



Alumni Updates



▶ **Ram Alumni Academy for Lifelong Learning** Join URI alumni and friends for an exciting new

opportunity—the Ram Alumni Academy for Lifelong Learning. Starting on **June 28**, the URI Alumni Association will host the first in a [series of evening seminars](#) in the beautiful new Alumni Center at 73 Upper College Road. [Online registration](#) is available.



▶ **Class of 1955 shows its generosity** The Class of 1955 celebrated its [50th reunion](#) May 20-22. To mark their special

anniversary, class members demonstrated their commitment to the University with a class gift of more than \$300,000! Our sincere thanks go to the 50th reunion class for its generosity. Take a look at our [photo album](#) from this great celebration.

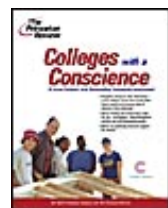
▶ **Last chance for alumni to vote** The deadline for voting for Alumni Association [Executive Board](#) committee members is **May 31**. You can review the [nominees](#) and vote online. To protect your privacy, [log in is required](#). Thank you for your participation! Alumni are also invited to attend the Alumni Association Annual Meeting at the W. Alton Jones Campus on **June 1** where we will welcome new board members and say goodbye to those leaving the board. Meeting begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30. For details,



University News & Events



▶ **Congratulations to URI's newest graduates** The weather threatened, but it was a glorious weekend for the University's 119th Commencement ceremonies. Acclaimed novelist **Ann Hood '78** delivered an inspiring [Commencement address](#) at the main ceremony on Sunday, May 22. The event was [Webcast](#) and televised, and included interviews with graduates, parents, and college officials. The University awarded **3,066 degrees** over the weekend: 2,318 undergraduate degrees, 668 graduate degrees, and 80 Doctor of Pharmacy degrees. Among this year's graduates are an 80-year-old graduate, an Olympic sailor, twin football players, a young broadcast journalist, and a future M.D. [Meet them and other accomplished members of the Class of 2005](#) -- the University of Rhode Island's newest alumni.



▶ **Princeton Review names URI a "College with a Conscience"**

The University of Rhode Island has been recognized as among the nation's best colleges and universities for fostering social responsibility and public service, according to The Princeton Review. URI is one of 81 institutions in 33 states featured by The Princeton Review in its forthcoming book, *Colleges with a Conscience: 81 Great Schools with Outstanding Community Involvement* (Random House), due in bookstores on June 21. Selection criteria included admissions practices and scholarships that reward community service, support for service-learning programs, student activism, and the student body's level of social engagement. [More...](#)



▶ **Wind turbine proposed for Kingston Campus**

Students in the University of Rhode Island's Renewable Energy Club have been working for more than two years to advance a proposal to have a wind turbine constructed on the Kingston campus, and their efforts are on the verge of becoming a reality. By the summer of 2006, a 1.5 megawatt turbine, enough to provide 5 percent of the electricity needs of the campus, could be in operation. It would be the first commercial-size wind turbine in Rhode Island. The students studied seven potential sites for the proposed wind turbine, looking for a site that would not be clearly visible from Route 138 or surrounding neighborhoods. [More...](#)



▶ **Professor receives national psychology award** Kathryn Quina, a professor of psychology at the University of Rhode Island, has been named the first recipient of the Florence Denmark Distinguished Mentoring Award. Quina received the honor at the Association for Women in Psychology's national conference held in Tampa, Fla., earlier this year. The award is presented to a female psychology professor who

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► **Chat update** Read the transcript of our May chat with [Ross Kauffman '89](#), Oscar-winning documentary filmmaker. [Upcoming chats](#) will feature **Dr. Robert Carothers** on **June 21**, and on **July 20**, **Mary Jane Clark '76**, novelist and CBS writer/producer.

► **Great summer chapter events**

Members of the **New York City Chapter** are gathering in Central Park on **July 13** for a free New York Philharmonic concert and fireworks. The **Rhode Island Chapter** is taking in the Big Apple Circus on **July 9**—and chapters from **New Hampshire** to **Southern California** are heading to the ballpark! What does [your chapter](#) have planned?



► **Mark your calendars for August 23** Join fellow URI alumni and friends on **Tuesday, August 23**, for [Pride in URI Night](#) at McCoy Stadium—a great family evening of baseball, food, and Rhody fun, sponsored by the URI Alumni Association and Rhode Island Rams Athletic Association. [Register online today!](#)

► **Enjoy a great family weekend** Come back to campus **July 29-31**, and enjoy [URI Alumni Family Camp](#), a great summer weekend of fun activities for adults and children of all ages! [Register online today!](#)

inspires and mentors her psychology students following in the footsteps of famed psychologist Florence Denmark. Quina, who has taught at URI since 1978 and is based at URI's Feinstein Providence Campus, was nominated for the prestigious national honor by a number of her former students. [More...](#)



► **High school students learn who, what, when, where, why, and how at URI's Journalism Day** More than 100 Rhode Island high school students got an inside look at the journalism profession during the University of Rhode Island's High School Journalism Day in May. Eleven URI journalism alumni presented workshops on layout and design, interviewing and news gathering, broadcast journalism, ethics and media law, Internet journalism and sports reporting. The event was presented by the URI Journalism Advisory Committee, the Department of Journalism, and the Division of University Advancement. [More...](#)



► **There's still time to contribute to the Annual Fund** If you have not yet made your [Alumni Fund](#) gift this year, there is still time to contribute before the **2004-2005 Annual Fund** comes to a close on **June 30**. To contribute, you can [make a gift online](#), call us at 401-874-4505, or mail a check to: URI Alumni Fund, P.O. Box 1820, Kingston, RI 02881. Thank you for supporting student scholarships, faculty development and alumni programming through the Alumni Fund. Your generosity makes a difference!



► **On the calendar** Amateur gardeners are invited to participate in the second [Summer Gardening School](#), an informal series of eight bi-weekly sessions sponsored by URI Cooperative Extension, which will be held on Tuesdays 5:30-7:30 p.m. through August 30. Next session is **June 7**, Water Gardening 101. The work of [young artists](#) will be featured at URI Fine Arts Center Galleries, **May 28-June 5**. The second annual [URI Yard Sale](#) to benefit [Rhody the Ram Scholarship Endowment](#) will be held on Saturday, **June 11**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Keaney Parking Lot. Contributions and donations are welcome! Concerts at the [Ryan Center](#) this summer include Lynnyrd Skynnyrd on **June 28**, Journey on **August 17**, and the Wiggles (two shows) on **August 23** (tickets go on sale on **June 4**). [More...](#)

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