

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Learning Commons

Dear Readers,



On the field trip to glaciers during the 26th ICAS Congress, Alaska, September 2008.

The Fall-2014 edition of the *InSight: Rivier Academic Journal* is dedicated to global community, Rivier students, alumni, and faculty, who explore and serve the world in many different ways. The edition offers a variety of themes on Rivier perspectives: the Gateway Projects that transform the Rivier campus, renovation of Resurrection Chapel with blessing and dedication ceremony, and the opening of The Learning Commons that creates a unique collaborative learning environment for students. It introduces new Master of Public Health degree that addresses public health and safety challenges and new Supply Chain Management and Project Management degrees offered by the Business Division. Several research studies and literature reviews cover the variety of topics on the transition to college of first generation freshmen (Lauren M. Marsden), the virtual lifetime electronic record exchange services for veterans (Michael M. Bichrest), chronic traumatic encephalopathy of football players (Jennifer M. Bowers), and the exciting Google™ Project LOON of the wireless balloon-based network (Soujanya Katikala). The authors (faculty, students, alumni, and guests) share with us their stories on serving the local and global communities ("Reaching Each Child" by Marcy A. Winer, "A Poverty Research Tour on Greyhound Bus" by Daniel Weeks).

Two themes are notable in this edition of the *InSight: Rivier Academic Journal*: 1) lasting legacy of Sister Adrienne Beauregard, pm; memories about Sister Gloria Lemieux, pm, a Former President of Rivier, and Dr. Tracy Schier, dedicated alumna and member of the Board of the Trustees; and 2) stories about life missions of Rivier's students (Jennifer Bowers '16 and Namrata Khaitan '14G), faculty (Assistant Professor Susan Feeney, Dr. Gregory Kivenzor, and Dr. Vladimir Riabov), and alumni (Linda Brodeur '82, 01G, Michael Croatti '09G, and Aaron C. Dufoe), who are "serving the world".

In the Art section, readers can find information about a recent art exhibit ("*The Sculpted Figure: Featuring Castings from the Historic Caproni Collection*") at the Rivier Art Gallery and "Project R5 – A Visual Arts Seminar and Studio" (Sr. Theresa Couture).

The *Chronicle* section covers various remarkable events in Rivier campus life, such as Rivier's 79th Commencement; Academic Convocation; the Graduate Hooding Ceremony; the Baccalaureate Mass and Undergraduate Hooding Ceremony; the Nursing Pinning Ceremony; teaching and learning partnerships with universities in China; Federal Nursing Grant, and others. Here the readers can also find information about articles, which have been recently published by faculty and staff in other publications.

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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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