



Alumni Updates



- ▶ **A gathering of golfers** Don't miss this year's [Alumni Golf Tournament](#) 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!](#)



- ▶ **Web chat update** If you are a gardener who missed our recent online chat with [Rosanne Sherry '77](#) of the URI

Master Gardener Program, take a look at the transcript and pick up some of her tips for healthy blooms.



- ▶ **Alumni Association elections and annual meeting** The deadline for voting for Alumni Association [Executive Board](#) committee members is May 31.

You can [review the nominees](#) and vote online. To protect your privacy, [log in is required](#). Alumni are also invited to attend the Alumni Association [annual meeting](#) at the W. Alton Jones Campus on **June 7** where we will welcome new board members and say goodbye to those leaving the board. Meeting begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30.



- ▶ **Rhody Pride Night** Show your Rhody pride at Pawtucket's McCoy Stadium on **August 16**, as the PawSox take on

the Scranton Red Barons. [Pride in URI Night](#) at McCoy is a great night out at the ballpark for the whole family. It's not too early to register!

University News & Events



- ▶ **CNN's Amanpour says vigorous journalism leads to reforms around world** Award-winning journalist Christiane Amanpour, a 1983 graduate of the URI journalism program, believes in the necessity of a robust, vigorous journalism profession. On May 2, she spoke at *The Providence Journal* before a gathering of URI officials and faculty members, publishers, editors, and reporters during a program to build support for three new [URI journalism endowments](#) that would raise funds for visiting lecturers, student scholarships, and a journalism speaker series. The University offers the only bachelor's degree in journalism in Rhode Island. [More...](#)



- ▶ **Pharmacy students win top national honors for Medicare Part D education efforts** The College of Pharmacy captured first-place in a national competition that ranked the reach and effectiveness of student-driven Medicare Part D education efforts. Twenty-two URI pharmacy students were honored at the recent American Pharmacists Association's annual meeting in San Francisco, receiving a plaque and a \$10,000 check, which will go toward student activities in the College of Pharmacy. During the competition period from September 2005 through March 2006, the URI students logged 637 hours of outreach from one end of Rhode Island to the other, and reached 5,583 individuals, including patients, caregivers and health care professionals. [More...](#)



- ▶ **Couple shells out scholarship for quahogging URI student**

Retired professor Wayne Durfee taught poultry science at URI for 26 years, becoming known as the Rhode Island Red expert. During the 1970s, he began teaching and researching shellfish. "You could see the future was in aquaculture," he says. When he retired in 1989, Durfee and his wife Bernice established an endowed scholarship for bright students studying aquaculture. URI aquaculture student Jeffrey Grant, a 20-year-old commercial shell fisherman, is among the recent recipients of the Durfee scholarship endowment. [More...](#)



- ▶ **Communication studies student to speak at University's 120th Commencement**

Blair Valentine of Southington, Conn., will be the University's student commencement speaker. Since her junior year, the communication studies major has been assistant coordinator of the URI 101 Mentor Program, where she helped recruit, hire, and train 150 student mentors. As she prepares for graduation, Valentine says leaving the mentor program will be difficult. "The friends I have made and the things I've learned there are irreplaceable." [More...](#)



- ▶ **Rhody Rides program drives students safely** According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 39 percent of the nation's driving fatalities in 2004 were alcohol related. Now, one group of URI students is working to ensure the safety of their peers by offering them rides home from Narragansett area clubs and

▶ **At the chapters** The **New Jersey Chapter** is heading to Yogi Berra Stadium on **June 2** to watch the New Jersey Jackals take on the Worcester Tornadoes. On **June 10**, the **New York Metro Chapter** is taking in "Beauty and the Beast" on Broadway. Join the **Rhode Island Chapter** ringside at the Big Apple Circus on **July 14** at Ninigret Park in Charlestown! [Find out more.](#)

▶ **There is still time to make a difference** As the 2005-06 fiscal year draws to a close, we thank you for your contribution to the [URI Annual Fund](#) and to the [Rhode Island Rams Athletic Association \(RIRAA\)](#). To learn how your gift can make a difference, contact Sarah Howard for the Annual Fund at showard@advance.uri.edu or Trueson Tarinelli at ttarinelli@advance.uri.edu for RIRAA. The deadline for making a gift for 2005-06 is **June 30**.

restaurants. Rhody Rides, a 12-week pilot program with 85 student volunteers, began in February and provided more than 300 rides during the semester. The student volunteers were trained in defensive driving, alcohol awareness, and first aid. [More...](#)

▶ **URI professors receive prestigious Fulbright awards** Gerontology Professor [Phillip G. Clark](#), director of both the URI Program in Gerontology and the Rhode Island Geriatric Education Center at URI, has been named a Fulbright Fellow. He will spend January through June 2007 in Norway, doing research in the area of geriatric health care and teaching at Buskerud University College. Associate Professor of Accounting Alejandro Hazera has been included on the roster of experts by the Fulbright Senior Specialist program for his knowledge of currencies, financial reporting, and education in Latin America and Spain. Hazera completed work on his first Fulbright senior specialist grant in March in Ecuador. [More...](#)

▶ **On the calendar** Take a look at the variety of [summer camps and programs](#) offered at the University of Rhode Island. The URI Master Gardeners and the Northeast Regional Master Gardeners Conference are sponsoring a [Garden Marketplace & Expo](#), three days of free lectures, demonstrations, and gardening vendors, **June 6-8**, at the Hyatt Regency in Newport. At the [Ryan Center](#) on **June 17** is WWE Raw Live. [More...](#)



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