

## MEET A STUDENT: JESSE DRYZ '10, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT MAJOR

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Jesse Dryz says he wasn't considering Rivier at first—his brother was a student at Daniel Webster College. Fortunately, his mother convinced him to apply to Rivier and he had a change of heart. "I love Nashua, I love the small campus—I can't picture myself anywhere else," he says.

Jesse's experience at Rivier has helped him develop a career plan. He started as a criminal justice major, but eventually changed to human development. "I want to work with children in one form or another. My real hope is to join a program like the Peace Corps and teach in a third-world country." Born in Guatemala, Jesse would like to work in Central America, South America or Africa.

As much as Jesse enjoys working with children, he wanted something different for his service learning project. He volunteered to work with the elderly at the Hunt Community in Nashua doing things like gardening and teaching seniors card games. "There are a lot of different opportunities there. Their volunteer coordinator, Nora Sutton, is a great woman," he says.

Jesse enjoyed working with residents at the Hunt Community so much he continued to volunteer there after completing his service learning hours. In addition to working with residents, he serves as the site coordinator for other Rivier students completing service learning projects at Hunt. "I'm there about 10 to 15 hours a week. I wanted to keep contacts there in case a job opens up," he says.

This spring, Jesse plans to play for the baseball team. He played his freshman year, then had to give it up due to scheduling conflicts. As a senior, he has a better sense of time management. "I was asked to play this year and wanted to go out on a high note with the team," he says. Jesse's making the most of his time left at Rivier. ■

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