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THE URI EMPLOYEES' NEWSLETTER

## URI Celebrates Opening of The Fascitelli Center for Advanced Engineering, Bliss Hall

More than 500 people joined University of Rhode Island President David M. Dooley and URI College of Engineering Dean Raymond M. Wright to officially celebrate the opening of what many are calling the most advanced and strikingly beautiful university engineering facility in the country.

U.S. Senators Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse and Congressman David Cicilline, state and University leaders, faculty, staff and URI students and donors crowded The Fascitelli Center for Advanced Engineering to mark this historic

*by Dave Lavalley*  
day for the University and to thank Rhode Islanders for their support of bond issues totaling \$150 million to construct the Fascitelli Center and to expand and renovate Bliss Hall, the historic home of engineering at the University.

Work began on the largest construction project in the University's history in February 2017, and the Fascitelli Center opened in time for classes in September. Bliss Hall will be ready by November.

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**STRIKING ENGINEERING FACILITY:** A view of the new Fascitelli Center for Advanced Engineering at the University of Rhode Island. URI photo by Nora Lewis

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During the day, light streams through the walls of glass and into the enormous expanses of open space in the 190,000-square-foot, six-story Fascitelli Center. All of that open, light-filled space was the centerpiece of the design, which University leaders saw as a way to enhance collaboration among faculty and students across all engineering disciplines.

The building's metal truss support system, which eliminates the need for interior support columns and allows for uninterrupted, open interiors and sleek concrete floors, spans more than 150 feet of open space.

The Fascitelli Center and the improved and expanded Bliss Hall, which first opened in 1928, will strengthen the College of Engineering's leadership in the areas of clean energy,

nanotechnology, robotics, cybersecurity, water for the world, biomedical technology, smart cities, and sensors and instrumentation.

Dooley expressed gratitude to Rhode Island voters for supporting the two bond issues that made the project possible.

Prior to the event, Gov. Gina Raimondo said, "Today's opening is a milestone for our state and the University, and I'm thrilled that so many Rhode Islanders united behind this project."

"This new, state-of-the-art facility will help ensure that URI continues to be a global leader in engineering education for decades to come," Raimondo said. "There's no greater investment we can make than in our students and their futures, and I'm excited to see the innovative research and collaborative learning that will result from this unique project."

"We are deeply grateful to Rhode Island voters and our alumni and corporate donors for continuing to support URI's position as a global leader in higher education," Dooley said.

"Increasingly, our engineering students and faculty are not only working in interdisciplinary teams within the College, but with students and faculty from across the University in oceanography, health, pharmacy, chemistry, computer science and business, as well as companies and corporations around the state, region and the world," the president said.

"This new facility will stimulate collaborative, multidisciplinary learning and research. It will lead to discoveries that we cannot even

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imagine today,” Dooley added.

“With the opening of The Fascitelli Center and Bliss Hall, students can be educated differently, and researchers can collaborate more easily across disciplines,” Wright said. “This building is designed not just to advocate for, but to stimulate interdisciplinary connections and discovery.”

“Our faculty are designing and building the infrastructure modern society relies on, finding innovative ways to harness energy from our sun, ocean and even highways, building new medical diagnostic methods and devices, and racing to ensure every man, woman and child has access to clean, safe water,” the dean said. “From undersea to aerial drones, a new wave of robotics is revolutionizing mobility while nanotechnology promises to deliver big changes in how we fight disease, clean up oil spills and much more.”

Also taking part in the festivities were Michael D. Fascitelli, a 1978 graduate of the College of Engineering and a 2008 honorary degree recipient, and Elizabeth C. Fascitelli, partner of The Goldman Sachs Group Inc., who made a \$10 million gift in July to benefit the engineering college. Half of the gift will fund lab and research equipment and the remaining \$5 million will establish an endowed fund for the dean’s priorities.

The new facility bears the Fascitelli name in recognition of the couple’s commitment to URI and support of important programs across the University.

