



## Alumni Updates



► **It's almost time!** Be part of the [URI Alumni Golf Tournament](#) on Friday, **June 4**, at Triggs Memorial Golf Course in Providence. Sponsored by the URI Alumni Association, this tournament raises funds to benefit URI students through scholarships and grants. [Register online today!](#)

► **Join the Alumni Association and win!** Your name will be entered into a drawing for dues-paying members if you [join the URI Alumni Association or renew your membership](#) before **June 30!** The winner chooses from one of the following prizes: two season tickets for the 2004-2005 **URI Men's Basketball** home games; one night in the **President's Suite in the Ryan Center** for a men's home basketball game of your choice (for 4); two tickets for the 2005 **Winter Gala**; or two season tickets for the 2004-2005 **URI Great Performances Series**. [Join online today--you could be a winner!](#)



► **Cast your vote by May 31** There's still time to participate in the election of Alumni Association [Executive Board](#) committee members. It's easy--you can [review the nominees](#) and cast your ballots online. You may either vote for the nominee or write in the name of the candidate of your choice. To protect your privacy, [log in is required](#). Thank you for taking the time to vote.

► **You are invited** Come to the annual [Open Meeting of the Alumni Association](#) on Wednesday, **June 2**. The meeting will take

## University News & Events



► **Undergraduate commencement to be Webcast, televised on Cox CableRI** Those unable to attend the University's undergraduate commencement on May 23 won't have to miss out on the ceremonies this year. For the first time, the undergraduate commencement will be Webcast, streamed out as a live video feed on the Internet. That will make it possible for anyone with a computer and a high-speed Internet connection to see and hear the ceremony as it happens. [More...](#)

► **URI's student scholars earn national recognition** Earlier this spring senior **Gregory Hughes** was awarded the highly competitive Gates Cambridge Scholarship, offered to just 31 Americans this year. Other URI scholars to receive national recognition include junior **Logan Connors**, named URI's first winner of the competitive Mellon Fellowship; junior **Brendan Franzoni**, named one of 77 Truman Scholars in the nation; and juniors **Meghan Bellows** and **Chris Picuch**, awarded the most prestigious undergraduate scholarship for students studying science and engineering, the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship. [More...](#)



► **Humanities fellowships awarded to graduate students** Three graduate students have been awarded humanities fellowships by URI's Center for the Humanities for their research. **Sue Peterson, Steve Mercier, and Andrea Yates** join a growing list of graduate students and outstanding humanities faculty members receiving fellowships, thanks to URI's [\\$1 million Humanities Campaign](#), which was launched in 2002 to bolster the coffers of the Center. Four alumni funded this latest round of fellowships. [More...](#)

► **Titanic expedition to be broadcast live at GSO** Using state-of-the-art imagery and equipment, **Dr. Robert Ballard** and a team of scientists will inspect the Titanic to see how it has withstood natural changes and human exploration over the past 20 years. The result--the first-ever high-definition map of the 12,500-foot-deep wreck site and the delivery of 24 live broadcasts, called **Titanic Live!**, from the site to viewing locations around the U.S., including the URI Graduate School of Oceanography. **Titanic Live!** broadcasts will be shown four times each day over a six-day period June 4-9, via two viewing options--in the 200-seat Corless Auditorium at the Bay Campus and distributed statewide to participating classrooms and libraries via innovative Internet2 videoconferencing technology. The four, 75-minute programs will be aired daily at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., and 1:00 and 3:30 p.m. To view the live broadcasts at the URI Bay Campus, **individuals and groups must reserve seats by calling the Office of Marine Programs** at 401-874-6211. [More...](#)

place at 5:30 p.m. at the W. Alton Jones Campus in West Greenwich, and will be followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Join us as we welcome the new members of the Alumni Association Executive Board and thank those members leaving the board.

▶ **College of Nursing honors top alumna for 2004** Marie Ghazal was named the URI College of Nursing Outstanding Alumna of 2004 for her outstanding contributions to the profession. Vice president of nursing and patient care at the Providence Community Health Centers Inc., [Ghazal was honored](#) by faculty, students, alumni and co-workers during recent ceremonies at URI.



▶ **Alumni Family Camp** The fourth annual [Family Camp](#) will be held on July 31 and August 1. Stay overnight or come for the

day! You and your family can explore Narragansett Bay aboard the *Alletta Morris*, learn about bugs, butterflies, and sharks from URI research scientists, and enjoy horseback riding, ice skating--and much more! [Register online today!](#)



▶ **Gift Ideas for URI grads** [Order a URI gift online](#) for your favorite graduate!

▶ The next issue of *inAdvance* will be sent on **June 3**.



▶ **URI tick researchers launch community-based Lyme disease prevention programs** With the help of a \$223,000 grant from the Centers for Disease Control and an additional federal appropriation from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, tick experts Thomas Mather and Nathan Miller will lead a series of community-based workshops in high-risk neighborhoods to demonstrate tick control strategies, including perimeter spraying of pesticides, landscape management, and targeted treatments on tick hosts. [More....](#)



▶ **Award-winning pharmacy student gives back to community** Jose A. Reyes, a 32-year-old PharmD student has made a personal dream come true. In addition to receiving a prestigious pharmacy award, he works as an interpreter and intern in Providence, has helped to develop a Spanish health web portal, and has lectured at national and international conferences. Now he will realize his dream to practice "bilingual pharmacy" in the underserved, Spanish-speaking community in South Providence. [More...](#)



▶ **Retired faculty continue their legacies** Two professors emeriti have established charitable gift annuities that will eventually support student scholarship endowments. **Lorraine Bloomquist**, a retired physical education and exercise science professor and URI alumna, has established two gift annuities that will benefit an endowment in her name. And **William Metz**, the former chair of the History Department and history professor from 1945 through 1982 established an annuity that will support an existing scholarship in his and his late wife's name. [More...](#)



▶ **On the calendar** The first **Rhody the Ram Yard Sale**, will be held **June 12**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., in the Keaney Gym parking lot. We expect a great turnout and plenty of great bargains, perhaps even some treasured Rhody memorabilia. Proceeds will benefit the [Rhody the Ram Scholarship Endowment](#). If you would like to know more about the Rhody Yard Sale, contact sale coordinator Gerri Beagle at [gbeagle@foundation.uri.edu](mailto:gbeagle@foundation.uri.edu). **Cuba Journal: A Sculptural Installation** continues at the URI Fine Arts Center Main Gallery, featuring the vibrant art of Cuban American artist, Ana Flores, who lives in southern Rhode Island. [More...](#)

▶ **At the Ryan Center** The Great High Mountain Tour featuring **Alison Krauss and Union Station** will perform at the Ryan Center on June 1. Tickets are also on sale for the August 3 performance of *American Idol's Clay Aiken*. [More...](#)

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