



Alumni Updates



► **Calling all golfers**
Don't miss the [Alumni Golf Tournament](#), held this year on **June 5**, at Triggs Memorial Golf

Course in Providence. Enjoy a great day on the links and support URI student scholarships. [Register online today!](#)



► **Learn how to avoid Lyme disease** Our next Web chat will be on **April 11**, with URI tick researcher [Dr. Tom](#)

[Mather](#), who will answer your questions about preventing Lyme disease. On **May 9**, Master Gardener [Rosanne Sherry '77](#) will be on hand with gardening advice. You can also [read the transcript](#) of our March chat with CVS CEO [Tom Ryan '75](#).



► **Short courses offered in April** The URI Alumni Association is offering two "short courses" next month. On

April 19, you can learn about [Hidden Rhode Island History](#) with URI Professor Scott Malloy and on **April 27**, you can explore [The Night Sky--The Stars and the Milky Way](#) with URI Professor Elizabeth Boyjan. For more information, contact Lisa Cugini at lcugini@advance.uri.edu.

► **Children of Alumni Scholarships**
Applications and guidelines are available online for the [Alumni Children Academic Excellence Scholarships](#). Any alumni son or daughter currently enrolled in URI is eligible to apply. Six scholarships will be awarded. Application deadline: **June 9, 2006**.

University News & Events



► **Retired professor recalls the night before D-Day and beyond**

He remembers looking out the plane's window and seeing the white, sandy coastline of Normandy. Within minutes, Lt. Walter Christoff "Chris" Heisler could see machine gun fire arching its way through the sky. The date was June 5, 1944, the night before D-Day. This month, the 89-year-old Army veteran and retired URI education professor returns to Normandy as he has for the past six years. This time, he and four other Rhode Island D-Day veterans will be the focus of a program, D-Day + 62 Years: Rhode Island Veterans Return to Normandy, to air on NBC10 in June. [More...](#)



► **URI receives more than \$300,000 from the Champlin**

Foundations The [Champlin Foundations](#), one of the oldest philanthropic organizations in Rhode Island, recently awarded the University three grants totaling \$317,000, funding new equipment that will help students explore the physical and biological sciences. These technologies will enable students to practice real-world patient care in simulated learning environments, monitor underwater earthquake and tsunami activity on the west coast, and zoom through the galaxy without leaving their seats. [More...](#)



► **Student merges Native American traditions with high-tech training**

The traditional Narragansett Indian culture plays a vital role in Wanda Hopkins' daily life. She is on the board of the Tomaquag Indian Memorial Museum in Exeter and serves as treasurer of the tribe's JOM Parent Education Committee. But Hopkins, soon to complete her first year in the University's biotechnology manufacturing program, also has one foot firmly planted in the world of biotechnology. It was her son Mack, a 2004 URI grad, who encouraged her to return to college after a nearly 20 year absence. [More...](#)



► **University Library wins national award for information forum series**

The University of Rhode Island Library has been selected to receive the 2006 Association of College and Research Libraries Instruction Section Innovation Award for its "Issues of the Information Age" public forum series. The award recognizes a project that demonstrates creative, innovative, or unique approaches to information literacy instruction. [More...](#)



► **Vegetable grower hired by URI to serve needs of state's**

farmers For the last two years, Whitney O'Hanian has helped produce tons of food for the state's hungry, and during the next two she hopes to guide the state's farmers toward a new crop—a bright green future. O'Hanian, who was hired by the URI Cooperative Extension through a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant, recently became project manager of a new initiative to address the needs of the state's vegetable and forage farmers. [More...](#)



▶ **Seeking alumni and faculty hosts** The Student Alumni Association is sponsoring their [Dinner](#)

[with Strangers](#) program again this spring as a way to bring together alumni, faculty, and students in a warm, friendly environment for good food, conversation, and Rhody camaraderie. Upcoming dinners are **April 23** and **April 30**. If you are a URI alum or faculty member interested in getting involved, please contact Kristal Cardone at kristal@uri.edu.

▶ **At the chapters** The **Rhode Island Chapter** is sponsoring an evening at the Rhode Island Food Bank on **April 6**. **Ohio Chapter** members are getting together at Jacobs Field to watch the Red Sox vs. Cleveland Indians on **April 27**, and on **May 6**, the **New York City Metro Chapter** is participating in the Revlon Run/Walk for women's cancer research. [Find out more!](#)



▶ **Watershed Watch seeks volunteers to monitor lakes, ponds, streams** When state and federal environmental officials need detailed information about the health of many of Rhode Island's water bodies, they turn to a database filled with measurements

collected not by scientists or regulators but by ordinary Rhode Islanders committed to protecting local ponds and streams. To ensure the continuation of this vital stream of data, the URI Watershed Watch program, among the most comprehensive water quality monitoring efforts in the country, is seeking additional volunteers. [More...](#)



▶ **On the calendar** Acclaimed author [Robert Coover](#) will read his work at URI on **April 4**. More than 85 companies and organizations will participate in the [Career and Job fair](#) at the Ryan Center on **April 5**, sponsored by URI Career Services. [David Harvey](#), a leading urban studies theorist will speak at URI's Providence campus on **April 6**. On

April 7, MIT and Harvard Professor Emeritus [Herman Chernoff](#) will discuss a JFK conspiracy theory, speaking about bullets and their echoes picked up on police radios during the JFK assassination. URI sponsors Rhode Island's 2006 [Walt Whitman Weekend](#), **April 8** and **9**. The URI Physical Therapy Program's 16th "[Spring into Motion](#)" 5-mile Fun Run and 3.1-mile walk will be held on **April 29**. Coming up at the [Ryan Center](#): Hasidic reggae superstar Matisyahu on **April 10**, alternative rock band O.A.R. on **April 21**, and the Lipizzaner Stallions on **April 22** and **23**. [More...](#)

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