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Renowned Writer, Naturalist Terry Tempest Williams to Deliver URI's 2023 Commencement Address

by Dave Lavalley

Writer, naturalist, and freedom-of-speech advocate Terry Tempest Williams will deliver the University of Rhode Island's 2023 Commencement address at the University-wide ceremony Saturday, May 20, which will begin at 10 a.m. on the Kingston Campus Quadrangle. The main ceremony is part of a full weekend of commencement celebrations that includes the Graduate School ceremony on Friday, May 19, at 5 p.m. at the Ryan Center. The University's eight-degree granting colleges will hold additional ceremonies May 20 and 21.

Also during the main ceremony, the University will confer honorary degrees on Zaven Khachaturian, Ph.D., widely considered the "father" of modern Alzheimer's disease research; Wendy Schmidt, president of The Schmidt Family Foundation; and Clint Smith, an interdisciplinary scholar and inspirational social justice educator, poet, author and speaker.

"We are so pleased to have Terry Tempest Williams deliver this year's commencement address," URI President Marc Parlange said. "Not only a prolific writer, Professor Williams is a powerful and moving speaker."

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Terry Tempest Williams

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Last year she gave a poignant and thought-provoking talk on campus, and we are honored to have her back for this momentous University celebration.

An award-winning author who has shown how environmental issues are social issues that become matters of justice, Williams asks tough and challenging questions, such as "What might a different kind of power look like, feel like, and can power be redistributed equitably even beyond our own species?"

She has testified before Congress on women's health, been a guest at the White House, camped in the Utah and Alaska wildernesses, and worked as "a barefoot artist" in Rwanda.

Williams is the author of the environmental literature classics: *Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place*; *An Unspoken Hunger:*

Stories from the Field; *Desert Quartet*; *Leap*; *Red: Passion and Patience in the Desert*; *The Open Space of Democracy*; *Finding Beauty in a Broken World*; *When Women Were Birds*; *The Hour of Land: A Personal Topography of America's National Parks*; and *The Story of My Heart* by Richard Jeffries, as rediscovered by Brooke Williams and Terry Tempest Williams. Her most recent books are *Erosion -- Essays of Undoing* and *The Moon Is Behind Us* with photographer Fazal Sheikh.

Among the honors bestowed on Williams are the 2006 Robert Marshall Award from The Wilderness Society, the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Western American Literature Association, the Wallace Stegner Award given by The Center of the American West, a Lannan Literary Fellowship, and a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship in creative nonfiction.

In 2009, Williams was featured in Ken Burns' PBS series on the national parks. In 2014, on the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, she received the Sierra Club's John Muir Award, and in 2017 she was presented the Audubon New York Award for Environmental Writing. In 2019, she was given The Robert Kirsch Award, a lifetime achievement prize given to a writer with a substantial connection to the American West. She was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Williams is writer-in-residence at the Harvard Divinity School. She divides her time between the red rock desert of Utah and Cambridge, Massachusetts

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URI Names Honorary Degree Recipients

by Dave Lavallee

**Zaven Khachaturian, Ph.D.— Honorary
Doctor of Pharmaceutical Sciences**



Zaven Khachaturian is widely recognized as the “father” of modern Alzheimer’s disease research. His scientific interest in brain mechanism of memory and his academic career in brain research began in the late 1950s at Yale University. In the span of subsequent decades, he has served in high-level positions in academia, private sector and government. During his tenure at the National Institutes of Health (1977-1995), with the dual role of director, Office of Alzheimer’s Disease, NIH, and director, Neuroscience of Aging Program, NIA/NIH, he had responsibilities for strategic planning and decisions regarding government policies for funding-administering major national programs of research on Alzheimer’s disease and brain aging. He was responsible for launching major national research programs. He was also instrumental in making Alzheimer’s disease a top priority of the government and the subsequent unlocking of federal funding for research.

Throughout his career he has served as mentor to countless investigators. He had a direct hand in launching the scientific-academic calling careers of many prominent and successful researchers in the field of dementia-Alzheimer syndrome in the U.S. as well as other countries. As the emeritus Founding Editor-in-Chief of Alzheimer’s & Dementia, which is now the top-rated journal for dementia, he continues to serve as a deeply committed mentor to successive generations of scientists.

