

Alumni Updates

Chris Andraka '13 CIEP/CHE relocated to Mount Vernon, Illinois after graduation to begin the Manufacturing/Engineering Trainee Program at Continental in July, where he will rotate between Illinois, Germany, and China. He also recently became engaged.

Holly (Olsen) Bailey '01 GIEP/CVE finished her first year as an online math teacher for Florida Virtual School.

Colleen Black '10 FIEP/OCE just completed her first year of a Coastal and Ocean Engineering Master's degree program at Oregon State University.

Nicole Bonvouloir '13 FIEP/MCE will begin working in a rotational program at Kamatics Corp., an aerospace company in Bloomfield, CT, in September.

Dara Clough '03 SIEP/CVE and her husband Jason welcomed a baby girl, Camdyn Lucia, in December. Dara currently works as a Traffic Engineer at Bryant Associates, Inc. in Lincoln, RI.

Eric Collette '11 SIEP/CVE will be graduating from Texas A&M this August and starting work as a Petroleum Engineer with Marathon Oil in North Dakota.

Elena Dempsey '13 CIBP/Global Business relocated to Reston, VA after graduation to start a two year rotational graduate program with Volkswagen Group of America. Elena is one of only 16 selected out of 850 applicants.

Dennis Franke '01-'02 TU-BS exchange has been working for "Robert Bosch GmbH" in Braunschweig since Sept. 2004. He recently switched functions from project management in the division of braking systems to sales in electrical drives. His customers include Audi, Porsche, and VW. This July, he enjoyed a three week vacation in Rhode Island with the whole family, his first visit back since his URI exchange year in 2001/2002.



Dennis Franke '01-'02 TU-BS exchange, on the Cliff Walk in Newport, RI in July 2013 with his family: wife Isa, and daughters Bo (4), Felicitas (8), and Tara (8).

Ashley Gracia '13 SIEP/MCE relocated to Connecticut after graduation to begin working in the New Product Development Department at Gerber Scientific designing and building cutters with new designs and features, installing them at customer sites, and communicating with customers about the products.

Brendan Grealish '13 GIEP/ISE moved to Germany after graduation to start the International Management Trainee Program at ZF. He will begin his first project at the R&D Center in Dielingen, a small town in the north of Germany, followed by rotations elsewhere in Germany and in the U.S.

Adam Hanks '11 FIEP/CHE now works as a Product Development Engineer for Toray Plastics in North Kingstown, RI.

Sarah (Gabryluk) Koenig '07 FIEP/ISE just started a new position at UTC Aerospace Systems as a Transition Manager for Southeast Asia.

Temilolu Kusemiju '10 GIEP/CVE is currently a structural engineering EIT with HDR Engineering Inc. in Corpus Christi, Texas, working with the ports and harbors group in the maritime market.

Filip Losowski '09 GIEP/CVE was recently promoted to Regional Sales Manager at Supfina in North Kingstown, RI.

Stefan Maretzki '06 Dual Masters (TU-BS) started a new job at IMS, an engineering office in Hamburg, this July. He previously worked at Bilfinger SE for six years. The new job requires less travel, allowing more time at home with two-year-old Finja and one-year-old Jesper.

Alissa McKechnie '13 CIEP/MCE began a job at Entegris in Billerica, MA after graduation. She works on SolidWorks and also integrity and chemical reaction testing of the filters they make.

She has already traveled to the company's Minnesota location, and will be heading to Japan next.

Andrew Moakes '13 GIEP/MCE moved to Berlin, Germany after graduation and started an internship at IAV Berlin. This October he will be working in ZF's Graduate Trainee Program. He's excited about his new job and can't wait to get started.

Drake Paben '00 German/Bus. Mgmt. was recently promoted to Director of IT Procurement for Siemens in North America.

Ben Potter '06 GIEP/OCE moved to California to work as a design engineer in the bicycle industry after six years of Design and Systems Engineering with the Navy. He now works for SRAM, a global bicycle component design company with offices all over the world. He is on the team that deals with global design and manufacturing issues, works with professional race teams, and helps to encourage high brand quality. He uses his German language skills and travels internationally on a regular basis.

Stephen Schönfeld '08 Fall TU-BS exchange moved to Atlanta last year and currently works for a German logistics company that specializes in automotive parts logistics (JIS, JIT, Kitting, etc.).

Mike Schroff '00 GIEP/MCE left ZF in 2010 to become a business intelligence consultant in Chicago.

Meghan (Collins) Soens '05 SIEP/BME/ELÉ was promoted to Global Marketing Manager at Boston Scientific Endoscopy. She manages a team of four product managers and is responsible for upstream and downstream marketing and product development of medical devices in the U.S., Europe, and key markets in Asia.

Andrew Walker '13 SIEP/CHE began a new job after graduation in Manufacturing at Amgen in West Greenwich, RI.



Friederike Vollenberg '09 Dual Masters (TU-BS) visited the IEP in June. She presented on career opportunities at DB after graduation to about 20 American and German students.

