Colleen Black ’10 FIEP/CHE is an Installation Analysis Engineer at Technip in Houston, TX. In the fall, she will be working towards an MS in Civil Engineering with a concentration in Ocean & Coastal Studies at Oregon State University.

Rachael Browning ’11 GIEP/CHE finished her Trainee Program at Nestlé Purina and is now an Associate Engineer.

Kelly Cook ’11 dual masters URI/TUBS is with Siemens AG, Munich.

Tricia Coutts ’11 GIEP/CHE finished the trainee program with Praxair Inc and will be headed to Detroit as a Plant Engineer with the majority of Rhode Island high school graduates will be proficient in English and at least one other language. In the presence of Senator Jack Reed, Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, Deborah Gist, two of our IEP alumni, Yidan- ya Carrasco (SIEP ’03) and Scott Carlson (GIEP ’10) and IEP board member Mike Byrnes, showcased the impact the IEP and language acquisition have had on their impressive careers.

On a more somber note, we are saying goodbye to Kate Zimmerman, our competent coordinator, who is fortunate enough to move on to a Ph.D. program in French at Boston University. While we are sad to see her go, it is fully in IEP style! Many thanks, and our best for your promising future from all of us in the IEP, Katie!

Two generations of GIEPers: Erik Anderson ’02 & ’09, a GIEP grad and his tent coordinator, who is fortunate enough to move on to a Ph.D. program in French at Boston University. While we are sad to see her go, it is fully in IEP style! Many thanks, and our best for your promising future from all of us in the IEP, Katie!

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Joe LiVolsi ‘10 GIEP/MCE works at NUWC in Newport, RI.

Andrew Marchesseault ’06 GIEP/MCE, ’07 M.S./Dipl.-Ing completed his Doctorate in Mechanical Engineering at TU Braunschweig.

Shawn Martin ’05 GIEP/BBME is a Senior Engineer at General Dynamics Electric Boat in Groton, CT.

Tonya McBride ’99 GIEP/CHE is working from RI as a Business Development Manager with PolyOne Corporation.

Jason Miller ’10 GIEP/MCE completed his dual master’s degree URI/TUBS in April 2012.

Graeme O’Connell ’09 GIEP/BBME completed his M.S. in Biomedical Engineering at Duke University. He works for Civitech Oncology in Durham, NC.

Meghan Bellow’s Peterson ’06 GIEP/CHE completed her Ph.D. at Princeton University and is now a Systems Engineer with Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore, CA.

Steven Shihong ’11 GIEP/MCE is a Magnetics Project Engineer at GM/Whitaker Bearings in West Greenwich, RI.

Meghan Soens ’05 GIEP/BBME/ELE completed her MBA from Northwestern University in 2010 and works as a Senior Global Product Manager for Boston Scientific Endoscopy.

Taylor Spalt ’08 GIEP/MCE has a Co-Op with NASA Langley Research Center while he finishes up his dissertation at Virginia Tech.

Ryan Tanner ’06 GIEP/MCE is in his second year of Ph.D. studies at the University of Colorado, Boulder majoring in Architectural Engineering with a focus on building controls.

Andrew Wild ’09 GIEP/MCE is a Project Engineer for New England Ropes in Fall River, MA.

Beatrice S. Demers Fellowship Recipients

Dear friends,
This Spring, the IEP started celebrating its 25th anniversary with a ten day tour to Braunschweig, Berlin and Paris. TU Braunschweig offered a warm welcome featuring our 2nd German alumni meeting on May 5, a wonderful outing to near-by Riddagshausen cloister and lake, and an interdisciplinary bio-pharmaceutical engineering forum on May 7. Faculty from both institutions explored the academic side of this magnificent city. In the morning, the Université de Technologie de Compiègne hosted our IEP board meeting and introduced us to culinary delights as well as to its ambitious academic portfolio. With its emphasis on applied and global learning, as well as industry partnerships, UTC is an excellent match for URI and the IEP.

In the plane to Paris on May 6, we kicked off a new collaboration agreement with Deutsche Bahn overflying Berlin from the DB tower terrace, followed by a discussion of research synergies and cooperation on the 23rd floor of the Total
The IEP extends many thanks to UTC and Comelia Marin, director for International Relations, and her team for such a warm welcome to us! Thank you all to all of the advisory board members who made the trip!

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Check out the May 18 Chronicle of Higher Education for an in-depth account on how “An unusual marriage between engineering and languages lures students.” And please join us for the 15th Annual Colloquium on International Engineering Education November 1-3rd in Newport, with keynotes from William Cogliati, Science & Technology Advisor to the Secretary of State, Shivan Subramaniam, CEO of FM Global, and Jens Hanefeld, Minister and Chief Advisor to the Secretary of State, Washington. Send Sigrid an email, sbenka@uri.edu, if you would like to be featured on the alumni panel!!