**Wendy Schmidt—Honorary
Doctor of Science**



Wendy Schmidt is a philanthropist and investor who has spent nearly two decades creating innovative non-profit organizations to work with communities around the world for clean, renewable energy, resilient food systems, healthy oceans and the protection of human rights.

Through her grant-making and investing with the Schmidt Family Foundation, founded in 2006 with her husband Eric, communities from the Navajo Nation in Arizona to the Democratic Republic of the Congo have access to clean solar and micro-hydropower energy and the economic, social and educational opportunities that come with reliable power.

The Envision Resilience Challenge, a project of another organization Schmidt founded, ReMain Nantucket, calls on professionals and students to develop solutions for communities facing sea-level rise. The Challenge began in Nantucket before moving in 2022 to Narragansett Bay, where the six participating universities included URI, Rhode Island School of Design and Roger Williams University.

The first woman and first American to win the world’s largest sailing race, the Barcolana 54 in 2022, Schmidt co-founded 11th Hour Racing to work with the sailing community and maritime industry to advance sustainable solutions and practices. Based in Newport, Rhode Island, 11th Hour has worked to raise awareness of the importance of ocean health. *continued on page 4*

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Schmidt has a master's degree in journalism from the University of California at Berkeley, and she graduated magna cum laude from Smith College with a bachelor's degree in sociology and anthropology.

Clint Smith—Honorary Doctor of Education



Clint Smith is an interdisciplinary scholar and inspirational social justice educator, poet, author, and renowned speaker. Smith earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Davidson College and a Ph.D. in education from Harvard University. Smith is a staff writer for *The Atlantic* and author of the No. 1 New York Times bestseller *How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America*, as well as the poetry collections *Counting Descent* and *Above Ground*. He continues to serve as an educator through his columns in *The Atlantic*, books, poetry, and YouTube series on Black American

history. Smith is a sought-after speaker, giving talks at universities; organizations, such as the Southern Center for Human Rights, National Book Foundation, and Brennan Center for Justice; and scholarly events, such as the National Book Festival, MSRC International Black Writers Festival, and Aspen Ideas Festival. A former high school teacher, Smith continues to educate the public about racial and other forms of injustice. Through powerful prose, Smith's scholarly works humanize an oppressive world. He uses poetry, novels, articles, and YouTube to ensure that his messages are accessible to broad audiences. Smith provided an inspirational workshop to URI education students after the death of George Floyd on antiracist education in the summer of 2020.



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Sean Edmund Rogers Named Dean of University of Rhode Island College of Business

by Dawn Bergantino

The University of Rhode Island has named Sean Edmund Rogers dean of its College of Business and Alfred J. Verrecchia-Hasbro Inc. Leadership Chair in Business following a competitive national search. Rogers, who joined the URI community nearly five years ago, brings proven higher education leadership experience to the deanship, including having served as a member of the executive leadership teams of both the University and the business school. He also is an experienced instructor, graduate program director, and labor relations and management scholar who possesses more than two decades of combined corporate and military professional work experience. His appointment is effective June 4, 2023.

Currently, Rogers serves as vice president for community, equity, and diversity at URI, leading the University's diversity strategy and ensuring that URI fosters an inclusive environment for students, faculty, staff, and other stakeholders. As vice president, he manages the University's community, equity, and diversity division and its four diversity-enhancing centers: the Multicultural Student Services Center, Gender and Sexuality Center, Women's Center, and Military and Veteran Education Center.

Rogers' considerable leadership experience at URI also includes roles as executive director of inclusive excellence, interim director of the Charles T. Schmidt Jr. Labor Research Center, and director of the healthcare management graduate programs, all within the College of Business.

"Sean has been an integral member of our URI community for nearly a half-decade," said Barbra Wolfe, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. "He is a trusted colleague and leader who has effectively directed our work to foster a more inclusive campus environment. As a program director, he has led significant enrollment growth and program enhancements, and he is a constant champion for student success. As an award-winning scholar and experienced instructor, he is well positioned to lead our business school into its second century of excellence."



