

RIVIER UNIVERSITY TO RECOGNIZE ENTREPRENEURS JEREMY AND ELIZABETH HITCHCOCK AT COMMENCEMENT ON MAY 12, 2018

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Focusing on the future of STEM education, Rivier University will honor two exceptional New Hampshire business and social entrepreneurs, **Jeremy and Elizabeth Hitchcock**. Best known for their contributions to science and technological innovation, the Hitchcocks' business development efforts play a key role in advancing New Hampshire's economy.

"In presenting Jeremy and Elizabeth Hitchcock with honorary degrees at our 83rd Commencement, we recognize the importance of science and technology as a foundation not only for today's careers, but also for active and engaged citizens," says **Sister Paula Marie Buley**, IHM, Rivier's President.

Advancing its own efforts in STEM education, Rivier University is moving forward with plans to construct a new, high-technology Science Center. The 30,000-square-foot facility will replace the current science building and provide leading-edge resources to faculty and students in the areas of biology, biotechnology, chemistry, physics, and nursing. The center will complement resources for students majoring in computer science and cybersecurity management.

The Hitchcocks live and work in New Hampshire, and both are graduates of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Raised in Bedford, New Hampshire, Mr. Hitchcock is the founder of two internet companies: Dyn, a major internet performance management company, and Minim, which provides management and security solutions for increasingly complex home networks. He serves on the Board of Trustees for his alma mater, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and for the Community College System of New Hampshire. Mr. Hitchcock was a finalist in the Ernst & Young New England Entrepreneur of the Year New England program in 2012.

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Mrs. Hitchcock holds executive positions at Hitchcock Management and at the Millworks Fund, an investment fund supporting New Hampshire's startup community. She is also a co-managing member of 10x Venture Partners—New Hampshire's largest and most active angel investor group. She serves on several boards including St. Mary's Bank and the Currier Museum of Art, and on the steering committee for Leadership Greater Manchester. In recognition of her many achievements, Mrs. Hitchcock was named to the 2017 *New Hampshire Union Leader's* "40 Under Forty" list.

Committed to community, the Hitchcocks have created the Hitchcock Family Foundation, which provides financial support to a range of organizations including several children's charities. This month, the Hitchcocks will open Bookery Manchester, an independent bookstore and gathering place that encourages the exchange of ideas through literature and community events.

Rivier's Commencement ceremony will take place at the Tsongas Center in Lowell, Massachusetts on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 10 a.m. ■

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