Alumni Updates

Jeff Borden (’09 French IEP) is now a software systems engineer at BAE Systems in Nashua, NH.

Denise Buckley (’96) is manager of product management/customer service at GE Healthcare.

Alexandra Dempsey (’09 French IEP) landed a job at General Dynamics C4 Systems in Taunton, Massachusetts as an electrical engineer.

Matthew Dunham (’09 German IEP) is a relatively new hire as a nuclear engineer at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Igor Garcia (’01 German IEP) is product support manager for MTU Detroit Diesel in Miami Florida, where he lives with his wife, Elisha. They are expecting their first child very soon.

Curtis Richard (’09 Chinese IEP) is an intelligence engineer, surveillance & reconnaissance systems and platform at Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport, RI.

Jodi Senger (’01 German IEP) is engaged and planning to wed this August. She works for Raytheon and is President of the Society of Women Engineers’ San Diego section.

Rachael Starr (’03 German IEP) is the director of program management and strategic development at Covidien Medical Supplies in Mansfield, MA.

Student Awards

Congratulations to the winners of the URI German Excellence Award: Brandon Corey, Payam Fahr, Colleen Grinham, Brian Kintz, Nick Putnam, Evan Rambikur, Yida Yang.

Lolu Kusemiju, a German Language and Civil Engineering student in the IEP, is a recipient of the Black Scholar Award at URI.

Brian Kintz received the prestigious DAAD German study abroad scholarship totaling over $9,000 US dollars for study abroad in 2010-2011.

6 IEP students are the latest inductees into the national academic Phi Beta Kappa Society. They are Patrick Eads, Amy Gibsom, Patrick Hartnett, Kyrsen O’Leary, Alex Pytka, and Jarred Serpa.

Heidi Kirk Duffy Center House Updates

Congratulations to the following 2010-2011 residents who received a $1000 IEP Housing Scholarship: Luis Gonzalez, Samuel LeBlanc, Sam Matus and Emily Serman.

Live with other IEP Students at the Heidi Kirk Duffy Center!

The housing application is now available. Download it at www.uri.edu/iep or stop by the IEP office and pick one up.

Summer housing is also available. Contact Angela Graneey for more details: agraneey@mail.uri.edu.

Dear Friends,

Now is the time to celebrate! Nothing would please me more than to see you all on June 5th at noon on URI’s campus. Meet the IEP’s new leadership team, catch up with past classmates, faculty and graduating students, and tour the grounds of the Heidi Kirk Duffy Center.

The BBQ (free of charge!) is planned for you. Bring family and friends and celebrate the IEP. It isn’t just my retirement after 40 years bringing us together; it is the bond we share.

See you June 5th for lunch in Kingston, Rhode Island. And then for dinner and fun at the Dunes Club in Narragansett later that evening!

Yours,

John Grandin

Photos of John...
The first-ever IEP brochure in 1988 led us to Mercedes Corp. and beyond. Thanks Dr. G! -Steve & Jill Miskelley, '93

John, you had a profound impact on my life because I studied abroad. -Mike Silva, '94

Congrats! Your far-exceeding goals have all come true and led us to prestigious careers. -Nika McManus, '07

IEP students dedicated a dogwood tree in Dr. Grandin’s name outside the TI House on campus on May 4, 2010.

You personally and your work positively impacted my life. Thanks. -Matt Zimmerman, ‘01

Because of you, Dr. Grandin, I speak German on a weekly basis. Thank you! -Daryl Hoedtke, ‘00

I miss the IEP terribly!! -Jeff Borden, ‘09