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At this very time last year, two campus leaders collaborated to bring an idea they both had to life at URI. After assembling committed directors from numerous campus organizations, they began to plan the first URI dance marathon. RhodyThon, as it came to be known, was chosen to benefit the Children’s Miracle Network. Austin Shission, IFC director of philanthropy and service, had the idea to involve the broader university community in great fundraiser, while Panhel President Hailey Flavin had the vision of a dance marathon after participating in one at her previous institution: Elon University. On March 24th, this vision was realized when campus organizations from Student Senate to Rhody Rhapsodies, and community groups like URI Athletics and Miss Rhode Island contestants came together in Mackal Field House.

Over 1,000 participants danced for eight hours straight while enjoying entertainment from live bands to dance performances and sports tournaments; all while the participating groups continued to dance. The URI RhodyThon set a national record for first year dance marathons, and did so by over $65,000. The unbelievable reveal at 2:00am followed a meaningful slideshow dedicated to the kids recovering in Hasbro’s Childrens Hospitals, and totalled $147,903.22! We are so lucky to have a community dedicated to such great cooperation in service, and look forward to growing the event in the years to come.

Visit www.RhodyThon.org to see learn about the team and make your contribution!
St. Baldrick's
Organized by a passionate team of campus leaders, the annual St. Baldrick’s “Rock the Bald” event is one of Greek Life’s favorites. To honor friends, family, and community members we all know braving cancer treatment, over 50 Greeks shaved their heads, and if it was long enough, donated their hair. Event organizer Ian Kanerman passionately contributes every year, and explains in his last year at URI, “St. Baldrick’s is just one piece of my legacy that I hope will create ripples of passion in others. To genuinely empower others to find a worthy cause to support and give back to their community selflessly – that’s my hope.” We are very proud of Ben Ratier of Sigma Chi for raising over $1,000 of the $15,000+ sum that was raised for childhood cancer research.

The Notorious FMA
You may not have heard much about the Fraternity Manager’s Association (other than when you paid a housing bill or received assistance with a problem in the chapter house) but the work they do on a weekly basis keeps our community functioning at the highest standard. From small contributions like the Fraternity Circle Cleanup, to the larger contributions such as planning the addition of two new fraternity houses coming to campus, they should not go unnoticed. Our fellow students dedicate time, our Greek advisors advise, FMA staff educate, and exec members fly in from across the country for these meetings, with the goal of making our community stronger. Next time you stop by the Christopher House, stop and ask some questions, because the work they do is truly priceless.
A Week For The Greeks

The Panhel and Interfraternity Councils could not be more proud or confident in the planning of this year’s Greek Week. It will serve to culminate the RhodyThon fundraiser and a year of great work in all aspects. This programming week unlike any other at the University of Rhode Island will include classic events like the Chariot Race and Mr. and Mrs. Greek Week, to new additions such as Capture the Flag and Broomball! The Greek chapters have already raised $140,000 collectively for the Children’s Miracle Network, and the number grows daily. This year new risk management policies have been developed by all leaders to ensure this Greek Week is both successful and safe.

Taking a Stand

This semester our community’s most important initiative, eliminating all sexual assault, was taken to a new level. Every member of every fraternity and every sorority was scheduled a professional sexual assault/harassment prevention training offered graciously by committed university professor Keith Labelle. Offering a plethora of experience, Keith feels connected and responsible for our campuses students, seeing as he himself completed the Honors College and a Master’s degree here in 2003. Since then, he has become the Assistant Director of Community, Equity, Diversity, and Bystander Intervention Training & Education, earned the title Supervisor of Bystander Intervention, and brought the I-Stand campaign to our campus. While our leading councils held our Greek members accountable to these trainings, he offered two different sessions to focus on how our Greek men and women can take a stand to end sexual assault in our entire campus population. We could not give enough thanks to Keith Labelle for helping us in the fight that is most important not only on campus, but for all.
Greens of the Month!

Austin Shission is one of the four directors who made RhodyThon come to life and raise over $150,000! Along with having been the Executive Director of Programming for RhodyThon, he also serves as the Director of Service and Involvement on IFC, VP of Order of Omega, and as a member of Phi Kappa Psi’s National Executive Council. "I do as much as I can to give back to the community and do my part. I am a firm believer in small acts of kindness changing the world."

Gabby Hummel, a sister of Phi Sigma Sigma is a junior double major in Data Science and Political Science. "Since joining Phi Sig, I’ve served as the Community Service Chair and the Vice President. Phi Sig has given me lifelong friends and the opportunity to dedicate my passions and values to an organization that shares them. Outside of Greek life, I’m involved with URI Service Corps, where I am a student leader on Alternative Spring Break trips."

Celine Orabi from AXiD serves her chapter as the sisterhood director and says she found the most valuable support system she’s ever had through being apart of the Greek community, and knows she’ll have the support for a lifetime. Celine had a blast visiting Pittsburgh with IFC, Panhel, and chapter leaders this weekend to learn so many valuable lessons and practices. She can’t wait to bring what she learned to the community and aspires to be on the Panhellenic Council in the future! Her favorite quote is: “You get out of it what you put into it.”

A Look Back in Greek History

April 5th, 1895
National Founding of Chi Omega

April 10th, 1856
National Founding of Theta Chi

April 17th, 1893
National Founding of Alpha Xi Delta