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THE URI EMPLOYEES' NEWSLETTER

URI to Present Distinguished Achievement Awards, October 25

by Todd McLeish

Three respected business executives, a celebrated molecular biologist and one of Rhode Island's most iconic companies will share the spotlight at the University of Rhode Island's ninth annual Distinguished Achievement Awards on Oct. 25 at the Newport Marriott. In addition, 18 leaders in a diverse array of disciplines will also be honored by URI's colleges and the Graduate School of Oceanography.

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:

Wesley R. Card '70, *retired chief executive officer of The Jones Group, Inc.*, where he served the company for 25 years, including

positions as president, chief operating officer and chief financial officer. The former chair of the American Apparel and Footwear Association, he began his career at Price Waterhouse and Bank of Boston before becoming corporate controller for Warnaco Inc.



He later became executive vice president and chief financial officer for Carolyn Roehm, Inc. before joining The Jones Group. He is a member of the URI President's Advisory Council, a former member of the URI Business Advisory Council and chair of the Big Chill/Winter Gala Committee.

Thomas D. Cerio III '76, *executive vice president of Warner Brothers*, who is responsible for bringing Warner Brothers television programming to domestic basic cable networks and digital content providers.

He is responsible for making the deals that bring shows like The Big Bang Theory to cable. He previously was executive vice president of program sales for HBO, where he was responsible for distributing iconic programs like The Sopranos and Sex and the City to



basic cable networks. He began his career in television at Orion Pictures and Disney. He is a member of the Executive Advisory Board of URI's Harrington School of Communication and Media.

Paul Hastings '84, *chairman and chief executive officer of OncoMed Pharmaceuticals*, a

leader in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries for more than 20 years. He has served as president and CEO of QLT, Inc., Axy's Pharmaceuticals and LXR Biotechnology, and president of Chiron BioPharma. He also held management po-



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Special offer for URI faculty and staff Purchase tickets for \$40 to see Kevin Hart October 26 at the Ryan Center

See Kevin Hart, the “Funniest Man Alive,” October 26 at the Ryan Center as part of Homecoming Weekend. This show is open only to URI students, faculty, staff and Alumni.

Purchase your tickets using promo code **"URIFS"** either online or at the Ryan Center Box Office showing your F/S ID.

Tickets are on sale now

The link for the ticketing opportunity is:

<http://ev8.eventue.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/SEGetGroupList?prc=URIFS&caller=PR&linkID=global-uri&RDAT=URIFS&RSRC=KevinHart>

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Holiday Giving

As the holiday season quickly approaches many of us are looking for ways to help people less fortunate than us. There are many organizations in the area you can donate to for this holiday season and all year long.

Vote YES On 4

Engineering Rhode Island's Future



URI's College of Engineering is an economic engine for Rhode Island. But with facilities that are more than 50 years old, now is the time to invest in our future so we can remain competitive, create good jobs, conduct cutting-edge research, attract the best students and retain our stellar faculty. On November 4th, vote Yes On Question 4 to approve \$125 million to build a state-of-the-art new College of Engineering facility.



Vote 4 Good Jobs In Rhode Island – Today, more than 4,000 URI College of Engineering graduates work at more than 750 local businesses. Construction of a new state-of-the-art College of Engineering facility will create 1,500 immediate construction and professional service-related jobs over a three-year-period. URI will gain the capacity to graduate even more highly skilled engineers ready for high-paying jobs right here in Rhode Island.

Vote 4 Rhode Island Employers – Many of Rhode Island's best-known employers depend on a steady stream of talented graduates from URI's College of Engineering. That's why a coalition of more than 30 leading Rhode Island businesses including Amgen, FM Global, GTECH, Hasbro, Hexagon Metrology, Hope Global, Taco, Teknor Apex, and Toray Plastics support Question 4.

Vote 4 Innovation – URI's world class College of Engineering faculty have been awarded 73 patents in the last decade. That's research and innovation benefiting Rhode Island employers and our economy, from a College that's generating more than \$142 million each year in statewide economic activity.

Vote 4 Rhode Island's Future –An expanded workforce of highly-educated knowledge economy workers, new industries, new products and intellectual property, new research capabilities, and increased collaboration with local employers will jumpstart a much-needed economic revival in our state.

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URI's Facts about Fall 2014

20 twins, a set of triplets and an America's Got Talent contestant are among the largest group of college freshmen in Rhode Island

The University of Rhode Island welcomed one of its largest incoming classes -- about 3,650 new students, including 3,150 first-year freshmen and 500 transfer students.

