Alumni Updates

▶ Happy campers It was a beautiful weekend for our 2009 Alumni Family Camp, held on the Kingston and Narragansett Bay Campuses July 18 and 19. Take a look at photos!

▶ A great night at the ballpark Enjoy a great family evening at McCoy Stadium on August 20! Pride in URI Night will include the PawSox-Red Wings game, all-you-can-eat hot dogs, burgers and the fixings, tons of Rhody camaraderie, and the opportunity to meet URI's new president, David M. Dooley. Register online today!

▶ Alumni welcome new grads Join the Massachusetts Chapter at Fenway to watch the Red Sox take on Tampa Bay and welcome URI 2009 grads to Boston on September 12. On September 24, members of the Rhode Island Chapter and the Young Alumni Committee are getting together at the Post Office Cafe in East Greenwich to welcome recent URI graduates to the area.

▶ Adventure awaits Did you know the URI Alumni Association sponsors great travel packages to exciting locations? Special trips to Switzerland (August 30-September 6) and Ireland (September 4-12) are offered in 2009. Coming up in March 2010 is a once-in-a-lifetime journey to Australia and New Zealand. Isn't it time to get out your passport?

▶ URI–UCONN football,

University News & Events

▶ Associate dean appointed science policy advisor to President Obama Kate Moran, associate dean of the URI Graduate School of Oceanography, has been appointed a senior policy analyst, providing guidance to President Obama on issues related to oceans, the Arctic, and climate change. "When the executive office needs feedback or information about legislation, policy, or science on these topics—often on very short notice—they'll turn to our team to provide those answers," said Moran, who will return to URI after a two-year stint in Washington. Moran has been a leading voice in communicating the threat the world faces from global climate change. More...

▶ URI repositions majors, course offerings in response to market trends, student interests During the past year, students, faculty, deans, and administrators have been reviewing the academic enterprise at the University of Rhode Island, with the primary goal of continuing to respond to market trends and student interests. Recently, the University presented a plan to the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education that calls for adding new courses and majors, consolidating majors/programs, and suspending several degree programs. More...

▶ Hope Commons wins grand prize in national collegiate food service competition URI's Hope Commons dining center recently won the gold in a competition run by the leading national trade group for college food services. Hope Commons, which has drawn interest from schools in many parts of the country, features a main dining hall with multiple stations serving hundreds of food choices; a retail operation that features Starbucks, pastries, brick oven pizza, and ice cream; special entertainment events; and a convenience store named "the Best in the Business" by the organization in spring 2008. More...

▶ New 4-year pharmaceutical science program to be offered A new four-year, bachelor of science degree in pharmaceutical science will broaden the scope of career opportunities for students interested in the pharmaceutical, biomedical, consumer product, and health care industries. The degree will prepare graduates for a range of careers, including research and development, manufacturing, product marketing, sales, testing, and administrative positions within the pharmaceutical industry. The program in URI's College of Pharmacy is accepting students for fall. More...

▶ Accessible Rhode Island honors URI capital projects director with Quality of Life Award Paul M. DePace, director of capital projects at the University of Rhode Island, was honored recently by Accessible Rhode Island with its Quality of Life Award. An international leader of the Paralympic Games movement, DePace was recognized for his ardent support of initiatives for people with disabilities. As director of capital projects, DePace is responsible for all phases of major building projects at URI. More...
On September 26, it's URI-UCONN football at Rentschler Field, East Hartford, Conn. The Connecticut Alumni Chapter and the Department of Athletics invite you to a pre-game tailgate. Registration is also available for a bus trip to the game from the Kingston Campus. Kickoff is at noon, and game tickets are available from the URI Athletics Box Office at 401-874-RAMS. Find out more.

At the chapters The Baltimore-Washington D.C. Chapter is taking in a Red Sox game on August 2 at Oriole Park, and the Chicago Chapter is heading to U.S. Cellular Field for a Red Sox-White Sox game on September 5. See what your chapter has planned.

URI launches Smithsonian partnership through leadership of Centers for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence As leader of the Centers for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence Network, the URI Office of Marine Programs has established a partnership with the Smithsonian Institution's Sant Ocean Hall at the National Museum of Natural History to provide marine science education programming there. The partnership is funded in part by a five-year, $2 million grant awarded to URI last year by the National Science Foundation. More...

At the calendar

July 21-31 Kingston Chamber Music Festival at the University of Rhode Island
July 27 URI Summer Gardening School at the Roger Williams Park Botanical Center
NOW Rhody football season tickets available.

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