“The building is beautiful,” said Michael Fascitelli, a North Providence native. “The talent and innovation coming out of URI Engineering are undeniable.”

Fascitelli credits Wright’s vision of bringing the College’s departments together as the driving force behind the building design.

“Science as a whole has become so much more interactive and the world is changing at such a rapid pace,” Fascitelli said. “You really need that cooperation between disciplines.”

The Fascitelli Center and Bliss Hall will bolster the College’s research efforts already underway with The Pratt & Whitney division of United Technologies, the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Raytheon Co., and General Dynamics/Electric Boat. The college is also working with Japanese instrumentation firm, Shimadzu Corp., headquartered in Kyoto, as well as Hexagon in North Kingstown.

The Fascitelli Center replaces the 98,000 square feet found in the five outdated engineering structures that were razed to make way for the new facility.

On the ground-level floor, there are two 72-

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**STEPS TOWARD ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE:** Students, faculty and staff have this beautiful spiral staircase for moving between floors at The Fascitelli Center for Advanced Engineering. URI photo by Nora Lewis



# URI Fall Welcome 2019

by Tracey Manni

The University of Rhode Island welcomed the Class of 2023 to campus —a first-year class made up largely of students born post-9/11.

They joined over 500 transfer students, more than of 2,000 graduate students, a number of Finish What You Started students, thousands of returning URI students, and hundreds of students who will be concurrently enrolled in high school and at URI, to comprise a student body of approximately 17,000 when classes started on all of URI's campuses **Wednesday, Sept. 4.**

The incoming class reflects the University's competitiveness with an average grade point average of 3.51. The average SAT score came in at 1175 with the ACT score average at 25. Some 22,669 applicants, among the University's highest applicant pools, competed for more than 3,200 first-year seats at URI this fall. Approximately 25 percent of the incoming class identified as students of color.

## Campus Enhancements

Members of the Class of 2023 will be among the first to take classes and conduct research in The Fascitelli Center for Advanced Engineering, the gleaming and innovative hub of the University's \$150 million, cutting-edge engineering complex. Open to students for the first time at the start of the fall semester, the official ribbon-cutting took place Oct. 7. Combined with extensive renovations to Bliss Hall expected to be completed in January 2020, the complex consists of more than 200,000 square feet of highly advanced teaching and learning spaces supporting students and faculty at URI.

Students will also take note of the new Brookside Apartments complex, expected to be completed in January 2020. It will be an option for juniors and seniors. The \$94 million complex is made up of apartment suites of six and four single-occupancy bedrooms with a full kitchen and two bathrooms, as well as a café, and engaging and plentiful outdoor spaces.

Returning and incoming students will appreciate these additional campus improvements and others:

- The continuation of the first phase of extensive renovation work on the Fine Arts Center on



Green Hall. URI photo by Nora Lewis

Upper College Road. The \$12.4 million project includes removal of exterior stucco, a new masonry exterior for five of the building pods, new roofs, and replacement of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system. This work will be completed in spring 2020.

- An overhauled and improved traffic flow and roadway at Fraternity Circle. This work will continue through the fall semester.

- The continuation of work on a two-mile access to the eight-mile-long William C. O'Neill Bike Path, which will connect students from Kingston to Narragansett Town Beach. The project should be complete by the end of the fall semester.

- And, the installation of new artificial turf and stadium lighting at Meade Stadium, where students will gather to help cheer on the URI Rams football team this fall. The first night game to be played at URI under permanent lights took place Sept. 7.

## Academically Speaking

The University will host some lively discussions about religion as part of its **2019 Honors Colloquium: Religion in America**, set to take place Tuesday evenings from Sept. 17 – Dec. 10 on the Kingston Campus. This colloquium, which is open and free to the public, will explore the diversity and ubiquity of faith in America,

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and the complex ways in which religion intersects with American culture. It will feature top expert presenters including Alan Cooperman, director of religion research at Pew Research Center, who spoke at the Sept. 17 series kick-off.

