

STUDENT LIFE @ Roger Williams University

A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

WINTER 2014

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

Greetings Parents and Students,

As the spring semester gets under way, we want to reflect on some of the highlights from the fall semester and look ahead to great things to come.

In October, we instituted a new program designed by our Diversity Leaders called Unity Day. Unity Day's mission is to welcome new students to RWU and challenges them to consider the historical and social implications of identity and to move beyond the superficial barriers that can separate students on a college campus. Students had a chance to meet other students who want to engage in diversity and social justice issues and who want to become involved in social change at RWU. In October, over one hundred students gathered to engage in activities and workshops to explore issues of racism, classism, sexism, homophobia, heterosexism, ableism, privilege and more. This program preceded RWU's Coming Out Day, which involved a plethora of events that brought together all the student groups on campus that work towards issues of equity and diversity to support our LGBTQ friends and allies.

Roger After Dark (RAD), the student run late night alternative programming series held most Friday nights, had a stellar series of events. Each Friday evening the RAD student committee partnered with a student club or organization to co-sponsor the event and create a theme. Themes from the fall included Intervarsity's "Hero's", the Multicultural Student Union's (MSU) "Hispanic Heritage," the Crew Team's "Nautical Night," and Add Nothing's "Alice in Wonderland." We wrapped up the semester with the science club hosting "Mad Science" night, which included a showing of Space Odyssey 2001, and an eclectic crowd joined in for a great time. This spring RAD plans to host Johnny Cupcake for an event co-sponsored with CEN and The Mario J. Gabelli School of Business.

We had many successes and even some firsts in the Athletics area this fall. Two teams captured Commonwealth Coast Conference Championships, including the Men's Cross Country team with their thirteenth straight title and the Women's Volleyball team with their fifth straight. Men's Soccer and Women's Volleyball both made the NCAA Tournament, with both teams earning NCAA victories. Four Hawks received All-American honors, including Trevor Hoxsie (Men's Soccer), Krystie Luczynski (Women's Volleyball), Elizabeth Flaherty (Women's Volleyball) and Hannah Zydanowicz (Women's Cross Country). Field Hockey made its varsity debut this past season, finishing seventh in the conference and earning the CCC Team Sportsmanship Award. Men's Golf returned as a varsity sport this fall as well, placing sixth at the CCC Invitational. Equestrian closed out the fall second in the region, while the Sailing team is ranked ninth in the nation going into the spring portion of the year.

One area I would like to highlight is the increased interest and engagement in student alternative service trips. In January, we had 16 students and two advisors go to Tutwiler, MS as part of Habitat to Humanity. In their sixth year to Tutwiler, they drove 23 hours each way to engage with the community and help build a home for a family. For spring break we have three groups taking trips: The Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children (FIMRC) will be going to Dominican Republic and Nicaragua; Intervarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) will be going to New Orleans; and our Habitat club will be going to Birmingham, AL. We are planning an interfaith trip to explore Native American culture with an organization called Amizade in Arizona in March 2015. We are finding more and more students are interested in service learning trips where they can spend quality time contributing to the lives of others and learning about other cultures.

As always, feel free to contact us if you have any questions or feedback. We are always looking to improve our work with your students, so don't hesitate to tell us how things are going.

Best regards,

Kathleen N. McMahon, Ed.D.

Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs & Dean of Students



Hawks Fly To A Successful Fall Season

By Nick Williams, Athletics Communication Director



The Hawks had overwhelming success this past fall including some firsts for most. The Women's Rugby team won the CCRC Championship the second year in a row. The team then went onto the National Small Rugby Championships and finished fourth in the country. Junior Ally Dykes was named to the Women's Collegiate All-American second team.

The Women's Soccer team ended their season 18-3-3 and advanced to the CCC semifinals and the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championship semifinals. Seven players received All-Conference honors, including seniors Katie Lydon and Jessica Reade respectively named CCC Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year. The Men's Soccer team finished their season 16-6-2, earning a large bid to the NCAA Tournament and collected their first win within the tournament since 2005. Four players received All-Conference honors including senior Trevor Hoxsie being named CCC Co-Offensive Player of the Year. In addition, Hoxsie was selected as a NSCAA Second Team All-American.

