Alumni Updates

Accommodations for Big Chill Weekend Our Big Chill Weekend is coming up February 13-15! For this cool new weekend, the Alumni Association has partnered with the Hampton Inn South County and the Hyatt Regency Newport to offer overnight accommodations for February 13 and 14. Deadline to make your hotel reservations is January 13.

New Web extras in QuadAngles Online! Take a look at our Winter 2009 issue of QuadAngles Online, and you will find new Web only extras, additional story content, audio/video and interactive features. Watch for our new arrow icon to indicate Web only content.

Alumni of Color Coalition events coming up in February On February 3, the Alumni of Color Coalition (ACC) is holding a networking event, and February 26 is the date for the ACC Spring Career Forum. Find out more about these Alumni of Color Coalition programs and sign up today!

Member exclusive: Follow the yellow brick road Plan to join us for a special member exclusive event at Providence Performing Arts Center -- a March 1 matinee performance of The Wizard of Oz and pre-event reception. You must be a dues-paying member of the Alumni Association to attend. Learn more and register online.

University News & Events

Independence Square Foundation to open new facility at URI, home for Kinesiology Department The URI Kinesiology Department officially moves into its new home when the Independence Square Foundation opens its latest facility on the Kingston campus. A ribbon cutting ceremony and open house for the two-story, 29,700-square-foot building will be held on January 12. The kinesiology program will now be located next to the physical therapy program, which is housed in the original Independence Square Facility, built in 1993. With 580 students, kinesiology is among the fastest growing academic programs at URI. More...

Research indicates CO2 emissions will cause physiological impairment to jumbo squid URI scientists’ research indicates that elevated carbon dioxide levels expected to be found in the world’s oceans by 2100 will likely lead to physiological impairments of jumbo squid, including a decline in their activity levels, presumably enough to have an effect on their feeding behavior. Jumbo squid, important predators in the eastern Pacific Ocean, are a large component of the diet of marine mammals, seabirds and fish. More...

Former Air Force movie man earns nursing degree at 64 J.R. Fowler's early dreams included a future in the field of medicine, but he followed a different path. He graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in journalism, spent 20 years in the Air Force, earned a master's degree in public administration, and worked as Air Force liaison for the motion picture and TV industry on films such as Top Gun, Running Man, and The Right Stuff. And, at the age of 64, Fowler earned his URI nursing degree in December 2008. More...

Professor Donna Hughes invited to White House for bill signing Donna M. Hughes, a professor of women's studies at the University of Rhode Island, was present in the Oval Office to witness the signing of the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008. Hughes, a leading international researcher on trafficking of women and children, contributed to the passage of the Act, also known as HR 7311. More...

Student places second in Elevator Pitch Contest Although junior Liz Downing had only 90 seconds — the average length of an elevator ride — to convince a panel of judges that her pocket-sized reusable shopping bag, the Poksak, was an innovative product that could succeed in the marketplace, she made the most of it. Downing recently placed second in the third annual Elevator Pitch Contest, the first element of the Rhode Island Business Plan Competition, which has been organized to promote entrepreneurship and the development of start-up and early stage companies in Rhode Island. More...
The Alumni Association invites you to join fellow URI alumni, family and friends to watch the Rams men's basketball team take on George Washington University on January 25. Enjoy a pre-game reception at McFadden's Restaurant. Game tickets may be purchased through the URI Box Office at 401-874-RAMS.

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