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URI Researchers Map Atlantic Coast Ocean Floor Following Hurricane Sandy

Hurricane Sandy destroyed hundreds of houses and other properties when it struck the Atlantic coast four years ago. But few realize that the storm also disturbed the seafloor, altering underwater landscapes.

Researchers and students at the University of Rhode Island have mapped the ocean floor at one of several national parks along the East Coast to examine any changes—and have also created an online multimedia story so the public can follow their work.

by Elizabeth Rau

“The Big Reveal: Developing Habitat Maps of the Seafloor of Key Coastal Natural Resources” (see end of article for more information) provides a behind-the-scenes look through interactive maps, photos, graphics, text and more of the research by John King, a URI oceanography professor, and his students.

“The initial step in effectively managing submerged natural resources is to have an accurate and detailed understanding of what resources you actually have,” says King. “Our project is

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Photo above: Left to right, Casey Hearn and Monique LaFrance Bartley, both GSO doctoral students; Sean Scannell, a 2016 graduate of marine affairs at URI; Nicholas Englehart and Mitchell Kennedy, who both graduated from URI in 2016 with degrees in geological oceanography. Photo courtesy of Monique LaFrance Bartley.

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By creating detailed maps of submerged habitats, researchers will be able to compare this baseline data with subsequent data collected in the future after another hurricane. The research will help scientists better understand how future storms may affect these important natural environments, with ecological, commercial and recreational implications.

The research could also be helpful in studies of seafloor changes caused by sea-level rise, ocean warming and pollution.

Researchers used acoustic sonars, remote-controlled underwater vehicles and other cutting-edge technology to gather information. They also took photos and collected sediment samples.

Acoustic sonars were especially useful in the research. Sonars send pulses of sound to the seafloor and track the amount of time it takes for the sound to bounce back, calculating and collecting measurements of water depth. They also measure the sound's intensity, producing an image similar to a black-and-white photograph. Sonars can detect large geological features, including mudflats, seagrass beds and coral reefs.

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providing that knowledge about the study sites to the National Park Service for the first time."

Researchers and students from King's laboratory in the Graduate School of Oceanography and from URI Professor Caroline Gottschalk Druschke's Society, Ecology and Communication Laboratory collaborated to create "The Big Reveal." Druschke has a joint appointment in URI's Department of Writing and Rhetoric and Department of Natural Resources Science.

Hurricane Sandy hit the coast Oct. 29, 2012, killing at least 233 people and causing billions in damages. The storm's impact on land has been well-documented, but there isn't much information about how the hurricane changed ecosystems on the ocean floor.

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URI presents Distinguished Achievement Awards

by Jhodi Redlich

At the 11th Annual Distinguished Achievement Awards event, the University acknowledged 15 leading alumni, friends and companies for their extraordinary achievements. President David M. Dooley recognized four leaders in business, education, economic development and even the world's leading gaming and lottery company with the President's Award. URI's colleges and the Graduate School of Oceanography presented Dean's List awards to 11 other leaders during the ceremony.

Held as part of the University's annual homecoming in October, the awards honor alumni and friends of URI who have brought distinction to themselves and the University through their professional achievements, outstanding leadership and/or community service.

The President's Award recipients are:

George Graboys, Hon. '99, Chairman and CEO (retired), Citizens Financial Group.

Very familiar with higher education in Rhode Island and the University of Rhode Island itself, Graboys spent 24 years with Citizens Financial Group, serving as president, chairman, and CEO. He was a member of the R.I. Board of Governors for Higher Education from 1983–1991, and served as chair from 1995–1998. He has received numerous awards for his civic and charitable endeavors, including the ADL Torch of Liberty Award and the Rhode Island Children's Crusade Leadership Award. He was an adjunct professor at URI's College of Business and a founding member of the Board of the College Crusade of Rhode Island, where he served as chair. He has also served as chair of the URI Foundation, the Rhode Island Foundation, the Rhode Island Urban Project, and AAA of Southern New England. Graboys holds degrees from Dartmouth College and the University of Pennsylvania. He is a resident of Providence, R.I.

