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Dear Colleagues,

We witnessed another beautiful commencement on May 22. Congratulations to all of the graduates who worked so hard to achieve this milestone, and thank you to the faculty and staff who made it a memorable and well-run celebration.

Now summer has finally arrived, and I hope you will take time to rest, relax and rejuvenate yourselves for the fall semester!

With best wishes,

Mary Ellen

Three Rivers News

Commencement Celebrate 563 Students

One Wednesday, May 22, faculty, staff, family members, and friends gathered to celebrate the graduating class of the fifty-fourth Three Rivers commencement ceremony. Keynote speaker Professor Frederick-Douglass Knowles II urged students to cultivate their community, and valedictorian Michelle Reynolds thanked her fellow students for their support. 563 students were awarded degrees and certificates. Congratulations to all of the graduates and thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success! [See the video and read the speeches here.](#) [Find a list of graduates here.](#)



Save the Date

6/4 - First day of 8-week summer module

6/15 - Last day to apply for Fall graduation

7/4 - July 4, College Closed

7/10 - First day of 6-week summer module

8/10 - Super Saturday

8/26 - Last day to register for fall semester

8/27 - First day of Classes for fall semester

9/2 - Labor Day, College Closed

9/3-9/6 - Welcome Week

9/16 - [22nd Annual Three Rivers College Foundation Golf Classic](#)

9/20 - Professional Day

In the Gallery



The 2018-2019 Student Art Show, featured the works of students of the Visual Fine Arts Program, was displayed through May 24 in The Gallery at Three Rivers.

Three Rivers in the News

[Learn CPR, become certified in basic life support](#)

[American Heart](#)

34 New Nurses Pinned!

Congratulations to all of the nursing graduates who were recognized at the fifty-third Nursing Pinning Ceremony on Thursday, May 23. 34 students received their pin that marked the completion of their nursing degree. Keynote speaker John Brady '99 and members of the faculty and administration offered advice and encouragement to the graduates. [Read more here.](#)



Meet Jessica Orum, our new Security Site Supervisor

Jessica Orum, the new Security Site Supervisor, has filled Mark Bellaro's position after he retired to Florida. Jessica is a familiar face on campus as she has worked as a security officer at Three Rivers for seven and a half years.

A Norwich resident, she is married with two children and four cats. Her oldest child will be graduating high school in June and taking classes at Three Rivers in the fall.

You can reach her at extension 5-9066 or via email at jorum@trcc.commnet.edu with any security and safety concerns. Welcome, Jessica!



[Association Basic Life Support Course to be held May 13](#)

[Three Rivers Community College summer classes open for registration](#)

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Alumni in the News

[Norwich man served as medic in Vietnam](#)

[In Massachusetts, an encore for former Foxwoods gaming executive](#)

[Haitian Heritage, history fills Norwich's streets](#)

[New London to promote two, swear in three firefighters](#)

Faculty in the News

[Janice Fletcher Memorial Award Given to Rhonda Spaziani](#)

Students in the News

[Three Rivers quadcopter team takes first placeLocal News](#)

Gradapalooza Sees Big Crowd

On May 13, students were treated to a free lunch, cap decorating stations, a photo booth and more when they attended Gradapalooza to pick up their caps and gowns. The festive atmosphere also offered a bank of laptops for graduates to complete their Senior Surveys. The event was a well-attended success.



Marketing Department Wins Three Educational Advertising Awards!

Three Rivers was awarded three different awards at the 34th Annual Educational Advertising Awards: a gold award for the online degree and certificate [web pages](#); a silver award for the outdoor advertising campaign targeting fall recruits that included billboards, bus shelters and side-of-bus ads; and a merit award for the "[Why haven't you registered yet](#)" campaign. These campaigns help the College bolster enrollment and registration numbers as well as advertise our new and completely online programs.

Student Leaders Recognized at Banquet

Congratulations to the student leaders who were recognized at the Student Leader Banquet on May 3.

- Phoebe McLaughlin - Breakout Student Leader
- Jaleel Beddoe - Breakout Student Leader
- Cody Sowell - Heart of a Champion Award
- Kinsley Green - Bright Future Award
- Elise Sperry - Bright Future Award
- Samantha Bartosiak - Advocacy Award
- Laci Gardner - Outstanding Community Service Award
- Jordan Chenette - Student Organization Ambassador Award
- Hannah Cianciolo - Outstanding Graduating Student Leader
- Joseph Victorino - Outstanding Graduating Student Leader



SPAG takes the Stage with *The Humans*

On May 10, the Students Performing Arts Group put on *The Humans*, a one-act play focusing on the Thanksgiving dinner of a dysfunctional family.



End of the Year Potluck Celebrates Promotions

Faculty and staff gathered on May 6 to celebrate the end of the year with a potluck luncheon. President Jukoski and Dean Farinelli also announced recommendations for promotion, tenure, sabbatical leave, along with the recipients of the BOR Faculty Awards and merit awards. Congratulations to our Shared Governance Committee for receiving the Shared Governance Award recently at the Faculty Advisory Committee Conference. We are so very proud of all of you!

President Jukoski Promotes Norwich on Film

On May 31, President Jukoski was interviewed for a video for the City of Norwich, which will promote the extensive business opportunities in the area. She emphasized Three Rivers engagement with the business community of Norwich and the

high caliber of our students. President Jukoski also spoke of the ways the College works with local businesses to create specific training programs and provides a skilled workforce via our credit and non-credit programs and our manufacturing pipeline courses.



Student Success

Congratulations to the Epsilon Pi Tau Inductees!



News from Three Rivers College Foundation

Three Rivers College Foundation Awards \$410,000 in Scholarships and Honors James Austin

Family and friends joined the Three Rivers College Foundation in their twenty-seventh Scholarship Awards Ceremony on May 7th. Over \$410,000 in scholarships was awarded to 188 students! See the list of scholarship recipients and [learn more about the scholarship awards here](#).

Prior to the scholarship ceremony, there was a reception honoring Three Rivers College Foundation Treasurer James Austin for his nine years of service on the board. Donations were accepted for a scholarship that will be given in his name for the 2019-2020 academic year.



Ann Ahamed and Sully Ahamed present the Ann M. Ahamed Scholarship, a full-tuition scholarship, to Donald Duca (center), a graduating senior from Norwich Tech.