

RIVIER COLLEGE'S GLOBAL STUDIES PROGRAM SPONSORS MEETING WITH SENATOR GEORGE MITCHELL

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Rivier College's newly-created program in Global Studies sponsored several area community college students along with faculty to attend the World Affairs Council's Global Forum, "An Evening with Senator George Mitchell" on April 23, 2012. The students met privately with **Senator Mitchell** prior to his talk where he applauded their initiative in pursuing a college education. He highlighted the correlation between an education and attaining higher paying jobs which, in turn, lead to a citizenry who can contribute more to their community.

Senator Mitchell is the founder of the Mitchell Institute whose mission is to increase the likelihood that young people from every community in Maine will aspire to, pursue and achieve a college education.

Rivier's Global Studies program, designed by **Dr. Martin Menke** and **Dr. George Kaloudis**, has an inter-disciplinary focus on politics, economics, and culture. Functional foreign language competency is a key component of the program along with Study Abroad and electives with a geographic focus. The invitation to students to hear Senator Mitchell was in support of the Global Studies goal of stimulating young adults to learn more about the opportunities and challenges facing an increasingly interconnected world. ■

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