Alumni Updates

Fall Chat Series Read the transcript of today's chat with Yan Ma and Timothy George, organizers of the University's 2007 Honors Colloquium Series China Rising. Our fall online chat series continues on October 16 with CNN international correspondent Christiane Amanpour '83.

Photo Album Take a look at photos of URI at West Point!

Pilobolus at PPAC Enjoy the unique dance and movement of Pilobolus, the masters of invention who have captivated audiences for three decades, on September 29 at the Providence Performing Arts Center. Pre-show reception at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are limited and must be purchased by Friday, September 21. Find out more and register today!

It's time to come home This year's Homecoming, to be held October 12-14, promises to be a great weekend. Among the festivities planned are spectacular fireworks, the Homecoming 5K Road Race, the URI-JMU football game, and a variety of reunions. New this year is Rhodyville, our first ever Homecoming tent village where alumni and affinity groups can reserve space for their own special gatherings. Don't miss it.

P-Bruins at the Boss Arena Join the URI Alumni Association in welcoming the Providence Bruins to the Boss Ice Arena.

University News & Events

URI announces 2nd annual President's Distinguished Achievement Award winners and Dean's List honorees The careers of this year's University of Rhode Island President's Distinguished Achievement Award winners could not be more disparate. Yet, alumni Josepha Campinha-Bacote, Howard S. Frank, William R. Holland, and Nina F. Saberi share prominence on the national and international stages. They and 26 honorees from URI's individual colleges will be honored at the Westin Hotel on October 13 at a special event held in conjunction with the Making a Difference campaign kick-off. The awards were initiated last year to honor alumni and friends of the University who distinguish themselves in a wide variety of careers, community service activities, and in their devotion to URI. More...

Facts about Fall 2007 at URI When classes began on September 5, the University of Rhode Island welcomed 12,395 undergraduates and 3,000 part- and full-time graduate students. The members of this year's freshman class number 3,170, and make up the largest freshman class in URI history. Freshmen hail from 29 states, with 47 percent from Rhode Island. Consistent with trends nationwide, 57 percent of the class are women and 43 percent are men. Learn more about the people and events of Fall 2007 at URI, and read President Carothers' back-to-school message.

URI developing world's first climate science MBA program The international business community will likely bear the brunt of the challenge to find ways to reduce the world's greenhouse gas emissions for years to come. Yet few people have the necessary training in both business and climate science to lead the way. That may soon change. URI is now developing the world's first graduate degree program that would merge a master of business administration with a master's degree in ocean and climate science. The two-year, dual degree, which the University is aiming to offer next fall, would educate future leaders in global change opportunities. More...

National college security group honors URI president for alcohol abuse prevention initiatives President Robert L. Carothers is the recipient of the 2007 Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Award for his efforts to reduce student alcohol abuse. Presented by Connie and Howard Clery, co-founders of Security On Campus, Inc., the award honors those who have taken extraordinary actions to make students safe. "Dr. Carothers has been a vocal advocate for college alcohol and other drug prevention efforts not only on his own campus but also in the state of Rhode Island and on a national level," said Connie Clery. "We appreciate Dr. Carothers for leading the way by taking extraordinary measures to ensure the safety of the URI campus community." More...

Antenna expert gets superb patent reception Inventor Rob Vincent, an employee in the URI Physics Department, received a patent earlier this year for his system for providing a Distributed...
on September 26. Tickets are $7 per person and are limited. Bring the family and stop in the Boss Arena Hospitality Room before the game for refreshments, a chance to meet the players, and a free raffle for great prizes.

Ram Academy fall seminar The 4 Roles of Leadership, conducted by Dr. Gene Knott, will be offered through the Ram Alumni Academy for Lifelong Learning at the Alumni Center. Saturday, October 27 & Sunday, October 28, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Join us for this unique opportunity to learn how effective leaders navigate change, deliver results, and define the future.

Exclusive member event Alumni Association members, their families, and friends are invited to enjoy the much-acclaimed High School Musical at PPAC on November 23. Prior to the show, the Alumni Association will host a special lunch. Ticket packages are $54, and members may purchase up to four discounted tickets. Tickets are limited, so don't delay.

Professor named "Woman of the Year" The Rhode Island Commission on Women has named Karen Stein one of three "2007 Women of the Year." Stein, a URI English professor, is one of the founders and the current director of URI's Women's Studies Program. The mission of the Rhode Island Commission on Women is to advance women toward full equity, and their annual award recognizes women who demonstrate a significant positive impact on the lives of women in the state through their work as role models and mentors.

On the calendar Italo Scanga Visiting Artist Nina Katchadourian will give a public lecture on September 17. The 2007 Honors Colloquium China Rising begins on September 18 with Yale historian Jonathan Spence, one of the foremost scholars of Chinese civilization from the 16th century to the present. URI Diversity Week runs from September 24-28. URI and the Roger Williams Park Botanical Center are offering a series of classes and workshops, including the 8-week Fall Gardening School, beginning September 27. At the Ryan Center: Bob Dylan and his band, with special guest Elvis Costello, on September 29; the Business to Business Statewide Expo on October 3; the Lipizzaner Stallions on October 4 and 5; Playhouse Disney on October 28; and An Evening of Comedy with Bill Cosby on November 3, part of this year's URI Family Weekend.