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## It Takes A Village 2011 Gala

On Friday, June 10, 2011 Riverview will once again welcome hundreds of guests, including parents, friends and community partners to the 13th annual Village of Dreams Gala. Falling on Graduation Weekend, one of our most important occasions, the event is a celebration of our students' accomplishments. This year's theme, *It Takes A Village*, is an appropriate tribute to the many people who contribute skills, direction, love, discipline and inspiration. Catherine Christopherson and Maryann Klabal have agreed to co-chair the event. The Gala will begin with a cocktail party featuring passed hors d'oeuvres, a wine pull and oyster bar amidst a newly formatted silent auction. Guests will be dazzled by an impressive four course dinner prepared by some of the finest chefs on Cape Cod, and finish with a live auction – sure to entertain and raise needed funds for Riverview. Visit our website at [www.riverviewschool.org](http://www.riverviewschool.org) to obtain tickets or contact Diane Hufnagle in the Development

Office at [dhufnagle@riverviewschool.org](mailto:dhufnagle@riverviewschool.org) or (508) 888-0489 Ext. 212 if you would like to donate an auction item or purchase an ad in the program book.



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## Coming Together at Riverview

by Maureen B. Brenner

Preparation for a full and meaningful life: That's what Riverview is all about. In order to achieve this goal, we believe that our students need a diverse program that extends well beyond the traditional school day and encompasses much more than the traditional 3R's. The arts, athletics, student government, school newspaper, cooking, community service and even boat building are a part of daily life at Riverview. Without these experiences, how can young people who struggle with learning discover the talents, aptitudes and interests that will define them? Without opportunities in the present, how can they possibly have dreams for the future?

The importance of opportunity in shaping lives was reinforced for me recently while on a visit to Washington, DC. I was curious to see the new Martin Luther King Jr. Monument on the National Mall, wondering how one could properly honor an individual who devoted so much of his life to the struggle for equal opportunity. Unfortunately, all that could be seen behind the fence surrounding the monument site that day were two large blocks of stone. Oh, to have the vision of a Michelangelo who could see a future work of art within an uncut stone!

Few mortals are blessed with such vision, but all the great educators I know look at students and see the potential within. Just as King and Michelangelo saw beyond barriers of segregation and stone, inspirational instructors envision

what can be. They also provide the encouragement and guidance that enable their students to embrace a positive view of their own future.

One of the most meaningful aspects of working at Riverview is observing how students support and encourage each other, through challenges and successes. They genuinely appreciate one another and the achievements of their peers. Watch a presentation at Assembly, attend a performance at a Talent Show or visit a student run job fair at GROW, and you will see the kind of mutual respect that nourishes self-esteem. Ask a middle school student about the artists, dancers or runners on their team and they will name names without missing a beat. Ask a senior who on their team can fix a computer or provide information about energy conservation and the answers will come without hesitation. Or inquire about specific mainstream classes or internships at GROW and you'll be directed to the student "experts."

Living a full and meaningful life is a goal that all human beings share. Believing that such a life is possible for all is sadly a principle that is not yet universally embraced. But the barriers are coming down. Individuals with learning differences everywhere are embracing the opportunities they are given and forcing skeptics to rethink their attitudes and beliefs. Opportunity begets dreams, and dreams change lives. Ask any Riverview student!



## SPORTS

Swimming, basketball, baseball and track and field are a few of our “no-cut” sports activities that keep Riverview students active, healthy and involved.



## GEN YES

A group of senior students problem solve technology issues, with Mr. Menard and Mr. Merrill, keeping the School well wired and on the cutting edge of high tech.



## DRAMA

Led by the skillful direction of Ms. Summers, the drama group presented an incredible production of the Wizard of Oz for Fall Family Weekend and the dedication of James Center.



## YEAR BOOK

Dedicated students work together with Year Book advisors Mr. Adams and Ms. Martin to create The Helm (HS) and The Bridge (GROW) - keepsakes which chronicle the activities and achievements of the graduating classes.



## EQUESTRIANS

Masters of the sport and lovers of horses belong to the Equestrian Club and others enjoy visiting a local farm to groom and interact with the animals.



## HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP

Leading the Walk for Water last year, this group reached out to educate and raise dollars to bring clean drinking water to African villages.



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Riverview is truly an international school with students from seven different countries and numerous territories. All students benefit from their diverse cultures.



## VOCATIONAL TRAINING

GROW students benefit from internships and jobs at Spaulding Rehabilitation, Council for the Aging, The Second-View Thrift Shop, the Business Center of Cape Cod and Advanced Embroidery, to name a few.



## DEJA-VIEW CHORUS

Mr. Simpson helps our students express their enthusiasm through song. The Chorus, close to 100 students strong, brings joy to the campus throughout the year.



## ALUMNI

This special group of former Riverview students actively communicate with the School and will be on campus in June (17th & 18th) for the Alumni Reunion.



## HELMSMAN CHRONICLE STAFF

Rotating by semester, groups of students work with Ms. Gage, Ms. Jackson and Mr. Kerrigan to produce a school newspaper which informs, entertains and educates our RV community.



## ART

Our talented Mr. Olin and Dr. Payne creatively weave art into our students' daily curriculum. From student exhibits to the recently completed mural for James Center, the students brighten our campus, as well as their lives, through their artistic endeavors.



## CATCH THE SPIRIT DRUMMING

On Monday afternoons in McKelvey Hall, Riverview students dance to the beat of African drums, with Ms. Murphy and staff, Ms. Lamb and Ms. Lane, bringing rhythm to our rocking campus.



## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Mr. Duarte leads this group, composed of student leaders who help guide their Riverview classmates. The five senior officers include Teresa, Rollins, Charlie, Sam and Alex.



## ZUMBA

Moving to the music and jiving with the beat, the students love this popular activity with instructor Ms. Camphina. It provides a fun way to express their emotions, while getting exercise.



## BOAT BUILDERS

Students gather on Friday afternoons in the lower level of James Center to craft a boat, which will be auctioned at the “Village of Dreams” Gala in June. What a perfect Cape Cod skill to learn!