

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF RIVIER'S OUTSTANDING ALUMNI LEADERS

Rivier recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of its graduates with the 2024 Alumni Achievement Awards. “The University is pleased to recognize four exceptional individuals who are serving their businesses, organizations, and communities with dedication and pride,” says **Karen Cooper**, Vice President for University Advancement.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS LEADER AWARD



Francis Bourgeois '13 MBA

Frank served as a Lieutenant of the Nashua Police Department for more than 20 years before joining the University Police at Bentley where he was named Chief in 2020. He began this role during the COVID-19 pandemic and was directly involved in keeping the campus safe and in compliance with COVID-19 protocols. In 2021, he received the Ralph Avery Leadership Development Award from the Massachusetts Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators. He says that Rivier’s mission of transforming hearts and minds to serve the world deeply resonated with him as he earned his Master of Business Administration degree in 2013. Frank is committed to building a culture of community engagement and developing relationships where students feel supported and valued by the University Police Department.

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD



Susan O'Hare '87 B.S.W./'94 M.Ed.

Susan O'Hare has been a devoted educator for more than 17 years. She earned her Bachelor's in Social Work from Rivier in 1987 and returned to earn her M.Ed. in Elementary Education Teaching in 1994. As an instructor for Early Childhood Education at Greater Lowell Technical High School, she teaches close to 600 students and prepares them to earn their early childhood certification by the time they graduate high school. Each year, Susan brings junior and senior students to Rivier for an immersive experience with the Department of Education. Once on campus, students can tour the University and learn about all the opportunities Rivier can offer them. Susan stays involved as a member of the University's Education Advisory Council.

OUTSTANDING NURSE/HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL AWARD



Jackeline Rodriguez '22 Certificate

Jackie Rodriguez has dedicated her career to serving others as a Nurse Officer with the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and as a part-time Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner with Cornerstone Wellness. As an outreach specialist with the Commissioned Corps, Jackie educates people about Medicare and Medicaid health insurance programs and services. She earned her Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Certificate from Rivier in 2022. She received The DAISY Award for Nurses Advancing Health Equity in 2023 by founding the Depression Support and Alliance Group, which educates women on how to identify and cope with depression and anxiety. She was inspired to create this group after working in women's shelters and seeing the need for continued care after their time in the shelters.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD



Jessica Hagg '22 B.A.

Earning her B.A. in Education and Community Leadership in 2022, Jess is making an impact as the Director of the Arlington Street Community Center in Nashua. She works with city schools and community partners to promote equal opportunities and eliminate barriers to services for the community. She has filled gaps in those services by creating programs like the Fatherhood Group, Teen Group, exercise classes, and Community Night, a monthly event featuring free activities like bingo or trivia and a shared meal. Jess regularly partners with Rivier to support the Center, often working with student volunteers from the Education Club and Global Scholars Honors Program. She is on the Board of the New Leaders Council New Hampshire, leads the Queer Connections group in Nashua, and volunteers with Big Brothers Big Sisters.