Sean Edmund Rogers has been named dean of the University of Rhode Island College of Business and Alfred J. Verrecchia-Hasbro Inc. Leadership Chair in Business (*URI Photo/Nora Lewis*)

As the business school's inaugural executive director of inclusive excellence, Rogers led the development and implementation of the school's diversity, equity, and inclusion strategy and provided DEI expertise and guidance across a wide range of college operations. His work helped substantially increase Ph.D. program diversity among historically underrepresented populations. As interim director of the Schmidt Center, he led a strategic assessment which served as the basis for change and enhancements in academic programs, reputation, and performance.

As director of the healthcare management graduate programs, Rogers helped drive enrollment growth of more than 400% over just 18 months. His team worked to remove barriers to admission, optimize course structure to better serve working-professional students, increase student support, and enhance the student experience.

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University of Rhode Island Names Ellen Reynolds Vice President for Student Affairs

by Dawn Bergantino

The University of Rhode Island has named Ellen Reynolds vice president for student affairs following a comprehensive national search. Reynolds, who holds an education leadership doctoral degree, has served in positions of leadership at URI for two decades, including as interim vice president for student affairs for the past year.

As vice president, Reynolds will work closely with the University's leadership team while overseeing and providing strategic direction for the multiple departments within student affairs, including the dean of students, counseling center, housing and residential life, dining services, student health services, campus recreation, and Talent Development offices.

"Ellen has provided an outstanding level of leadership during her time as interim vice president," said URI President Marc Parlange. "She is deeply committed to URI and to the experience and success of our students. I am confident that she will continue to foster a culture that values and prioritizes student achievement and success by helping students in all aspects of their learning and development, and I look forward to working closely with her in the coming years to advance the goals and priorities of the University and our strategic plan."

As vice president, Reynolds also will work closely with the Office of Community, Equity and Diversity to develop University-wide strategies and programs that actively support and build an inclusive and equitable community. She will help develop and implement policies and procedures that support the newly announced 10-year strategic plan, Focus URI, and that enrich the student experience.

"I am honored to serve as the next vice president for student affairs at the University of Rhode Island and am eager to work alongside President Parlange, leadership, staff, faculty, students, alumni, and the community at large in moving this outstanding institution forward, with a student-focused division that is committed to student access and student success," Reynolds said. "As a first-generation alumna of URI, I know firsthand the transformative impact earning a college degree can have on students. I will work to build on the existing institutional



Ellen Reynolds

momentum and, in alignment with the new strategic plan, further enhance URI's commitment to an engaged student experience with a focus on wellness, inclusion, and innovation."

Reynolds joined the University in 2003 as associate director of health services after serving the southern Rhode Island community for nearly a decade as a manager and team leader at South County Hospital. Prior to her tenure as interim vice president at URI, she was assistant vice president for student health and wellness, where she oversaw health services, campus recreation, and the University's counseling center. She played a critical role in leading the University's public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic—assisting students studying abroad in their safe return, providing regular health and wellness updates to the campus community, and working collaboratively with officials at the Rhode Island Department of Health.

Reynolds is the past chair of the administration section for the American College Health Association and was inducted as an association fellow in 2017. She currently serves as a board member of the Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County, and she is active on several University committees, including the strategic plan steering committee, mental health steering

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Life's Milestones



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The winner will be announced in the next issue of URInformed. Good Luck!