Incoming students will be the first enrolled in a number of new majors this year, including global language and area studies, sports media and communication, and biotechnology. The College of Arts and Sciences' new music therapy undergraduate major, which was announced earlier this month, is now available to students applying to URI for admission next fall. The music and music therapy bachelor's degree, a five-year, health-based degree program grounded in neuroscience research, will be the first of its kind at a public New England institution.

Newly added graduate certificate programs include a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner post-master's certificate and a certificate in natural resources and the environment.

### **About Our Students**

Much of this information is preliminary and reflects the students expected to enroll this upcoming semester. Official numbers are expected in later this month.

- Incoming students will represent more than 40 states, territories and countries.

- The first-year class is made up of approximately 57 percent women and 43 percent men, which is consistent with national enrollment figures.

- Over 47 percent of new students hail from Rhode Island, with Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey rounding out the top five states, respectively.

- More than 5,700 students will reside in on-campus housing for the fall semester, a significant portion of whom will be first-year students. That number will increase by 500 when the new Brookside dorm opens in January.

- Over 800 students will live in one of the 17 sororities, fraternities or specialty houses on campus, including two for International Engineering Program students and one located at the Women's Center.

- The most popular majors for the incoming class include computer science, criminology, business, engineering, kinesiology, biological science, and nursing.

- URI will award more than \$100 million in undergraduate financial aid and scholarships.



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seat active classrooms and a 60-seat active learning classroom. Each of those spaces will contain circular tables and technology that will allow students and faculty members to collaborate. The ground-level floor also has core laboratories, including millions of dollars of imaging and other equipment, and space for a future clean room buildout.

The Quad-level floor has a view of the new Engineering Quadrangle, which features an exterior patio with seating areas. Inside there will be a café made of modern composite materials. It will be the perfect spot for students and faculty to gather and grab a bite to eat or a beverage between classes. The cafe will accommodate approximately 110 people.

A glass-walled space allows observers to see into senior capstone project space for seven engineering programs. The first floor will also house the College's dedicated student shop. It will also be home to two computer labs and two electronic student centers.

The building adds three floors of research labs, organized around the College's areas of expertise in materials, biomedical technology, water for the world, cybersecurity, sensors and instrumentation, nanotechnology and alternative energy.

Ninety individual faculty offices will be located on three floors, as well six 12-seat conference rooms and six faculty lounges.

In addition to the new, \$125 million Fascitelli Center, historic Bliss Hall is receiving a \$25 million renovation. The building was gutted to the steel and stone infrastructure, and all of the windows replaced with historically appropriate modern windows. New plumbing, mechanical, fire prevention and electrical infrastructure are also part of the upgrade. Bliss will also house student organization space, student work rooms and several general assignment classrooms.

The Bliss Hall part of the project received about \$378,000 in support from the Governor's Commission on Disability to upgrade building access, including new doorways and a new elevator, with another grant proposal pending.

The projects have enjoyed major support from industry and private donors. In addition to the gift from Michael and Elizabeth Fascitelli, the following contributed at least \$1 million to the project: Toray Plastics (America); FM Global; Shimadzu Corp.; Barry Gertz '76 and Sandy Gertz '86; and Kam Esmail '66, M.S. '68.

The construction manager is Dimeo Construction Co. of Providence and the architect is Ballinger of Philadelphia.

"The Fascitelli Center is one of the most provocative and technologically advanced engineering buildings in the country," said Terry Steelman, design principal with Ballinger. "The building is intended to enhance the identity and visibility of the engineering disciplines while creating a vibrant hub of interaction and innovation for the entire URI community. This exciting new facility will be an important catalyst for attracting the best faculty, students and industry partners as the College of Engineering grows in national stature.

"There's nothing like this facility in our portfolio. It's unique to URI and I'm really proud of that," Steelman said.

