

RIVIER UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY OF SISTER ADRIENNE BEAUREGARD, pm, ONLY LIVING SISTER WHO WORKED DIRECTLY WITH RIVIER'S FOUNDER, SISTER MADELEINE OF JESUS

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Rivier University hosted a celebration on Friday in honor of the 100th birthday of **Sister Adrienne Beauregard, pm** with 250 guests in attendance. Sr. Adrienne served as a direct collaborator with Sister Madeleine of Jesus, Rivier's founder and fellow member of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, Rivier's founding order. She arrived at Rivier in 1941 and worked in positions of finance and administration – including serving as Rivier's treasurer for 43 years. "The beginnings were tough," Sister Adrienne said of Rivier's early years. "We had nothing—we had no money, I don't know how we did it."

In 1985, Sister Adrienne received the Sister Madeleine of Jesus Award, the highest tribute the Alumni Association bestows on a Rivier graduate. She retired in June 2005 after 63 years of service. According to Sister Paula Marie Buley, IHM, Rivier's President, Sister Adrienne's life has been that of a "Master Builder."

Adrienne Hall, a building on Rivier's campus which houses Financial Aid, the Registrar's Office, Business Office, Academic Advising, and Administrative Offices, is named for Sr. Adrienne.

A six-foot long, three-dimensional replica of Madeleine Hall made of Styrofoam and fondant was

created for the celebration by "Baker Dave," pastry chef at Temple University in Philadelphia, in Sister Adrienne's honor.

Sister Adrienne was also presented with the Rivier University Inaugural Founder's Medal during the celebration in recognition of her founding vision, her leadership, and her transformative heart and mind in service to the world.

Speakers included Brother Paul Demers, S.C., D.Min, Rivier's chaplain; Sister Lucille Thibodeau, pm, an English professor and former Rivier President; Sister Jeanne Perreault, pm, former Rivier President; and one of Sister Adrienne's nieces.

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“It’s not too much to say that Sr. Adrienne was a financial genius—a woman of great vision, foresight and courage,” said Thibodeau, who has known Sister Adrienne for 47 years.

“The legacy of Sister Madeleine has been strengthened and supported through the life, the witness, the work, the service, the love, and the joy of Sister Adrienne,” said Sister Paula Marie Buley, IHM. “In celebrating Sister Adrienne, we celebrate all those who have transformed hearts and minds to serve the world.” ■

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