The Women's Volleyball team ended their season with a 31-4 record, setting a school record for most wins in a season and earning their first NCAA Tournament win. Sophomore Elizabeth Flaherty was recognized to the AVCA All-American team. Freshman Brittany McMullen earned All-NEWVA Second Team Honors while being named CCC Rookie of the Year. Senior Krystie Luczynski nabbed a handful of awards including New England Women's Volleyball Association (NEWVA) Player of the Year, CCC Player of the Year, named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-American Third Team, and became the first Academic All-American in program history, making the CoSIDA/Capital One Academic All-American Third Team. Luczynski also ranked second in the nation for hitting percentage (.433). Luczynski and Flaherty were named AVCA All-New England, while McMullen earned AVCA All-New England Honorable Mention.



Volleyball Team Celebrates CCC Championship

Athletics Update cont.

By Nick Williams, Athletics Communication Director

The Men's Cross Country team claimed its thirteenth straight CCC Championship with five runners finishing in the top ten. Five players earned All-Conference honors including Jack Ferguson taking home CCC Runner of the Year for the second straight season. The Women's Cross Country team took second at the CCC Championship and improved three spots from last year's performance at the NCAA Division III New England Championships finishing 19th with all seven representatives ran personal best times for the 6k run. Three members earned All-Conference honors including CCC Runner of the Year by junior Hannah Zydanowicz. She broke her own school record in the 6K en route to

winning four of the six races she competed including the conference championship. She finished second at the New England Championships and qualified for the NCAA Championships, placing 25th and becoming the first Women's Cross Country All-American in RWU history.

In other sports, Women's Tennis advanced to the CCC Semifinals, finishing the fall with a record of 10-5. Four players grabbed All-Conference honors, including senior Hillary Dutton, who completed her final conference season with a perfect record of 8-0 and making the All-CCC Second Team – Singles. The Equestrian team finished their fall season in second place in the region and only two points behind URI. Freshman Sabrina Polin accomplished much in her first season, winning her division in five of the six shows. The Women's Field Hockey team made its debut as a varsity sport, going 5-14 overall and placing seventh in the conference while receiving the CCC Team Sportsmanship Award. In addition, the Men's Golf team returned to action as a varsity sport, competing in five events including a sixth-place performance at the CCC Invitational. The Sailing team won three regattas and placed ninth in the Atlantic Coast Championships, finishing the fall ranked ninth in the nation. Tyler Macdonald, Breanne Baldino, and James Kennedy were named the New England Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association (NEISA) Sailors of the Week.



Health Services / Health Education

Health Services and the Office of Health Education Announce A New Health Information Resource for Students.

RWU Health Services in cooperation with the office of Health Education is excited about a new way students can get up-to-date information on general health and wellness. In February of 2014, RWU students will begin receiving Student Health 101. Student Health 101 is a dynamic, continuously updated monthly digital magazine that educates students in health related matters. Student Health 101 Magazine is delivered in a monthly e-mail featuring an interactive format which keeps them engaged. It also allows for customization for RWU with local content, videos, links to campus resources and more. This active student involvement is very important to the relevancy and success of Student Health 101. This student health magazine is used by over 400+ campuses throughout the US and Canada.

Student Health 101 offers students new information on nutrition, relationships, fitness and recipes every month for free. “It is a great opportunity for students to access health information easily,” says Anne

Andrade, Director of Health Services. The Director of Health education , Donna Darmody, says: “It really encompasses the six areas of wellness, which includes physical, spiritual and emotional wellness.” Magazine topics include mental health, stress management, academic performance, study habits, alcohol and drugs, sexual responsibility, body image, fitness, healthy relationships, tobacco cessation and much more.

