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## **Rivier hosts exchange**

Rivier University will host a cultural and academic exchange with students and faculty from Beijing City University this summer, kicking off with a welcome reception Tuesday.

Rivier and Beijing students will take part in an Integrative Biotechnology course, an applied biotechnology course team-taught by faculty from both institutions starting at River, then moving to the Beijing campus.

A result of a partnership established in summer 2014, the exchange aims to teach students about biotechnology from both the American and Chinese perspective.

Co-teaching the course is Rivier Associate Professor and Biology Department Coordinator, Dr. Joel Stake, and Dr. Liu Yanli, a biotechnology faculty member from Beijing City University.

Yanli and 10 students are arriving this week for the first half of the joint course. Partnering with the Beijing students, 10 Rivier students will team up in the lab, visit biotech firms and room together in the dorms.

After the first part of the course at Rivier, the group will travel to Beijing for the second half. In China, students will spend another week in cross-cultural lab teams and visiting biotech companies.

"Our alliance with Beijing City University, a leading university in Chinese biotechnology education and research, enables students and faculty from both institutions to experience our rich, vibrant cultures and to live and learn alongside their peers in the United States and China," says Sister Paula Marie Buley, IHM, President in a July statement.

As part of the exchange program Rivier Associate Professor of Business & Education and Associate VP for Global Engagement, Dr. Mark Meehan, will travel to Beijing this month to teach "Nonprofit Leadership in the West: Philosophy, Focus, and Management" for Chinese students.

At the welcome reception, Rivier also plans to announce details on the new biotechnology bachelor's program at the school.