Scott Singer '83, head of Global Business Services, Rio Tinto. Singer is a leader in world-class supply chain management, advanced sourcing strategies, outsourcing, and cloud computing. As head of global business services for Rio Tinto, a leading international mining group, he is supported by a team of over 4,000

employees on five continents and is responsible for the company's information systems and technology, procurement, finance, people, and group property service delivery functions. Prior to Rio Tinto, Singer spent 19 years with United Technologies. In addition to leading Rio Tinto GBS, Scott serves as managing director and country head for Rio Tinto's Singapore regional office. Singer earned an M.S. and Executive M.B.A. from the University of New Haven.

Laurie White '81, President, Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce. Since October 2005, Laurie White has been president of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce—Rhode Island's largest private sector business advocacy and economic development organization. A significant portion of the Chamber's work is devoted to developing the state's Knowledge Economy by driving advanced industry formation; entrepreneurship; medical, academic and industry collaboration; technology transfer; talent retention; and competitive tax policy. White is a frequent speaker on these topics. From January 2003 to July 2004, she served as executive counselor to the governor for policy and communications, and prior to that, she was senior VP of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce. In 2010, she received an honorary doctorate in business administration from Johnson & Wales University. White is a member of the URI Foundation Executive Board and is a resident of Saunderstown, R.I.

This year's corporate honoree is International Game Technology (IGT), a leading gaming and lottery company with over 12,000 employees worldwide. The company employs over 80 URI graduates and offers internships to URI students. IGT has been a regular sponsor of URI's MBA and College of Engineering capstone programs, also advising on a proposal-writing course at URI's Harrington School of Communication and Media. IGT has been a generous supporter of various University initiatives, including the Thomas M. Ryan Center, URI Alumni Association Big Chill Weekend scholarship fundraiser, URI Computer Science and Statistics Department, and the Science

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and Math Investigative Learning Experience for school-age children. IGT Executive Vice President Robert Vincent '75 serves on the URI Foundation Board and Harrington School Advisory Board, and was an honorary chair of the 2016 Big Chill Weekend.

The Rising Star Award goes to Raymond Two Hawks Watson M.C.P. '05, founder and CEO, Providence Cultural Equity Initiative.

Watson is a lifelong resident of Providence, R.I. He was raised in the city's Mt. Hope and Fox Point neighborhoods, and is a product of the Providence public school system. Watson is the Founder and CEO of the Providence Cultural Equity Initiative (PCEI), a cultural development consulting company based in Providence. Watson currently serves as chair of the Rhode Island Young Professionals Social and Cultural Affairs Committee and is an executive/founding member of the Eastern Medicine Singers, a traveling Algonquin drum group. In 2016, Watson was named a recipient of the Rhode Island Foundation's Innovation Fellowship. Watson earned his B.A. in political science from Union College in Schenectady, New York. He is a resident of Providence, R.I.

Selected for the **Athletic Director's Award is Edward B. Deutsch '68 Managing Partner, McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP.** Deutsch is managing partner of this legal practice with about 300 attorneys in 7 states. He is a certified civil trial attorney and has been a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers since 1992. He is included in numerous "Best Lawyers" listings, received the Trial Bar Award from the Trial Attorneys of New Jersey, and serves on the Board of Directors of Lakeland Bank. Deutsch has been included in both NJBIZ and PolitickerNJ's Power Lists as one of the 100 most powerful and politically influential people in New Jersey. He received his J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law, which awarded him the 2002 Distinguished Graduate Award. He is a resident of Bernardsville, N.J.

In addition to the president's awards, the following accomplished alumni will receive a Dean's List Award from their respective college. The honorees are:

URI's College of Arts and Sciences: Adam Wiener '87, Executive Vice President and

General Manager, CBS Local Digital Media.

Wiener has spent nearly 30 years at the forefront of media evolution and continues with his current role leading digital for the 146 CBS-owned TV and radio stations. He joined CBS Radio News soon after graduating from URI and moved quickly to CBS News network television, where his career highlights include manning the foreign desk as the Cold War ended and covering Governor Bill Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign. After launching CBSNews.com as executive producer, he served in digital management roles at web startups and traditional media companies such as NBC Universal and Dow Jones, before returning to CBS in 2010 to help launch CBS Local Digital Media. He serves on the Executive Advisory Board of URI's Harrington School of Communication and Media and is a resident of New York, N.Y.

