



Alumni Updates



▶ **A great evening at the ballpark coming up on August 23** 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. There's still time to [register online!](#)



▶ **Come to the celebration!** We hope you'll join us for the [official grand opening](#) and ribbon cutting

ceremony of the new URI Alumni Center at 73 Upper College Road in Kingston on **Saturday, September 17,** 3:30 p.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served. [R.S.V.P. online](#) by September 2, or contact the Alumni Office at alumni@advance.uri.edu.



▶ **URI/Leadership Rhode Island alumni fall breakfast** The 2nd annual University of Rhode Island/Leadership

RI Alumni [Fall Breakfast](#) will be held **Tuesday, September 20,** 8-9:30 a.m. at The Gatehouse Restaurant, 4 Richmond Square, Providence. The breakfast is hosted by President Robert Carothers, the URI Alumni Association, and Leadership Rhode Island. [R.S.V.P. online](#) by September 13, or contact Lisa Harrison at lharrison@advance.uri.edu for more information.

▶ **A great way to get involved** Join one of the volunteer committees that work to plan events and further the goals of the Alumni Association.



University News & Events



▶ **"Contemporary Sport: Obsession or Healthy Pursuit" is the focus of 2005 URI Honors Colloquium** Myles Brand, president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, will kick-off the University's Fall 2005 Honors Colloquium, "Contemporary Sport: Obsession or Healthy Pursuit" on September 13 at 7 p.m. The free

lecture series, offered on Tuesday evenings through November 29, is free and open to the public. Also featured are Bob Cousy, Celtics Hall of Famer; Jim Calhoun, University of Connecticut men's basketball coach; Anita DeFrantz, member of the International Olympic Committee; Len Elmore, former NBA star, and current CBS and ESPN commentator; and sports author Frank Deford who writes for *Sports Illustrated*. [More...](#)



▶ **Alumnus donates \$100,000 to new film media degree program**

Shortly after graduating, Fred Joyal '79 moved to Los Angeles where he took screen writing courses and dabbled in advertising, eventually starting a highly successful dentist referral business. Through the years, Joyal has maintained a strong interest in screen writing and film -- and in URI, initiating and supporting an annual film festival, "Visualizations," in which students compete for cash prizes in film and video. Now he has established a \$100,000 endowment for the University's new film media studies program. [More...](#)



▶ **Beetle-mania: URI researcher releases beetles to control**

invasive plant Purple loosestrife is an attractive flowering plant that crowds out native plants, takes over wetlands, and spreads quickly. Efforts to yank it out, mow it down, and burn it have done little to control its growth. Now a University researcher is using *Galerucella*

beetles to eradicate the plant in select locations in Rhode Island. At the request of the R.I. Department of Transportation, URI's Lisa Tewksbury released 7,000 of the small brown beetles in July along Routes 4, 95, and 295 where loosestrife has caused drainage problems in roadside ditches. [More...](#)



▶ **URI awarded \$3 million grant to support research on local coastal environmental issues**

The University has been awarded more than \$3 million from the National Science Foundation for environmental research and graduate education. The five-year grant, through NSF's Integrative Graduate Education and Research

Traineeship program, is designed to improve graduate education by providing students with interdisciplinary training and opportunities to seek solutions to real-world problems. Just five percent of the applicants to the NSF program are funded, making it one of the most competitive programs in the country. [More...](#)



▶ **Graduate library school shines with new grant for its Prism program**

The Graduate School of Library and Information Studies has been awarded a \$504,775 grant from the Institute of Library and Museum Services to continue its successful "Prism" program that prepares librarians to work with diverse populations. The grant

provides resources for the University to offer 12 fellowships for its American Library

Committees are a great way to meet fellow alumni and work together to make a difference for your alma mater. [Find out more!](#)

▶ **At the chapters** The **Washington D. C. Chapter** is holding its 52nd annual clambake on September 10. The **Southern California Chapter** is planning a gathering at the San Diego Polo Club on **September 17**. On **September 24**, the **Ohio Chapter** is holding a New England clambake at Fetzer's Woods. What does [your chapter](#) have planned?

Association-accredited master's degree program. [More...](#)



▶ **On the calendar** The [URI football season](#) kicks off on **September 3** when the Rams play Fordham at Kingston. Classes for the 2005-2006 academic year begin on **Wednesday, September 7**. The URI Foundation will hold its [Fall Used Boat Sale](#) on **September 10**, 8:30-11:30 a.m., at the Narragansett Bay Campus. Take a look at upcoming events at the [Ryan Center](#). Tickets are now on sale for Chicago, in concert on **November 12**. [More...](#)

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