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Camely Machado, (Purchasing), Elizabeth Manfredi, (Enrollment Services), Kassandra Maragkopoulou, (Child Development Centers), Samuel Miller, (CELS Academic Unit 2), Una Miller, (GSO Research), Shania Moretti, (Learning Assistance Center), Charles Morin Jr., (Facilities Other - Utilities), George Nippo, (Student Services), Brendan O'Malley, (Athletics' Custodial Services), Joslin Ortiz, (Dining Board Operations), Emma Paton, (CELS Academic Unit 2), Jason Phillips, (Harrington School), John Poehlmann, (Financial Strategy & Planning), Benjamin Ratier, (Univ Coll for Academic Success), Giovanni Riello, (Men's Soccer), John Sawyer, (Dining Board Operations), Jacob Silveira, (HRL Business Operations), Molly Sinkelman, (GSO Grant Management Support), Tara Smith, (Nursing Instruction), Jessica Spragg, (Online Learning & Teaching), Connor Steere, (GSO Research), Brad Thibodeaux, (Pharmacy Practice), Miriam Thorburn, (Office of Equal Opportunity), GinaMarie Tonini, (Biomedical & Pharmaceutical Sc), Keiddy Urrea-Morawicki, (CELS Academic Unit 1), Loes van Dam, (GSO Research), Donald Walker, (Info Tech Services), Shannon Wesson, (CELS Academic Unit 2), Christine Word, (CELS Academic Unit 3), Zoe Zanidakis, (GSO Marine Office), Ann Zonfrillo, (Facilities)

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Ronald Abate (Maintenance Services), Jonathan Albert (CELS Academic Unit 3), Heidi Bills (Univ Coll for Academic Success), Ann Cannon (Sponsored & Cost Accounting), Adrian Cilento (CELS Academic Unit 1), Rachael Colucci (Dining Board Operations), Nancy Cunningham (Info Tech Services), Stephanie Fagan (Health Services), Jay Forcello (Building Services), Jake Gelnovatch (Men's Soccer), Denis Gravier (HRL Facilities), Climaco Guzman (Dining Board Operations), Scott Harrison (Landscape & Grounds Maintenance), Tara-Kay Jones (CELS Academic Unit 3), Jeffrey Kaine (HRL Residential Education), Justin LaFrier (Physical Therapy), Gary Liguori (Dean Health Sciences), Marian Long (Chemistry), Andrew Ludwig (Communications & Mar-

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... and Best Wishes To Those Who Retired

Laura Beauvais (Provost for Academic Affairs), Donna Bowen (Custodial Services), Anita Burke (Gender & Sexuality Center), Mark Chearino (Police), William Fanning (GSO Marine Technicians), Craig Louzon (Landscape & Grounds Maintenance), Deborah Mathews (CEPS Strategic Initiatives), Donna Perreault (GSO Facilities), Colleen Robillard (Financial Strategy & Planning), Margaret Siligato (Dean Environment & Life Science), Brian Terrana (Custodial Services), David Traficante (Central Receiving)

In Memoriam

- ❖Lorraine Bloomquist, Professor, Kinesiology
- ❖Stephen Grimes, Groundskeeper, Landscape & Grounds
- ❖Ronald Hedlund, Vice Provost for Research and Service, Professor, Political Science
- ❖Robert "Bob" Kenyon, University Police Officer III, Shepard's Security
- ❖Sharon Pavignano, Assistant Director, Corporate & Foundation Relations, URI Foundation & Alumni Engagement
- ❖Vincent Rose, Professor Emeritus, Chemical Engineering, Associate Dean of the Graduate School
- ❖Richard Sheridan, Professor, Department Chair, Landscape Architecture
- ❖Armand Silva, Professor Emeritus, Department Chair, Civil, Environmental and Ocean Engineering
- ❖Jacqueline Sparks, Professor Emerita, Human Development and Family Studies
- ❖Mario Trubiano, Professor Emeritus, Languages
- ❖David Tarasevich, Groundskeeper, Landscape & Grounds



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"URI's College of Business is uniquely positioned to become one of the best public flagship business schools in the Northeast and a major player in business education nationally and internationally," Rogers said. "In many ways, I believe we already have many of the qualities that place us in these categories. We are at a critically important juncture in our college's history, and I look forward with excitement to the opportunity to help shape our long-term future. I am eager to serve as we proudly march into our second century of impact on Rhode Island, the nation, and the world."