College of Business Administration: Frederick J. Newton '78, Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, Apollo Education Group, Inc.

Newton has worked as a human resources executive for some of the top companies in the world, including his current position as the chief human resources officer for Apollo Education Group, which employs more than 40,000 people worldwide. He serves on the board of directors of Teach for America and Expect More Arizona, and is involved in numerous professional, trade, and civic organizations. A former officer and aviator in the U.S. Navy, Newton is an executive board member and trustee of the URI Foundation and has supported the University through his two endowed scholarships in the College of Business and with numerous gifts to Theta Chi fraternity, the URI Alumni Association, and the URI Annual Giving program. He is a resident of Phoenix, Ariz.

College of Engineering: Jay Blazensky '82, Co-Founder and Chief Revenue Officer, VoiceBase, Inc.

Blazensky is a proven Silicon Valley entrepreneur and business development executive with a passion for bringing disruptive technologies to market that will revolutionize entire industries. As co-founder at VoiceBase, he is responsible for executing the company's "Big Voice" strategy—surfacing insights from spoken information so that businesses make better decisions—and establishing key partnerships with

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companies such as Nasdaq, Twilio, Cisco, and Salesforce.com. Previously, Blazensky was an early employee at RingCentral, where he was VP of Business Development for five years and played a key role in the company's emergence as one of the world's leading hosted communications providers. A resident of Los Altos, Calif., Blazensky is a frequent public speaker and thought leader in cloud-based communications.

College of the Environment and Life Sciences: Kenneth Ayars '83, M.S. '85, Chief, Division of Agriculture, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. Ayars has served as chief of the Division of Agriculture since 1998. His passion for local agriculture was refined and catalyzed by his education at URI, and his career has focused on meeting the needs of family farms and raising awareness of the importance of a locally based sustainable food system. He has received recognitions and awards from the Rhode Island Farm Bureau, the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Dietetic Association, and the Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association, among others, but he is most proud of the growth of agriculture in Rhode Island and the many young people willing to invest their time and future in building a sustainable food system and green economy. Ayars is a resident of Exeter, R.I.

College of Health Sciences: R. Bert Reid Jr., M.S. '93, Co-owner, OPT Physical Therapy. Reid is the co-owner of OPT Physical Therapy that was named the Newport Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year in 2007 and Large Business of the Year in 2015. He is a member of the North Salem (N.Y.) High School Hall of Fame, the R.I. High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame, and the Providence Grid Iron Hall of Fame, and is a recipient of the Red Cross Hero Award and the Champions for Children Award. Reid has worked with numerous Olympic, collegiate, and professional athletes, as well as the U.S. Navy SEALs. He was an Academic All-American at Tulane University and captain of the varsity golf team. Reid completed his doctorate in physical therapy at Mass General Hospital in 2008 and he is a resident of Wakefield, R.I.

College of Nursing: Karen L. Waldo '88, Registered Nurse, Beth Israel Deaconess

Medical Center. Waldo has been an R.N. at Boston's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center for 28 years; since 1996, she has cared for critically ill newborns in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, where she regularly serves as a preceptor for new graduate nurses. Since 2002, she has been a supervisory nurse and group leader of the MA-1 National Disaster Medical Assistance Team, providing critical assistance to disaster victims in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina, Gustav, Ike, and Sandy; the 2009 Red River floods in North Dakota; and the 2010 Haiti earthquake. In addition to her community service for Habitat for Humanity and the women's shelter Rosie's Place, Waldo has volunteered as a nurse and medical tent leader for the Boston Marathon for the past 10 years. She is a resident of Chelsea, Mass.

