

RIVIER UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES NEXT STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

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ANNOUNCING GO BOLDLY 2024-2030

Firmly rooted in the University's mission of transforming hearts and minds to serve the world, *Go Boldly 2024-2030* recognizes the integrative nature of the student experience and captures Rivier's opportunity for continued growth in service, enrollment, and resources. The following themes are included in the strategic plan:

MISSION: The University's mission continues as a foundation for the strategic plan with respect for the dignity of the human person, dialogue on the key issues of our time, and the intellectual tradition that incorporates faith and reason, service and engagement, liberal education, and professional programs.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS: *Go Boldly* anticipates the exceptional opportunities to expand Rivier's core academic programs in the humanities, sciences, behavioral health, technology, and health professions. Responding to workforce needs in the region, Rivier will invest in expanding counseling and psychology programs in addiction studies, behavioral analysis, and autism. Rivier's partnerships with community agencies will also support enrollment for doctorally prepared counselors and school psychologists. Building upon the new Applied Exercise Science program, students will have the foundation to pursue careers in physical and occupational therapy and as physician assistants and athletic trainers.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE: Rivier will continue to see the University through the eyes of our students and invest in the residential experience, athletics, student leadership, career, life planning, and wellness. The opening of Rivier Village in January 2024 coupled with growing athletic enrollment will create a rich opportunity for student engagement and leadership.

TECHNOLOGY: Investment in technology continues with the comprehensive Project Connect ERP implementation, which will provide a platform for institutional administrative technology, accessibility, and data analysis. Technology is also shaping the classroom, as faculty and students consider the impact of artificial intelligence, machine learning, and neuroscience on their own learning and the reshaping of professional roles.

PHILANTHROPY: To *Go Boldly* is to dream boldly, and the strategic plan challenges the entire Rivier community to a goal of doubling the endowment by 2033, the start of Rivier's centennial decade. An endowment goal of \$100 million will inspire donor investors to focus on a lasting legacy through estate planning, planned giving, and restricted gifts.

SPACE AND PLACE: The Rivier campus has proven to be an exceptional location for adaptation and expansion. The University anticipates the expansion of residential life through Rivier Village Phase II, the renovation of Benoit Hall to support behavioral health and education programs with an emphasis on teaching and learning, as well as renovation of the Muldoon Fitness Center locker rooms. Rivier continues to seek partnership opportunities in expanding recreational areas, especially in ice sports and baseball.

NASHUA AS A COLLEGE TOWN: Rivier is an economic engine for the City of Nashua and is uniquely positioned as the only University in the Greater Nashua region to engage the community at every level. The University will expand partnerships and engagement opportunities throughout the city to raise its profile and enhance connections that support its educational mission. ■