The Rivier College-St. Joseph Nursing Honor Society held its first Induction Ceremony in April 1997. The Honor Society is an organization, which provides opportunities and responsibilities to make definite contributions:

- To the School of Nursing
- To the profession
- And to the health of the public worldwide.

The purposes on the Rivier College-St. Joseph Nursing Honor Society are to:

1. Recognize superior achievement
2. Recognize the development of leadership qualities
3. Foster high professional standards
4. Encourage creative work.
5. Strengthen commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession.

Each undergraduate candidate for membership is required to meet the criteria for the undergraduate category of membership. Undergraduate students are required to have completed a half of their nursing curriculum, have at least a 3.0 on a four-point scale, rank in the upper 35% of the graduating class, and meet the expectation of academic integrity.

The following students have been selected for induction on April 22, 2006:

Jessica Amaya       Kimberly Leets  
Marlene Ambrister   Sylvia Lezcano  
Christina Austin    Lynn Marcotte  
Kelly Britton       Kimberly Murphy  
Lindsay Castellini  Joseph Myers   
Susan Coaklley      Catherine Raymond 
Caron Crews         Josefina Ramirez 
Rita Cullen         Jennifer Robidoux 
Dennis Dineen       Catherine Roy   
Bonnie Forbes       Joanna Vallie  
Kathryn Georges     Melissa Varszsegí 
Karen Grafton       Ronda Wilkins  
Kathleen Lane       Colleen Young  
Heather Leary
Each graduate candidate for membership is required to meet the criteria for the graduate category of membership. Graduate students are required to have completed a half of their nursing curriculum, have achieved at least a 3.5 on a four-point scale, rank in the upper 35% of the graduating class, and meet the expectation of academic integrity.

The following students have been selected for membership under the graduate category:

- Patrice Baril
- Deborah Broadhead
- Dorothy Hyde
- Janice Lindquist
- Mary Rose

Community Leader: Each candidate for membership is required to meet the criteria for the community leader category of membership. Nurses with a minimum of a baccalaureate degree who have demonstrated marked achievement in education, practice, research, administration, or publication.

The following students have been selected for membership under the community leader category:

- Joan Hogan
- Susan Feeney
- Cynthia Tremblay

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