College of Pharmacy: Susan C. Johnson '81, Pharm. D. '88, Director of Research, Eastern Connecticut Hematology & Oncology Associates. Johnson has built a national reputation for her work with Coumadin clinics. Under her leadership as director of research for Eastern Connecticut Hematology & Oncology Associates (ECHO), patient enrollment in clinical trials has expanded as much as 15 percent per year. ECHO is one of the private practices recently selected by NantHealth CEO Patrick Soon-Shiong to receive access to new cancer therapies. In her practice, she will be accruing community-based patients for Vice President Joseph Biden's "Cancer Moonshot 2020" initiative in an attempt to double the rate of progress toward ending cancer. Johnson has received numerous awards for her innovative approach to providing pharmaceutical care in a range of practice settings and is a Sanofi-Aventis ACS Consultant for the development of anticoagulation guidelines. She is a resident of East Greenwich, R.I.

Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Education and Professional Studies: Laura A. Pisaturo '91, Chairperson, Rhode Island Parole Board. Pisaturo is a community activist and advocate for women, children, and the LGBT community. She began her career as a litigator, earned a reputation as a tough-but-fair prosecutor, served on the attorney general's Domestic Violence Task Force, co-chaired Rhode Is-

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land's first conference on children who witness domestic violence, and worked at Day One on crisis services, programming, and legislation impacting child welfare, human sex trafficking, sexual assault, and domestic violence. She opened her private family law practice in 2011, helping many families pro bono. She worked on the campaign for marriage equality in Rhode Island and has taught at Salve Regina, URI, and several police training academies. In 2014, she was appointed chairperson of the Rhode Island Parole Board. She received her J.D. from Suffolk University Law School and is a resident of Warwick, R.I.

Graduate School of Oceanography: The G. Unger Vetlesen Foundation. Since 1955, the G. Unger Vetlesen Foundation has championed

earth science research and education throughout the world with its international Vetlesen Prize, regarded as one of the highest honors for scientists in the oceanographic, atmospheric, and earth science fields. Over the past 20 years, the Vetlesen Foundation has provided more than \$4 million in gifts to the URI Graduate School of Oceanography (GSO). This transformative support has allowed GSO to build on a history of excellence through initiatives such as the Vetlesen Distinguished Lecture Series and generous, continued funding for educational, research, and institutional needs. The Distinguished Achievement Award will be accepted by Ambrose Monell, president and trustee of the G. Unger Vetlesen Foundation and the Ambrose Monell Foundation.



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Mapping of underwater habitats took place in four national parks affected by Hurricane Sandy: Cape Cod National Seashore in Massachusetts; Assateague Island National Seashore in Maryland; Fire Island National Seashore in New York; and part of Gateway National Recreation Area in New Jersey. The URI team examined the Fire Island waters.

Significant portions of all four parks are submerged: 75 percent of Fire Island National Seashore's area is under water; and 67 percent of Gateway National Recreation Area is submerged. Thirty-eight percent of the Cape Cod National Seashore is under water.

The research was funded as part of the U.S. Department of the Interior's post-Hurricane Sandy recovery projects. Besides URI, the other institutions participating are the University of Delaware, Rutgers University and the Center for Coastal Studies in Massachusetts.

"Habitat mapping helps us better understand the ecosystem as a whole and how it's resilient to or vulnerable to change," says Monique LaFrance Bartley, a doctoral student at GSO who is working on the project. Knowing the condition of the seafloor is important: it shapes the ecosystem, from the size of sediment grains to the health of marine invertebrates, like clams.

Jamie Remillard, a doctoral student in rhetoric and composition at URI and co-creator of "The Big Reveal," says it was exciting to create the online multimedia site.

"It's important people understand the value of this research," says Remillard. " 'The Big Reveal' is informative, and it also connects people with science that matters in an engaging, interactive way. Making that sort of connection is key."

The Big Reveal: Developing Habitat Maps of the Seafloor of Key Coastal Natural Resources

<http://uri.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=6a55d3c9b19a461ebfc100ead4d12c21>

Holiday Giving at URI

'Tis the season!

URI will soon kick off its' **13th Annual URI Spirit of Giving Holiday Drive!**

Students, deans, administrators, faculty, staff and friends of URI - are invited to join us to participate in this annual *Spirit of Giving* event.

