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URI's Fall Welcome 2021-2022

by Tracey Manni

The 2021-2022 academic year kicks off at the University of Rhode Island with what is expected to be a “near normal” fall semester that will include mostly in-person classes, and scheduled, in-person athletic, academic, and cultural events, though some COVID-19-related policies will be in place to protect the health of the University community. In advance of the Sept. 8 start of classes, move-in days began, Sept. 1 and through Sept. 4. Newly arrived URI President Marc Parlange popped in at various times during move-in.

Incoming first-year students and all returning students were required to submit proof of vaccination, or have an approved University exemption, before coming to campus to protect the community against spread of COVID-19. Also implemented recently is a universal mask-wearing policy requiring students, faculty, and staff to wear masks in indoor spaces on campus where people gather, including classrooms, laboratories, dining, and residential facilities.

Students making up the Class of 2025 come to URI after at least three semesters of high school undertaken in uncertainty due to the pandemic. First-year students were selected from a record-setting 25,107

applications received.

These students will join approximately 500 transfer students, more than 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 start on Sept. 8.

Orientation events for new students took place as part of **O-Week** during the week leading up to the start of classes. Events are intended to increase student engagement, and to familiarize students with campus, the URI community, and resources for student success. In addition, a **New Student Welcome** took place Sept. 10 on the URI Quadrangle. This new tradition began with a student procession and featured music, food, and an official welcome from President Marc Parlange and other University leaders.

New Campus Enhancements

•New and returning students will note the continuing **\$2 million upgrade to Upper College Road**, the University's historic main thoroughfare, meant to improve its appearance, while emphasizing safety for

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of 2022, the project includes new general and active learning classrooms, computer labs, video and audio editing suites, and film production and screening rooms. The new space at Ranger Hall will also become the new location for the Harrington School of- fices currently housed in Davis Hall.

Academically Speaking

•Three new deans will be a part of the cam- pus community this academic year. Begin- ning Jan. 1, **Anthony J. Marchese, Ph.D.**, will serve as dean of the College of Engi- neering which includes 1,600 undergraduate and 200 graduate students. Marchese, who comes to URI from Colorado State Univer- sity, will succeed Raymond Wright who led the College for 14 years as dean. **Brenton DeBoef, Ph.D.**, professor of chemistry, has been named dean of the University's Gradu- ate School, a post he's held on an interim basis since July 2020. And, **Danielle Dennis**, director of the University of Rhode Island's School of Education, was recently named interim dean of the University's Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Education and Profes- sional Studies.

•URI's annual **Honors Colloquium** will this year focus on scientific initiatives needed to ensure sustainable use of ocean resources and long-term ocean health, as outlined in

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cyclists and pedestrians. The project will in- clude the addition of new bike lanes to a newly paved road, which will also feature wider side- walks, granite curbing and new lighting. Speed tables and new crosswalks will be added, as will new wayfinding signs and security and parking system technologies.

•**Ranger Hall**, built in 1914 and home to the Harrington School of Communication and Me- dia, is in the midst of a second phase of build- ing renovations. The recently begun \$8 million, 20,000-square-foot project involves interior renovations and upgrades to the second, third, and fourth floors, complementing work done as part of Phase 1 renovations completed in 2017. Expected to be completed for the fall



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'Sustaining Our Shores' is Topic of Fall URI Honors Colloquium

58th annual lecture series to celebrate beginning of U.N. Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development

by Dave Lavallee

You don't have to look very far or dig very deep into history to see the effects of climate change and pollution on our coastal environment.

Two recent storms, Henri and Ida, not only caused major damage and death in other parts of the country, they also caused flooding, beach erosion, and beach closings in our area because of stormwater runoff and other factors.

But long before those recent events, J.P. Walsh, University of Rhode Island professor of oceanography and director of the Coastal Resources Center in the Graduate School of Oceanography, and Andrew Davies, associate professor of biological sciences, were planning lectures for URI's 58th annual Honors Colloquium.

