



NHBEA Newsletter

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Message from Dottie Morin NHBEA President

Greetings to All,

A big thank you to our Vice President, Jim Dowding for organizing the teacher appreciation events this year! With all of your support we were able to recognize so many teachers from all around the state. We are looking forward to next year's events which Jim is already working on.

Your executive board is in the process of finalizing the NHBEA Conference for November. This year we are focusing on meeting the needs of the classroom educator. In the ever changing world of business, there is always a need for business educators to be aware of the 'latest and greatest' practices and needs of the business community.

The conference will be expanded this year thanks to the generosity of Rivier College. We are very fortunate to have John Jacobs, the co-founder of Life is good® as our keynote speaker this year.

Ben Belcourt has the website up and running and it looks great. If you would like to contribute to the site, please send your postings to Ben via the website, www.nhbea.org.

We would like to hear from all of you with regard to activities, information, pictures and events that you would like to share.

Best regards,

Dottie

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Monarch's Game Celebration of Education Success

On February 22, teachers from all across the State of New Hampshire descended on the Verizon Wireless Arena. The Manchester Monarchs hosted a "Celebration of Education" event which was organized by the NHBEA in collaboration with the New Hampshire Department of Education. The Monarchs offered one free ticket to every teacher in the state. Additionally, the Monarchs provided discounted tickets to friends and family interested in participating in the celebration. The Department of Education mailed invitations to each of the principals across the state welcoming participation by the teachers. The Monarchs received over 1,350 requests for free tickets from the principals. During the night of the celebration over 200 people were able to participate in the activities.

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To show support to the teachers in the State, generous sponsors of the event donated t-shirts and door prizes. The sponsors of the t-shirts included Rivier College and Manchester Community College; the door prizes were donated by Rivier College, Subway, Dunkin Donuts, Pep Boys, and HuePhoria, LLC. Additionally, a commemorative program highlighting the participating teachers and schools was provided to each of the participants.

To further enhance the event, the Board of the NHBEA was able to secure a proclamation from Governor John Lynch, and Mayor Frank Guinta of Manchester was presented with the proclamation during an on-ice ceremony. Participating in the on-ice ceremonies were Dottie Morin and Constance Manchester-Bonenfant from the NHBEA; Lori Temple and Mary Heath from the New Hampshire Department of Education; John Lyons, the Chair of the New Hampshire Board of Education; and Jason Bergeron from the Manchester Monarchs.

Rivier Division of Business Administration to Offer Business Systems Appraisal, Workshop

by Jennifer Liskow

Designing Your Future helps senior leaders, businesses improve key systems

Rivier College's Division of Business Administration has developed a program to benefit businesses concerned with achieving sustainable results in this economy without sacrificing quality. Senior-level leaders registered for the Designing Your Future workshop receive 12 hours of training in appraising key business systems, then put their training into practice – appraisal teams visit a business to conduct an on-site evaluation and report on their findings, allowing company leadership to develop a customized plan for maximizing efficiency and increasing long-term success.

Maria Matarazzo, Business Administration Chair says, "We're responding to a need within the business community – during this time of unprecedented challenges in the marketplace, senior leaders must be certain that their decisions are best for the company's long-term sustainability, not just the crisis at hand."

Workshop leader Len Deneault says the program is a fantastic learning opportunity. "Everyone takes back an enhanced experience in understanding how integrating organizational systems are crucial in order to achieve sustainable results." Appraised companies benefit by receiving a report with the team's findings. "It's important to know that team feedback doesn't tell the company how to improve, but will point out how their systems are performing against the criterion. Companies then have a guide for deeper, more effective improvement, while both appraisers and companies increase their network to share best practices to increase success for all," says Deneault.

The workshop will run in the fall and the spring semesters. Each session will be limited to 2 companies and 12 appraisal team members. For additional information, contact the Division of Business Administration at (603) 897-8237 or visit www.rivier.edu/designingyourfuture.



Getting Ready for the Big Game!!