Today's student speaker, Robin Hall, who expects to graduate in spring 2020, takes advantage of the Intelligent Control and Robotics Lab in the Fascitelli Center surrounded by unmanned aerial vehicles, robots and computers. Situated on the fourth floor, the robotics lab opens up to an expanse of glass that encloses the exterior hallway. He is inspired by his new academic home.

"Being able to work in this space is an amazing upgrade," he says. "It's like a temple."

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# Autumn Beauty



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| 5. Boots  | 12. Fall Color  | 19. Moon     | 26. Soccer   |
| 6. Breezy | 13. Football    | 20. Mums     | 27. Sweater  |
| 7. Bulb   | 14. Frost       | 21. Nut      | 28. Wrap     |

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

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## **URI to Hold 11th Be 5K for Mental Health Awareness, Suicide Prevention**

*by Dave Lavallee*

The University of Rhode Island's 11th Be 5K Run/Walk for Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention could be the strongest one yet as numerous agencies and businesses will participate for the first time.

Part of URI's Alumni and Family Weekend, the race and walk, which will be held **Sunday, Oct. 27**, at 10 a.m. on the quadrangle of the Kingston Campus, will attract URI students, faculty and staff, and participants from around the region to benefit the Heather Fund, a URI Foundation & Alumni Engagement fund established to support mental health programs for students. Registration and other programming begins at 8:30 on the quadrangle. Participants can also register online. The first 100 will receive a T-shirt. Those who can't make it to the quadrangle that day may still donate to the Heather Fund.

This year the URI students, staff and others who make the event great will be joined by teams from People's Credit Union, Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds of Washington County, the United Way's 211 mobile unit and Blue Love Off the Cuffs, a group formed to address a variety of issues faced by law enforcement officers, including mental health crises and suicide. Not only will these groups participate, but they will offer resources and information relating to mental health, wellness and suicide prevention. They will join members of two new URI student groups focused on mental health promotion, Active Minds and URI, R U OK?, as well as volunteers from the URI Counseling Center, which has participated for several years, URI Health Services, URI College of Nursing, URI Campus Recreation, and the URI Psychological Consultation Center.

Several members of the family of Josephine and Roger Vennewald will also participate. The Vennewalds established the Heather Fund in 1996 on behalf of their daughter, Heather, a URI student, who they lost to suicide. Her memory lives on through the Heather Fund, as it provides resources for students and works to alleviate the stigma associated with mental illness.

The event is called the Be 5K because it urges participants and the URI community to be compassionate, loving, hopeful, aware, present, happy and to be themselves to build a healthier

community. It is the oldest community outreach event on campus dedicated to mental health promotion and suicide prevention.

"The interest in the run and walk is very exciting because it shows how important this issue is to URI and our surrounding community," said Amy Albert, URI's community engagement coordinator for the Center for Career and Experiential Education in University College for Academic Success. "It's a great chance for people to come together to support our students and those suffering from the losses associated with suicide. We are honored that the Vennewalds will again speak at the opening ceremonies and get us ready for a powerful and uplifting day."

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health say that suicide is among the leading causes of death in the nation, and is the second leading cause of death among college students. Mental health conditions are often seen as the cause of suicide, but the CDC adds that many people who die by suicide are not known to have a diagnosed mental health condition at the time of death. Other problems often contribute to suicide, such as those related to relationships, substance use, physical health, and job, money, legal, or housing stress.

This year's event will include raffles for everything from Providence Bruins tickets to discounts at Whalers Brewery. Student groups will also offer yoga and meditation sessions prior to the race and Rock Spot Climbing of Peace Dale will bring its mobile climbing wall to the quad.

Twenty student volunteers from Albert's office, including Kylee Harris, a senior majoring in communicative disorders from Cranston, Rhode Island, have been helping to plan the event and will be on hand Oct. 27. Harris has been a fixture at the event and at programs to promote the Be 5K throughout her University career.