THINK BIG WE DO™



THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING PROGRAM

Global Update

Summer 2013 Volume 15 Issue 2 uri.edu/uriep

Director's Notes



Dr. Sigrid Berka, Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much to all who could join us for the June 1st IEP Alumni BBQ. It was wonderful to catch up with our alums. The event was such an astounding success that we plan to make the Alumni BBQ an annual event so alums can gather, network, and come together as a community every year!

Our alums play an extremely important role in the IEP community, and I would like to take this opportunity to express a special thank you to all who showed their enthusiasm and support for the program this year. We appreciate all the ways you give back to the IEP!

Thank you to alumni who made financial gifts to the IEP this year—every contribution works towards ensuring the IEP's success and longevity:

Jennifer (Dail) Alderson '00 GIEP
Roman Alferos '10 FIEP
Jodi (Senger) Ashmun '01 GIEP
Jeff Borden '09 FIEP
Yldania (Polanco) Carrasco '03 SIEP
Joshua Clements '02 GIEP
Daniel Danckert '12 GIEP
Anthony DiGiulio '11 GIEP
Cory DiPietro '10 SIEP
Brian Dowdell '06 GIEP
Mark Dowdell '09 GIEP
Matt Dunham '09 GIEP
Donald Dunning '02 GIEP

IEP 25th Anniversary Alumni BBQ



IEP Alums **Alissa McKechnie '13 CIEP** & **Matt Dunham '09 GIEP** at the June 1st BBQ, held at the URI Alumni Center in Kingston, RI.



Meghan Peterson '06 GIEP, **Chris Piecuch '06 GIEP**, & **Hannah Piecuch**.

Ana Franco '06 GIEP
Nevan Hanumara '04 FIEP
Bob & Karol Leuzarder
Filip Losowski '09 GIEP
William Mainor '00 GIEP
Krista Martin '02 GIEP
Raymond Penza '09 GIEP
Meghan (Bellows) Peterson '06 GIEP
Sareh Rajaei '06 GIEP
Kristen (Verduchi) Riley '94 GIEP
Jarred Serpa '10 GIEP
Christina (Petersen) Smith '01 GIEP & Mike Smith '01 GIEP
Taylor Spalt '07 SIEP
Steven Wojciechowski '93 GIEP

Thank you to **Barbara Brusini '92 GIEP** and **Joe O'Hearn '92 GIEP** for their ongoing IEP scholarship contributions.

Thank you to those who helped out with internship placements, hires, or connections to your companies this year:

Erik Anderson '02 GIEP
Loren Eckhard '09 GIEP
Kristen (Verduchi) Riley '94 GIEP
Christina (Petersen) Smith '01 GIEP

Thank you to those who have represented the IEP at conferences, high schools, high school fairs, institute visits, company presentations, IEP preparation and board meetings this year:

Roman Alferos '10 FIEP
Jennifer (Dail) Alderson '00 GIEP
Yldania (Polanco) Carrasco '03 SIEP
Matt Dunham '09 GIEP
John Ellwood '06 GIEP
Patrick Hartnett '10 GIEP
Andrew Marchesseault '06 GIEP
Tom McLaughlin '91 GIEP
Meghan (Bellows) Peterson '06 GIEP
Neil Petrarca '99 GIEP
Friederike Vollenberg '09 Dual Masters (TU-BS)
Steven Wojciechowski '93 GIEP

We always have opportunities for alumni to stay involved in the IEP, and we appreciate all your efforts to do so. Please keep up your collective enthusiasm for our unique program!

--Dr. Sigrid Berka

IEP Alumni BBQ in Kingston, RI



Andy Marchesseault '05 GIEP, Wilhelm Hoffmann, & Ray Penza '09 GIEP.

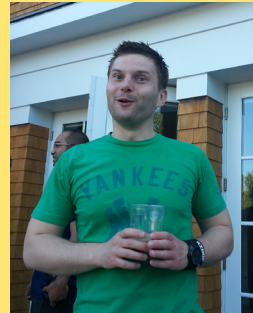


Jeff Borden '09 FIEP, Alissa McKechnie '13 CIEP, Matt Dunham '09 GIEP, Lexi Dempsey '09 FIEP, & John Grandin.



Colleen Grinham '12 GIEP, Assistant Director for the IEP Living & Learning Community Angela Graney, & IEP Executive Director Sigrid Berka.

Right: Dan Graney & Dennis Heaphy '09 GIEP.



Filip Losowski '09 GIEP.



Above: Executive Director Sigrid Berka welcomes alumni and kicks off the raffle, assisted by Grace Riley.

Below: Sheida Danesh '10 GIEP & Leo Cherkassky.



German Professor and Languages Dept. Chair Norbert Hedderich & Kris Ouellette '10 GIBP.



Angela Graney & Jarred Serpa '10 GIEP. Angela was recently promoted to Assistant Director for the IEP Living & Learning Community. Congratulations, Angela!



Matt Dunham '09 GIEP, Dan Danckert '12 GIEP, Payam Fahr '12 GIEP, & Anthony DiGiulio '11 GIEP.



