

BOARD OF TRUSTEES WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

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Rivier's newly appointed Board members provide additional strength in leadership and expertise in theology, global communications, healthcare, real estate management, the law, and entrepreneurship. These trustees support a range of nonprofit organizations in addition to their professional roles and service to the University.

"Rivier welcomes the expertise and spirit of community our newest members bring to the Board of Trustees," says Sister Paula Marie Buley, IHM, President. "The Board's vision and leadership are vital to the University's success as we expand academic programs of distinction, global engagement, and Rivier Online."



Thomas Boucher is the owner and C.E.O. of Great NH Restaurants, which operates T-Bones, Cactus Jack's and the Copper Door restaurants in Bedford, Derry, Salem, Laconia, and Manchester. Mr. Boucher's strong leadership and entrepreneurial spirit have guided the success of the company's three brands and expansion to eight restaurants over the past 28 years. He received his bachelor's degree from Merrimack College and is Chairman of the Board of FEEDNH.org. He is also on the Board of

Directors of the National Restaurant Association, Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation. In 2003 and 2009, Mr. Boucher received *NH Business Review's* Excellence in Business Award, in addition to many other leadership and excellence awards.



Sister Kelly Connors, pm, is a member of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, United States Province. She serves as a canonical consultant to various dioceses and religious institutes and speaks nationally and internationally on Canon Law and Religious Life. She also serves as Liaison for Women Religious in the Diocese of Manchester in addition to her consulting work. Sr. Kelly holds a B.A. from Providence College, an M.T.S. from Weston Jesuit School of Theology, a Ph.D. in Canon Law

from the University of Ottawa, and J.C.D. from St. Paul University, Ottawa, Canada.



Dr. Heather Feltmate is a Nashua native and practices medicine at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Nashua. Prior to joining Dartmouth-Hitchcock, she was a resident physician at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Dr. Feltmate received her bachelor's degree from the University of Vermont and her M.D. from Dartmouth Medical School, specializing in gynecology and obstetrics. She is also Chair of the Maternal Health Care Executive Council at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center and Ambassador for Excellence at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.



Published author and global communications consultant **Ana Hebra Flaster** is an advocate for education. Her short stories and essays have been featured in magazines, newspapers, and literary journals, including *The New York Times*, *the Boston Globe*, and *Descant*. A native of Cuba, she has written and recorded Cuba-themed commentaries for NPR's national broadcasts of *All Things Considered* and *Weekend Edition*, and for WBUR in Boston. She is fluent in Spanish and holds a B.A. in Econo-

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tics and Spanish Literature from Smith College. Flaster is a founding member of the first Massachusetts chapter of Stand for Children, a national lobbying group that champions policy and funding initiatives to benefit children.



Thanasi Liakos has more than 30 years of leadership experience in real estate management and development. He is the President and C.E.O. of The Liakos Companies, which consists of several subsidiary companies invested in commercial and residential real estate, new construction, sales, marketing, and property management. Mr. Liakos received his bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire and attended Massachusetts School of Law, where he studied real estate and intellectual property law. In addition to being a member of the Rivier Board of Trustees, he is a past president and current Board member of both the Alpha Omega Council in Boston and the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Nashua.



Talesha Caynon Saint-Marc, Esq., is an Associate Attorney at Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, P.A. in Manchester, NH; she is licensed to practice law in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Prior to joining the firm, Saint-Marc served as a New Hampshire Supreme Court Judicial Clerk. She received her B.A. in Political Science from Franklin Pierce University and Juris Doctor from Northeastern University School of Law. She is president of the Bishop Estee and Ida Newman Scholarship Fund Committee, a member of the NH Women's Bar Association and Leadership Academy, and an active volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Nashua. ■