RIVIER APPOINTS NEW VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT EXPERIENCE

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Dr. Hank Parkinson has joined the Rivier community as the Vice President for Student Experience. With more than 20 years of experience in higher education administration, student development, and building inclusive environments, he brings broad leadership and a commitment to student success and co-curricular experience to the University.

Dr. Parkinson's leadership will be valued in the areas of student engagement, multicultural programming, residence life, student health and wellness, campus ministry, and public safety. As a member of the University's senior administration team, he will contribute innovative leadership to support the highest levels of student engagement, retention, and graduation.

"Rivier benefits from Dr. Parkinson's strong leadership and broad perspective," says **Sister Paula Marie Buley**, IHM, Rivier's President. "His depth and breadth of experience, as well as his dedication to student engagement, will serve to continuously advance our mission and elevate the Rivier experience for all students."

He has authored several professional articles, spoken at conferences throughout New England, and served on numerous advisory boards to advance leadership development and programs for students and higher education professionals. Currently, he serves as Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Montachusett Opportunity Council and is Vice Chair of the Ashburnham Parks and Recreation Committee.