

RIVIER MOURNS THE LOSS OF DEDICATED ALUMNA AND MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE TRUSTEES

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Dr. Tracy Schier, devoted member of the Board of Trustees and the University community, passed away on Aug. 15, 2014.

Dr. Schier served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the past decade with dedication and enthusiasm, providing thoughtful and mission-focused leadership and consistent support of the University's mission of 'transforming hearts and minds to serve the world.'

She dedicated her extensive career to education, serving Rivier and other institutions as a faculty member, senior administrator, and board member. In addition to Rivier, she taught at St. Mary's College (Notre Dame) and the University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

As a consultant in board development, strategic planning, and evaluation, Dr. Schier shared her higher education expertise with numerous foundations and non-profit institutions. She served as a writer/editor, program developer/director, and evaluator for the Lilly Endowment for close to 30 years. Through this leadership role, she advised more than 70 institutions in 21 states and Canada including Boston College, Children's Hospital (Boston), Mexican-American Cultural Center, Indiana University Center on Philanthropy, Tufts University, and many more.

Dr. Schier co-founded and directed the Institute for Administrators in Catholic Higher Education at Boston College. She was also a presidential mentor/evaluator for In Trust, a national association of leaders in theological education. In that role, she served diverse clients including Los Angeles Archdiocesan seminary, Methodist Seminary in Tulsa, and St. Tikhon's Orthodox Seminary.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, master's degrees from Ohio University and Rivier (1973), and her doctorate from Boston College. ■