Alumni Updates

► Distinguished Achievement Awards
Save the date! The fourth annual URI Distinguished Achievement Awards celebration will be held on October 17 at the Providence Westin Hotel. This year's President's Award recipients are Patricia Miller Anton ’79, James V. Diller ’57, Richard A. Kerr, Ph.D. ’77, and Edward M. Rudnic ’78, M.S. ’82, Ph.D. ’83. Further details and online registration will be available soon.

► "Welcome Freshmen" alumni events
Alumni are hosting special area events for incoming URI freshmen in Massachusetts on July 25 and New York City on August 15. Meet incoming students and their families at these great area events. Register online today!

► Chris' Chance
The third annual Chris' Chance Golf Outing will be held on July 17 in Hardyston, N.J. in honor of Chris DeSimone '00, who lost his life at the World Trade Center on 9/11. For details on the Christian L. DeSimone Foundation, its URI scholarship program, or the golf outing, contact Martina DeSimone at DesimoneGolf@yahoo.com.

► Show your Rhody spirit
Online registration is now available for Pride in URI Night at McCoy Stadium on August 20. Enjoy this great family evening at the ballpark, which includes the PawSox-Red Wings game, all-you-can-eat hot dogs,

University News & Events

► URI awarded contract to manage consortium that operates U.S. research fleet
The University's Graduate School of Oceanography has been awarded a 5-year grant funded at nearly $1 million per year to host the University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System (UNOLS), which oversees scheduling and research on the nation's 22 academic research ships. "With UNOLS based here in the same building as the Inner Space Center, we are now the hub of oceanographic operations for the whole country," said Professor of Marine Affairs Dennis Nixon. More...

► Ron Jordan named dean of URI's College of Pharmacy
Ron Jordan, formerly president of the largest professional pharmacy association in the world, has been named dean of the URI College of Pharmacy. Jordan, who established himself as a founder and builder of numerous health care firms, has served as interim dean for nearly two years. During that time, he has secured commitments for $4 million in private funding for a new home for the College, and helped to raise $2 million in private support for research and scholarships. More...

► Professor's book examines the work of author Toni Morrison
Professor of English and Women's Studies Karen Stein, a longtime fan of the work of Toni Morrison, has now published a book on the celebrated author, entitled "Reading, Learning, Teaching Toni Morrison". Stein has lectured, taught, and published articles on numerous women authors including Morrison, Sylvia Plath, and Adrienne Rich. Her book on novelist Margaret Atwood, "Atwood Revisited." was published in 1999. More...

► URI's Metcalf Institute awards $75,000 Grantham Prize to USA Today reporters
Blake Morrison and Brad Heath of USA Today are the 2009 winners of the Grantham Prize for Excellence in Reporting on the Environment for "The Smokestack Effect: Toxic Air and America's Schools," their investigative series on industrial pollution near schools. The Metcalf Institute for Marine and Environmental Reporting and the Grantham Foundation for the Protection of the Environment created the Grantham Prize in 2005. More...

► Kudos to URI Athletics
Congratulations to Jim Baron, URI men's basketball coach, who was named 2009 Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year. In other URI Athletics news, Rhode Island senior thrower Jasmine Jennings became the first URI women's track and field student-athlete to earn All-America honors at the NCAA Championships in June. And, in Rhody baseball, Nick Greenwood, Dan Rhault, and Luke Demko join second-round draft pick Eric Smith as the second, third and fourth Rhode Island players taken in the 2009 MLB First-Year Player Draft. Pitcher Greenwood was also honored as a Gold Glove award winner by Rawlings and the American Baseball Coaches Association. More...
burgers and the fixings, tons of Rhody camaraderie, and the opportunity to meet Dr. David Dooley, URI's new president!

Welcome to Boston Join members of the Massachusetts Chapter as they welcome 2009 URI grads on September 12. Meet for a pre-game gathering at Jillian's of Boston before heading to Fenway for the Red Sox-Blue Rays game. The Boston event is part of a series of events planned to welcome our newest alumni. Find out more!

Pharmacy Seminar-on-the-links The College of Pharmacy's 16th annual Dr. Louis A. Luzzi Seminar-on-the-Links Program will be held on September 14 at Quidnessett Country Club in North Kingstown, R.I.

College of Business team wins top honors for business plan Four MBA students were honored this spring by Social Venture Partners of Rhode Island for developing the best business plan for a non-profit agency. URI's winning team wrote a plan for a doggie daycare business for the non-profit Animal Rescue League of Southern Rhode Island and earned a $5,000 grant that will help support the program. Five URI teams of MBA students competed against teams from Brown, Johnson & Wales, and Bryant University. More...

ON THE CALENDAR
July 16 Fast Break Club honors Jim Baron, A-10 Coach of the Year
July 18-19 Gardening with the Masters statewide garden tour sponsored by URI Master Gardeners
July 20 URI Summer Gardening School at the Roger Williams Park Botanical Center
July 21 Kingston Chamber Music Festival at the University of Rhode Island
NOW Rhody football season tickets available.

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