

RIVIER NURSES RECOGNIZED FOR COMPASSIONATE CARE

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Three Rivier nursing alumnae have received 2023 Excellence in Nursing Awards for their contributions to their profession, patients, and mentees by *New Hampshire Magazine*.

Donna Roe DNP, APRN, BC, CEN, Gero-BC '96/'03G/'06 CERT is an Advanced Practice RN working at the Rockingham County Rehabilitation & Nursing Center in Brentwood, New Hampshire. In her *New Hampshire Magazine* award profile, she notes, “... you must never lose sight of the person you are caring for ... There also isn’t just one trait that is important for our profession—caring for this population takes several and includes compassion, empathy, critical thinking, communication, flexibility, competence, and integrity.”

Jennifer Torosian RN, MSN, NEA-BC is the Associate Chief Nursing Officer at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, New Hampshire. She began her Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Rivier in January 2023. She believes nurses “must be transparent and trustworthy to be successful. ‘I believe that being a nurse is a privilege and an honor. We are often with patients at the most vulnerable moments of their lives when their family and/or loved ones are not able to be with them.’”

Michele Melanson-Schmitt RN, DNS '00 is the Director of Nursing Services, Hospice-Palliative Care at the Rockingham County Rehabilitation & Nursing Center. Practicing for 35 years, she shares, “‘The residents are my inspiration. I aspire to improve the quality of care they receive every day I enter the building. I strive to be better than I was the day before so that, in return, the residents receive the utmost individualized nursing care that they all deserve.’”

Source: See award recipients' full profiles at nhmagazine.com/excellence-in-nursing-awards-2023.