



## Alumni Updates



► **Pride in URI Night Photo Album** There were plenty of smiling faces at our 2006 Pride in URI Night at McCoy

Stadium on August 16. Take a look at our [photo album](#) from this always popular event!



► **"Using Science to Catch the Bad Guys"**

Alumni and friends in the New York City area are invited to a reception

and presentation by explosives expert and URI Professor Jimmie Oxley on **September 14** at the Grand Hyatt New York. Frequently called upon to lend her expertise to high profile national and international incidents involving explosive and energetic materials, Dr. Oxley has also served as a consultant for the CS/TV series. [Don't miss this fascinating evening!](#)



► **Upcoming chats** On September 19, our chat will feature URI Vice President for University Advancement [Bob](#)

[Beagle](#), who will be discussing trends in philanthropy. On October 4, leading airline industry expert [Robert Crandall '57](#) will respond to questions about airline security today and the impact of recent terrorist plots on airline travel. See our complete [fall chat schedule](#).



► **Time to reconnect**

The Class of 1961 is celebrating its [45th Reunion](#) on September 30, and members of the

Class of 1966 are coming back to Kingston October 13-14 to celebrate



## University News & Events



► **URI announces first recipients of Distinguished Achievement Awards**

The head of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank, the founder of a leading technology company, the chief of CVS/pharmacy, and a retired nursing professor and philanthropist are the first recipients of the University of Rhode Island Distinguished

Achievement Awards. The recipients, all graduates of the University, are **Bernard J. Beaudreau, Barbara A. Cardillo, Tom Ryan, and Cynthia Sculco**. Ceremonies in their honor will be held at the Rhode Island Convention Center, Saturday, October 14. [More...](#)



► **Scientists discover Santorini eruption much larger than originally believed**

An international team of scientists has found that the second largest volcanic eruption in human history, the massive Bronze Age eruption of Thera in Greece, was much larger and more widespread than previously believed. During recent research expeditions, scientists from the University of Rhode Island and the Hellenic Center for Marine Research found deposits of volcanic pumice and ash 10 to 80 meters thick extending out 20 to 30 kilometers in all directions from the Greek island of Santorini. "These deposits have changed our thinking about the total volume of erupted material from the Minoan eruption," said URI volcanologist Haraldur Sigurdsson.

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► **URI 2006 Honors Colloquium to explore Songs of Social Justice: The Rhetoric of Music**

This fall, the University of Rhode Island's annual honors colloquium, Songs of Social Justice: The Rhetoric of Music, will explore how music has always been a constant refrain in shaping the political and social experience. The semester-long series, free and open to the public, will feature such noted activist musicians as Buffy Sainte-Marie, Tom Paxton, Peggy Seeger, Chuck D, and Utah Phillips who will discuss and perform their music. [More...](#)



► **College guide names URI among top 100 for gay-friendly campuses**

*The Advocate College Guide for LGBT Students* ranks the University among the top 100 colleges and universities in the nation that offer resources and create positive living and learning environments for gay students. This is the first and only campus guide

for gay students looking to find the right college and was published in partnership with *The Advocate* magazine. More than 600 colleges and universities were considered before the final selections were made. [More...](#)

► **News for donors on IRA rollover provisions** During the remainder of 2006 and all of 2007, donors have an unprecedented opportunity to make a tax-advantaged gift to URI. Congress has just passed, and the President signed, legislation (H.R. 4) that permits **tax-free gifts from IRAs** (both traditional and Roth IRAs) to qualified charities. [More...](#)

their [40th Reunion](#). Join the celebration!

▶ **We'd like your opinion** As we begin planning Young Alumni Weekend, our annual celebration for graduates of the last decade, we would like to know what activities you would be most interested in. We invite you to complete a [brief online survey](#). Login is required. We appreciate your participation.

▶ **At the chapters** On **September 16**, the **Northern California Chapter** is holding its 11th annual clambake in San Mateo. On **October 2**, the **Fijis** are holding a charity golf tournament. And on **October 21**, the **Southwest Florida Gators** are getting together for their annual Octoberfest luncheon in Port Charlotte. [Find out more](#).



▶ **URI alumna has Georgia on her mind** Lisa Lahr '06 will spend the next 10 months in Georgia. This will be her fourth trip to the former Soviet Republic and her longest stay there. The trip is underwritten by a \$19,500 Fulbright grant. Lahr's goal is make the language of Georgia more accessible, and she hopes to collaborate with an American art teacher in Georgia to create a Georgian alphabet book. She will study at the International Center for Georgian Language Research in Tbilisi. [More...](#)



▶ **On the calendar** The URI [football season](#) home opener will be the Rams vs. Merrimack on **September 9**. On **September 12**, "Public Enemy" founder [Chuck D](#), recognized as hip-hop's most respected intellectual, kicks off the 2006 Honors Colloquium series. Painter [Gregory Coates](#) will speak at URI on **September 25**. The Providence

Bruins play the Bridgeport Sound Tigers on **September 27** at the [Boss Ice Arena](#). [Fall Gardening School](#), sponsored by the URI Cooperative Extension, will be held on consecutive Wednesday evenings from **Sept. 27 through Nov. 17**. The URI Theatre announces its [2006-2007 season](#), which will begin on **October 12** with Neil LaBute's "Fat Pig." Coming up at the [Ryan Center](#): **October 4**, the Rhode Island Statewide Business to Business Expo; **October 12**, Scooby Doo Stagefright - Live on Stage; **October 28**, comedian Brian Regan. [More..](#)

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