Titled "Sustaining Our Shores," the nine-event series will include renowned researchers, writers, policy experts and even a chef as part of the University's premier lecture series.

"Rhode Island is the Ocean State and many across the state are thinking about the ocean and the coast and the many aspects of concern," Walsh said. "URI is also a leader in coastal and ocean research and application of that research, locally and globally. Another important point is that we just entered the U.N. Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. We thought that this should be an emphasis for the URI Honors Colloquium."

All free lectures and panel discussions this fall are held Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. at Edwards Hall on the Kingston Campus. The full schedule and streaming links can be found [here](#).

Last year's series, "Challenging Expectations: Disability in the 21st Century," was held entirely online because of COVID-19, but this year, it's an in-person program, with the lectures also being streamed. In fact, a goal is to have a significant, global virtual audience -- the series has been endorsed as a U.N. Ocean Decade event. Attendees must present their university identification cards or their vaccinations card to be admitted. Everyone will be required to be masked while in Edwards.

Walsh and Davies, this year's colloquium coordinators, said there is a Plan B for a virtual series if necessary.

The two coordinators outlined the three major points of emphasis for the colloquium: coasts in crisis, the future of seafood, and plastics and marine pollution.

Walsh said he and Davies chose the coasts in crisis sub-theme as the first area of emphasis because the U.S. and other countries are in the heart of hurricane season.

"Many people are well aware of threats of sea level rise and storms along their shores and the important overriding concern is the risk to our communities," Walsh said. "In most cases that risk is not equally distributed. There are some communities that are disadvantaged more than others and it's important to address these social issues along with the environmental ones."

Walsh said the future of seafood focus looks at how billions of people around the world rely on this important food source.

"In the United States many people enjoy and recognize the health benefits of seafood, but internationally it's a critical source of protein in much of the world," Walsh said. "It represents half or more of the protein in the diet of developing countries. So as much as we enjoy seafood, we also need it to sustain the growing population of the planet. Of course there are issues around sustaining wild catch, so there is also a growing need for aquaculture."

The last focus area, plastics and marine pollution, is equally important and like the other two, affects people around the world. URI, which dedicated an entire issue of its research magazine, *Momentum*, to plastics will launch a plastics initiative in the fall.

Davies said there is a lot of doom and gloom around coastal and ocean issues, adding "one of the key things we want to carry through the entire colloquium is that there are people around the world working on solutions. URI is central to that, and it is conducting research around the world on these problems and trying to find solutions. The hope theme is a major aspect throughout the colloquium.

"Sometimes the news that we are seeing, the poles melting and other results of climate

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the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. Entitled, "Sustaining our Shores," the colloquium will feature free, open-to-the-public, weekly academic discussions and guest speakers from September through December.

- The 2021 **Christiane Amanpour Lecture**, set to take place Nov. 10, will feature Abby Phillip, CNN anchor and senior political correspondent. The annual lecture was established through an endowment that alumnus and CNN chief international anchor Christiane Amanpour established at URI to bring respected journalists to campus each year.

- More than a dozen international experts in the growing field of quantum information science will participate in a URI-hosted **Frontiers in Quantum Computing conference** Oct. 18–20 on the Kingston Campus. United States Senator Jack Reed and more than a dozen experts are scheduled to speak.

- URI's STEEP (Sources, Transport, Exposure, and Effects of PFAS) Program will host an international conference dedicated to sharing the latest science on PFAS, "silent" and dangerous chemicals often present in common household goods. **FLOUROS Global 2021** will take place Oct. 3–7 at the WaterFire Fine Arts Center in Providence, Rhode Island.

About Our Students

NOTE: Much of this information is preliminary. Official enrollment numbers are expected in October.

- Nearly 5,700 students will live in 27 on-campus residences this fall, including 17 Living and Learning Communities. In addition, approximately 650 students will reside in 15 fraternity/sorority houses on campus, and another 75 will live in designated International Engineering Program housing.

- Approximately 3,780 first-year (including 500 transfer students) students will major in some of the University's most popular programs including nursing, psychology, kinesiology, business, pharmacy, criminal justice, neuroscience, and engineering.