Here's how you can be involved:

Visit www.uri.edu/career/spiritofgiving to:



- ❖ View specific dates and deadlines for toy donation/collection
- ❖ Review a general wish list of gift ideas for children, teenagers, and families – drop off the new and unwrapped gifts at any of the gift location drop off sites (see website for listing)
- ❖ Submit a request for you or your office, department, college, or student organization to adopt a family (or two!) in need. You will then be sent a family wish list.
- ❖ Organize a new toy and/or new clothing drive on behalf of your department, college or student organization to be disseminated as necessary to Rhode Island families in need. Just let us know so we can keep track of URI's participation, support your efforts, and thank you for your engagement!

Donations of **new unwrapped toys and warm clothing, and retail gift cards** for a child, teenager, or family in need this holiday season will be collected in early December. Don't forget to visit the Spirit of Giving tables at the Memorial Union Holiday Mini Mall on December 7 and 8 to drop off your donation!

This year's gift donations will benefit 3,000+ families in need served by *Children's Friend*, a leading provider of child welfare, education, family support, mental health, and youth development services to Rhode Island's poorest and most vulnerable children.

This event continues to be a tremendous success every year thanks to the involvement of so many URI staff, faculty and students – an outpouring of significant generosity! Last year we exceeded our donation goals and URI again hopes to have a great impact on the well-being of so many families in need this holiday season – with your help.

More information on the sponsorship of a family and gift ideas for specific age groups for individual donations will be shared in the weeks ahead. You can also review information on the URI Spirit of Giving website at www.uri.edu/career/spiritofgiving. Questions and volunteer inquiries may be addressed to Sarah Miller in the Feinstein Center for Service Learning at sgmiller@uri.edu. **Your participation, no matter how big or how small, will make a difference in the life of a child this holiday season. Thank you.**

Irving K. "Sandy" Taylor

Irving K. "Sandy" Taylor, died at home in North Kingstown on October 17, 2016.

A champion of historic preservation and land conservation, Sandy served as University Architect from 1987 until his retirement in 2005. He was a strong advocate who worked to preserve the Oliver Watson House, the only remaining building from the Watson Farm that became the home of the University. He chaired the Watson House Committee and helped to secure preservation grants from the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission. The Watson House, which dates to 1796, is one of 80 such landmarks in Rhode Island and Sandy's support helped to ensure its future as a museum and a link to URI's beginnings.

Sandy's many interests included music and for many years he hosted an early morning jazz program on the University's radio station, WRIU.

Sandy joined the Board of URInformed in November 1998 and remained until his retirement in 2005.

During those years he wrote about buildings on campus. People still refer to his articles for historical background. As the campus continues to change we always need to remember the history of URI and its buildings.

A list of buildings Sandy wrote about follows on page 11.



URI Police busy collecting food, toys this holiday season

With the holiday season underway, officers at the University of Rhode Island Police Department are conducting their annual toy and food drives to assist the needy in local communities.

The department's Stuff-A-Cruiser toy drive begins on Dec. 2 and runs through Dec. 18, during which community members may drop off monetary donations and new toys to the department at 85 Briar Lane, Kingston, R.I.

In addition, Stuff-A-Cruiser events will also be held Saturday, Dec. 17, and Sunday, Dec. 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Walmart, 1031 Ten Rod Road, North Kingstown.

Patrolman Paul Hanrahan said the department is seeking community volunteers to help police collect toys on each day. Last year, URI Police collected more than 3,000 toys donated by members of the local community. Along with cash donations, the toys were distributed to more than eight community service agencies in the area to help those in need during the holiday season. Some toys were also given to children at Hasbro Children's Hospital.

"We hope to make this year's drive even more successful than last year," Hanrahan said. "We were deeply touched last year when the police station was filled from floor to ceiling with toys for our local children. We are fortunate to live in an area with so many generous people."

Olivia Ross, an intern in the Marketing and Communications Department at URI and public relations major, wrote this press release.