RWU students and staff are not the only ones who will benefit from Student Health 101. Parents will receive a parent version of the Student Health 101 magazine called the Parent Perspective. The Parent Perspective is a four page digital newsletter that summarizes the five topics in each month's issue of Student Health 101. They receive this for free.

Now that the students have returned, we will begin a very active advertising campaign to ensure as many students as possible take advantage of this great resource.



HOMECOMING AND FAMILY WEEKEND 2013 UPDATE

By Carol Sacchetti, Director of Student Programs & Leadership



The Roger Williams University Homecoming and Family Weekend Committee hosted our traditional event during the last weekend of October. This annual tradition brings families and friends back to campus to enjoy activities

and events on a perfect October weekend.

Our Homecoming and Family Weekend kicked off with our Casino Night event, where co-chair Ali Streit'14 assisted Assistant Director of Athletics, Mike Gallagher, in this event for the third year. This favorite event had student and staff members dealing traditional casino games for a chance to win prizes. For those who were not into the casino games, performances by our cheerleaders, a Dance Dance Revolution tournament, and family photo booth accompanied the event. The Campus Entertainment Network (CEN) then hosted our Midnight Madness Pep Rally. The Pep Rally was hosted by our Homecoming Court and featured our Winter Sports teams and entertainment from our Dance Club, Dance Team, and student competitions.



Saturday morning began early as our 5 K Road race began through campus; this year's crowd featured over 150 student, family members, staff and alumni runners. This year's race had a record number of fans cheering on runners throughout the course. Family members and students were able to attend workshops and enjoy a wonderful fall luncheon before witnessing the crowning of the 2013 Homecoming King and Queen. This year's court included: Chris Bastarache, Dan Moran, Tim Surette, Erin Giroux, Nicole Lespasio, Emma Long, Katie Muttitt, Angelica Perzan, and Becca Quigley. Vice President of Student Affairs John King was able to crown our winners Dan Moran and Nicole Lespasio.



Despite the October date, Saturday afternoons Autumn Festival drew a crowd who came out to enjoy this annual tradition. Children of all ages enjoyed carnival games and prizes, pumpkin painting, and arts and crafts booths; all which were hosted by our student clubs. Families and students witnessed performances from our Dance Club, Dance Team and a Capella groups during the afternoon. Local vendors were in attendance and families and students enjoyed kettle corn, pressed apple cider, cupcakes and other carnival food. There were a record number of student volunteers for this event, and this allowed our event to grow from previous years. The crowd was able to witness our St. Balderick's Day event. The St. Balderick's foundation uses donations to fund more in childhood cancer research grants than any organization except the United States Government. Students and family members were lining up with donations to have their heads shaved to support this worthwhile cause and ICC was extremely excited to have Hair Heart and Soul volunteer their services for the afternoon.

The Homecoming committee ended Saturday night with the comedic performance of Finesse Mitchell. The Saturday Night Live alum showcased his talents and had members of the audience laughing during the show. Homecoming and Family Weekend ended with our Jazz Brunch where families could enjoy another wonderful meal by our Bon Appetite staff. The Homecoming and Family Weekend Planning Committee hopes that all enjoyed a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you for Homecoming and Family Weekend 2014.

HOMEcoming AND FAMILY WEEKEND 2013 HIGHLIGHTS



Families and Students enjoying our Annual Autumn Luncheon



Homecoming Court 2013



Homecoming King and Queen



St. Balderick's Day event in action



Live music is always a family favorite at Autumnfest



Children of all ages enjoyed carnival games and prizes

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BAYSIDE KELLY FUND WRENTHAM TRIP

Sarah Santiago, Coordinator of Residence Education–Bayside Complex



On Saturday, December 7, members of the Bayside Complex community went to the Wrentham Outlets in Massachusetts for a Kelly Fund program. The purpose of this Kelly Fund trip was to reduce and deter alcohol consumption that night, allowing students to have fun without it. Around 15-20 guests attended the program and received transportation to and from the outlets, a coupon booklet from the stores, and a free dinner from The Cracker Barrel. The program was a success and attendees had a great time.

