

PERSEVERANCE AND TENACITY – DRIVEN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Patricia Garrity
(From *Rivier Today*, Fall 2017)

Lindsay Francoeur, Class of 2018
Bachelor of Science in Public Health; Minor in Business
Student Government Association President



Photo by Jodie Andruskevich

What attracted you to your degree program and Rivier?

I attended Rivier for nursing and made the move to public health during my sophomore year. Initially, I was skeptical, but after sitting in my first public health class, I fell in love with the program! I found everything about it so fascinating. I decided to add on a business minor to pursue my newly discovered dream of going into hospital administration. I'm extremely happy with my decision not only in my major, but also in the university I chose.

You are very involved in campus life at Rivier serving as SGA President. What drives you to accomplish so much, and what rewards do you receive in the process?

I love making a difference! I feel like that is a really cliché thing to say, but it is so true. I love to put all my effort and hard work into something and then see all of that result in making others happy.

Did you complete an internship?

I completed a volunteer internship in public health marketing with the Community Health Institute in Bow, New Hampshire during my junior year. I was tasked with reaching out to schools to create an awareness of

Lyme disease. I compiled an enormous list of schools to send supplies to (factual posters, shower cards, tick removal spoons, etc.). I gained a lot of experience in outreach and organization, which is something I know I will take with me when I graduate and begin working a full-time job.

Is Rivier University preparing you well for the job market?

Yes! Rivier offers so many opportunities for you to gain experience not only in your future field of work but even other fields. After my internship in public health marketing, I discovered it wasn't the best fit for me but I never would have known that unless I tried it out. Rivier offered me that opportunity by helping me make connections that gave me the ability to learn. I really value all the different opportunities Rivier has provided me. In my short time here, I have learned so much. I have represented my fellow students on various campus committees, gone out into my community and volunteered at places like the Anne-Marie House and the Nashua PAL Center, and made friends that will last a lifetime. Rivier really cares for the whole person, and that is one of my favorite parts about it. ■



Lindsay Francoeur is the driving force in the formation of the Love Your Melon Club on the Rivier University campus. The Love Your Melon organization focuses on making a difference in the lives of kids battling cancer. Francoeur decided to start this club at Rivier because “the mission of Love Your Melon reflects how I want to live my life—making a difference.”

Love Your Melon is an apparel brand run by college students across all fifty states. Its mission is to give a hat to every child battling cancer in America. Additionally, product sales fund superhero adventures for children battling cancer, cancer research initiatives, and support for the families of children battling cancer. Fifty percent of the profit from all Love Your Melon sales is given to non-profit partners in pediatric oncology.

In addition to running beanie donation events, the Club will raise awareness for childhood cancer and represent the Love Your Melon brand. “I think this experience with Love Your Melon will impact me as a person, allowing me to be more compassionate in my field of work,” says Francoeur.