**Alumni Updates**

- **"Welcome Freshmen" alumni events** Alumni are hosting special area events for incoming URI freshmen in Connecticut on July 11, New Jersey on July 19, and Massachusetts on July 25. Incoming students and their families are invited to meet with alumni in these area gatherings.

- **Smiling faces** Browse our photo albums from recent alumni events, including the Class of 1959 50th Reunion, our Golden Grad Weekend, Legacy reception, and Alumni Golf Tournament.

- **Summer reunions** Alumni affinity reunions for the following groups are being held this summer: Delta Zeta on July 7, Sigma Pi on July 11, and Delta Delta Delta on July 25. For more information, contact Sarah Howard at showard@advance.uri.edu.

- **Pride in URI Night** URI's new president, Dr. David Dooley, will be on hand at Pride in URI Night at McCoy Stadium on August 20. Meet our new president, and enjoy this great family evening at the ballpark, which includes the PawSox-Red Wings game, all-you-can-eat hot dogs, burgers, and the fixings, and tons of Rhody camaraderie. Registration available soon!

- **Record-breaking Rhody Yard Sale** The 6th annual Rhody the Ram Yard

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**University News & Events**

- **A farewell to our 10th president** Tuesday, June 30, marks the final day in the 18-year tenure of Robert L. Carothers as the 10th president of the University of Rhode Island. Our best wishes go to him on his retirement. This spring we celebrated the many achievements of Dr. Carothers by holding special events in his honor. We invite you to take a look photos from these gatherings, which included the naming of the Robert L. Carothers Library and Learning Commons, a URI community celebration, and a gala evening in Newport, and to view the video tribute that appears on the URI Web site homepage.

- **Hellenic Studies Center Paideia to be built at URI** The University of Rhode Island will have a building of classical Greek architecture with an open air amphitheater on the Kingston Campus, thanks to the efforts of the Rhode Island chapter of Paideia, a non-profit Greek-American organization dedicated to advancing learning about classical and modern Hellenic culture and language. Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Hellenic Studies Center Paideia will be held June 30 at 3 p.m. under a tent at the construction site, just behind the Fine Arts Center. More...

- **Students win big, prestigious scholarships—again!** In the past, URI students have won some prestigious scholarships. Now winning them has become a URI tradition. This year three honors students won Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships, one honors student won a Morris K. Udall Scholarship, and one graduate student was awarded a Fulbright scholarship. Since 2001, that brings the total of Goldwaters to nine, the number of Udalls to six, and the number of Fulbrights won by faculty and students to at least 15. More...

- **Hillel partnering students with senior citizens to break down stereotypes** The University of Rhode Island's Hillel has partnered with Tamarisk Assisted Living Center in Warwick to bring college students and senior citizens together to discuss history, music, stereotypes, and more. Amy Olson, executive director of Hillel, said the program was made possible through a grant from DOROT, a national organization with a mission of fostering respect for human dignity among people of all ages. Groundbreaking for the new Norman M. Fain Hillel Center on the Kingston Campus was held on June 18. More...

- **Subseafloor sediment in South Pacific Gyre one of the least inhabited places on Earth** An international oceanographic research expedition to the middle of the South Pacific Gyre found so few organisms beneath the seafloor that it may be the least inhabited sediment ever explored for evidence of life. Gyres are semi-still areas in the middle of the oceans where there is little wind, current, and upwelling of deep water, so the water contains few nutrients. According to the study, led by URI oceanographer Steven D'Hondt, the South Pacific Gyre, which encompasses an area twice the size of North America, is the "deadliest spot in the ocean." More...
Sale on June 6 drew its biggest crowd ever and raised a record $3,200, bringing the Rhody the Ram Endowment to $30,000. The endowment was established five years ago to provide financial support for students who perform as Rhody the Ram at University athletic contests and other events.

At the chapters On July 23, the Rhode Island Chapter is holding a networking event at Castle Hill Inn in Newport. On August 2, the Baltimore/D.C. Chapter is taking in a Red Sox-Orioles game, and on August 18, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation Affinity Chapter is meeting with Dr. David Dooley at RIDOT. What’s your chapter up to?

Nursing professor awarded prestigious national fellowship to improve health care Professor Lynne Dunphy, Routhier Chair of Practice in the College of Nursing, is one of 20 nurses selected nationwide as a 2009 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Executive Nurse Fellow. She is the first in Rhode Island to be chosen for the program. The fellowship focuses on expanding the role of nurses as leaders of change in the nation’s health care system. More...

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