When combined with returning and transfer students, the University will be the home away from home for more than 13,000 full-time undergraduate students and about 3,000 graduate students. In a carefully scripted fashion over this weekend, about 6,000 students will move into URI's 24 residence halls. They will be greeted by scores of staff, parking guides and plenty of programs. President David M. Dooley and other members of the administration will also be on hand at select spots.

Some fun facts -- this year's bright freshman class includes 20 sets of twins, a set of triplets and one incoming doctor of pharmacy student who was an America's Got Talent contestant before she packed up for classes. Consistent with the University's Transformational Goals, the number of undergraduates who self-identify as being from diverse backgrounds continues to increase, with the incoming class at about 22 percent and all undergraduates at about 18 percent.

Academically Speaking -- The interdisciplinary fall honors colloquium "Cybersecurity & Privacy" will explore some downsides of our dependence on technology -- including the loss of personal privacy. From start to finish, this Tuesday-night series may leave attendees

by Jhodi Redlich

on the edge of their seats, checking the settings on their tech tools, and looking around for any other devices they may "see" on a daily basis.

What University community members and all Rhode Island voters definitely will see and hear is a call for their support of the higher education facilities bond referendum (Question #4) on the ballot this November. This ballot question calls for \$125 million to support new construction and critical renovation of facilities for URI's College of Engineering. The current engineering structures were built in the 1950s and don't allow for the innovative research in contemporary engineering or for growing enrollment; the college has seen a 39 percent increase in enrollment since 2003. The new facility will also accommodate an additional projected 18 percent increase in enrollment. More than 4,000 URI engineering graduates live and work in Rhode Island, and about 750 Rhode Island companies, like Toray Plastics (America) Inc., Taco Inc., and Textron, depend on a pipeline of engineers from URI for their workforce.

Here's a preview of enrollment and a few of the activities and events that will be happening this fall.



About the Students

- The University's Office of Undergraduate Admission reviewed 20,900 applications for new freshmen. In addition, more than 1,350 applications were considered for students wishing to transfer to the University.
- The University enrolled one of its largest classes of new students this fall – 3,650 students including 3,150 freshmen and 500 transfer students.
- Consistent with trends nationwide, 55 percent of the new students are women and 45 percent are men.
- Together, the incoming group of freshmen and transfer students includes about 22 percent self-identified students of color. During the last 10 years, this number has increased from 11 percent to about 18 percent for the entire undergraduate population.

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sitions with Genzyme Corp., including president of Genzyme Therapeutics Worldwide. Today he leads OncoMed Pharmaceuticals, a clinical development-stage biopharmaceutical company in Redwood City, Calif. In 2011 he was the first member of the LGBT community to be awarded URI's Diversity Award for Lifetime Achievement, and he has been an active supporter of StartOut, which fosters leadership among LGBT entrepreneurs and combats LGBT discrimination in the business world.

Diane Pennica

Ph.D '77, retired senior scientist at biotechnology company *Genentech*, whose 30-year career included projects to help reduce or eliminate the effects of heart attacks, strokes and cancer. Her 1987



invention, the clot-busting drug *Activase*, has helped treat more than 4.7 million patients who suffered heart attacks and strokes. She also cloned a vital tumor-suppressor gene, which was named Molecule of the Year in 1993 by the

journal *Science* and opened a new field of cancer research. She discovered three new genes that are implicated in colon cancer, and she was first to clone tumor necrosis factor, the protein responsible for joint destruction. Her research has led to therapies such as *Enbrel*, which have helped millions of people suffering from rheumatoid arthritis.

This year's **corporate honoree is Hasbro**, the iconic toy and game company that employs numerous URI alumni and student interns.



Pawtucket-based Hasbro has been extremely generous to the University through the years, with gifts supporting academics, athletics, student affairs and alumni relations. It has supported URI's international engineering and international business programs and its Center for Non-Violence and Peace Studies, and funded an endowed chair in business. Founded by the grandfather and great-uncles of **URI Foundation Trustee Alan G. Hassenfeld**, the company has been included on lists of the best companies to work for, the most ethical companies in the world, the best corporate citizens and the most community-minded companies.

URI Livecasting

Are you interested in reaching your maximum audience without adding extra seats? Do you want to ensure that people who can't attend your program have the benefit of learning from your speakers even after the presentation is over?

If the answer is Yes to even one of these questions you should consider URI Livecasting. You may already have seen cameras set up at URI events and heard from people who watched an event online. Now you can offer that experience to your students and decision-makers who cannot be on campus for your event.

Please call or e-mail us for more information and to book your date TODAY! We already have dates secured for the coming academic year, so don't miss out!

