Alumni Updates

► Alumni Association Executive Board ballot online The deadline for voting for Alumni Association Executive Board committee members is May 31. You can review the nominees and vote online. To protect your privacy, log in is required. Thanks for taking the time to vote!

► Last chance to sign up It's almost time for the URI Alumni Golf Tournament, held June 5 at Valley Country Club in Warwick. Take part in this popular annual URI tradition and hit the links for a great cause. The URI Alumni Golf Tournament has raised $120,000 for student scholarships and grants since 1995. Register online today!

► QuadAngles online Take a look at our latest issue, featuring novelist Ann Hood '78 on the cover!

► Wine tasting in Newport: a special member event Alumni Association members are invited to a special event at Newport Vineyards on June 15. The evening will include a private tour of Newport Vineyards, wine and cheese tastings, and browsing the winery's 1,000 square foot retail shop. Offered exclusively to dues-paying Alumni Association members, $20 per person. Contact Gina Dei at 401-874-5808 or gmdei@advance.uri.edu to register.

► Healthy weight loss Web chat Our May 15 Web chat will feature URI

University News & Events

► Members of URI's Class of 2007 make their mark The University of Rhode Island is celebrating its 121st Commencement this year. Undergraduate ceremonies will take place on the Quad on May 20 and graduate ceremonies will be held on May 19 at the Ryan Center. In a Student Senate competition, graduating senior Allison Pirroli, a communication studies major from Providence, was selected as the student Commencement speaker. Meet some other members of the Class of 2007 and find out what they have planned after graduation. More...

► University launches spirited new ad campaign URI has launched a new series of TV commercials showcasing some of the changes that have taken place during the last 15 years at the University, as well as some of the best things that have remained the same. The 30-second ads feature students and faculty, include recent aerial footage of the Kingston campus, and show the University's progress in rehabilitating and rebuilding the campus. One spot will be aired in Rhode Island on Channels 6, 10, 12 and on the Cox Communications cable system through May 20. The entire series will air in the fall. More...

► Alan Shawn Feinstein funds a new challenge grant Alan Shawn Feinstein, Rhode Island's best-known philanthropist and a staunch supporter of all levels of education, has generously pledged to fund a $500,000 challenge grant that will match dollar-for-dollar your gift of $12,500 or more to establish an endowed, named scholarship fund at URI's Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Continuing Education (ASFCCE). You can establish an endowed scholarship named for you or anyone you choose with a gift of just $12,500. The Feinstein Challenge is part of the University's Making a Difference campaign. More...

► Pharmacy and nursing students share knowledge and approaches to learning This spring, fifth-year pharmacy students and junior nursing students participated in a cross-disciplinary program addressing the care of patients with diabetes. Nursing students gave pharmacy students injections of saline to simulate insulin shots while pharmacy students and faculty led small group sessions on different medication delivery and monitoring systems. This year, both nursing and pharmacy students have also been working with patient simulators, which provide them with realistic treatment scenarios. Nursing students use the simulators for more procedure-based learning, while the pharmacy students use them to observe drug use and reaction. More...

► Rhody spirit infuses 8th annual Higher Education Day More than 100 students joined administrators and staff to bring URI to the Rhode Island Statehouse for the 8th annual Higher Education Day. “The purpose is to showcase public higher education through our talented and energetic students,” said Andrea M. Hopkins, URI
Assistant vice president for public affairs. Legislators and staff members had a chance to visit the health fair where nursing, kinesiology and physical therapy students conducted blood pressure, blood sugar and physical therapy screenings. They also had a chance to talk with students about their research in hurricane forecasting, chemistry, health care and a variety of other fields. More...

Amica makes 5-year, $75,000 pledge to URI The Amica Companies Foundation has pledged $75,000 over five years to the University of Rhode Island's Making a Difference capital campaign. The new commitment will eventually double the size of the existing Amica Mutual Insurance Scholarship endowment, which assists promising students from the College of Business Administration who demonstrate need. The additional funding is designed to increase the size and number of scholarships. Three scholarships of about $1,000 each were awarded this academic year. More...

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