Linda Reed** both received this honor May 3, 2012 at the annual reception/awards presentation event at the 2012 Northeast Regional Nurse Practitioner Conference at the Radisson Hotel, Manchester, N.H.

The NHNPA confers this award each year to an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Practitioner (APRN) and NHNPA member who has made "a significant contribution to the role of the Nurse Practitioner at the state and/or national level, in the areas of clinical, legislative, education and/or research. The NHNPA Nurse Practitioner of the Year is chosen each year by a selection committee, which is composed of past recipients of the award. The Committee meets on an annual basis to review nominations and vote."

Since joining the Rivier College nursing faculty in 2004, Feeney has balanced her roles as lead instructor in the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) track, with her commitment to providing quality primary health care at Wright and Associates in Amherst, N.H. She uses cutting-edge innovative learning techniques in her classes, with the integration of technology-enhanced modules and case studies. These types of learning experiences allow students to become immersed in data from which to develop differential diagnoses in preparation for managing patients seeking primary health care in their future clinical experiences. Additionally, and in keeping with the mission of Rivier College, Feeney's passion for service led her to become one of the key faculty leaders who envisioned a nursing center for community outreach service, now called the Rivier College Wellness Connection (RCWC). Through the RCWC, students and faculty gain and maintain expertise while serving the unmet needs of the underserved and vulnerable populations in the Nashua community.

Reed is a 1999 graduate of the M.S. program's FNP track, and works as an FNP at Family Care of Concord. She has been a nurse at Concord Hospital since 1978 and serves on the Governance Board of the Concord Hospital Medical group, representing primary care nurse practitioners and physician assistants. Reed was previously a clinical instructor at the former New Hampshire Hospital School of Nursing. She has been an officer in the NHNPA for a number of years and a leader in the New Hampshire health care community. She also received the NHNPA Lifetime of Service Award in 2011. ■

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