2019 URI School Garden Conference
Saturday, October 26th 2019
8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Avedisian (Pharmacy) Building Room 170
University of Rhode Island, Kingston

AGENDA

8:30 am  Registration
Conference sign-in; Coffee, tea and pastries for conference participants

9:00 am  Welcome, Introductions, About URI Cooperative Extension
Vanessa Venturini, State Leader, URI Master Gardener Program
Kate Lacouture, School Garden Conference Coordinator, URI Cooperative Extension

9:15 am  Keynote: Edible Schoolyard Project at Rogers High School
Katrina Heron, Executive Director, Edible Schoolyard Project
Bethany Borgueta, Teacher, Rogers High School & Founder, The Newport Project Community Garden

10:00 am  Edible Forest Garden as a School Garden Model: Smithfield High School Case Study
Chris English, Co-Director, Permaculture Project at the Providence Zen Center; Director, Revive the Roots

10:30 am  Composting in School Gardens Panel
Vanessa Venturini (moderator)
Egidia Vergano, Education & Outreach Specialist, RIRRC
Morgan Laner, Program Specialist, Center for EcoTechnology
Aaron Sherman, First Grade Teacher, Pell School

11:30 am  Lunch with Speakers; Networking; Exhibitors Fair

1:00 pm  Farm-to-School: Connecting the School Garden to the Cafeteria Panel
Margaret Read, Food Policy Consultant (moderator)
Kelly DeAngelis, Director of Sustainability, Providence Public School Nutrition Program, Sodexo
Kelly McKeon, K-12 Manager Cranston, Aramark, and URI Master Gardener
Cheryl Caro, Resident Dietician, Chartwells
Corin Tasso, Area Manager, Revolution Foods

2:00 pm  School Garden Grant Writing - Tips & Tricks
Brandee Lapisky, Director, The Compass School
Abby Cooper, Development Director, The Compass School

3:00 pm  School Garden Troubleshooting Q & A
All speakers

3:45 pm  Closing Remarks, Raffle, & Evaluation
Kate Lacouture, School Garden Conference Coordinator, URI Cooperative Extension

We look forward to receiving your feedback before you leave today. Please bring your completed evaluation form (located in your folder) to the registration table by the end of the day. Thank you!

To see a full listing of conference resources please visit uri.edu/sgi/conference/