



Danielle N. Ripich, Ph.D. – President, University of New England

Dr. Ripich is University of New England's fifth president. Under her leadership, the university has seen substantial growth, as well as the construction of six new buildings, including a Center for Biomedical Research, the launch of a College of Pharmacy, and the 300-bed Sokokis Residence Hall in Biddeford. Plans are under way for the UNE College of Dental Medicine to open in 2012. President Ripich is widely recognized for her work in child language and with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. She has written extensively in her field, including edited books, several book chapters, manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals, and has served as an editorial consultant to numerous medical and language journals.

President Ripich earned a Ph.D. in speech pathology from Kent State University. She also received bachelor's and master's degrees in speech pathology from Cleveland State University. President Ripich has served in numerous professional association leadership positions, and has been the recipient of many honors, awards and fellowships, including a Congressional Fellowship from the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In October 2009 she was named a Fellow by the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions in recognition of her significant contributions and leadership in allied health education.