Alumni Updates

Great weekend, great photos Last weekend the University celebrated Homecoming as well as its 3rd annual Distinguished Achievement Awards evening. Take a look at photos: 2008 Homecoming and Distinguished Achievement Awards.

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University News & Events

URI students appear in Disney's "Morning Light" Seniors Robbie Kane and Jesse Fielding are on the big screen these days, appearing in the film "Morning Light," which documents the Los Angeles to Honolulu TransPac Yacht Race, among the most revered open-ocean sailing competitions. Selected by yacht racer Roy Disney from 500 applicants nationwide, Kane and Fielding were among the 15 students on the Morning Light crew, one of the youngest teams ever to enter the TransPac. The film, which opened on October 17, features the crew's earliest training sessions in Hawaii through their test of endurance in the famed 2300-mile race. More...

URI's Providence Biotechnology Center recognized by Tech Collective for excellence in workforce development The University's Providence Biotechnology Center has been honored with the 2008 Workforce Development Award from the Tech Collective for its “efforts and commitment to attract, develop, and retain skilled technology workers in Rhode Island through providing and supporting education and training.” Launched in 2003, the Center has become the base of operations for a number of workforce development programs for the biotechnology industry in Rhode Island, serving future, transitioning, and incumbent workers. More...

Family Therapy Program using technology to aid clients Jacqueline Sparks, professor of human development and family studies, is exploring the use of a computer outcome system to produce real-time, client-generated data that helps counselors improve the effectiveness of family therapy. "This system has been used for research. We are applying it for use in real-world practice. This is very new to the family therapy field," says Sparks, who has been at the forefront of this new approach. More...

Researcher to evaluate how to measure emerging contaminants in Narragansett Bay As more chemical compounds are finding their way into local waterways, scientists must seek ways to monitor those compounds that may be potentially harmful to people and the environment. A URI researcher has been awarded a $300,000 grant to do just that. Chemical Oceanographer Rainer Lohmann will test the effectiveness of a simple system for measuring three of these emerging contaminants in Narragansett Bay. More...

Student leaders honor President Carothers Earlier this semester, President Robert L. Carothers was honored as Servant Leader of the Year by the Leadership Institute, an annual retreat for leadership minors. President Carothers has been a part of the Center for Student Leadership Development since it was granted temporary status in 1997 and permanent status in 2000. Academic courses have been offered since...
boutique wines and craft beers. An expert will be on hand to discuss cheese, wine, and beer production and to offer pairing suggestions.

Let it snow Online registration is now available for two winter weekends in Vermont, sponsored by the Alumni Association. Our fifth annual Alumni Ski Weekend at Mount Snow will be held January 9-11, and our Alumni Vermont Weekend at Grafton Ponds will be held February 27-March 1. It's not too early to sign up!

At the chapters The Ohio Alumni Chapter has two great events coming up. On December 12 at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, there will be a presentation and book signing by oceanographer Stewart B. Nelson '74, author of Sabotage in the Arctic: The Fate of the Submarine Nautilus, and on January 6, the chapter will hold a reception before the URI vs. University of Toledo men's basketball game. Learn more about these and other chapter events.

Kindergarten program at URI Feinstein Center celebrates 10th year The Dr. Pat Feinstein Child Development Center, located at the URI Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Continuing Education in Providence, is home to a preschool classroom and a pre-k/kindergarten mixed class. The kindergarten program, which started two years after the center opened in 1996, is celebrating its 10-year anniversary. During the course of the year, approximately 75 URI students get hands-on experience at the Center under the tutelage of Director Deborah Morelle and the staff of five full-time teachers. More...

On the calendar URI Fall Open House programs will be held October 25, November 7, and November 8. The 2008 Honors Colloquium Series, People and Planet — Global Environmental Change features "Astonishing Solutions" to curb global warming on October 28. The Fall URI Job and Career Fair will be held on October 29 at the Ryan Center. The URI Men's Basketball season begins on November 3. URI's Innovation and Entrepreneurship Lecture series features Ashley Stephenson of Reva Systems on November 5. A naming and dedication ceremony for the Kathleen M. Mallon Outreach Center will be held on November 6. URI Big Thinkers Series events will be held this fall in Los Angeles, New York City, Washington D.C., and Miami. URI will host the 2008 Energy Solutions Expo on November 16. Tickets are on sale for the following Ryan Center events: Playhouse Disney Live! on October 31; Jay Leno on November 1; and Harlem Globetrotters on March 26. More...

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