

ONE BOOK, ONE CAMPUS PROGRAM ENGAGES CAMPUS COMMUNITY

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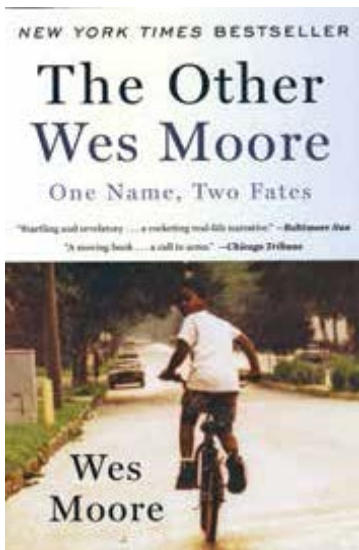
A tradition for the campus community and integral to the first-year student experience, the *One Book, One Campus* program engages students, faculty, and staff in a common reading experience. Each year a book is selected that responds to the questions “Who am I?” and “What is the world?” and addresses the University’s mission of transforming hearts and minds to serve the world. *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates* by Wes Moore was selected for this year’s program.

The book is required summer reading for incoming students. It is integrated into the first two weeks of the *Student Success: Campus to Community* program, which helps freshmen understand themselves as learners and as servant leaders. Guiding civic engagement inside the classroom and in the Greater Nashua community, the book selection initiates development of broader cultural perspectives.

Sister Paula Marie Buley, IHM, Rivier’s President, took part in the experience and shared some insights in her address at the Academic Convocation in September. “The lives of the two Wes Moores remind us that everyone has a story to tell,” says Sister Paula. “Do you pay attention to your story: where you want to go and who you want to be? Pay attention—pay attention to challenges and you can overcome them, pay attention to new beginnings and you can become a new person, pay attention to your dreams and you can achieve them.”

The campus community was invited to read the book and to join in the activities planned to explore the book’s topics, including Rivier’s own “TED Talk,” which took place on September 19, 2016.

The *One Book, One Campus* program creates a common ground for discussion within the freshmen class and Rivier community. The discussions and accompanying activities create a shared experience focusing on Rivier’s mission and core values and bringing the community closer together. ■



The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates

Two kids named Wes Moore were born blocks apart within a year of each other. Both grew up fatherless in similar Baltimore neighborhoods and had difficult childhoods; both hung out on street corners with their crews; both ran into trouble with the police. How, then, did one grow up to be a Rhodes Scholar, decorated veteran, White House Fellow, and business leader, while the other ended up a convicted murderer serving a life sentence? Wes Moore, the author of this fascinating book, sets out to answer this profound question. In alternating narratives that take readers from heart-wrenching losses to moments of surprising redemption, *The Other Wes Moore* tells the story of a generation of boys trying to find their way in a hostile world.

– *Amazon Books*