ROGER AFTER DARK

Sarah Santiago, Coordinator of Residence Education–Bayside Complex



Roger After Dark (RAD), RWU's late-night Friday program, had an amazingly successful semester, putting on eight well attended events. Starting with Student Advocacy's tribute to the Last Night of Summer and ending with a multi-sponsored Mad Science night, hundreds of students benefited from the joint efforts of RAD and its campus club and org co-sponsors. This semester, RAD also took home Rhode Island's NASPA Program of the Year Award and Massachusetts College Personnel Association's Outstanding Program of the Year Award. Spring RAD events will be held on the following Friday nights in the Global Heritage Hall Atrium: January 31, February 7 and 21, March 28, April 4, 11, and 25 and May 2. Thank you to all of the students who organized the fall events or supported them with their attendance! We look forward to another wonderful semester!





A message from the Director of Public Safety

At Roger Williams University, we are committed to our students' safety and well-being. The Department of Public Safety's mission is to enhance the quality of campus life by providing a safe and secure environment for the campus community. Public Safety is working year round, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The combination of our picturesque location and our continued commitment to keeping our students safe makes Roger Williams University one of the safest campuses in New England.

The department's 24 full-time staff includes Public Safety Officers and Shift Commanders who are trained to enforce campus rules and regulations as well as local, state and federal laws. We also have nine Public Safety Officers who are fully trained and licensed EMT's who respond to medical emergencies on campus.

In keeping with our mission to keep this a safe campus, we are implementing a Campus Intruder Training module for all freshmen slated to start in January 2014. This training will give the students information on how they should react in an emergency, and it should generate a thoughtful conversation. While not designed to alarm, the training will discuss the strategies needed to help everyone survive should we experience a Campus Intruder event. Although the likelihood of this happening is very low, we feel it is our responsibility to discuss appropriate responses and strategies with the students so that they will have a plan in mind. We will discuss different topics such as evacuation, sheltering in place, area assessment, awareness and communication during an event.

In keeping with our close working relationship with the Bristol Police Department, we will continue to train together to address campus emergencies. This training not only fosters a good working relationship, it also keeps our local Police familiar with the campus.

Our mission at Public Safety is to ensure the safety and security of your student while they are here at Roger Williams University. We believe the thoughtful presentation of this program will benefit them whether they are here on campus, or out in the real world. Being aware of your surroundings and thinking ahead are always good strategies to employ.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Melaragno

Director of Public Safety

Live from Los Angeles: Winter Intersession Class

By Carol Sacchetti, Director of Student Programs & Leadership



Ready to go to People's Choice awards.



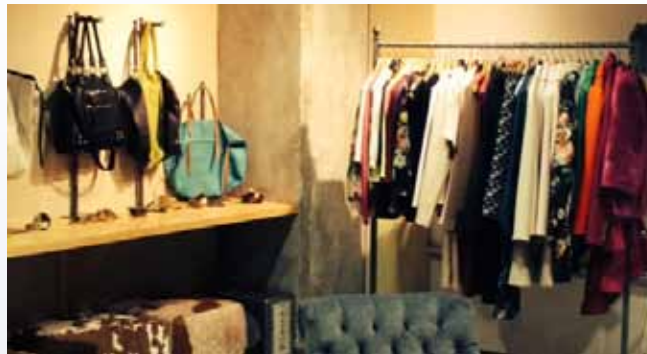
Meeting stars from Chelsea Lately



Santa Monica



Group shot from Griffith Observatory



Fashion PR firm set ups



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During the Winter Intersession break, Carol Sacchetti, Director of Student Programs and Leadership, was able to experience a short term class experience with Dr. Amiee Shelton's COMM 431 course. This course was designed by Dr. Shelton to allow students to explore Public Relations campaign strategies in the entertainment industry. This class was unlike other Winter Intersession classes, as the classroom was the City of Los Angeles. Students were allowed up close access to the entertainment public relations industry by living, participating, and exploring during the 10 day class. Dr. Shelton led the class of 11 students through many difference experiences that demonstrated the inner workings of the entertainment side of the public relations business. This course allowed students to visit Public Relations firms, entertainment venues and studio tours, and included being in the audience of the People's Choice Awards.

