

RIVIER UNIVERSITY APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY CAREER SERVICES

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Photo: Patricia Antonelli

Patricia Antonelli has joined Rivier as Executive Director of University Career Services. In this role, she develops corporate connections to enhance internship opportunities, champions hands-on learning experiences in Rivier classes and co-curricular activities, and supports students in reaching their professional goals with career counseling, resume development, internship placements, and job searches.

Antonelli is also taking the lead on implementing the new [Employment Promise Program](#), which promises students that they will secure a job within nine months of graduation or receive additional financial or educational support from the University. The Program enrolled more than 200 students this fall.

"Patricia's experience in employer and community relations serves Rivier well as we work with faculty to promote experiential learning, internships, and job placement opportunities for our students," says **Dr. Douglas Howard**, Vice President of Academic Affairs.

With nearly 20 years of recruitment and career development experience in both the higher education and private sectors, Antonelli served most recently at Boston University as Associate Director of Career Counseling and Programs. She has also held positions at Wentworth Institute of Technology, Verizon, and Spherion Corporation.

Antonelli holds a Master of Education degree with a concentration in Student Personnel Administration in Higher Education from Springfield College and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Applied English from Western New England College. ■

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