Alumni Updates

Alumni Association announces policies for use, rental of public spaces at Alumni Center

The URI Alumni Association has announced policies for the use and rental of the new Alumni Center on Upper College Road to establish its role as a warm and inviting meeting place for alumni, other members of the University family, and community members. The complete set of guidelines is available on our Web site.

Family Camp coming up July 29-31

There is still time to register for URI Alumni Family Camp, a great summer weekend of fun activities for adults and children! Stay overnight or just come for the day. Learn more and register online today!

Enjoy a perfect summer evening at the ballpark

Don't miss this year's Pride in URI Night at McCoy Stadium on Tuesday, August 23. This popular annual event, sponsored by the Alumni Association and Rhode Island Rams Athletic Association, is a great family outing. The barbecue starts at 5 p.m. and the PawSox vs. the Ottawa Lynx game begins at 7 p.m. Online registration available!

Alumni Center grand opening

We hope you will plan to join us for the official grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new URI Alumni Center.

University News & Events

Hurricane predictions more accurate thanks to improved ocean-air model developed by URI scientists

In this busy hurricane season, one of the tools being used by the National Hurricane Center to predict hurricane path and intensity was recently improved by URI researchers. The hurricane prediction model in use, which factors in the effect of the ocean on hurricanes, was developed by Isaac Ginis, a physical oceanographer at URI's Graduate School of Oceanography, and is coupled with an atmospheric model created by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory (GFDL).

URI internship program puts 4,200 books in hands of children who need them

Although access to books is essential to reading development, many children from low-income families have no books. Thanks to URI student-mentors, children attending three local schools have books to call their own. The students are part of the Mentor/Tutor Internship Program, coordinated by Cherie Aiello. The Mentor/Tutor Internship Program was created by Political Science Professor Al Killilea in 1998 and supported by committed donors like Jerry Kritz '76, who has been involved with the program for the past several years.

Annual Fund has record-breaking year

The University of Rhode Island's Annual Fund raised $1.18 million for the 2004-2005 fiscal year, an all-time record and 5 percent increase over the previous year. The average gift was $119, a 9 percent increase over last year. The Annual Fund is comprised of the Alumni Fund, Parents Fund, and Graduate School Funds. Unrestricted contributions to the Annual Fund provide flexible funding that goes to where it is needed most. Thanks to all who contributed to the 2004-2005 Annual Fund -- your generosity makes a difference! A special thank you goes to Annual Fund chairs Wes '70 and Dianne Kenny Card '69.

University researchers awarded $1 million grant to increase organ and tissue donations among minorities

As part of a continued national effort to increase organ and tissue donations in African-American and other minority communities, URI researchers have been awarded a $1,078,385 from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration, Division of Transplantation. The grant is the second awarded to URI in recent years to address the organ donation issue from a behavior-change perspective.

Summer institute to focus on addressing challenging behaviors of children in the classroom

The Ninth Annual Rhode Island Early Childhood Summer Institute for professionals working with children birth through age 8 will be held July 27 to August 2, at the Kingston Campus. "Fostering Children's Social and Emotional Development: Addressing Challenging Behaviors in Inclusive Settings Serving Children Birth through Age 8," the institute will be led by URI faculty, professionals
Chat update Read the transcript of our recent chat with novelist and CBS writer/producer Mary Jane Clark ’76.

At the chapters The Southern California Chapter is planning an outing at the Del Mar Racetrack on August 7. On August 21, the New Jersey Chapter will hold its 7th annual "Welcome Freshman Picnic” at the Monmouth Park Race Track. Area alumni and current students are invited to share their experiences with incoming URI students and their guests during this popular annual event. The Ohio Chapter is planning a clambake in Fretzer's Woods on September 24. Find out more and see what your chapter has planned.

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