



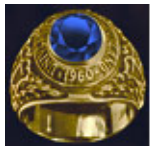
Alumni Updates



► **See our Family Camp photos** Our 2005 Alumni Family Camp was a great success! Campers kept busy kayaking, ice skating, enjoying good food, and just having fun. Browse our [2005 Family Camp Photo Album!](#)



► **Don't miss a great evening at the ballpark** Join alumni, family, and friends **Tuesday, August 23**, for [Pride in URI Night](#) at McCoy Stadium -- an evening of baseball, food, and Rhody fun, sponsored by the Alumni Association and Rhode Island Rams Athletic Association. [Register online today!](#)



► **Class of 1960 to celebrate its 45th reunion** The Class of 1960 returns to campus **September 16-17**, to celebrate its [45th reunion](#). The weekend promises to be a special one, with plenty of opportunities for reconnecting with old friends. Come back to campus, enjoy the Rhody vs. William & Mary football game, and attend the official grand opening of the Alumni Center. [Online registration is available.](#)



► **Membership Matters** We invite you to become a member of the [URI Alumni Association](#).

Enjoy membership benefits, support Alumni Association scholarships, and make a difference in the future of the University! It's easy to [join online](#).



► **At the Chapters** The

University News & Events



► **URI awarded \$750,000 grant to prepare nurse practitioners for gerontological care** The University of Rhode Island has been awarded a three-year, \$750,000 federal grant to prepare nurse practitioners as gerontological specialists. Rhode Island ranks sixth nationwide for the percentage of adults over 65 and fourth nationally for the percentage of individuals 80 and older, according to Associate Nursing Professor Denise Coppa, director of the URI Family Nurse Practitioner Program. Currently there are only 10 gerontological nurse practitioners licensed in the state. [More...](#)



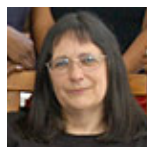
► **Ballard's Ocean Expedition to "Lost City" uses advanced communications to link land, sea-based explorers** An ocean expedition is using "telepresence" to connect Dr. Robert Ballard at sea with the chief scientist ashore as they explore the unique Lost City hydrothermal vents. The mission is financially supported and coordinated by NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "Lost City is a remarkable, unique field of tall chimneys that spiral up from the ocean floor, and we are telling its story in real time through a [precedent-setting ocean expedition](#) that raises the bar on use of communications technology," says Ballard, URI oceanography professor and the expedition's principal investigator. [More...](#)



► **Researchers awarded \$1.4 million in grants from the American Cancer Society** Three URI researchers have received a total of more than \$1.4 million in grants from the American Cancer Society for projects focused on factors linked to cancer. Since estimates suggest nearly one-third of cancer-related deaths could be prevented by lifestyle behavior modification, one of the researchers is working to develop strategies to help people change more than one behavior at a time and another is testing the common behavior change models being used to achieve that change. The third researcher is working to develop a system for inhibiting cancer growth and to better understand the activated enzymes in cancer cells. [More...](#)



► **URI women scientists and engineers receive incentive awards** Women represent merely 22 percent of the science and engineering workforce and less than 20 percent of science and engineering faculty in four-year institutions. In response, the University has embarked on the ADVANCE program, designed to diversify the scientific, technology, engineering, and mathematics workforce at URI by increasing the number of women faculty in those fields. A five-year, \$3.5-million National Science Foundation grant awarded to URI in 2003 funds the effort. This year, seven faculty members were presented with incentive awards totaling \$40,000. [More...](#)



► **Sharon Forleo looks forward to Talent Development's largest freshman class** Talent Development (TD), which began in 1968 with 13 students, is welcoming 288 freshmen this fall, the largest class in its history. TD Associate Director Sharon Forleo has been with the program since 1974 and was recently named 2005 YMCA



New Jersey Chapter is planning its 7th annual [Welcome Freshman Picnic](#) on **August 21** at Monmouth Park Race Track. Area alumni are invited to get together with incoming URI students and their guests during this special yearly event. On **September 24**, the **Ohio Chapter** is holding a New England clambake at Fetzter's Woods for Cleveland area alumni. What does [your chapter](#) have planned?

Outstanding Woman for her work with the TD program. "Talent Development is such a unique program," she says. "Look at the longevity of it. Similar programs that began at the same time are all gone because the intent and funding have all dried up. TD just keeps getting stronger." [More...](#)



▶ **College of the Environment and Life Sciences adds two endowed scholarships** The College of the Environment and Life Sciences (CELS) was able to attract two new endowed scholarships during 2005. Norman and Alicia Tashash and the Family of Kenelm Coons have set up scholarships, each with specific purposes in mind. The two scholarships bring the total in CELS to about 50, says Sarah Lepkowski, the senior development officer for the College. [More...](#)



▶ **Planning ahead?** Believe it or not, now is the time to reserve space for your holiday party in December. The



▶ **Grad student awarded prestigious fellowship by Department of Defense** Graduate student Jeff Harris has earned a prestigious fellowship funded by the Department of Defense. The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate fellowship will pay Harris's tuition and fees for three years and provide a \$30,000 annual stipend. Harris, one of 180 students nationwide selected for the fellowship, plans to complete his master's degree this fall and begin his Ph.D. studies in the winter.

[Whispering Pines Conference Center](#), located at URI's W. Alton Jones Campus, just might be the perfect spot. Take a look!

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