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- About 48 percent of the new students are from Rhode Island and 52 percent are from out of state or foreign countries. About 60 percent of the total student body is from Rhode Island.
 - After Rhode Island, the top states represented in the freshman class are respectively, Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut and New Jersey. Combined, the incoming freshman class and transfers represent 34 U.S states and 15 nations.
 - Top 10 majors in terms of undergraduate enrollment are: nursing, psychology, kinesiology, communication studies, human development and family studies, biological sciences, accounting, mechanical engineering, general business and animal science. For this year's incoming class, the university experienced strong interest in business, engineering, and various health fields.
 - URI will award more than \$80 million in financial aid. An estimated 75 percent of undergraduate students are expected to receive financial aid and institutional support.
 - The student profile for 2014 freshmen shows top-notch academic scores: Average GPA 3.43; SAT total 1,663; ACT score 24.
 - About 5,548 undergraduate students, including 2,875 freshmen live in the University's 24 on campus residence halls, suites and apartments. An additional 645 students live in the 17 sororities, fraternities and specialty houses on campus, 44 students in the International Engineering Program houses and 30 students in the Women's Center.
 - Overall, the University expects more than 13,000 undergraduates and more than 3,000 part- and full-time graduate students at URI this year*. The student body will include students from 45 U.S. states, D.C., Puerto Rico and 68 nations.
- Student enrollment information is projected as of August 2014.

Fall Activities

- **Common Reading:** To introduce first-year students to a campus culture focused on academic engagement and learning, URI's Summer Common Reading project selected the book, *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch. The author was the highly regarded computer scientist on the faculty at Carnegie Mellon University who succumbed to pancreatic cancer in 2008. When diagnosed and given only months to live, he decided to create a lasting legacy for his students, colleagues, and his three young children. This fall, three Grand Challenge courses are focused on the themes of this book and many events are being planned, including a Diversity Week presentation featuring URI faculty, students, and administrators, who will offer their own "last lectures."
- **Honors Colloquium:** In this semester-long series, national and international speakers will address how the dependence on modern technology is not without its downside. Cyber threats pose serious economic and national security challenges. Moreover, corporations and government agencies track user's online activities, purchases, and even their locations. The lectures are free and open to the public and also will be streamed online. Find more information at www.uri.edu/hc.
- **Annual Distinguished Achievement Awards, Oct. 25:** URI's annual event at which President David M. Dooley, Provost Donald H. DeHayes, and the college deans honor alumni and others who personify URI's tradition of excellence in achievement, leadership, and service. The event is a formal celebration to launch Homecoming weekend.
- **Homecoming 2014, Oct. 24-26:** Homecoming on the Kingston Campus includes reunions, college and department-based gatherings, music, food, entertainment and more. The URI vs. University of Delaware game starts at noon on Saturday, Oct. 25 at Meade Stadium.
- **Open House, Oct. 18, Nov. 2:** Thousands of high school seniors and their families will attend one of the University's Open Houses this fall. The programs provide potential students with a chance to learn about the admission process, financial aid, scholarships and more. Visitors can register for the program at www.uri.edu/admissions.

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The object is to unscramble the 20 words. Write the word in the spaces provided. After Unscrambling the 20 words there is a secret phrase that is made by the letters circled. Once you have found that phrase, print it in the space provided below and return the complete word unscramble to Joy Lewis, President’s Office, 35 Campus Avenue, Green Hall. Please include your name, address and e-mail with your entry. A drawing of all correct entries will determine the winner. A URI prize will be given to the winning entry. The winner will be announced in the next issue of URInformed.

Good Luck!



Name: _____

Department: _____

Campus Address: _____

Phone Ext: _____

E-Mail: _____

Secret Phrase

_____!



- **Family Weekend, Nov. 7-8:** This annual program brings thousands to South County. This year comedian Seth Myers will entertain at the event for families and community members. Families of undergraduate students may participate in numerous activities including attending classes with their students, learning about programs on the Kingston and Narragansett Bay campuses, attending a football game and more. For more information visit:

<http://www.uri.edu/familyweekend>

Construction Zone

The hard hat is back in style on the Kingston Campus this year as work is under way to improve the teaching, research, learning and living spaces at URI. Below is a snapshot of the work in progress:

- **LGBTQ Center:** The new Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Center is under construction at 19 Upper College Road. A grand opening will be held in February 2015. Designed by LLB Architects of Pawtucket, the new building is in keeping with the main campus roadway's residential style. Currently located in Adams Hall, the Center provides a range of programs and services to create and maintain an open, safe, and inclusive environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community members and friends.