- New first-year students come to URI this year from 24 countries including Korea, China, Indonesia, India, and Canada.

- After Rhode Island, the top states represented in the first-year class are Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, and Pennsylvania, respectively.

- The University's oldest student is a graduate student born in 1943, while its youngest, is an undergraduate student born in 2005.

- There are 22 sets of twins entering URI as first-year students.

- Just over 20% of our graduate students enrolled in URI's oceanography, engineering, and pharmacy programs are international, hailing from countries including Canada, Mexico, Romania, Korea, and more.

- Two of URI's graduate students earned Fulbright scholarships last year.

Other Notable Happenings

- URI WaterFire**, a public event sponsored by the University of Rhode Island together with URI Foundation & Alumni Engagement took place Friday, Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m., along the riverfront in Providence, Rhode Island. Alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff, and friends were invited to join together to celebrate URI and enjoy the beauty of WaterFire.

- The public was invited to attend **Science Saturday** at the Graduate School of Oceanography in Narragansett, Rhode Island, on Sept. 18., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The free, family-friendly day offered the latest in coastal and ocean exploration, discovery, and science and includes behind-the-scenes tours, interactive experiences and conversations with a wide variety of ocean experts.

- Alumni and Family Weekend** took place Oct. 1–3 on the Kingston Campus. URI football will take on Stony Brook, and various other events were scheduled over the weekend for alumni and URI students and their families.

- Commencement ceremonies for the Class of 2020** took place on Friday, Oct. 1 at the Ryan Center. Undergraduate and graduate students were each permitted two guests as they crossed the stage to mark the completion of their academic studies at URI, an event delayed due to COVID-19.

- The **URI Theatre Season** kicked off Oct. 14 with its first performance of the year. *Silent Sky*, by Lauren Gunderson, is the first of four plays this year, also including *Clue: On Stage, Twelfth*

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Halloween Fun

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

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change, is so crushing that it makes us feel powerless,” Davies said. “Our speakers will emphasize that there is hope and that there are things we can do as researchers and individuals to reduce our carbon impact. Hope is a fitting idea to showcase in Rhode Island.”



Kelsey Leonard, presented the first talk on Sept. 21, “Coasts in Crisis: Our Relationship with Rising Seas.” Leonard is a water scientist, legal scholar, policy expert, writer, and enrolled citizen of the Shinnecock Nation. She is an assistant professor in the Faculty of Environment at the University of Waterloo, where her research focuses on Indigenous water justice and its climatic, territorial, and governance underpinnings.

She seeks to establish Indigenous traditions of water conservation as the foundation for international water policymaking. She is a member of the Shinnecock Indian Nation on the Mid-Atlantic Committee on the Ocean, which is charged with protecting America’s ocean ecosystems and coastlines. She also serves as a member of the Great Lakes Water Quality Board of the International Joint Commission. Her regional ocean policy work in collaboration with Tribes, state, federal and fishery management council entities received a Peter Benchley Ocean Award for Excellence in Solutions.



Next was **Elizabeth Rush on Sept. 28, “Coasts in Crisis: Rising Together in Response to Climate Change.”** She is the author of “Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore.” Her work explores how humans adapt to changes enacted upon them by forces seemingly beyond their control, from ecological transformation to political revolution. Her writing has appeared or is forthcoming in The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Guardian, Harper’s, The Atlantic, Pacific Standard and the New Republic, among others.

After that **“Coasts in Crisis, Panel: Risk and Resilience in New England,” was the topic on Oct. 5.** Panelists: Pam Rubinoff, associate coastal manager for URI Coastal Resources Center; Elder González Trejo, director of community programs with the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council; Julie Wormser, deputy director of the Mystic River Watershed Association, and the moderator was Megan Hall, host for The Public’s Radio podcast Possibly.

The following presentation was given by **Rashid Sumaila, “Infinity Fish: Economics and the Future of Fish and Fisheries,” on Oct. 19.** Sumaila is a professor and Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Interdisciplinary

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Ocean and Fisheries Economics at the Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries, and the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, University of British Columbia.