Pictured above. URI Police Maj. Michael Jagoda, left, and Patrolman Paul Hanrahan, with donations of canned goods bound for area food pantries. URI photo by Olivia Ross

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Here is a list of buildings Sandy wrote about:

November 1998	Sandy Taylor joined the Board of URInformed
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November 1999	East Hall
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May 2000	Quinn Hall
Summer 2000	Washburn Hall
December 2000	Ballentine Hall
March 2001	International Scholar/ Athlete Hall of Fame Feinstein Building
October 2001	Dairy Barn Complex
December 2001	Bliss, Edwards and Rodman Halls
March 2002	Social Science Research Center
May 2002	Eleanor Roosevelt Hall
October 2002	Tucker House
December 2002	Fine Arts Center
Spring 2003	The Potato Shed (Rifle Range)
Summer 2003	Cooperative Extension Education Center
March 2003	University Library
Fall 2003	URI Women's Center
December 2003	White Hall
Spring 2004	Pell Marine Library Horn Laboratory
May 2004	Frank W. Keaney Gymnasium
Summer 2004	Biological Sciences Center "BISC"
Fall 2004	Hope Dining Hall
May 2005	Dining Services Distribution Center

URI graduate Tim Gray collaborates with actor Tom Selleck, World War II veterans to make film about Pearl Harbor

by Elizabeth Rau

The actor Tom Selleck made a name for himself hunting down bad guys in the 1980s television series, *Magnum, P.I.* These days, he's heralding the good guys as narrator of a World War II film written, directed and produced by a University of Rhode Island graduate.

"Remember Pearl Harbor" is the latest documentary from Tim Gray, a 1989 journalism graduate who has spent the last decade interviewing World War II veterans and turning their stories into award-winning films shown worldwide.

The 84-minute film has not only won an Award of Excellence from the Indie Fest, but was also selected to officially debut in Pearl Harbor on the 75th anniversary of the attacks in December. It will air on 125 PBS stations throughout the country.

How did he get Selleck to narrate? "I just asked," says Gray. "And he said yes—right away."

The film, to be shown Dec. 4 in World War II Hangar 79 on Ford Island in Pearl Harbor, features interviews with veterans who witnessed the Dec. 7, 1941 attack, which led to the United States' entry into the war.

More than 35 World War II veterans are interviewed, including those who served on the USS Arizona, which was bombed during the attack, killing 1,177 officers and crewmen. The film also has a rare interview with Mitsuo Fuchida, flight leader of the Japanese air attack.

Gray says he was honored to get Selleck. "Tom was the first person I thought of to narrate since he has a strong connection to Hawaii from his *Magnum, P.I.* days (the series was filmed there), was in the National Guard when he was

younger and, simply, has a great voice."

Gray says he spent two days on the phone with Selleck while he narrated the documentary in a studio in California. Selleck, now starring in CBS' *Blue Blood*, is the ultimate perfectionist and did each read two to three times until he felt it was right, Gray says.

"He knew how important this project is and was nothing short of phenomenal to deal with," says Gray. "Just a great guy who understood the significance of the project. We had time to talk about other things as well—his love for the Detroit Tigers and his strong interest in the stories of World War II."

Gray, who grew up in Kingston, studied journalism at URI and worked as a sports anchor at Channel 10 before he went into filmmaking, pursuing a topic that had interested him since childhood: World War II.

For Gray, it's a labor of love. His mission, as he sees it, is to tell the veterans' stories before it's too late. Of the 16 million veterans who fought in

the war, less than a million are left, with 750 dying every day.

"The window is closing now," says Gray. "We need to preserve these stories so that future generations understand we are who we are because of the sacrifice and courage of the World War II generation."

He has four more films in post-production for 2017 and 2018 that focus on the war in Europe and the Pacific. "Writing is my passion," he says, "and that underpinning was established at URI."



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... and Say Goodbye to ...

Lisa Abreu Morel (CBA Instruction); Bryant Aldarondo (Dining Central Operations); Kristine Batty (Nursing Instruction); Danielle Boucher (Dining Central Operations); Kristine Buss (Univ Coll for Academic Success); Ian Comerford (GSO Marine Office); Dean Dacey (Dean Environment & Life Science); Caitlin DelSesto (Biomedical & Pharmaceutical Sc.); Corrie Haley (Center Career Experiential Edu.); Kristen Hychka (CELS Academic Unit 2); Ethan Irons (GSO Marine Office); Susan Lerch (Compliance Office); Katelyn Mayberry (Nutrition & Food Sciences); Christopher O'Brien (CELS Academic Unit 1); Danielle Parks (Women's Basketball); Anthony Randall (Women's Swimming); Cheryl Resmini (Undergraduate

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Admissions); Loryssa Sylvia (Athletics Strength Condition); Christina Valentino (Vice Pres for Admin & Finance); Saea Wiggington (CELS Academic Unit 2).

