

MAKING NEWS: ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

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Suzanne R. Roy '70 recently published *The Legacy*, her second historical novel. In this stand-alone sequel to her first novel, *The Enclave*, a Franco-American woman struggles to complete the journey toward self-discovery she began as a French-Canadian immigrant girl in Lewiston, Maine's "Little Canada."

Barbara J. (Zajchowski) Nekula '79 is a Registered Renal Dietitian for DaVita Kidney Care. She has been working on the front line screening patients for two home dialysis units in Baltimore City and Glen Burnie, MD.



John O'Shea '80G was recently elected a member of the Board of Directors for the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School Alumni Association. John enlisted as a private in 1968 and retired as a colonel in 1999, earning his commission as a second lieutenant from the Infantry OCS in 1969. He and his wife Mary Ellen currently reside in Burke, VA.



Lina (Tenney) Stewart '90G volunteers with DemCastUSA, a non-profit online media organization, as the Social Media Leader for the state of New Hampshire.



Michael Tanner '90G joined Chief Outsiders, LLC as a Chief Marketing Officer (CMO) where he works to help businesses gain profitable growth and accelerated market adoption. He specializes in marketing and sales programs for innovative technology businesses of all sizes and categories.



Natasha (Ondzes) Kolehmainen '98G has been named Assistant Superintendent for School Administrative Unit (SAU) 24 in Henniker, NH.



Tracy (Hautanen) Kriel '00G is the lead for Data Modeling and Data Lineage at Cigna, a health services organization based in Bloomfield, CT. In this position, she sets the policies, standards, and best practices for data modeling across the company. Tracy is also on the Executive Leadership Council for Erwin, Inc., a leading data modeling software vendor.

Steve Lebel '03 was invited to speak at Cambridge University on the topic of supporting teachers transitioning into leadership roles. He was also recently selected to be part of the inaugural Klawe Fellowship with EdReports. Steve will be designing a toolkit to provide New Hampshire teachers resources to advocate for quality classroom curricular materials.



Ronald Fussell '05G is a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Education at Creighton University in Omaha, NE, where he serves as a core faculty member in the M.S. in Educational Leadership program. In May of 2020, Dr. Fussell was awarded the inaugural Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award. This award recognizes a Graduate School faculty member who positively influences student academic success and fosters an environment that is supportive of graduate students through personal care and interest.



Joanne Carota '08G published her debut novel, *The Docks*, which was inspired by Rivier's own Detective Fiction class. In *The Docks*, Joanne weaves a tale of family, loyalty, and the war between the modern and the traditional commercial fishing industry. Currently, she teaches writing at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Clint Whelan '09 currently works for KPMG International as a Senior Associate Advisory within the Enterprise Solutions group. KPMG International is a global network of professional firms providing audit, tax, and advisory services.



Ryan Fay '10 is the Managing Director of the New England and New York regions for John Hancock Investment Management. He is responsible for investment management distribution of mutual funds in qualified retirement plans and works with financial advisors and consultants to help distribute these strategies.



Cassidy Swanson '10 was recently hired as the media relations specialist for Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health. Before working in public relations, Cassidy was a journalist for eight years, working for organizations including WMUR-TV and the *New Hampshire Union Leader*. She lives in Concord, NH, with her fiancé, Eric Smith.



Melissa (Arcari-Wood) Ward '10 is a Registered Behavior Technician based in Fort Riley, KS. She and her husband John married in 2015 and have two sons, Emmett and Weston. Melissa shares, “My main focus right now is staying home with my two littles and raising kind humans!”



Katie Closs '13 has been teaching for more than seven years. She currently works as a History Teacher in the Epping School District in Epping, NH. She was recently given the opportunity to take courses to become a certified Principal in the State of New Hampshire and shares her excitement about this potential opportunity for growth.



Stephanie Gagne '13 has been working as a Registered Nurse for more than five years. She is currently employed by Memorial Hospital, a small, critical-access hospital located in North Conway, NH. Stephanie wrote, “I am so incredibly grateful to Rivier for preparing me for success in the ‘real world’.”

Mary (Donovan) Harrigan '15 was recently promoted to Site Co-Director for the Early Learning Center of Milford, located in Milford, NH. She has been teaching for more than five years and shares that she loves her career.



Kayla Davis '17 is the Board of Health Agent for the town of Mattapoisett, MA. Her position covers an expansive list of responsibilities—everything from trash and recycling collection to inspecting restaurants and residences. Kayla shares, “Rivier taught me how to become an assertive public health employee!”



Shawn Dumas '19G is currently a School and College Counselor at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, MA. He is also the Assistant Boys Cross Country Coach and was named the Head Coach for Girls Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field.

Kyle Flanagan '19 accepted a position as a TrackMan Operator for the Cincinnati Reds in Chattanooga, Tennessee. “I couldn’t be more grateful to have been given this incredible opportunity. It becomes a surreal moment when you realize you are able to go out and chase your dreams,” Kyle shares. “I’m eager to get started and am excited for the long road ahead!”



Taylor King '19 is a Residential Rehabilitation Educator for Aspire Health Alliance, located in Norwell, MA. She currently works in a group-home setting for adults with mental health issues, where she helps them live as independent of a life as possible. She is pictured here on the day she graduated from Rivier.

Mahesh Pathipati '19G works in the Office of Information Technology at Rivier University as a Business Intelligence Analyst. While working towards his master’s degree, he participated in the work-study program. In this position, Mahesh was able to gain experience and knowledge that continues to help him serve the community at Rivier. ■