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Seasoned administrator and scholar named VP for Academic Affairs at Nashua's Rivier University

Rivier University named a Shakespearean scholar and interim arts and science dean to the position of vice president for academic affairs.

Douglas Howard, Ph.D, brings 25 years of higher education administration experience to the position, and has been serving as interim vice president for academic affairs since October.

Howard will lead academic programming across the school's five divisions and oversee academic services.

University President Sister Paula Marie Buley said Howard is familiar with the issues facing private higher education.

"Dr. Howard is an experienced academic administrator, and I am delighted to have him join the Rivier University community."

Howard has held administrative roles at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, N.Y. He most recently served as vice president for academic affairs at Medaille College in Buffalo.

He holds a Ph.D. and Master of Arts in English from the University of Rochester, as well as a Bachelor of Arts in English from Miami University.

Howard said he is impressed by Rivier's effort to cater to diverse students, from traditional undergraduates to adult, online and international students.

"Serving the needs of multiple constituencies not only extends the University's educational reach, it also positions Rivier to continue to be successful in the crowded marketplace of private higher education," he said in a Jan. 26 release.

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