Alumni Updates

▲ A great summer evening at the ballpark
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 all-you-can-eat barbecue. The game begins at 7:05 p.m. Don't miss this great Rhody summer tradition. Register online today!

▲ Family Camp Photo Album Take a look at photos from our recent Alumni Family Camp.

▲ URI alumni head to Six Flags New England
Join URI alumni, family, and friends on August 24 for a great day at Six Flags New England. Your ticket package includes all-day admission to New England's thrill capital and to Hurricane Harbor Water Park, an all-you-can-eat barbecue lunch, a free parking pass, and more. Tickets are just $42 per person (a $98 value). Children two and under are free. Deadline to order tickets is August 11.

▲ Save the date for Homecoming
Mark your calendars for Homecoming 2008, held October 17 and 18. Highlights this year include the Rhody rally and bonfire, our 8th annual Rhody 5K Road Race, the URI-Villanova football game (tickets are now available), reunions, and Rhodyville, our own Homecoming tent village (online

University News & Events

▲ Professor's book explores life of Joseph Banigan, labor in New England
Escaping starvation in Ireland, Joseph Banigan came to Rhode Island only to experience poverty, child labor, and discrimination. Scott Molloy, URI professor of labor and industrial relations, theorizes that such horrors haunted Banigan throughout his life and may have propelled him to the heights of American industry and wealth. Molloy’s new book Irish Titan, Irish Toilers: Joseph Banigan and 19th Century New England Labor provides a detailed look at Banigan’s life, his rise to president of the U.S. Rubber Co., and his role as the leading Irish-Catholic philanthropist in Rhode Island’s history. More...

▲ High school students from Central Falls get a jump-start on college
The University has created a pathway to college for a group of juniors and seniors at the Central Falls High School: A University of Rhode Island Academy. These students, who were selected to enroll in two college courses this summer, have started down a path that will help them to overcome many obstacles that may have made access to higher education difficult. Last spring, the students attended academic skills workshops and received individual and group tutoring to prepare them for the summer college courses. More...

▲ URI transportation 'academies' aim to develop future workforce for transportation industries
Bridge design, supply chain planning, blueprint reading, and field trips are among the activities taking place this summer as part of a unique new series of transportation academies for high school and middle school students. Sponsored by the RIDOT and the Federal Highway Administration and hosted by the URI Transportation Center, academies are offered in engineering, business, and construction, and are designed to encourage students to pursue careers in transportation-related fields. In addition, a group of middle school students recently completed a two-week Summer Transportation Institute at URI where they learned about various modes of transportation, as well as transportation construction and transportation-related careers.

▲ Candidates needed for study on weight loss and physical activity
URI is looking for overweight adults ages 60 to 75 willing to participate in a study that will look at the effect of weight loss and physical activity on an individual’s physical function and heart risk factors. The U.S. Department of Agriculture provided $100,000 for the URI Dietary Education and Active Lifestyle (UR-IDEAL) Study, a collaborative program between the Department of Kinesiology and the Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences. Matthew Delmonico, assistant professor of kinesiology, and Ingrid E. Lofgren, assistant professor of food science and nutrition, are collaborating on this innovative research study. More...

▲ URI coastal partnership with academia, federal agencies wins
Support pharmacy students and enjoy a day on the links Join friends of the URI College of Pharmacy on September 8 for a great day of golf at the 15th annual Louis A. Luzzi Seminar-on-the-Links Program at North Kingstown's Quidnessett Country Club. The event, which includes lunch, dinner, a raffle, and silent auction, benefits the Share of Tomorrow Fund providing student assistance, faculty development, and outreach activity support for the College of Pharmacy. Online registration available. Deadline to register is August 29. For more information, contact Dawne Strickland at 401-874-2761 or dstrickland@uri.edu.

At the chapters Snowbirds from the Southwest Florida Gators Chapter are getting together in Kingston on August 7 for their summer gathering at the Alumni Center. On August 12, the New Jersey Chapter is holding its traditional Welcome Freshmen Picnic, and on September 20, the Northern California Chapter is hosting its annual clambake in San Mateo. Learn more about these and other chapter events.