

THE NEWEST INVESTMENT IN THE RESIDENTIAL STUDENT EXPERIENCE

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Above: Sister Paula Marie Buley, IHM is pictured cutting the ceremonial ribbon with Vice President for Finance and Administration Steven Perrotta; Provincial Superior of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary Sister Helene Cote, pm; The Honorable Jim Donchess, Nashua's Mayor; and Rivier juniors Sam Tibbetts (Homeland and International Security major from Gray, Maine) and Alicia Martinez (Biology major from Haverhill, Rhode Island).

The University hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony in February to mark the opening of Rivier Village, an apartment-style residential complex and the newest in a series of completed construction and renovation projects.

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The opening of Rivier's newest residence halls for the spring semester followed the highest fall enrollment in the University's history. Members of the Board of Trustees and local dignitaries including **The Honorable Jim Donchess, Nashua's Mayor**, were in attendance along with students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

"The newest investment in the student experience, Rivier Village is a tangible demonstration of the University's dynamic growth," says **Sister Paula Marie Buley, IHM, President**. "The new residences will accommodate Rivier's expansion and provide opportunities for upper-level students to experience independent, apartment-style living prior to their transition to professional life."

Each apartment suite contains four-to-six bedrooms, multiple bathrooms, a living room, a full kitchen, and washer and dryer units.

With an increase in the number of student-athletes as well as business and nursing majors, the two new residence halls proactively address growing enrollments at the University while providing additional on-campus housing options. With this new construction, the University's residential student population has reached 495.

Rivier Village is the most recent project in the ongoing campus enhancement plan following the construction of the Science and Innovation Center in 2020 and the complete renovation of nursing and business facilities in Sylvia Trottier Hall in 2022.

Phase II of Rivier Village will launch with a groundbreaking in 2025 and will include two buildings with an additional 72 beds. ■