"She has been super involved each year, but in the last two years, she has played a big role in fundraising and logistics. She is enthusiastic and has helped make this event what it is. She is one of those people who make URI a better place," Albert said.



# URI College of Engineering Is on the Move

The URI College of Engineering has seen immense growth in enrollment and prestige over the years. Here are some facts:

- Enrollment is up to 1,600, from 900, 5 years ago. The Fascitelli Center for Advanced Engineering will allow that number to reach 1,700.
- URI Engineering has a flagship, dual-degree “global” engineering program, the International Engineering Program, the first of its kind in the country. Students can pursue dual degrees in engineering and a language--Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish.
- 26% of URI Engineering undergrads are in the International Engineering Program.
- 85% of undergraduates graduate having completed one or more paid internships.
- Minority enrollment is up 240% since 2004.
- More than 90% of graduates are employed or in graduate school within six months of graduation.
- Student / faculty ratio is 11.5 to 1.
- College of Engineering has eight undergraduate programs: Biomedical, civil, electrical, computer, ocean, industrial and systems, mechanical, and chemical.

**What is an engineering degree worth?** Year after year, engineering jobs are paid the highest average starting salary. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, engineers have a median annual wage of \$91,010, and the engineering field projects employment growth of nearly 140,000 jobs over the next decade.

## By the numbers

The URI College of Engineering’s \$150 million project that resulted in The Fascitelli Center for Advanced Engineering and major upgrades to Bliss Hall required an enormous amount of building materials. Here are some fun facts:

- Aluminum and glass:
  - oAluminum curtain wall components (including the mullions, sill and head) weight, 182,000 pounds or 91 tons, which are roughly equal to the weight of a space shuttle.
  - oGlass, 70,550 square feet or 1.6 acres. If the glass were laid out, it would cover an entire football field.
- 2,300 tons of structural steel, a total of 2,900 pieces
- 5 levels of steel over a 150-foot unsupported truss span
- More than 100 truckloads of steel
- A total of 13,400 cubic yards of concrete
- 14,000 square feet of bricks
- 1 mile of underground electric cable
- 17 miles of fire protection infrastructure (4.39 miles of sprinkler pipe), plumbing and mechanical piping
- 24 miles of interior electrical wire
- 100% LED lighting for energy savings



# Personnel Script

## Job Opportunities

The classified and non-classified application process is now automated so that you can apply on-line for positions here at the University. You will also be able to review the status of your application during the recruitment process, update your on-line application, and apply for positions that become available in the future. For the job opportunities visit:

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# Cook's Corner

Share your favorite recipes in the Cook's Corner

## Pumpkin Dump Cake

*Pumpkin Dump Cake is an easy Fall dessert that starts with yellow cake mix!*

### Ingredients:

- 1 (15 ounce) can pure Pumpkin
- 1 (10 ounce) can Evaporated Milk
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 3 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter melted
- 1 cup coarsely crushed graham crackers or pecans
- 1/2 cup toffee bits (optional)

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat a 9×13 baking pan with nonstick spray and set aside.

In a large bowl combine the pumpkin, evaporated milk, sugar, eggs, and pumpkin pie spice. Stir to combine and pour into your prepared pan.

Sprinkle the entire box of cake mix on top, followed by your nuts or graham crackers and toffee chips.

Pour your melted butter evenly on top.

Bake for 45-50 minutes until center is set and edges are lightly browned.

Serve warm or at room temperature.

Serve with ice cream or whipped cream.

Prep Time: 10 mins

Cook Time: 45 mins

Total Time: 55 mins

Yield: serves 12

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### In Memoriam

- ❖ Dilip Kumar Datta, Professor Emeritus, Mathematics
- ❖ Thomas Edward Needham, Professor Emeritus, Pharmacy
- ❖ John Stephen Norris, Professor Emeritus, Kinesiology, former Rams Baseball Coach
- ❖ Thomas G. Theisen, Technician, Telephone Systems
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