This class experience truly allows students to gain knowledge on trends and terms in entertainment Public Relations, media monitoring, audience reactions and how they are measured, product placement, and atheistic in venues and performance. Angela Zmyslinski¹⁵ stated: "I am so happy that I had the opportunity to go on the LA trip – it was one of the best experiences of my life! I learned more about the world of entertainment and lifestyle public relations by visiting PR firms and agencies than would have been possible in an only classroom setting. We also made great contacts for potential future internships or careers. The firms we visited really admired that RWU offers this course to allow students to learn about entertainment PR from successful agencies and have a greater understanding of the field. "

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INTERCULTURAL CENTER NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



The Intercultural Center (IC) had a busy and eventful fall semester. We hosted a Halloween party, made pies for Thanksgiving, hosted Arabic Tea and sweets (collaboration between Study Abroad and the IC) and facilitated an international game night to name a few.



“An Hour with” France

Our international student from France presented about food and regional differences. We also left having learned a few words in French. It was a very engaging and fun presentation.



Middle Eastern Cooking with Dr. Jim Azar

Our Friday night cooking lessons with Dr. Jim Azar, from the counseling center, continues to be a hit amongst our students. In November, Professor Amine Ghanem, from the School of Engineering, joined the lesson where students from all around the world gathered together to learn to cook Middle Eastern dishes. When it came time to eat, the IC was running out of places for everyone to sit on the main floor!

End of the Semester Celebration



In conjunction with Dr. Jim Azar's Friday night cooking lessons, the IC made cookies and brownies to supplement his Lebanese dessert. There was hot chocolate available with marshmallows and candy canes.

We are looking forward to welcoming new international students for the spring semester. We'll be going snow tubing as well as being presented with “An Hour with China” in February. Also, remember to mark your calendar for Global Fest 2014, which will be taking place on April 2 in the Field House. Everyone is welcome!

Spiritual Life

The Spiritual Life Program at RWU continues to educate and nourish the spirits of students of all faiths. The Program greeted the academic year with its first annual Open House for all students interested in faith/ethical groups on campus. In October, a Second Eid celebration was held with the Muslim Students' Association in RWU's Upper Commons, where traditional Middle Eastern and South Asian foods prepared by the Bon Appétit staff were served to all students. Later in the fall, the Program and the Roving Eye Film Festival collaborated for a third semester on the Film/Speaker Series on the Jewish Experience, featuring four films and a keynote address that ran the gamut from colonial America to contemporary Israel. Just before the holiday, the second annual GOSPELFEST filled the Global Heritage Hall Atrium with music by Prism of Praise and the RWU Chorus. We are also delighted to relay that the Rev. Cleo Graham became an affiliated Chaplain to the Protestant community this fall. A graduate of Andover Newton Theological School, she is working to build a worshipping ecumenical community on campus.

The Center for Counseling and Student Development Winter 2014

By Dr. Jim Azar, Director of the Center for Counseling & Student Development



The Counseling Center is aware that as students and families move into a new year there may arise new life pressures that impact their wellness. For some, it may be preparing for another academic semester filled with challenges and new experiences. For others it may be dealing with losses or illnesses with their family members and/or friends. Mindful of the challenges facing the campus community, the Counseling Center staff is working to initiate community programs to maintain and enhance students' resilience in good and bad times.

With this in mind, two specific groups are scheduled for the Spring 2014 semester. The focus of the "Dealing with Anxiety and Distress" workshop is to teach students skills that could help them manage their emotions, reduce their stress and hopefully build better connections with their peers. The workshop series will be offered twice during the semester. We will also offer a "Grief and Loss" group since we have been aware of how many students have experienced the death of a close family member or friend in their lives. These programs will complement the Women's Group and the support groups for the LGBTQ&Q and the international student communities that will also be held in the spring.