... and Best Wishes To Those Who Retired

Roberta Houllahan (CELS Academic Unit 1); Gabriele Kass (CELS Academic Unit 3); Norman Yardley (Landscape & Grounds Maintenance); Susanne Perrille (Undergraduate Admissions); Cindy Rose (Student Loan office); Jennifer Specker (GSO Faculty); Verna Thurber (Publications); Daniel Ustick (Center Career Experiential Edu.).

In Memoriam



- ❖ Walter Crocker, Dean (retired), CCE
- ❖ Sandy Taylor, University Architect (retired)

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Cook's Corner

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SWEET POTATO, RED ONION & FONTINA TART

“Try this roasted-vegetable free-form tart as an appetizer or side dish for a special dinner or as a vegetarian main dish. The pastry dough is very forgiving and quite easy to roll out on parchment paper or a nonstick baking mat. The walnut-studded crust is crisper served warm, but you can enjoy the tart at room temperature or cold too.”

Ingredients:

Crust

- 3/4 cup walnuts
- 1 1/4 cups whole-wheat pastry flour (see Note)
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme and/or rosemary
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 7 tablespoons ice-cold water

Filling

- 1 1/2 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and sliced into 1/4-inch-thick slices
- 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1 1/2 cups thinly sliced red onion
- 1 cup shredded fontina or Cheddar cheese
- 1 large egg white mixed with 1 teaspoon water
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme and/or rosemary

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 425°F.

To prepare crust: Pulse walnuts in a food processor until finely ground. Combine in a large bowl with whole-wheat flour, all-purpose flour, 2 tablespoons thyme and/or rosemary, 3/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Make a well in the center and add 1/2 cup oil and water. Gradually stir the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients to form a soft dough (it will seem wetter than other types of pastry dough). Knead in the bowl just until the dough comes together. Pat it into a disk, wrap in plastic and refrigerate for at least 15 minutes or up to 3 days.

To prepare filling: Combine sweet potatoes, 1 tablespoon oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 tea-

spoon pepper in a large bowl. Spread on three-fourths of a large rimmed baking sheet. Toss onion in the bowl with 1 teaspoon oil. Spread evenly on the remaining one-fourth of the baking sheet. Roast for 10 minutes. Remove from the oven. Reduce temperature to 375 degrees .

Line a work surface with parchment paper or a nonstick baking mat, lightly dust with flour and dust the top of the dough with flour. Roll the dough into a rustic 15-inch circle, adding more flour, if necessary, to prevent sticking. Transfer the crust to a baking sheet with the parchment or baking mat in place.

Leaving a 2-inch border, sprinkle cheese evenly over the crust. Make an overlapping ring of the larger sweet potato slices over the cheese, leaving the 2-inch border. Spread the onion slices in another ring closer to the center. Using the rest of the sweet potato slices, make an overlapping circle in the center of the crust (the pattern will look like a bull's-eye). Pick up the edges of the crust using a spatula and fold over the filling, making pleats in the dough as necessary (it's okay if the dough cracks a little as you fold it); the filling will not be completely covered. Brush the crust with the egg-white wash. Drizzle the vegetables with the remaining 1 teaspoon oil and sprinkle with 1 teaspoon thyme and/or rosemary.

Bake the tart until lightly browned on the edges, about 50 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes before slicing. **Make Ahead Tip:** Prepare the crust (Step 2), wrap tightly and refrigerate for up to 3 days or freeze for up to 6 months. Cool, cover and refrigerate the baked tart for up to 1 day. Reheat at 350°F for about 20 minutes. **Ingredient Note:** Whole-wheat pastry flour has less gluten-forming potential than regular whole-wheat flour and helps ensure tender baked goods. Find it in the baking section of the supermarket or online at bobsred-mill.com and kingarthurfLOUR.com

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