

TEACHING AND LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS IN CHINA WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CULTURAL EXCHANGES

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Sister Paula Marie Buley, IHM, President and Associate Vice President for Global Engagement **Dr. Mark Meehan** traveled to China and Japan this past spring to establish new partnerships for cultural, student, and faculty exchanges.

Their successful trip resulted in signed memorandums of understanding with two leading institutions in China: Beijing City University and Shanghai Lixin University of Commerce.

Sister Paula says, “These alliances will enable students and faculty from the three institutions to experience a rich, vibrant culture and to live and learn alongside their peers in the United States and China.”

Rivier’s Business Division Dean Dr. Amir Toosi, in conjunction with Shanghai Lixin University, has established a “3+1+1” program in which Shanghai Lixin University students will complete three years of study at their home institution and then transfer to Rivier University to complete their Bachelor of Science in Business Management and earn a Master of Business Administration degree.

Next steps with Beijing City University include a team-taught biotechnology course by Rivier University and Beijing City University faculty members in July 2015, which will include students from both institutions. Additionally, Dr. Meehan will travel to Beijing City University’s home campus to teach “Nonprofit Leadership in the West: Philosophy, Focus, and Management.”

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Dr. Meehan adds, “We are delighted to be working with such excellent institutions in China. Rivier University is engaging China’s leading experts on issues that will greatly impact both of our societies. These agreements demonstrate Rivier University’s passionate commitment to facilitating a deeply global experience for all of our students.”■