Pictured from Left to Right: James Dowding, Nancy Cooperider, Dorothy Morin, Christine Blais, Samantha Belcourt, Ben Belcourt, Larry Pelletier, and Constance Manchester-Bonenfant

New Hampshire Fisher Cats Host a Successful Celebration of Education Event

On Tuesday, April 28, 2009, the New Hampshire Fisher Cats, Double-A affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays, the New Hampshire Department of Education and the New Hampshire Business Education Association (NHBEA), partnered for the inaugural Celebration of Education with the Fisher Cats at MerchantsAuto.com Stadium.

Teacher invitations were sent to every school in the State of New Hampshire by means of a letter addressed to the principals from the Commissioner of Education Lyonel Tracy. Each high school could nominate 6 of their outstanding teachers and each elementary school and middle school could nominate 4 of their outstanding teachers to receive a



free ticket to the game. As a result, 25 schools responded and 150 additional tickets were purchased.

On the day of the event, teachers were honored in a pre-game, on-field ceremony to recognize their accomplishments.

Without the help of sponsors, events such as this would not be possible. Special thanks to Tom Raffio, President and CEO of Northeast Delta Dental for donating the Delta Dental suite to the NHBEA for the purpose of upgrading a deserving teacher's seats.

In addition to Northeast Delta Dental, we would like

to thank the following sponsors of this event: ALT-Business Services; Dunkin Donuts, Hooksett; Hannaford Bros. Supermarkets; HuePhoria, Inc.; Manchester Community College; Manchester Monarchs; Mirim Media The NH Fisher Cats; Pep Boys, Manchester; Rivier College, Nashua; Subway, Hooksett; Southern New Hampshire University; and Stitches & Screens, Nashua.

Calendar of Events

2010 Celebration of Education Events

Sunday, March 7, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.

Manchester Monarch's Game

Verizon Wireless Arena

555 Elm Street

Manchester, NH 03101

Manchester Monarch's vs. Bridgeport Sound Tigers

Tuesday, May 4, 2010 – 6:35 p.m.

New Hampshire Fisher Cats Game

MerchantsAuto.com Stadium

1 Line Drive

Manchester, NH 03101

New Hampshire Fisher Cats vs. New Britain Rock Cats

Rivier College Blesses New Turf Field

by Jennifer Liskow

On Saturday, September 19, Raiders players and fans had more to be thankful for than just the glorious fall weather. Rivier students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends and family gathered for a ceremony to bless the College's recently turfed athletic field.

Athletes from Rivier's men's and women's soccer teams and field hockey team joined field hockey players from visiting Husson University to encircle the large Raiders logo at center field while Athletic Director Joanne Merrill welcomed all in attendance. President William Farrell spoke next, explaining some of the intricacies of the field including the new

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energy efficient lights that were installed as part of the field renovation project.

Rivier College Chaplain Brother Paul Demers was introduced to bless the field. Brother Paul and Mary Jane Silvia, Director of Campus Ministry, led the community in prayer. “With joy and thanksgiving, O God, we gather to bless this renewed athletic field. We dedicate it to your honor and the glory of sports... Transform this land, eternal God, into a playing field on which respect for rules and the spirit of sportsmanship abide, imbue players and coaches alike with the knowledge that the most important goal is not the triumph, but the struggle – not the victory, as sweet as it may be, but the honor of representing our college,” Brother Paul said.

The turf project was put in motion after the College announced the addition of three new sports teams, men’s and women’s lacrosse and field hockey. Rivier’s natural grass field could not sustain the pounding of five total teams playing on its surface. These teams will be able to use the new field during

times when a grass field would be unavailable. Rivier’s first lacrosse game is scheduled to be played in February, an option now because the turf may be plowed clear of snow.

The entire turf project took just over four months to complete. Construction crews broke ground at the beginning of April and work continued through the first few weeks of August. The completion and blessing of the field officially kicks off a new era in Rivier College Athletics.



Photo by Jodie Andruskevich

Rivier President William Farrell addresses student athletes, friends, and families at a ceremony to bless the College’s newly turfed athletic field.

The NHBEA Newsletter is published quarterly...

Although we have a lot of exciting news and events we would like to talk about...

We want to hear from you...

Do you have an interesting article you would like published?

Do you have an upcoming event you would like to spread the word on?

Do you have a special announcement you would like to make?

If you answered ‘Yes’ to any of these questions, please contact:

Joyce White, NHBEA at jwhite@rivier.edu.

Here is just some of the fun we had this year!!!

