Alumni Updates

Homecoming 2007 photos Take a look at some of the highlights from Homecoming 2007, and browse our special Homecoming photo albums: Rhody Rally, 5K Road Race, Rhodyville and Football Game, and Reunions for the Class of 1962 and the Class of 1982.

Chat news Read the transcript of our recent chat with CNN international correspondent Christiane Amanpour '83. Coming up next in our online chat series is URI Athletic Director Thorr Bjorn on November 6.

Reception at Black Repertory Theatre On November 2, the URI Alumni of Color Coalition is hosting a reception for local alumni of color at the Black Repertory Theatre, prior to the 8 p.m. production of Two Can Play. For more information, contact Michelle Fontes at mfontes@advance.uri.edu or 401-874-4854.

Men's basketball team in Daytona Beach tournament Show your Rhody pride and cheer on the URI Men's Basketball team at the Glenn Wilkes Classic in Daytona Beach, Florida, on November 16, 17, and 18. Learn more about the games, tickets, related alumni events, and accommodations.

Have a "financial makeover" On November 5, the URI

University News & Events

URI launches public phase of its Making a Difference campaign More than 500 alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the University cheered when Tom Ryan, '75, Hon. '99, president and CEO of CVS/Caremark and chair of the University's Making a Difference campaign, announced the campaign had raised $54.1 million in the leadership gift phase. The October 13 announcement took place during a gala celebration that launched the campaign's public phase, and recognized the recipients of the 2007 President's Distinguished Achievement Awards and the colleges' Dean's List honorees. Take a look at photos from the celebration.

URI sailing team returns to World Cup regatta By achieving the national championship in collegiate sailing last spring, the Rams qualified for the upcoming World Cup regatta in France - the team's 10th trip to the World Cup in the past 20 years. In other sailing news, alumnus Matt Kastan, a May 2007 biomedical engineering graduate, has been named to the Intercollegiate Sailing Association 2007 All-Academic Sailing Team. More...

President Carothers, Dean Richmond donate $100,000 toward International Center for Students and Scholars "Nobody wants the University to be more successful than the people who have spent much of their careers here," notes Robert L. Carothers, explaining why he and Jayne Richmond, dean of University College and Special Academic Programs, decided to donate $100,000 to the University's Making a Difference campaign. The couple is directing their generous gift toward the creation of an International Center for Students and Scholars, a two-story building to be linked to the Multicultural Center by a glass corridor. More...

Oceanographers awarded $1.1 million NSF, NPRB grants Researchers at the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography have been awarded major grants by the Office of Polar Programs at the National Science Foundation (NSF) and from the North Pacific Research Board (NPRB) to study changes in the Bering Sea and Arctic Ocean ecosystems in the face of melting ice due to global warming. The grants, totaling $1.1 million, were awarded to S. Bradley Moran, a URI professor of oceanography, and Robert Campbell, associate marine research scientist. More...

Coastal Resources Center helps countries hit by tsunami learn improved coastal management practices The devastating Indian Ocean tsunami of 2004 created an opportunity for the region's community leaders to better plan coastal development and resource use. How to proceed with appropriate planning and coastal management was the subject of a three-week workshop in Thailand led by staff from the University's Coastal Resources Center. The workshop graduated participants
Women's Council for Development will hold a "Financial Makeover" for recent alumnae and female juniors and seniors. For more information or to R.S.V.P., contact Jessie Kenyon at 401-874-4853 or jkenyon@advance.uri.edu.

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At the chapters
On November 10, the URI ROTC Alumni Chapter is inducting three distinguished alumni into the University of Rhode Island ROTC Hall of Fame. On November 21 members of the Rhode Island Chapter are sorting food at the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. Find out more and see what your chapter has planned.

URI, CCRI receive $640,000 grant to develop a Web-based tool to improve student access, advising, and retention URI and the Community College of Rhode Island have been awarded a $643,117 grant to establish "Academic Roadmaps," Web-based tools to inform, guide, and advise students and their families about higher education and career paths. The grant was one of just 16 awarded by the Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education from among a pool of more than 400 applicants. More...

On the calendar
China's Ningbo Yue Opera will perform Butterfly Lovers at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium on October 27. The China Rising series continues on October 30 with "Sweatshops in China and the 'Race to the Bottom' in Global Labor Standards" featuring Robert Ross of Clark University. Three vocal ensembles and the URI Symphonic Wind Ensemble will be featured in two concerts on November 3 and 4. The College of Business Administration will hold its annual Financial Services Symposium on November 6 at the Rhode Island Convention Center. Entrepreneurs and URI alumni S. Kent Fannon and Diane Fannon will discuss "Entrepreneurship in the Corporate Environment" on November 8 as part of the Anthony J. Risica Endowed Lecture Series on Innovation and Entrepreneurship. URI's Feinstein Providence Campus lecture series continues on November 14 with Traces of the Trade, a film depicting the history of New England's participation in slavery. "Re-covering New Orleans," an exhibit by artist Jeffrey Marshall, continues at the Fine Arts Center. At the Ryan Center: Bill Cosby on November 3 and the Boston Pops Holiday Concert on December 7. More...

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