Prior to joining URI, Rogers held faculty appointments at Cornell University, New Mexico State University, and the University of New Mexico. At New Mexico State, he served as director of the management Ph.D. program. He joined URI in 2018 as associate professor of management and now holds two faculty appointments—professor of management and Spachman Professor of Human Resources and Labor Relations.

Rogers served eight years in the U.S. Army Reserve and currently is a health care administration officer in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. He earned a bachelor's degree in aviation business administration and an MBA from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, a master's degree in human resource development from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, a Ph.D. in industrial relations and human resources from

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committee, and campus emergency management advisory committee. She is the recipient of several recognitions and awards for her leadership and service, and she is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

Reynolds earned a Doctor of Education degree in educational leadership from Johnson and Wales University, a Master of Science degree in health care administration from Salve Regina University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in human development, counseling, family studies, and early childhood education from the University of Rhode Island.

URI Police Chief Michael Jagoda Named Finalist for National Campus Safety Director of the Year

by Kristen Curry

University of Rhode Island chief of police and director of public safety Michael Jagoda is a finalist for the 2023 Campus Safety Director of the Year award by Campus Safety magazine.

Jagoda joined the URI community as a police major in 2015, following a distinguished 22-year career in law enforcement and public safety with the Connecticut State Police. He was named director of public safety and chief of police in 2021.

“I am honored to be a finalist,” Jagoda says. “It would not be possible to accomplish all of our department's goals and objectives without the great team of co-workers at URI Public Safety. They have shown a true commitment to our diverse community and their efforts and hard work do not go unnoticed.”

At URI, Jagoda's broad portfolio includes management of the alarm division, emergency management, environmental health and safety, fire and life safety, transportation and parking, university police, campus security and communications and technology areas.

He has provided strategic and operational oversight to the University's sworn police officers, security personnel and dispatchers, and led programs and initiatives focused on community policing. Jagoda brings a 'guardian mindset' to his work in public safety and considers himself a caretaker for the URI community.

“I know it is not always easy to meet every challenge we face as a department,” Jagoda says. “However, with dedication, service to others, and professionalism, our department's accomplishments are long-lasting and will have a positive impact on our community for generations to come.”

At URI, Jagoda oversees a department that has led URI to be recognized as a 'safe campus.' He has worked to improve communications and partnered with the school's Office of Community, Equity, and Diversity to provide all police officers on campus with social justice and inclusion training.

Jagoda is a URI graduate, having earned a bachelor's degree in consumer affairs in 1991, and he earned a master's degree in public administration from Post University. He is a mem-



Michael Jagoda (Photo by Nora Lewis)

ber of the FBI National Academy and served on Gov. Gina Raimondo's Working Group for Gun Safety.

The winner of the Director of the Year award will be announced at this year's Campus Safety Conference West, taking place in Las Vegas in July. Jagoda will join finalists from across the U.S., including the University of Texas, East Tennessee State University, the University of Maryland, Howard University, and Lehigh University. He is the only nominee from New England.

Jagoda is a graduate of the FBI National Academy; he holds several certifications in the fields of fire services and emergency management and is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, R.I. Police Chiefs Association, FBI National Academy, and the R.I. Association of Arson Investigators.

URI Public Safety Department Honors Officers, Employees for Outstanding Service

The University of Rhode Island Department of Public Safety recognized the accomplishments and contributions of its staff during its recent Awards, Recognition and Swearing In Ceremony, held recently at the Higgins Welcome Center.

Michael Jagoda, chief of police and director of public safety, delivered the opening remarks and presented the awards for the Life Saving Medal, the Medal for Outstanding Service, and for the dispatcher, officer, and public safety employee of the year. Jagoda also swore in seven new officers and recognized 17 new employees at the ceremony.

“I would like to congratulate all the award recipients for their accomplishments,” Jagoda said. “I continue to be impressed by the dedication and commitment that all of our co-workers put forth daily. I sincerely appreciate their hard work throughout the year and want to commend them for their efforts to serve the URI community effectively and efficiently. Their efforts make our campus a safer place to live, work, and learn in.

“As public servants, they have shown a true commitment to our community and their efforts and hard work are moving our department forward in providing the best delivery of public safety services for all community members. I also know that it is not always easy to meet every challenge we face, however, they are making a positive difference every day.”

