Alumni Updates

► It's almost time! The Big Chill Weekend is coming up on February 13-15, but there's still time to check out the variety of events offered at this cool new weekend and to register online. If you are interested in accommodations at the Hyatt Regency Newport or the Hampton Inn in South Kingstown, the hotel reservation deadline has been extended to February 1.

► URI goes to DC The URI Alumni Association invites alumni, family, and friends to cheer on the Rams men's basketball team as they 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.

► Be a mentor As URI students look toward graduation, alumni can be an important resource for them, providing career advice, feedback, and support. We invite you to learn more about mentoring programs and services offered by Career Services and the Alumni Association. There are many ways to get involved.

► Greek alumni gather The 4th annual Greek Alumni Basketball Game will be held in the South Concourse in the Ryan Center on January 31 at 1 p.m. Enjoy a catered pre-game reception with alumni and current students before the URI-

University News & Events

► Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences to open January 26 The largest academic building project in the University's history will be unveiled at the ribbon-cutting for the Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences on January 26. The 140,000-square-foot facility houses modern classrooms, high-tech research laboratories, special facilities for DNA sequencing and analysis, a 100-seat classroom, and a two-story, 300-seat auditorium, all to meet the needs of UR's programs in environmental biotechnology, and life and health sciences. More...

► Research indicates Great Lakes water level sensitive to climate change The water level in the Great Lakes plays a vital role in the shipping, fishing, recreation, and power generation industries of the region. Research by URI scientists and colleagues in the U.S. and Canada indicates that the water level in the lake system is highly sensitive to climate changes, and that if the present climate changes lower water levels significantly, it could severely affect navigation, water usage, and hydropower. More...

► Obama's inauguration evokes strong emotions, standing ovations at URI Some reached for tissues as their eyes welled with tears, while a few rows over two women waved American flags. They were among 400 students, faculty, and staff jammed into the Memorial Union Ballroom to listen, watch, and cheer as Barack Obama recited the oath of office to became the nation's 44th president just after noon on Tuesday, January 20. More...

► URI to serve as home for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute The URI Program in Gerontology will develop the first Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in the state, which will offer non-credit educational programs specifically developed for adults 50 and over. Phillip Clark, professor and program director, and a state-wide University-community coalition have secured a $100,000 grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation for a start-up program that will offer courses on a wide range of topics at each of the four URI campuses. More...

► Biotech Certificate Program: Classroom to workplace in a year In the URI Biotechnology Manufacturing Program offered at the Feinstein Providence Campus, students spend one year studying microbiology, organic chemistry, biochemistry, and biotechnology. After completing a summer internship at a biotechnology company, students are awarded a certificate and most certificate-bearing students typically find employment in the field. A series of information sessions about this exciting program will be offered this winter/spring, starting with one on January 29. More...

► Doctoral student chases tornadoes for fun Richard Yablonsky enrolled at the Graduate School of Oceanography in 2004 to study
LaSalle University men's basketball game. The event costs $20, which includes ticket to the game and reception. Contact Tom Sibbald at 781-974-8500 or urigreekalum@gmail.com to register.

**URI at Fordham** The Alumni Association is hosting a reception before the URI-Fordham men's basketball game on **February 21**. This pre-game event will be located in Fordham's McGinley Center. Enjoy a light meal, cash bar, free raffle, and plenty of Rhody Spirit! Deadline to register is February 13, or until the event is sold out. Purchase game tickets by calling 718-817-4300.

**On the calendar** The Afro-Semitic Experience, a jazz ensemble of Jewish and African-American musicians, will be at URI in a two-day residency, **January 28-29**. The University of Rhode Island will celebrate the **Chinese New Year** on **February 1** in Edwards Auditorium. Vice President for University Advancement Bob Beagle is the featured speaker at the Public Relations Summit on **February 2** at the University Club. At the **Ryan Center**: Sesame Street Live: When Elmo Grows Up on **January 22-25**; **Jason Mraz** on **February 12**; Larry the Cable Guy on **February 22**; the **Southern New England Home Show** on **February 28** and **March 1**; and the Harlem Globetrotters on **March 26**. More...

**At the chapters** On **February 5**, the **North Carolina Chapter** is hosting a reception before the URI-Charlotte men's basketball game. On **February 6**, there is a special **South Carolina alumni event**, and on **February 15**, the **Louisiana/Mississippi Chapter** is holding its annual Mardi Gras event. Find out more!

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