Alumni Updates

Golf tournament photos The Alumni Association hosted its 2008 Alumni Golf Tournament on June 2 at Valley Country Club in West Warwick, Rhode Island. The event drew 110 alumni and friends, and raised more than $8,000 for student scholarships. Take a look at tournament photos!

Alumni Association welcomes new Executive Board members On June 3, the Alumni Association held its annual meeting. Alumni, members of the Association's Executive Board, and members of the University community attended the event, which thanked those completing their service on the board and welcomed new members of the Association's 2008-09 Executive Board.

RI International Film Festival The Alumni Association invites you to opening night of the Rhode Island International Film Festival at the Providence Performing Arts Center. The group alumni rate is $35 for the premiere and the post-screening gala (a savings of $25). Online registration is available.

Show your Rhody pride Head to the ballpark on August 20 and enjoy Pride in URI Night at McCoy Stadium. Join alumni, family, and friends for a great night out as the PawSox take on Syracuse. Gates open at 5 p.m. for an

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URI re-dedicates Memorial Gateway In 1917-1918, Rhode Island State College's enrollment was 562, while the number of men from the College who served in World War I was 334. "It's important to remember the dramatic impact that the war had on the college community," said President Carothers at the June 16 re-dedication of the Memorial Gateway on Upper College Road, which included the unveiling of a new plaque on the gateway. The plaque, which contains the College seal, reads: "Presented by the Alumni and Students of Rhode Island State College, Dedicated, June 16, 1928, Re-Dedicated June 16, 2008," and lists the names of the 23 Rhode Island State College men who died in World War I. More...

First student to graduate in URI and U.S. Naval Academy Partnership Michelle Aleszczyk was an honors student at the U.S. Naval Academy, and in August she will become the first commissioned naval officer to earn a master's degree in oceanography from the University of Rhode Island through a new partnership with the Academy. "We can offer students specialty areas that aren't available at other graduate schools, and the students retain their commission in the Navy and draw their regular Navy salary," said David Smith, associate dean of the URI Graduate School of Oceanography. More...

URI baseball star signs with Texas Rangers University of Rhode Island catcher Zach Zaneski recently signed with Major League Baseball's Texas Rangers as a free agent, reporting to the Rangers' Single-A affiliate Spokane Indians last week. "I am very excited about this opportunity," said Zaneski. "I had a great four years at Rhode Island and wouldn't be in this position right now without the support of my coaches and teammates." Zaneski was a two-time All-Atlantic 10 selection and recipient of this year's Rick Ligi Team MVP Award. More...

URI SMILE program founder named one of Rhode Island's Women of the Year Curtis Corner Middle School teacher Carol Englander has been named one of Rhode Island's 2008 "Women of the Year" by the Rhode Island Commission on Women. Englander was recognized as a result of her work with the University of Rhode Island's Science and Math Investigative Learning Experience (SMILE), which she started 14 years ago. The after-school program is a partnership between URI and several Rhode Island school districts, which aims to increase the number of disadvantaged students who attain higher education in the fields of math, science, and engineering. More...

Rhody Yard Sale raises record amount The 5th annual Rhody Yard Sale raised a record-breaking $2,700 earlier this month, nearly double what was raised last year. The fund-raiser benefits the Rhody the Ram Endowment, which provides financial support to students who serve as the University of Rhode Island...
all-you-can-eat barbecue. The game begins at 7:05 p.m. Online registration is available. Don't miss this popular URI summer tradition.

A great family weekend Spaces are still available for you and your family to enjoy this year's Alumni Family Camp, which is held July 18-20. Enjoy the 30th annual South County Balloon Festival, an authentic New England lobster bake, skating at Boss Ice Arena, and lots more. Find out more and sign up today!

At the chapters On June 25, the Rhode Island Chapter is hosting an after-work gathering at McFadden's in Providence. On July 6, members of the Arizona Chapter are heading to the ballpark for a Diamondbacks game. And on August 2, the Phi Kappa Psi Alumni Chapter will hold its annual Pop Top Open at the Beaver River Golf Course in Richmond, R.I. Find out more.

College of Pharmacy presents mentoring awards The College of Pharmacy has honored Robert Tortolani '79 with the Introductory Pharmacy Practice "Preceptor of the Year" award. Tortolani has mentored URI pharmacy students for 25 years. The College of Pharmacy has also honored Kelly Matson, clinical assistant professor in the department of pharmacy practice, with the Advanced Pharmacy Practice "Preceptor of the Year" award. Preceptors oversee pharmacy students’ clinical experiences and serve as mentors. The students nominate candidates for the awards.

On the calendar "Hidden in the Leaves," a documentary about ticks and Lyme disease that was produced and directed by University of Rhode Island professors, will air on Rhode Island public television station Channel 36 (Cox 8) on June 22 at 11:30 a.m. and June 27 at 7 p.m. The URI Summer Gardening School continues, with sessions on July 15, July 29, August 5, and August 19. The informal class meetings run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and are $15 per session. Roger Swain, former host of the "The Victory Garden" on PBS, will deliver a lecture sponsored by the URI Master Gardener Association on June 28. More...