Officer Shawn Richards received the Life Saving Medal for his quick thinking in a life-or-death situation. Richards has been with the URI Police Department for over 20 years and is currently working on the Providence Campus.

Last February, Richards responded to an emergency call regarding a sleeping man in the roadway on Clemence Street. A friend of the man told Campus Patrol Person Roland Benoit that he had been “high on heroin and meth” and had been awake for eight days straight. Richards noted a syringe near the man and his breathing was shallow. In response, Richards made the decision to administer the man one dose of Narcan. Thanks to Richards’ quick thinking, the individual regained consciousness minutes later and was convinced to go to the hospital for treatment.

Transportation and Parking Information Aide Mary Beth Boettger of South Kingstown was named Public Safety Employee of The Year for her outstanding customer service skills and professionalism. She works hard to coordinate daily transportation and parking operations. She cheerfully updates community members with information and important changes in parking and traffic flow. A key team member for more than five years, Boettger was honored for her exceptional work ethic and rapport with students, faculty, and staff. She has been active on the office’s social media platforms and has worked hard to improve the efficiency of operations.

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Six officers awarded Medal for Outstanding Service

Police Capt. Michael Chalek and Sgt. Michael Flanagan received the Medal for Outstanding Service for their work on a sexual assault case at URI's Narragansett Bay Campus. Chalek has been a police officer in Rhode Island for 44 years and has worked for the URI Police Department for over 17 years. Flanagan serves as the URI Police Department's range officer, TASER administrator, and active shooter training instructor. Prior to working at URI, he was a sergeant with the Coventry Police Department. Using their experiential knowledge and training, the two officers worked with the Narragansett Police Department, South County Hospital, and the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General to develop evidence for the case. After working tirelessly on the investigation for more than five years, the case was finally brought to a close and the perpetrator was found guilty thanks to their dedication.

Sgt. Erica Viera, Cpl. Paul Hanrahan, Campus Preparedness Planner Brittany Moreira, and Fire and Life Safety Technician David Cavallaro were also recognized with the Medal for Outstanding Service.

The department also honored three public safety staff members.

Dispatcher Justin Dubios received the award for Dispatcher of The Year. He is described as efficient and always willing to go above and beyond to ensure the campus community with the best service.

Larry Silvestri received the award for Officer of The Year for his ongoing traffic safety efforts. Silvestri has been with URI for three years, coming to URI with more than 20 years of experience with the Westerly Police Department. Silvestri patrols the campus to ensure that motorists, cyclists and pedestrians obey traffic laws.

Deputy Chief Paul Ricci and Lieutenant Bruce Atwell were recognized and sworn in at the ceremony.

Ricci has been with the URI Police Department since 2013. He previously served 21 years with the North Providence Police Department, where he served as deputy chief and retired at the rank of captain. In this role, he focused on community policing initiatives throughout Rhode Island. Currently, "he provides strategic and operational oversight of sworn police, security, and dispatch operations for URI," Jagoda said.

Atwell was also sworn in at the ceremony. Following his 25-year career with the East Providence Police Department, Atwell was hired at URI in 2018. He was promoted to lieutenant in January 2022 and works as a day-shift patrol commander. In addition, he is the evidence control officer for all URI campuses.

Morgan Maleonskie, an intern in URI's Office of Marketing and Communications, wrote this press release.

URIinformed Word Search Winner

Congratulations to **Tippawan Markmaitree, Chemistry!**

Please contact Shawn Simmons in the Provost's Office (4-4410) to claim your prize.

Check out the Word Search on page 7!

Pets Corner Invitation

Send us your favorite photo of you and your pet.

We need a high resolution jpg.

