

REPRESENTING RIVIER WITH PRIDE AND DISTINCTION

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The University presented four Alumni Achievement Awards to area graduates during Alumni Reunion Weekend. The awards highlighted their outstanding leadership and contributions to their professions, the community, and their alma mater.



Outstanding Business Leader Award

Raymond Noel '00G enjoyed a distinguished, 25-year career in banking before becoming a Certified Private Wealth Advisor and establishing an independent financial planning firm. In 2017, he was awarded the Ethics Approved Seal by the International Association of Registered Financial Consultants. In 2018 and 2019, *Forbes* named him a Best-In-State Wealth Advisor for NH, and Barron's has recognized him three times as one of America's Top 1,000 Financial Advisors. He serves on the University's President's Circle Council.



Outstanding Educator Award

John Fabrizio '98G has worked as a public school administrator for the past 19 years, rising to his current position as Assistant Superintendent of the Merrimack School District. Dedicated to his students and educators, he served on the NH State Professional Standards Board for six years and completed his final year as Chair. He has been involved in the Collaboration for Effective Educator Development, Accountability, and Reform Project for the past three years, working to improve the pre-service training and certification process for New Hampshire educators.



Outstanding Nursing Professional Award

Joan Catherine Widmer '05 serves as the Nurse Executive Director of the New Hampshire Nurses Association. After a successful career in corporate accounting and finance, Widmer pursued a second career in nursing. Most recently, she practiced at Catholic Medical Center in the Emergency Department, where she conducted a practice improvement project for performing an influenza screen. She has been published and spoken nationally and internationally on a range of nursing topics.



Outstanding Young Alumni Award

Ashley Hall '18 earned her bachelor's degree in Public Health from Rivier and immediately entered the master's degree program in Health and Wellness Management at Merrimack College. She pursued a fellowship in Cultural Competency and Health Literacy and serves as an adjunct instructor. She is Program Manager of the Northeast Tobacco-Free Community Partnership, where she oversees efforts in support of tobacco use prevention, education, and control in 50 cities and towns in northeastern Massachusetts. ■