

KAPPA GAMMA PI INVESTITURE (April 10, 2010)

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KAPPA GAMMA PI is the national Catholic college graduate honor society for honors graduates who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship, service achievement, and leadership ability as undergraduates, and who further pledge themselves to continued leadership and service activities in the future.

The Society was founded in 1926 at the Conference of Catholic Colleges for Women of the National Catholic Educational Association. It was originally intended to provide gifted lay women graduates of Catholic colleges with an organization for developing their leadership and potential. In recent years, KAPPA GAMMA PI has broadened its membership to include women and men of various faith commitments who are graduates of affiliated colleges.

Kappa Gamma Pi, at the national level, has outlined certain criteria for membership. In order to be considered for membership, a student must have completed 7 semesters of college with honors, with two of those years at the nominating college (in our case, Rivier). The individual must be willing to embrace the mission of Kappa Gamma Pi as a service-oriented graduate honor society and be eager to assume leadership roles in church, civic, or other altruistic causes.

In addition to the national criteria, Rivier as the nominating college sets forth the following criteria:

- that the candidate has been attending Rivier for the past two years and is currently enrolled;
- that the candidate has a 3.5 cumulative grade point average with a minimum of 50 Rivier credits earned to date;
- that the candidate has been enrolled fulltime at Rivier for a minimum of 5 semesters with a semester GPA or 3.5 or higher in at least 4 of those 5 semester.

The KAPPA motto – “*Faith and Service*” – inspires members to active participation and leadership in a myriad of causes for the improvement of the human condition.

This year the following students were nominated:

Kristin Alexander
Lauren Enos
Erin Fagan
Laura Gallagher
Bethanie Gentile
Krystal Ingalls
Meaghan Manning
Jessica Meier
Kimberly Roberts
Nina Seher
Leah Nye

One student qualified for membership into the National Scholastic and Honor Society of Catholic Colleges and Universities and that student was **Bethanie Gentile**, a senior B. S. in Nursing major. Ms. Gentile was nominated and voted by faculty and staff for this award for her outstanding leadership as President of the Student Government Association, a Resident Assistant, member of the field hockey team, and for her volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity and the Christian Appalachian Project, namely Camp Shawnee, in Kentucky.

Dr. Regina Shearer, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs, presented the Honors Proclamation part of the program acknowledging the hard work and dedication these scholars have made to achieve such high honors. **Dr. William Farrell**, President of Rivier College presented each Scholar attendee with honors cords and a Certificate of Honors Award.

The Scholars Convocation program was organized by **Lisa Enright**, Director of Academic Administration and **Kathy Morrissey**, Administrative Assistant for Academic Advising. Lisa Enright, has been with the College for eight years, initially as the Undergraduate Evening Advisor for two years, and as the Director of Academic Advising for the past six years. Kathy Morrissey has been at Rivier College for three years, serving one year in the Division of Nursing as an administrative assistant. ■

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