

## RIVIER WELCOMES NEW VICE PRESIDENTS

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*Dr. Brian Ernsting*



*Paul Brower*



*Steven Perrotta*

Vice President for Academic Affairs **Dr. Brian Ernsting**, Vice President for Enrollment Management **Paul Brower**, and Vice President for Finance and Administration **Steven Perrotta** joined the Rivier community this year.

**Dr. Ernsting** serves as the University's principal academic officer, providing leadership to faculty and oversight of more than 70 academic degree programs. As a member of the senior leadership team, he advances Rivier's strategic growth through the development of innovative academic programming and initiatives. Prior to joining the University, he served as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa.

Dr. Ernsting's research has been published in national and international science journals, and he is active in new faculty mentorship and professional development programs. He earned his Ph.D. in Biological Chemistry and Cellular and Molecular Biology from the University of Michigan.

**Paul Brower** directs Rivier's enrollment and admissions operations, retention, advisement, and career services. As a member of the senior leadership team, Brower works to leverage financial aid and recruitment strategies to drive enrollment growth at the undergraduate, professional studies, graduate, and doctoral levels.

Most recently, he served as Dean of Admissions at Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts. In addition to Brower's background in enrollment, he served as Nichols College's Head Men's and Women's Tennis coach, where he led his teams to 13 Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) championships and was recognized as CCC Coach of the Year six times during his tenure.

Brower holds an M.S. in Professional Communications from Clark University.

**Steven Perrotta** provides executive leadership of the University's finance and operations departments with oversight of Student Financial Services, the Finance Office, Human Resources, Facilities Management, and auxiliary services.

Over the course of his career, Perrotta has held accounting positions in the Greater Boston area and several leadership roles in the University System of New Hampshire. As Assistant Vice President for Finance at Granite State College, he was honored with the Bradford K. Perry Award for outstanding service. He also is a past member of the Hooksett, New Hampshire Budget Committee.

Perrotta holds an MBA from the University of New Hampshire. He successfully completed the Administrative Management Institute program at Cornell University and is a Leadership Greater Manchester program graduate. ■