



## Alumni Updates

▶ **Alumni Center is looking good** [See latest construction photos!](#)

▶ **Thank you, alumni, for making the 2003-2004 Annual Fund a success!**

Alumni contributed more than **\$1,089,000** through the 2003-2004 URI Alumni Fund and graduate school funds. Each year, thousands of generous alumni support student scholarships, faculty development, alumni communications and events, and a range of important day-to-day programs at the University. **Thank you** for supporting the Annual Fund and helping to ensure an extraordinary education for today's students.



▶ **Class notes online** Not only can you submit your own class note online, you can also search class notes by name, class year, and college, and read the latest news about your fellow alumni on the Web. Take a look at our [Class Notes Online](#) feature.



▶ **Pride in URI Night at McCoy** Register now for year's [Pride in URI Night](#) on **August 18!** Don't miss this great night out at the ballpark! Enjoy all-you-can-eat barbecue and a chance to meet Paws, Sox, Rhody, and PawSox team members. At game time it will be the PawSox vs. the Buffalo Bisons. [Register online today!](#)



## University News & Events



▶ **\$160,000 raised for endowed professorship in honor of Richard Vangermeersch** More than 280 friends, colleagues, and family members gathered to celebrate the retirement of Accounting Professor Richard Vangermeersch after a 34-year teaching career in the URI College of Business Administration. Not only did Vangermeersch and the crowd celebrate a career filled with excellence and enthusiasm, they applauded the \$160,000 raised in honor of his retirement. The funds will establish a new endowed professorship named for Vangermeersch. [More...](#)

▶ **URI Multimedia Group at Feinstein Providence Campus receives Best Education Program awards** The URI Multimedia Production Group received top awards from Cox Communications New England for its 30-minute program "Outside the Box: Non-Traditional Learning at URI," that was written, directed and produced by staff members Dana Neugent, Jon Foley, and graduate student assistant Mike Stevenson. The program won the "Best Educational Program" and the "Best Public Access Program of 2003" PEG awards from Cox Communications New England. [More...](#)



▶ **Acclaimed textiles preservationist endows scholarship fund** Evelyn Siefert Kennedy Commentucci, internationally known for her work in restoring treasured textiles and for establishing guidelines on clothing designs for the disabled, has established an endowment to help students who share her passion for textiles, textile science and the fine arts. Commentucci earned her bachelor's degree in textiles and clothing in 1969 and her master's in 1972. She is president and founder of Sewtique, Inc. and of Promote Real Independence for the Disabled and Elderly (PRIDE) Foundation both in Groton, Conn. [More...](#)



▶ **URI makes largest collection of clothing patterns available on CD** The University of Rhode Island maintains the largest collection of clothing patterns in the world. Many of these patterns, which date from 1868 to 1956, cannot be found anywhere else. Until now. Joy Emery, professor emerita of URI's Theatre Department and former adjunct professor of textiles, fashion merchandising and design, and her cadre of volunteers have spent more than a decade recording, categorizing, and scanning the front and back covers of 20,000 patterns into an electronic database. The result is a two-volume CD set available for purchase. [More...](#)

▶ **New coastal fellows named** Fifty-three URI students will spend the next seven months conducting a wide array of environmental research and outreach after being selected for the URI Coastal Fellows Program. Now in its ninth year, the Coastal Fellows Program teams students with URI faculty and research staff to study an environmental topic of their choice. [More...](#)

▶ **URI's Feinstein Providence Campus to host Federal Reserve Bank's community**





▶ **Seeking nominations** The [Alumni Achievement Awards](#) are presented annually to alumni chosen for excellence and outstanding professional achievement in a variety of categories. We invite you to complete a [nomination form](#). Deadline is **August 13**.

▶ **What's your chapter up to?** From New Jersey to Ohio to California, alumni chapters have a variety of events planned for the summer. [Take a look!](#)



▶ **Free Online Yellow Pages** If you own a business or offer a service, as a member of the URI Online Community you can place a listing in our FREE online Yellow Pages. If you are already a member of the URI Online Community, it's easy to [create a Yellow Pages listing](#). If you are not a member, [join today!](#)

▶ The next issue of *inAdvance* will be sent on **July 29**.

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**development council annual meeting** On July 19, the URI Feinstein Providence Campus and the Urban Field Center located there, will host The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston New England Community Development Advisory Council's (CDAC) summer meeting. More than 50 representatives from regional community development corporations, banks, local and regional governments, educators and individuals from the private sector will attend to review the revitalization of New England's urban communities in general, and of Providence specifically. [More...](#)



▶ **On the calendar** The **26th annual Hot Air Balloon Festival** will be held from dawn to dusk, **July 24 and 25**, at the URI athletic fields. Adults: \$10; children under 14 are free. [URI's Summer Gardening School](#) continues with Lavishing the Lawn: What You Should Know about Your Turf on **July 26**; and Butterflies: The Basics of Butterfly Gardening Plants on **August 16**.

Classes are held at [URI Cooperative Extension Education Center](#), 3 East Alumni Avenue, in Kingston, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Admission is \$15. Take a free [South Ferry Walking Tour](#) and relive the history of a once-thriving village on Narragansett Bay on **July 22** at 10:30 a.m. The 90-minute walk will begin at the Coastal Institute Visitor Center on the URI Narragansett Bay Campus. [More...](#)

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