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## Real success in education.

Lisa graduated from Rivier with her Doctor of Education in Leadership and Learning. For the last 17 years she has devoted her professional life to building and enriching the educational opportunities at World Academy, a private school dedicated to excellence in education, the development of the whole child, and fostering 21st-century skills.

**HER CHALLENGE** | "I enjoy being part of a learning community that strives to make a positive difference in the lives of children/students, and supporting teachers in the important work they do each day. I never really know what the day is going to bring! With 450+ children ages 6 weeks through 8th grade, 900+ parents, and 60+ staff, everything I do involves supporting my administrative leadership team, teachers, children, and families."

**POINT OF PRIDE** | "Earning my doctorate is definitely high on the list—all of the hard work, discipline, and perseverance it required. Also, being part of the expansion of World Academy to include a middle school, which encouraged me to further my education in order to be the most effective leader I could be."

**RIV REFLECTION** | "My best experiences were the times spent with the members of my cohort—individuals from all different backgrounds with varied life and career experiences. We learned a great deal from one another and continue to keep in touch and support each other."

**IN THE COMMUNITY** | Lisa serves as a Steering Committee and Visiting Committee member for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Personally, she coaches youth soccer and ice hockey teams in the community and at World Academy. She and her family have also been a host family for junior hockey players who move away from home to pursue their dreams of playing college and professional hockey.

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