Alumni Updates

Rhodyville, the place to be

Rhodyville, our Homecoming tent village featuring food, games, and activities, will be the place to be on October 18. Alumni affinity groups, student groups, and friends of the University are invited to reserve a tent at Rhodyville, which will open at 10 a.m. Located in front of Keaney Gymnasium and the Tootell Physical Education Center, Rhodyville activities will include a bounce house and games for kids, balloon sculptures, and more. Register online today and find out more about all the events planned for Homecoming 2008.

Chat explores global environmental change

Our September chat will feature URI Graduate School of Oceanography Professors Steve D'Hondt and Art Spivack, who are also coordinators of the Fall 2008 Honors Colloquium, People and Planet — Global Environmental Change. The chat will take place on September 16 at 1:30 p.m., but you may submit your question at any time. Take a look at our schedule of upcoming fall chat topics and participants.

University News & Events

University of Rhode Island launches its bold new look

To distinguish the University in the competitive higher education arena, the Division of University Advancement has been working with branding agency FORGE Worldwide to create communication and marketing materials that present a consistent, confident message and voice. This week, URI raised the digital curtain on its innovative home page and on the new look and feel of the expression of its brand. An integral part of the branding effort has been to re-cast the University's Web site, which is often the first stop for visitors, current and prospective students, faculty, and staff. The Web site and new student viewbook are the first venues that reflect URI's new positioning, messages, and visual identity. More...

URI announces recipients of 3rd annual Distinguished Achievement Awards

An air cargo chief, CNN's chief national correspondent, a crusader for water development in Africa, and the head of an investment management company are among the 2008 University of Rhode Island Distinguished Achievement Award recipients. The four President's Award winners, all URI alumni, are William J. Flynn, John C. King, Clarice Owiti Odhiambo, and Bruce S. Sherman. The President's Award winners and 27 Dean's List recipients will be honored at URI's third annual Distinguished Achievement Awards ceremonies on October 18 at the Westin Hotel, Providence. More...

URI's back-to-school fall facts

The University welcomed nearly 16,000 undergraduate and graduate students back to school this fall, including its largest freshman class ever, about 3,200 students. The Office of Admission received and reviewed more than 14,000 applications for enrollment, representing a 6 percent increase from last year. About 48 percent (1,539) of the freshman class are from Rhode Island. Consistent with trends nationwide, women make up about 57 percent of the class while men make up 43 percent. URI students come from about 47 states. After Rhode Island, the top states represented are Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut, New York, New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont. More...

A global summer for URI, international MBA students

Twenty students in a new global master of business administration program at the University of Rhode Island traveled more this summer than the U.S. Olympic team. A grant from the Global U8 Consortium, a group of 12 universities formed to address emerging issues confronting the global community, allowed the students to study at URI and then in France, China, and South Korea. More...

URI awarded $1 million federal grant for expanded Chinese language program

The University of Rhode Island has been awarded a $1 million grant to expand its Chinese language programs from the Language Flagship, an initiative of the National Security
Did you know? More than 65 programs and services are currently provided, managed, promoted, and funded by the University of Rhode Island Alumni Association. By joining the Alumni Association, you will not only enjoy the many benefits of membership, you will have the satisfaction of knowing you are supporting these programs, services, and student scholarships. Become a member today!

Rhody rush hour event Join Rhode Island alumni at an after-work gathering from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on September 25 at Table 28 in East Greenwich. The event, which includes complimentary appetizers and a cash bar, is $5 if you pre-register online or $10 at the door. For more information, contact Kate Serafini at 401-874-4679 or kserafini@advance.uri.edu.

At the chapters On September 29, Phi Gamma Delta alumni and friends are invited to the third annual Phi Gamma Delta Charity Golf Classic, and on November 2, Arizona alumni are holding a "Thank You" brunch to honor Art '51 and Laura Levin, Hon '96 for their years of service as the Arizona Rhode Runners chapter leaders. Learn more about these and other upcoming chapter events.

Teacher reform program has educators better prepared to enter classroom The statewide pass rate for teacher licensure examinations has significantly increased, thanks in part to the success of a University of Rhode Island initiative designed to reform teacher education in the state. The Rhode Island Teacher Education Renewal (RITER) project began in September of 2004, funded by a five-year, $7.5 million Teacher Quality Enhancement Partnership grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Entering its fifth year, the project has experienced significant success.

On the calendar Get your tickets now for the URI football season. Fall 2008 Honors Colloquium events include the "Great Global Warming Hoax" on September 16, and on September 23, "Scientific Evidence of Global Climate Change" presented by Nobel Prize-winning scientist Michael E. Mann. The URI Forensic Science Seminar Series continues on September 19. The First Amendment during the Bush Administration is the topic of a panel held on September 22. URI gardening workshops include the six-week Gardening School beginning on September 22 and a one-day GreenShare Garden School on September 27. URI Diversity Week runs from September 22-26, and features a performance by Tunisian musician Dhafer Youssef on September 26. URI will host the 2008 Energy Solutions Expo on November 16. At the Ryan Center: Carrie Underwood on October 16 and Playhouse Disney Live on October 31.

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