

BETA BETA BETA HONORS SOCIETY (Rivier Scholars Convocation, April 4, 2009)

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Beta Beta Beta is the American National Honor society in the biological sciences. Rivier College's *Eta Delta* Chapter (since 2002), is one of many chapters located in colleges and universities throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. The first *Beta* stands for the Greek word *Balanos*, which means acorn and represents life in and on the ground. The second *Beta* stands for the Greek word *Boudetase*, which means little bird and represents life in the air. The third *Beta* stands for the Greek word *Boax*, which means fish and represents life in water. All three words together signify *Bios*, meaning life. Students inducted into this society must attain and hold a 3.0 G.P.A. for their biology classes and must support the purposes of the society: to promote scholarship in the biological sciences, promote the dissemination of biological knowledge, and encourage research.

The two Rivier students receiving their honor cords at this year's Scholars Convocation were **Shannon Dolor Callahan** and **Renee Ricard**. ■

Congratulations!

* **SUSAN E. BARBARO**, Ph.D., obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree from Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec, and Master of Science and Doctorate from the University of Waterloo, Ontario. Her desire to understand and protect the environment has always played an important role in determining Susan's research interests. In particular, she is interested in the microbial ecology of fresh water and soil ecosystems. Susan has studied and conducted research related to microbial physiology, biological control, and bioremediation. Her first full-time teaching position was at Delaware State University, a Historical Black College. She joined the faculty at Rivier College in 2003. Dr. Barbaro is an Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Department of Biology.