The remaining speakers and panel discussions:

Barton Seaver, “The Future of Seafood: How Marine Food Systems Can Support Healthy Oceans and Communities,” Nov. 2.

Seaver is one of the world’s leading sustainable seafood experts and educators. Before leaving the restaurant industry to pursue his interests in sustainable food systems, he was an award-winning chef leading top seafood restaurants in Washington, D.C.

“The Future of Seafood, Panel: Sustainability through Local and Global Action,” Nov. 9. Panelists are: Monica Jain, executive director with Fish 2.0; Sarah Schumann, author and commercial fisherwoman; Russell Smith, consultant with Flen Consulting, and the moderator will be Azure Cygler, marine research associate with the URI Coastal Resources Center.

Chelsea Rochman, “The Story of Plastic Pollution: From Scientific Evidence to Policy,” Nov. 16. She is a faculty member in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at University of Toronto and a scientific adviser to the Ocean Conservancy and a National Geographic Explorer. Previously, she was a David H. Smith Postdoctoral Fellow at the Aquatic Health Program at the University of California, Davis.

“Plastic and Marine Pollution, Panel: Science and Solutions,” Nov. 30. Panelists are: Eva Touhey the program manager at Clean OceanAccess, an environmental nonprofit located in Middletown, RI.; Anna Robuck, researcher at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai with a Ph.D. from the URI Graduate School of Oceanography; Michaela Cashman, researcher at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and master’s degree student at URI; Kara Lavender Law, research professor of oceanography at the Sea Education Association; and Evan Ridley, director of environmental programs at the Rhode Island Marine Trades Association.

Wallace J. Nichols, “An Ocean State of Mind: In Crisis, Opportunity,” Dec. 7. Nichols has been called a water warrior, one who com-

mits to helping others access their “blue mind state.” His visionary ideas related to ocean and aquatic ecosystems, migratory species, marine protected areas, fisheries management and plastic pollution inspire others to find a deeper connection with nature and embrace inventive approaches to issues ranging from protection of ocean life to global water supply to the mental health benefits of a life spent on or near the water.

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Night, and *The Wizard of Oz*, scheduled for the 2021-2022 academic year.

•The **URI Music Department** kicks off a robust 2021-2022 schedule of performances on Sept. 12 with the University Artist Series: *“Make Them Hear You,”* featuring Melissa Joseph, soprano; René de la Garza, baritone; David Gilliland, pianist.

•URI’s **15th annual Distinguished Achievement Awards** originally scheduled for the fall of 2020, was held on Oct. 23 at the Newport Marriott. The awards honor alumni, corporations, and friends who excel in professional achievement, leadership contributions, community service, and philanthropic endeavors.



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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In Memoriam

- ❖ Joel A. Dain, Professor Emeritus, Biochemistry
- ❖ Ira Gross, Professor Emeritus, Psychology
- ❖ Seetharama Narasimhan, Professor Emeritus, Business
- ❖ Marilyn Malina, Professor Emerita, English
- ❖ Arthur 'Art' Sherman, Professor Emeritus, Physical Education & Athletics



URI's Home of Engineering Certified LEED Silver

by Dawn Bergantino

The home of the University of Rhode Island's College of Engineering is now designated LEED Silver, joining more than a dozen other buildings on the University's Kingston Campus. The Fascitelli Center for Advanced Engineering, which opened in Fall 2019, and the newly-renovated Bliss Hall, which originally opened in 1928 and is part of the University of Rhode Island Historic District named to the National Register of Historic Places in 2018, have both been certified as LEED Silver.

LEED Silver, a designation from the United States Green Building Council, is one of four possible ratings based on a 100-point scale across multiple categories showing exemplary leadership in sustainable building practices. LEED certification provides independent verification of a building or neighborhood's green features, allowing for the design, construction, operations and maintenance of resource-efficient, high-performing, healthy, cost-effective buildings. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

The buildings become the 14th and 15th buildings to obtain LEED status on the Kingston Campus. With this latest recognition, the University now has three LEED Certified buildings; seven LEED Silver buildings, including Fascitelli and Bliss; and five buildings certified LEED Gold.

