



Alumni Updates



► **Internet safety tips** If you missed our recent Web chat with Internet Safety Specialist **Jessica Stratton '99**,

you'll want to [read the transcript](#) from this lively discussion that included some great tips for improving online security. Our next Web chat is on **May 15** with [Dr. Kathleen Melanson](#), URI professor of nutrition and food science, who will address the always popular topic of healthy weight loss.



► **A great day on the links** The [URI Alumni Golf Tournament](#) will be held **June 5** at Valley Country Club in

Warwick. The tournament is a great way to enjoy your favorite game, catch up with fellow alumni and friends, and raise funds to benefit URI students. The URI Alumni Golf Tournament has raised \$120,000 for student scholarships and grants since 1995. [Register online today!](#)



► **Fiftieth reunion celebration** Members of the Class of 1957 will be celebrating their [50th Reunion May 18-20,](#)

2007. A weekend of great events and activities is planned, culminating with the 50th Reunion Class leading the University's 2007 Commencement march onto the Quad.



► **Family time, Family Camp** This year's Alumni Family Camp will be held **July 27-29, 2007**. This will be the seventh year of [URI Family Camp](#), two

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► **Hasbro Children's Fund announces \$500,000 gift to support international education** Hasbro Children's Fund, the charitable arm of Pawtucket-based toymaker Hasbro, Inc., has announced a \$500,000 gift to the University of Rhode Island to support international business and engineering education. The gift was made as part of the University's Making a Difference campaign. The majority of the funds will be used to establish the [Hasbro Scholars Fund](#), which will provide merit-based financial support for undergraduate students pursuing business and engineering internships and studies in China. [More...](#)



► **Naval Undersea Warfare Center Newport establishes Center of Excellence in Undersea Technology with URI** The U.S. Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) has awarded URI with the first Center of Excellence in Undersea Technology in the United States.

The Center's mission will be to establish cooperative research, product development, technology transfer, and science and technology training and educational alliances between NUWC and other center partners. In addition to granting this award to URI, NUWC is also providing \$150,000 to assist in the creation of this new center of excellence and for its initial project focused on designing and building an undersea distributed network system. [More...](#)



► **Lincoln Chafee to deliver URI's 121st Commencement address**

On May 20, former U.S. Sen. Lincoln D. Chafee will deliver the commencement address during the University's undergraduate ceremonies, and will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Sebastian P. Musco, founder of Gemini Industries, will receive an honorary Doctor of Arts degree on May 20. On May 19, Joia Mukherjee M.D., M.P.H., director of Partners in Health, will deliver the graduate commencement address and receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, and world-renowned statistician C.R. Rao will receive an honorary Doctor of Science degree. [More...](#)



► **Two students selected by Disney for youngest crew in**

TransPac Yacht Race URI students Robbie Kane and Jesse Fielding are among 15 students selected by yacht racer Roy Disney to comprise one of the youngest teams to ever enter the TransPac Yacht Race. The nephew of legendary animator Walt Disney and a longtime executive for the Walt Disney Co., Roy Disney is also producing a feature-length documentary film of the student selection process, training and race to be released nationwide in 2008. The 8- to 10-day race aboard a 52-foot yacht begins in Los Angeles and ends in Honolulu. [More...](#)



► **Alumnus honors business professor, friend with major gift**

When he was a student, David J. Buckanavage '80 took courses with Professor of Business Administration Clay V. Sink, and was his student assistant for four years. To honor Sink, who will retire this year after 38 years of teaching at URI, Buckanavage and his wife,

days of family activities for adults and children of all ages. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this popular annual family event.

► **At the chapters** The **New York Metro Alumni Chapter** is inviting URI alumni and friends to join them in Times Square on **May 5** for the the 10th annual Revlon Run/Walk for Women. On **July 13**, the **Rhode Island Chapter** is getting together for a performance of the famed Big Apple Circus in Charlestown's Ninigret Park. Find out more about [these and other chapter events](#).

► **URI at West Point** Make your plans now to join URI alumni, family, and friends at West Point's Michie Stadium for the University of Rhode Island-Army football game on **September 8**. For tickets, call the Ryan Center box office at 401-874-RAMS (7267). Travel packages are available. [Learn more](#) about this fun fall event or contact Michelle Fontes at 401-874-4854 or mfontes@advance.uri.edu for details.

Deborah, recently made a \$50,000 donation to the Clay V. Sink College of Business Administration Internship Endowment. Sink will be honored by faculty, alumni, and staff on **June 14** at the Crowne Plaze Hotel, and Buckanavage is encouraging alumni who benefited from Sink's teaching to attend. [More...](#)



► **URI begins advertising for director of athletics post** To attract top candidates from across the country for its director of athletics post, the University has begun advertising in national, minority, and women's publications. The ad has started appearing in publications and is listed on the URI Web site. Working with Atlantic 10 Conference commissioner Linda Bruno, Robert M. Beagle, vice president of University Advancement and search committee chair, has notified all 32 Division I athletic conference commissioners of the position. "We feel this is one major way to get the position availability into the hands of the right people and to stimulate recommendations, nominations, and applications," Beagle said. [More...](#)



► **On the calendar** The URI Theatre Department production of [Pride and Prejudice](#) begins its run at the Will Theater on **April 19**. The University hosts a [storm water workshop](#) for municipal officials, developers, and engineers on **April 24** at the Narragansett Bay Campus. The URI Library Gallery showcases [25 Years of Dragonfly](#), a display of bookbinding restoration, now through **April 26**. The URI English Department launches its inaugural [Ocean State Summer Writing Conference](#) **June 22 and 23**, welcoming both novice and advanced writers. The conference, [The Risk of Writing](#), features workshops, panel discussions, craft talks, and readings by award-winning writers and poets. Country music star **Vince Gill** is performing at the [Ryan Center](#) on **July 19**. [More...](#)

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