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This sculpture is modeled on the actual shape of the Ashuelot River as it flows south (from left to right) through campus just north of Brickyard Pond to the covered bridge in Swanzey at Sawyers Crossing Road. The Ashuelot River is a dynamic curvilinear form with tributary streams and oxbows that are very suggestive of life forms and physical processes. In addition to its central role in shaping the character of Keene's environment, the Ashuelot River is a rich laboratory for a wide range of scientific studies. Within the "river of knowledge" the sequencing, pacing, and choice of visual elements in the glazed tiles are relevant to the dynamics of flow and change studied in the Science Department's many disciplines. Throughout the "river bank" suggestive textures, mysterious forms, and impressions of actual and imaginary tools invite the viewer to question, examine, and discover meaning in "unknown territory".

There is a scientist in everyone: we hope your experience viewing this piece will pique your scientific curiosity.