"Importantly, LEED certification translates into higher energy efficiency rates and big energy savings for the University and the state," said University of Rhode Island Director of Capital Projects Paul DePace. "But designing buildings that incorporate the use of sustainable materials, create open spaces for students to gather and add green space to our campus also make the University a nicer place to be for all of us."

The designer for both projects was Ballinger Architects and the contractor was Dimeo Construction Company. Hill International served as project manager. Construction on the Fascitelli Center, the largest construction project in the University's history, began in February 2017. The exterior of the six-story, 183,500 square foot building, along with many interior walls, is almost all glass – allowing natural light into core spaces. The building features an energy

efficient electrical system, which includes the use of daylight sensors that control lighting and "harvest" daylight by shutting lights off in perimeter spaces when it is bright outside.

To help conserve energy and reduce the "heat island" effect common on buildings with dark roofs that absorb heat, the new roofs of both buildings were specified as white material. The projects' minimized building footprints and creation of a large engineering quad with a reduction in paved areas added open, green space outdoors for social gatherings. The use of low-water-use plantings that have no need for landscaping irrigation also reduced typical water use by more than 20%. The proximity of both buildings to public and campus bus and shuttle routes was also significant in the sustainability calculation of the projects.

The renovation and expansion of Bliss Hall began in January 2017. The 38,000-square-foot existing building was gutted to the steel frame and stone exterior. A 15,000-square-foot addition was built on the north side of the building. All of the windows were replaced with historically appropriate modern energy efficient windows. New plumbing, mechanical, fire prevention and electrical infrastructure were also included as part of the renovation. The new interior includes classrooms, labs, student areas, and the offices of the College of Engineering.

To improve indoor air quality, builders utilized low emitting materials in construction for both buildings and installed energy efficient ventilation systems that bring a high degree of fresh air into the building and also include a heat recovery system to save on energy consumption. Bliss Hall also utilized a Variable Refrigerant Flow system for air conditioning, further reducing energy use.

"The State of Rhode Island has set a goal that state-funded projects should meet LEED Certification status," said Jim Devol, project manager for Hill International. "With these two buildings URI has gone beyond that."

Cook's Corner

Share your favorite recipes in the Cook's Corner

PUMPKIN SOUP WITH ALMONDS AND SAGE

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 sage leaves
- 1 (8-oz.) pkg. pre-chopped onion
- 3/4 cup unsalted, roasted blanched almonds, divided
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 3 cups unsalted chicken stock, divided
- 1 (15-oz.) can pumpkin puree
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives

Directions:

1). Place butter, sage, and onion in a large saucepan or Dutch oven over medium-high. Cover and cook 7 to 8 minutes or until onion is lightly browned, stirring occasionally.

2). Coarsely chop 1/4 cup almonds; set aside. Whisk together flour and 1/4 cup stock. Add remaining 1/2 cup almonds, flour mixture, remaining 2 3/4 cups stock, pumpkin, salt, and pepper to onion mixture. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, and simmer 5 minutes, stirring occasionally to keep pumpkin mixture from sticking to bottom of pan.

3). Place pumpkin mixture in a blender; remove center piece of blender lid (to allow steam to escape). Secure lid on blender. Place a clean towel over opening in lid. Process until smooth. Ladle soup into bowls; sprinkle with reserved 1/4 cup chopped almonds and chives.

Serves 4 (serving size: about 1 2/3 cups soup, 1 tbsp. almonds, and 1 1/2 tsp. chives)



Pets Corner Invitation

What are your pets doing for the Holidays?

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

One or two sentences about your pet. Maybe the photo will tell us all we need to know.

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Holiday Giving

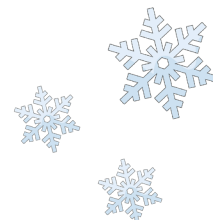
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