



Alumni Updates



► **How does your garden grow?** If you are a gardener, you won't want to miss our **May 9** online chat. Master

Gardener [Rosanne Sherry '77](#), back by popular demand, will be on hand just in time for spring planting.



► **Calling all Golden Grads** Graduates who have already celebrated their 50th reunion are invited to come back to

Kingston on **June 2-3** for [Golden Grad Weekend](#). Enjoy great activities, see old friends, and join in the celebration. This year there will be a special gathering for the [Class of 1951](#).



► **Tee time** Did you know that the annual [Alumni Golf Tournament](#) has raised more than \$100,000 for student scholarships in the last

decade? Make your plans now to participate in this popular event, held 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!](#)



► **At the chapters** Join alumni from the **New York City Metro** area on **May 6** as they participate in the Revlon

Run/Walk. On **June 2**, the **New Jersey Chapter** is planning to get together at Yogi Berra Stadium for the New Jersey Jackals/ Worcester Tornadoes game. On **June 10**, the **New York Metro Chapter** is heading to Broadway to take in "Beauty and the Beast." [More chapter news.](#)



University News & Events

► The University has learned that the State Medical Examiner's Office has identified the body recovered from the waters off the Port of Galilee as that of Daniel P. Donahue, one of three URI students last seen on a boat in the Bonnet Shores section of Narragansett in the early morning hours of March 13. Geoffrey M. Wilkes and Fandia M. Shloul remain missing. "We extend our deepest sympathies to the Donahue family, and continue to hold all the families and friends of Daniel, Fandia, and Geoffrey in our hearts during these difficult times," said URI President Robert L. Carothers. As more information is made available, it will be [posted here](#).



► **Chief Justice Williams, one of seven honorary degree recipients, will speak at the University's 120th Commencement**

Frank J. Williams, chief justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, will deliver the commencement address at the University of Rhode Island undergraduate ceremonies to be held on May 21. Chief Justice Williams will also receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Other honorary degree recipients at this year's ceremonies include: Ken and Sue Kermes, Janet Hirsch, Fred Joyal '79, Thomas Wroe Jr. '72, and Dennis Langley. [More...](#)



► **URI, Brown secure \$6.75 million federal grant to stimulate life sciences research in Rhode Island** URI and Brown have teamed up

to secure a \$6.75 million federal grant to stimulate life science research in higher education and promote life science-based economic development in the state. The grant was provided by the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), a National Science Foundation initiative. "This grant will serve to strengthen the state's innovation capacity and provide the latest equipment, training, and staff to propel Rhode Island forward," said Senator Jack Reed at a recent press conference announcing the grant. [More...](#)



► **Graduate student named Fulbright scholar** Regen Jamieson's

trip to learn about bats in Malaysia in 2003 opened her eyes to the need for research on elephants there. Now the URI graduate student has been named a Fulbright Scholar to study what happens to nuisance elephants relocated to Malaysia's Taman Negara National Park. Jamieson earned a bachelor's degree in environmental science from URI in 1997 and went to work for Earthwatch Institute, where she participated in research projects on elephant seals in the Falkland Islands, birds in Ecuador, whales in British Columbia, and the bat project in Malaysia. [More...](#)



► **Class of 1956 couple to help lead granddaughter's commencement procession**

When Arlene and John Leyden graduated in 1956, they never expected they would help lead their granddaughter Erin Leyden's commencement procession 50 years later. As is tradition, the members of the 50th class reunion lead the procession, followed by the faculty and graduates. The Leydens have each enjoyed long teaching careers and are delighted their granddaughter is going to follow in their



▶ **Cast your vote** We hope you will participate in the election of Alumni Association [Executive Board](#) committee members. You can [review the nominees](#) and cast your ballots online. Deadline is **May 31**. You may either vote for the nominee or write in the name of the candidate of your choice. To protect your privacy, [log in is required](#). Thank you for taking the time to vote! Please note: **Only alumni may participate.**

▶ **Student loan consolidation program** The URI Alumni Association provides alumni with a range of special offers through its partner promotion program. For those interested in the [student loan consolidation program](#), Student Trust, Inc., has announced an upcoming rate change.

footsteps. Erin will earn a double degree in psychology and elementary education. [More...](#)



▶ **Journalism students grateful for Wilbur Doctor scholarships** Junior Shaun Boutwell is a managing editor of the URI student newspaper, *The Good 5 Cent Cigar*, where he sometimes works until 2 a.m. Boutwell, who maintains a 3.9 G.P.A., is the most recent recipient of the [Wilbur Doctor Endowed Journalism Scholarship](#), which provides a \$1,000 award each year to a promising journalism student. Doctor is a URI professor emeritus of journalism who, from 1965 until his retirement in 1983, taught students how to assemble a news story, how to gather facts, how to get the story right, and how to get it fast. [More...](#)



▶ **On the calendar** The URI Great Performances series presents the renowned comedy improvisation of [Chicago City Limits](#) on **May 7**. Take a look at current and upcoming exhibits at the [URI Fine Arts Center Galleries](#). At the [Ryan Center](#) on **June 17** is WWE Raw Live. [More...](#)

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