



Alumni Updates



► **Don't miss Young Alumni Weekend** The second annual [Young Alumni Weekend](#) will be held **February 25-27**.

Sponsored by the URI Alumni Association, this is a special weekend of fun events for graduates of the past decade. The highlight is the [Blue & White Ball](#), which will be held at the Hotel Viking in Newport. Proceeds benefit the [Rhody the Ram Endowment Fund](#). It's going to be a great time--[register online today!](#)



► **Winter Gala and Alumni Achievement Award wrap-up** Last weekend was a busy one with the 14th annual

Winter Gala and the 2005 Alumni Achievement Award presentation brunch, both held on January 29 at the Hyatt Regency-Newport. We offer our congratulations again to our esteemed [alumni award winners](#), and invite you to take a look at our [Winter Gala Photo Album](#).



► **Former men's and women's basketball player reunion** Also coming up **February 26-27** is a special reunion

for [former men's and women's basketball players](#). Among the weekend events are the URI men playing St. Joe's on Saturday, and the women taking on UMASS on Sunday.

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► **URI receives more than \$500,000 from the Champlin Foundations** The Champlin Foundations, one of the oldest philanthropic organizations in Rhode Island, has awarded the University five grants totaling \$508,327. The grants are funding new tools that will enable students to visualize physical and biological processes at work in Narragansett Bay, virtually accompany faculty on research endeavors around the globe, and allow engineering and business students to design and plan with an entrepreneurial flair. [More...](#)



► **Feinstein Providence Campus program captivates budding film makers** A group of high school seniors and elementary school students are participating in a hands-on program at the Feinstein Providence Campus exploring the essentials of film and video production. The program, which includes writing, filming, editing, and animation, was started last year thanks to support from President Robert L. Carothers and John McCray, Vice Provost for Urban Programs at the Feinstein Providence Campus. [More...](#)



► **Professor's research shines a light into some of the darkest corners around the globe** Trafficking, slavery, sexual exploitation, and violence against women and children are among the topics Women's Studies Professor Donna Hughes has focused on in her research. Hughes has testified before Congress, presented at the U. N., and her work has helped to shape national and international policies on the global issues of trafficking and exploitation of women and children. Her work directly contributed to the human rights policy statements announced last month by the U.S. State Department. [More...](#)



► **URI-Narragansett Coalition appoints first full-time coordinator** Paula M. Santos was recently named the first full-time coordinator for the URI-Narragansett Coalition, which is made up of URI students, faculty, and administrators, and Narragansett residents, police, elected officials, and administrators. The Coalition was formed five years ago to improve relations in Narragansett between student renters and year-round residents and to strengthen cooperation between the town and University. [More...](#)

[Online registration is available.](#)



▶ **Upcoming chat with Coach Tom Garrick** On **February 15**, at 1 p.m. EST, [URI Women's Basketball Coach Tom Garrick](#) will respond to your questions as part of our [spring chat series](#), sponsored by the Division of University Advancement.



▶ **Rhody basketball in New York** Join New York area alumni and boosters as they cheer on the Rams at Fordham on Sunday, **February 20**, at the McGinley Center. Tickets are \$10, and may be purchased through the Alumni Office through **February 16**. Contact David Nicolato at rhodygrad@uri.edu or 401-874-4604.

▶ **College of Business Hall of Fame coming up in April** On Thursday, **April 7**, the College of Business Administration will host its seventh annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Faculty and Staff Award Banquet at the Crowne Plaza at the Crossing in Warwick. For details, visit the [College of Business Web site](#).



▶ **Forensic Science Partnership offers spring seminar series** Underwater forensics, expert witnesses, and entomology are among the topics featured during URI's Forensic Science seminar series this spring. On Fridays through May 6, the seminars will be held in Pastore Hall, Room 124, on the Kingston Campus from 3:30 to 5 p. m.. The program, which is free and open to the public, is offered by the URI Forensic Science Partnership. Coming up on **February 11** is [Nancy Haley](#), who will discuss forensic toxicology. [More...](#)



▶ **URI oceanographers receive grant to track water from treatment facilities into Narragansett Bay and the Providence River** Dr. Chris Kincaid and Dr. Deanna Bergondo have received a two-year, \$157,000 grant from the Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) to develop a computer model for tracking and predicting the dispersion of water from the NBC water treatment facilities within the Providence River and Narragansett Bay. [More...](#)



▶ **Math and science add up for women** A group of URI faculty have responded to the recent statement made by Harvard President Lawrence H. Summers, who created an uproar at an academic conference when he said that innate differences between men and women might be one reason fewer women succeed in science and math careers. Arguing that fewer girls than boys have top scores on science and math tests in late high school years, he posited this as one factor in the disproportionately low participation of women in the highest ranks of science and math at the most prestigious academic institutions. [More...](#)



▶ **On the calendar** The spring [Landscape Architecture lecture series](#) begins on **February 10** on the Kingston Campus. The Feinstein Providence Campus hosts the first [Northeast Regional Biotechnology Symposium](#) on **February 11**. Coming up at the [Ryan Center](#) on **February 12-13** is the South County Boat Show. The Theatre Department presents [Les Liaisons Dangereuses](#) **February 17-19** and **23-26** at 8 p. m. and **February 20** at 5 p.m. \$12 for general admission and \$10 for students, seniors, and children. Call 401-874-5843 for reservations. [More...](#)

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