

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF RIVIER'S OUTSTANDING ALUMNI LEADERS

Rivier recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of its graduates with the 2023 Alumni Achievement Awards. "The University is pleased to recognize four exceptional individuals who are serving their businesses, organizations, and communities with dedication and pride," says **Karen Cooper**, Vice President for University Advancement.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS LEADER AWARD



Andy Chace '06 B.S.

Andy Chace is a Managing Director and Certified Financial Planner™ practitioner with Sideout Capital Advisors, a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services. In 2021, he was recognized as one of the top 40 advisors under 40 in Financial Planning magazine. Andy graduated from Rivier with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. A leader in the community, he dedicates his time as chair of the Board of Directors for the Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County and the Portsmouth, New Hampshire Rotary Club.

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD



Phyllis Hamel '82 B.A./'00 M.Ed.

Phyllis Hamel has devoted her career to shaping young minds. She is a teacher at Swallow Union Elementary School in Dunstable, Massachusetts, where she has taught for the last 23 years. Her commitment to the classroom, in both special education and second grade, has left a lasting impression on her students and her colleagues. Phyllis earned her bachelor's degree at Rivier in 1982 and returned to receive her Master of Education in 2000. She says Rivier gave her the tools she needs to excel as an educator and lead the next generation of learners.

OUTSTANDING NURSE/HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL AWARD



Lindsey Whelan '09 B.S.

Lindsey Whelan '09 is proudly serving her country and her community. She is leading the way in patient safety as a Trauma Program Manager with Elliot Health System in Manchester, New Hampshire, while also serving as a Major in the New Hampshire Air National Guard. Lindsey earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Rivier and a Master of Science in Nursing from Regis College. She is responsible for program development and maintaining the hospital's accreditation as a Level II Trauma Center. Her commitment to patient care is evident through her extensive leadership training and background in Emergency Management.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD



Lisa Moran '14 B.A.

Lisa Moran '14 is an administrator and co-founder of Wanderlust Therapeutic Services, an organization voted the best mental healthcare provider in the Greater Nashua area by *The Telegraph* in 2022. Under her leadership, Wanderlust has grown from two employees when it was founded in 2018 to more than 24 clinicians, social service advocates, students, and staff. She earned a bachelor's degree in English Education from Rivier which has assisted her work of providing consultation for parents and children who need support advocating for specialized education plans. She is involved in the community and spearheaded Wanderlust's donations of more than \$20,000 to local charities and churches.