Carol Grandin, Executive Director Emeritus John Grandin, IEP Chef Mark Schoenweiss, & Yldania Carrasco '03 SIEP.



Yldania Carrasco '03 SIEP & French IEP Director Lars Erickson.



Dean of Arts and Sciences Winnie Brownell, Dean of Engineering Ray Wright, Katie Wright, & Jeff Borden '09 FIEP.



Mike Smith '01 GIEP, Christina Smith '01 GIEP, Erin Papa '01 GIEP, Rocio Escalante, Barbara Brusini '92 GIEP, & Kathleen Maher.

Congratulations To This Year's Grads!

Chinese

Christopher Andraka
Ruben Auer (Chinese minor)
Alissa McKechnie
Elena Dempsey (IBP)
Patrick Slavin (IBP)

Chemical Eng.
Mechanical Eng.
Mechanical Eng.
Global Business Mgmt.
Marketing

French

Nicole Bonvouloir
Daniel Miller

Mechanical Eng.
Chemical Eng.

German

Nicholas Beretta
Johnathan Farnsworth
Brendan Grealish
Neil McCaffrey
Andrew Moakes
Julia Roder-Hanna
Andrew Ruggeri
Donna Salamey
Stephen Suvajian
Sean Taylor
Daniel Belbey (IBP)
Jonathan Schultz (IBP)

Biomedical Eng.
Mechanical Eng.
Industrial & Systems Eng.
Biomedical Eng.
Mechanical Eng.
Chemical Eng.
Electrical Eng.
Biomedical, Electrical Eng.
Mechanical Eng.
Mechanical Eng.
Global Business Mgmt.
Global Business Mgmt.

Spanish

Joshua Borcuk
Kelly Cesare
Bryce Connors
Luis Gonzalez
Ashley Gracia
Matthew Perkins
Lauren Schambach
Andrew Walker
Beatrice Pratt (CELS)

Mechanical Eng.
Chemical Eng.
Chemical Eng.
Civil Eng.
Mechanical Eng.
Ocean Eng.
Ocean Eng.
Chemical Eng.
Microbiology



This year's grads have accepted offers from companies and graduate programs in the U.S. and abroad, including:

Amgen (Rhode Island)
ComEd, Excelon (Illinois)
Continental (Illinois/Germany/China)
EMD Millipore (New Hampshire)
Entegris (Massachusetts)
Gerber Scientific (Connecticut)
Hexagon Metrology (Michigan)
Kamatics Corp. (Connecticut)
Navatek Ltd. (Rhode Island)
RI-DOT (Rhode Island)
Sensata Technologies (Massachusetts)
URI/TU-BS Dual Masters (Rhode Island/Germany)
Volkswagen (Virginia)
ZF Friedrichshafen AG (Germany)

Congrats To Our Distinguished Scholars!

Fulbright Scholarship: Daniel Belbey (GIBP)
DAAD Graduate Scholarship: Julia Roder-Hanna (GIEP)
DAAD Undergraduate Scholarship: Eli Lamothe (GIEP)
DAAD SIP Scholarship: Sarah Watson (GIBP)
2013 Beatrice S. Demers Scholarship Recipients:
Jonathan Aguire (GIEP) Anthony Ragusa (GIEP)
Dana Demers (SIEP) Michael Smith (SIEP)
Kevin Drumm (SIEP) Preston Steele (GIEP)
Umutoni Gatali (SIEP) Sarah Wood (CIEP)
Eli Lamothe (GIEP) Nicholas Zonfrillo (GIEP)
Jessica Magill (CIBP)

IEP Internship Placements 2013

Germany

Lauren Boltz Emitec, Eisenach
Whitney Clark Osram Opto Semiconductors, Regensburg
Nicholas Del Greco Deutsche Bahn, Berlin
Andre Hofman ZF, Schweinfurt
Christina Liese Siemens, München
William Machado IAV, Gifhorn
Jonathan Morasutti Tennet Offshore, Lehrte
David Powers Deutsche Bahn, Kassel
Emily Serman Zueblin, Stuttgart
Andrew Sharkey Experimentierstation Obstbau, Schlachters
Daniel Spader Hexagon Metrology, Wetzlar
Farid Topchiev Bayer, Leverkusen
Aaron Zarenski Bosch, Stuttgart
Kareem Hartl (IBP) UniCredit (Hypovereinsbank), München

France

Kayla Belanger Rhodia, Saint Fons
Christian Faria Schneider Electric, Montpellier
Michael Gardner Université de Pau à Anglet, Anglet
Ben Jacques ENERCAP, Lyon
Zackary Lorusso LMS Imagine, Lyon
Edward Thomas UTC Laboratoires, Compiègne

Spain

John Adley SAMTACK, Barcelona
Maria Briones CEIT, San Sebastian
Brad Clark Abengoa, Sevilla
Jessica Damicis Lur Geroa, Irurtzun
Richard Higginbotham Universidad de Zaragoza, Zaragoza
Alec Kaija 3P Biopharmaceuticals, Noáin