

VISION 2020: HIGHER AND BETTER

Committed to Innovation, Rivier Announces Plan for New Science Center

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Our University's Latin motto "Altiora et Meliora" translates to "higher and better" and is what we strive for every day.



An architectural rendering of the University's planned Science Center by Derck & Edson Associates

Rivier's *Vision 2020* strategy map set a course for an innovative future as the University strives to reach higher and better while providing a distinctive educational experience that uniquely prepares students for career success. Through a commitment to expanding innovation in the sciences, the University evaluated existing science facilities and has envisioned a new facility that will provide state-

of-the-art experiences for biology, biotechnology, nursing, and public health majors, while enhancing the general education of all Rivier students.



Katerine Lampes, Biology major, Class of 2016

“To continue to reach higher and better, we must educate our students in a learning environment that prepares them for the 21st-century workforce,” says **Sister Paula Marie Buley**, IHM, President. “Through this innovative education, they will be uniquely equipped with the knowledge and skills to excel in the workplace.”





The Science Center will serve as a beacon for the city of Nashua and beyond, providing a community resource for the pursuit of scientific discovery. Inclusive of microbiology, biotechnology, anatomy and physiology, genetics, organic and inorganic chemistry, physics, and environmental science, the 30,000-square-foot facility will be situated at the crossroads of South Main and Clement Streets, the most visible and heavily traveled area of the campus.



At the heart of Vision 2020 is a Science Center truly worthy of the teaching and learning that takes place within its walls.

The new Center will encompass:

- Learning spaces that foster innovation and discovery
- Laboratories and equipment designed to solve real-world problems
- Technology that brings the world of science into the classroom
- Collaborative spaces for faculty and student research



The Science Center will position the University to expand resources for biology and biotechnology majors. “This will mean additional research and discovery, as well as development of the workforce serving our Greater Nashua region and beyond,” says Sister Paula.

The University is in the quiet-phase of a fundraising effort to support the construction of the Science Center and anticipates a groundbreaking in 2019. The completion of the new facility is anticipated for the fall of 2020. ■

New Hampshire employment projections indicate a 15.1% growth rate in the nursing profession with more than 2,000 additional jobs available through 2024.