Your name and department

Your pet's name, breed

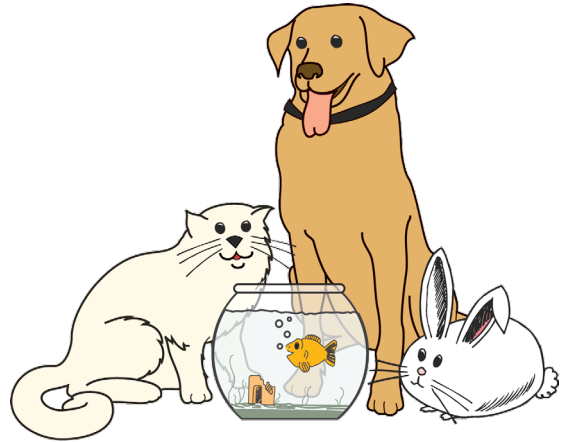
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Maybe the photo will tell us all we need to know.

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This is a pic of our little girl, **Thursday** - a true southern belle from Texas - relaxing on her heated bed. I think this would be the perfect picture for her dating profile if she ever needed one! LOL! --**Leslie Dancy, Higher Education Administration**



The Pets Corner



I'm seriously cracking up submitting a picture of our newest family member, **Lily Pad Lanterman**, Bearded Dragon. Hatched on July 21, 2022 joining a family of 5 humans and two dogs. Snacking on microgreens from Farming Turtles keeps our gal happy and healthy! -- **Sejal Lanterman, URI Cooperative Extension**



Butters, tabby cat, adopted me in February 2020, just before Covid shut down. He provides me with great joy and comfort. He is also my alarm clock. --**Sara Hunt, Enrollment Services**

Cook's Corner

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Mini Meat Loaves, Green Beans, and Potatoes

Prep Time: 10 mins Bake Time: 40 mins

Stand Time: 10 mins Total Time: 1 hr

Ingredients:

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 12 ounce fingerling and/or new potatoes, halved or quartered
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Salt and black pepper
- 1/3 cup barbecue sauce
- 1/4 cup fine dry bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 8 ounce green beans, trimmed
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1/4 cup barbecue sauce

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Line a 15x10-inch baking pan with foil; coat foil with cooking spray. Place potatoes in one half of prepared pan. Drizzle with 1 Tbsp. oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake 20 minutes, stirring once.

2. Meanwhile, in a large bowl combine next four ingredients (through garlic powder). Add ground beef; mix lightly until combined. Shape into four 3 1/2x2-inch meat loaves.

3. In a medium bowl drizzle green beans with 1 tsp. oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper; toss to coat. Place loaves and green beans in pan with potatoes. Bake 20 to 23 minutes more or until loaves are done (160°F) and potatoes and beans are tender.

4. Spoon 1/4 cup barbecue sauce over meat loaves; cover and let stand 10 minutes. Serve with potatoes and beans.

--from BHG Test Kitchen



Roasted Broccoli & Cauliflower

Roasted broccoli and cauliflower are perfectly cooked with just the right amount of seasonings and char from the oven. Enjoy this simple recipe for any meal or occasion.

Ingredients:

- 3 cups cauliflower florets (1-inch)
- 3 cups broccoli florets (1-inch)
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, smashed
- 1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 450°F. Combine cauliflower, broccoli, oil, garlic, Italian seasoning, salt, pepper and crushed red pepper in a large bowl; toss until well coated.

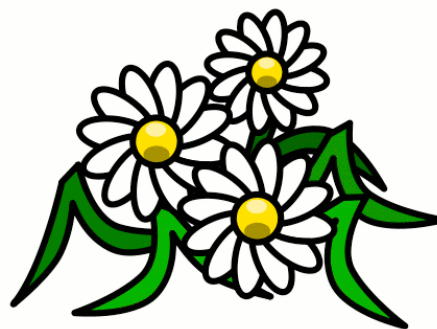
2. Arrange the mixture in an even layer on a large rimmed baking sheet.

3. Roast, stirring once, until the vegetables are charred and tender, 20 to 25 minutes.

Serving Size: about 3/4 cup

Per Serving: 100 calories; fat 7g; sodium 330mg; carbohydrates 9g; dietary fiber 3g; protein 3g; sugars 2g; niacin equivalents 1mg; saturated fat 1g; vitamin a iu 1645IU.

--from EatingWell



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