- **Center for Chemical and Forensic Sciences:** Thanks to support from Rhode Island voters in 2010, the \$70 million Center for Chemical and Forensic Sciences is now under construction. The facility is being built on a portion of what was the parking lot between the Chafee Social Science Center and White Hall, and is expected to be open for classes in September 2016. The Center will serve more than 7,000 URI students who take chemistry each year; about 40 percent of all URI degree programs require at least one chemistry class. The new building designed by William Wilson Architects of Boston will provide chemistry instruction to approximately 1,400 students a day. Of the total project cost, \$61 million is being funded through a bond issue. Follow this link (<http://tinyurl.com/urichemistry>) to a live construction site feed.

- **Butterfield Dining Hall:** To accommodate the 6,000 students now living on campus, URI Dining Services recognized the need for an expanded and renovated dining facility in the residential area. Vision 3 Architects of Providence completed the design for the \$8 million project to expand the current facility that's located in the heart of the Freshman Village. Project construction is being done in stages and completion is expected by September 2015. Named for former President Kenyon L. Butterfield, (URI 1903 - 1906), Butterfield was built in 1950 as part of the residence hall at the same site.

- **Other Capital Projects:** There are several other projects under way to improve the teaching, research, learning and living spaces at URI. These include: fire protection engineering work on Kingston campus facilities, planning for future renovations, and ongoing improvements to instructional labs and buildings across campus. In addition, the first floor renovations and utility upgrades of Ranger Hall for the Harrington School of Communication and Media are in design by Durkee Brown, Viveiros & Werenfels Architects of Providence.

And for the 2016-17 academic year turning the abandoned South Street Power Station into a state-of-the-art Nursing Education Center where URI and Rhode Island College will share facilities – is a strategic use of this long-neglected space. Located at the junction of the state's major hospitals, the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University, and Johnson and Wales University's physician assistant program, the center will catalyze existing teaching and research, create new synergies, and foster productive collaborations. The opening of this 133,000 square-foot state-of-the-art facility is an important step in creating a health care hub for the region.

URI's University Libraries Receives National Recognition for Information Literacy Program

by Jhodi Redlich

The University of Rhode Island Libraries' Information Literacy Program has received some of the highest praise in the field and is cited for its best practices.

The worldwide Association of College and Research Libraries has recognized the Information Literacy Programs at URI's Robert L. Carothers Library and Learning Commons in three of ten "Best Practice" categories.

The University was recognized for three Best Practices categories: "Goals and Objectives," "Articulation within the Curriculum," and "Pedagogy." Head of Instructional Services and Professor Mary C. MacDonald of Wakefield and her colleagues in the Library Public Services Department worked to develop and implement these award-winning practices.

These recognitions cite the overall effectiveness of URI's Information Literacy Plans as they support the university's goals for General Education and other programs, as well as the university and library's mission and vision.

Only twelve institutions of higher education (including one library from Great Britain) were selected for recognition, and only four of these institutions received recognition for three or more categories.

Recognized for its goals and objectives, the ACRL says "URI's Information Literacy Plan exemplifies a staged articulation of goals and objectives serving the university's goals for General Education and other programs, as well as the university and library's mission and vision."

URI's program was also recognized for its "Articulation within the Curriculum," integration at both the discipline and the course level, from a pre-freshman "Talent Development" initiative to capstone courses across the disciplines. Further, the University's new general education program includes Information Literacy as an outcome needed for all students.

The final Best Practice recognized was "Pedagogy." URI's Instruction Services and Information Literacy Program covers both credit-bearing courses and comprehensive outreach courses to the first year writing program and first year engineering students. Many of the teaching techniques used at URI are outlined in the book *Teaching Information Literacy: 50 Standards-based Exercises for College Students* (Burkhardt, MacDonald, and Rathemacher. Chicago: ALA 2010).

For more information about any of the programs and services, visit:

<http://uri.libguides.com/instruction>

or call 874-4610.



URInformed Unscramble Winner

Congratulations to **Liliana Costa**, Administration & Finance. The Secret Phrase was **SUMMERTIME AND THE LIVING IS EASY!**

Please contact Michelle Curreri in the President's Office (4-4462) to claim your prize.

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:

<https://jobs.uri.edu>

We Welcome the Following People to our Community...

