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Newsletter



Welcome to the fifth edition of URIncluded, a monthly digital newsletter from the Office of Community, Equity, and Diversity. URIncluded showcases the broadly representative, diverse community at URI and brings it together by keeping the University updated on important inclusion initiatives. Who will it take to foster an inclusive culture? YOU. You are included.



➤➤➤ UNCHAINED VOICES: A WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PANEL MARCH 20TH

A collaboration between the Women's Center and M.S.S.C., this community event brought together influential women leaders to candidly share their experiences and insights on leadership, mentorship, and advocacy, engaging in a meaningful conversation on the opportunities and challenges for women of color in leadership.

➤➤➤ LGBTEA FINDING SUPPORT IN A DIVIDED WORLD MARCH 24TH

The Gender and Sexuality Center facilitated a conversation fostering community support, resilience, and connection with speaker Dr. Jillian Scheer. This event offered an opportunity to navigate the complexities of today's world as a community.

➤➤➤ ALUMNI OF COLOR NETWORK PANEL EVENT MARCH 25TH

The ACN partnered with the M.S.S.C. to create career-building opportunities for students and alumni, providing mentorship, graduate school connections, and career advancements.

➤➤➤ THEWLIS LECTURE ON GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS MARCH 26TH

The 2025 Malford Thewlis Lecture on Gerontology and Geriatrics featured a screening of Michelle Le Brun's documentary, *Optics of Aging*, followed by a discussion on the stereotypes of ageism, revealing the beauty of aging through five elders who have shaped the landscape of Rhode Island and beyond.



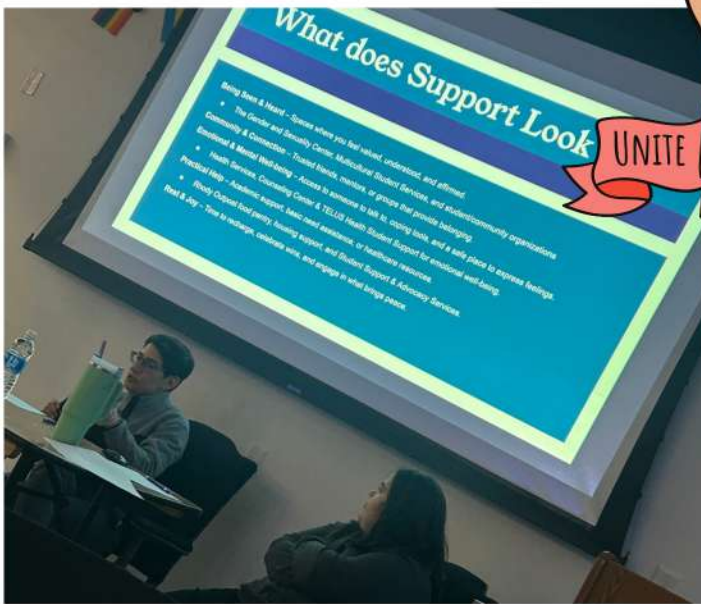
CAMPUS GALLERY



Congressman Gabe Amo at Rose Butler Browne Women of Color Conference



Women's Center x Office of International Students and Scholars Spill the Tea Event



LGBT Tea



GSC Queer Prom

WORD OF THE MONTH

Gender Equity: Treating all genders fairly, recognizing that they have different needs and may require different approaches to achieve equality in rights, opportunities, and outcomes. Gender equity emphasizes fairness and justice in the distribution of resources, opportunities, and responsibilities.



NEWS **AND** EVENTS

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DON'T MISS OUT

Here at URI, there's something for everyone. Stay up to date on campus events and news.

- **APRIL 1ST: SAFE ZONE BLITZ AT GENDER SEXUALITY CENTER 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**
- **APRIL 2ND: INTERFAITH FESTIVAL MEMORIAL UNION BALLROOM 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**
- **APRIL 10TH: INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE AWARDS MEMORIAL UNION BALLROOM 5:00PM**
- **APRIL 17TH: GSC LAVENDER GRADUATION AT MEMORIAL UNION 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**
- **APRIL 24TH: MAVE VETERANS' AWARDS LUNCHEON AT MSSC 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

[VIEW UPCOMING EVENTS HERE](#)

CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

- **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**
MARCH 1ST-MARCH 30TH
- **ASH WEDNESDAY**
MARCH 5TH
- **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**
MARCH 8TH
- **HOLI**
MARCH 14TH
- **EID AL-FITR**
MARCH 30TH-31ST
- **TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY**
MARCH 31ST



[VIEW LIST OF CULTURAL HOLIDAYS](#)

ANNOUNCEMENT

»»» 2025 Inclusive Excellence ««« Awards Dinner and Celebration

THURSDAY APRIL 10TH 5:00 PM

The Office of the President and the Office of Community, Equity and Diversity are looking forward to honoring undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff who have been committed to demonstrating and promoting inclusion at the University of Rhode Island in the areas of community leadership, inclusive teaching, and service.

Awards will be presented to eight community members in various categories. [Learn more about the awards and the event.](#)

Registration is required. Please respond by Thursday, April 3. For questions, please call 401.874.7077.

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WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

Our office comprises administrative staff, undergraduate and graduate student staff, and center directors. Visit the [CED staff page](#) for more info.

CED houses four centers that foster community and promote inclusion.

- [Gender and Sexuality Center \(GSC\)](#)
- [Women's Center \(WC\)](#)
- [Multicultural Student Services Center \(MSSC\)](#)
- [Military and Veteran Education Center \(MAVE\)](#)