

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

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New business facilities provide an innovative student learning experience.



Rivier's latest campus transformation reimagined a primary academic building on the Rivier campus with a focus on technology and innovative learning.

The University celebrated the completion of Sylvia Trottier Hall and the official opening of the new Division of Business and Security Studies facilities in September. The renovation features high-tech learning spaces, including cybersecurity laboratories that mirror a professional security operations

center, as well as collaboration and huddle areas, conference room, and office suite. The technology and space design are consistent with modern office environments.



Rivier's Office of Information Technology shares the lower level of Sylvia Trotter Hall, where students receive an exceptional in-person tech support experience at the new Technology Hub. In addition, new offices, collaboration and workspaces, mechanical, electrical, and network rooms were created for IT support personnel and technical services.

“The renovated facility highlights the University’s commitment to real-world, active learning,” says **Dr. Amir Toosi**, Dean of Business and Security Studies. “The new spaces and advanced technologies simulate professional work environments and interactions. They elevate the student experience creating higher levels of comfort, confidence, and performance in our students as they take on internships and full-time positions in the workforce.”

The Division of Business and Security Studies expanded its degree options in recent years, adding in-demand academic programs including Cybersecurity Management.



“The new cybersecurity labs provide state-of-the-art technology and maximize teaching and learning opportunities with partners around the world,” says **Russ Norris**, Assistant Professor and Director of Security Studies programs. “Our students can work independently honing their individual skills, work in collaborative teams with their peers on campus, and work with partner institutions to address global challenges. While Rivier students reside in Nashua, New Hampshire, the world is their classroom.”

At the Sylvia Trottier Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in September 2022, **Sister Paula Marie Buley, IHM, President**, recognized leadership gifts from members of the Board of Trustees to create the Croatti Conference Room, a gift of Michael '09 MBA and Deborah Croatti; the Enterprise Zone, a gift of Sharon McOsker Tamposi '91/'95 MBA; and the Division of Business and Security Studies Office Suite, a gift of the Hebra-Flaster family.

“The outstanding leadership and generosity of these individuals have created a transformational learning environment for our students as they develop skills that will allow them to launch in-demand careers in the business and global security sectors,” shares Sister Paula. ■