Samuel W. Adams (Emergency Management); Addie Eva Ruth Armstrong (CBA Instruction); Anthony W. Balko (Harrington School); Karen A Besson (GSO Research); Louis W. Brill (Undergraduate Admissions); Robert L. Cohen (Film Studies); August Cote (Custodial Services); Peggy J. Denison (EEC Summer Residential Camps); Erin E. Edmonds (Dean Pharmacy); Kelsie N. Foster (Counseling Center); Melissa S. Gardner (Enrollment Services); Douglas B. Gobeille (Physics); Skyler A. Hawkins (Learning Assistance Center); Rachel M. Jordan (Undergraduate Admissions); Christina R. Joslin (Dining Catering Operations); Aaron S. Kaufmann (GSO Marine Office); Matthew A. Kemp (Languages); Aleksandr Kodess (Mathematics); Julie E. LaMountain (Health Services); Selena S. Lavoie (Dining Central Operations); Juhjung Lee (Mathematics); Jeffrey D. Levesque (Media & Technology Services); Justin W. Martino-Harms (Counseling Center); Jocelyn Mattison (Women's Softball); Mary Moen (Grad Library & Information Studies); Haley A. Moniz (CELS Academic Unit 3); Rashedah Monk (Whispering Pines Conferences); Andrew J. Neil (CELS Academic Unit 2); Kyle W. Nolan (Undergraduate Admissions); Jennifer L. Pirhonen (EEC Summer Residential Camps); Amanda N. Place (EEC Summer Residential Camps); Scott A. Rasmussen (CELS Academic Unit 2); Benjamin A. Roller (CELS Academic Unit 3); Silke A. Scholz (International Engineering Program); Caroline T. Shaw (Biological Sciences); Denise Sipolski (EEC Summer Residential Camps); Cynthia Taylor

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... and Say Goodbye to ...

Stephen J. Beuth (GSO Marine Office); William F. Blakeman (GSO Marine Office); John M. Clarke (Natural Resources Science); JoAnn M. Evans (Gerontology); Hunter Gorenski (Dining Catering Operations); Kerri A. Hicks (Marketing & Communications); Valerie A. Hupf (Budget & Financial Planning); Cynthia B. Johnson (Whispering Pines Conferences); Mailee Kue (Multicultural Center); Mary P. Leatham-Jensen (Cellular & Molecular Biology); Lindsay T. Murn (Counseling Center); Son H. Nguyen (Mechanical, Industrial & Systems Engineering); Victoria L. Randall (Whispering Pines Conferences); Donald E. Shea (University Computing Systems); Gina D. Simonelli (Alumni Relations); Burke W. White (Whispering Pines Conferences); Dayanjali Wijesinghe (Physics) and John D. Wilder (GSO Marine Office.)

... and Best Wishes To Those Who Retired

Walter V. Boyle (Event Management); Bette L. Erickson (Instructional Development Program); Brenda R. Faulkner (Dean Human Science & Services) and Lesley J. Squillante (GSO Coastal Resources Center.)

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Cook's Corner

Share your favorite recipes in the Cook's Corner

PUMPKIN CAKE BARS WITH CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

Cake Ingredients:

2 cups of unbleached all purpose flour (King Arthur preferred)
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1-1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
½ teaspoon ginger
½ teaspoon nutmeg
½ teaspoon cloves
1 cup vegetable or canola oil
1 cup light brown sugar
½ cup granulated white sugar
4 large eggs (room temperature)
1 cup pumpkin puree (Libby's)
½ cup chopped walnuts, toasted
1 cup golden raisins

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a large rimmed half-sheet pan (18"x13") or line pan with greased parchment paper.

For the Cake: Whisk together flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt and spices in a bowl. Set aside. Beat oil and the sugars together until well blended. Beat eggs in, one at a time. Then add the pumpkin puree and beat thoroughly. Stir dry ingredients into wet ingredients. Fold in toasted walnuts and raisins. Pour batter into prepared pan and bake for approximately 20-25 minutes. Cool cake in pan for 10 minutes and turn onto rack to finish cooling. If using parchment paper, cool completely in pan.



Cream Cheese Frosting

Ingredients:

8 ounces cream cheese, (room temperature)
¼ cup (1/2 stick) of unsalted butter (room temperature)
2 cups confectioners' sugar (sift before measuring)
1 cup chopped walnuts, toasted

Beat the cream cheese and butter together. Add pure maple syrup and combine well. Mix in confectioners' sugar. Adjust consistency, if necessary (either more sugar or syrup).

Frost the cake and sprinkle with toasted walnuts. Cut into bars (2" x 3"). Yield: 36 bars

Recipe submitted by **Vicky Ahern**, Intellectual Property & Economic Development. Vicky recently won first prize at a Connecticut Fair for this recipe (provided by King Arthur Flour).



Chefs Wanted!

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