We encourage students and parents to check out our web page. You will find mental health tips that address many of the issues that face everyday college students. There is also an opportunity to take an anonymous, free screening on a variety of mental health issues such as depression, anxiety, alcohol abuse and eating disorders.

Our services are confidential, which means we cannot share information about the fact or nature of students' visits to the Center without their permission. However, as a parent you are welcome to call us to share your concerns or to consult with one of our counselors. All full-time and residential, undergraduate students are eligible for all of our services, free of charge. The Center for Counseling and Student Development is located on the second floor of the Center for Student Development, and we can be reached at (401) 254-3124.



TheDailyMeal.com's list of '60 Best Colleges for Food in America!

By Stephanie Keith, Bon Appetit Controller & Marketing Manager

Dining is proud to be on TheDailyMeal.com's list of '60 Best Colleges for Food in America!' The Daily Meal site noticed these 60 schools as going "above and beyond to make sure their students are well-fed" out of over 2,000 schools they examined. One of their goals was to see if the schools that "wowed" them last year upheld their culinary perfection, and Bon Appetit at Roger Williams met that goal! The Daily Meal rated each school based on the following criteria:

- Healthy food/ local and sustainable. Are meals made in-house from scratch and cooked in small batches? Are the benefits of buying local and maintaining a healthy lifestyle taught through Dining?
- Accessibility and service. How many café's are on campus and what are the operating hours? How well are the café's taken care of?
- Events/ Nutritional education. Does Dining host events centered on food and educated students about nutrition through Dining events?
- The 'X' Factor. What's unique and creative about Dining that sets them apart from the rest of the pack?
- Student feedback / Social media. How well-received are student requests or complaints? How often are internet pages updated to inform students of new additions or changes?

Roger Williams proved again to be one of the "truly amazing" dining programs in the country and was recognized "how impressive and tasty life can be at one of [the top 60] schools." Here is what The Daily Meal had to say about Dining at Roger Williams University:

#53. Roger Williams University, Bristol, R.I.

At Roger Williams University, under the management of Bon Appétit, they are committed to following sustainable practices and healthy eating. By participating in the Eat Local Challenge and Low Carbon Diet Day, along with making all carryout containers compostable and using cage-free eggs and humane ground beef, RWU is sticking to their plan. "Chef Bob" finds it of the utmost importance to have the flow of constant communication open between the staff and students. He encourages and completely welcomes student suggestions about anything regarding his dining program or their dietary needs. With menu items like smoked turkey, yellow tomato, and fontina cheese with red pepper spread panini; penne with Italian sausage and marinara; chicken scaloppini with lemon butter sauce; and vegetable and egg fried rice, you're bound to leave not only completely satisfied, but already planning the next time you'll return for a meal.

(Source: <http://www.thedailymeal.com/60-best-colleges-food-america-2013-slideshow?slide=8>)

Second Annual EID Dinner

The Bon Appétit staff with the assistance of the Muslim Students' Association prepared a Second Eid Dinner this past October. The meal was shared with the University student body and featured traditional Middle Eastern and South Asian foods, representing Islam as a global religion, encompassing many continents, nations, and cultures. Some 60 MSA students and RWU staff and faculty gathered in the private dining rooms to share their meal. What is Second Eid or Eid al-Adha? It is actually the most important Islamic holiday, celebrating the end of the pilgrimage to Mecca or the Hajj and Abraham's obedience to God/Allah. Two students joined the Bon Appétit staff in preparing the evening's meal. They were Mainveer Singh and Faihan Alsahani.

A thank you note from Reverend Nancy Soukup:

Reuben [Executive Chef], Josh [Upper Commons café manager], James [General Manager]: This is a very informal but immediate opportunity to say thank you for the amazing meal Bon Appetit prepared for MSA's Second Eid Celebration last night in the Upper Commons. The meal, prepared for the entire student body, was delicious--all homemade Middle Eastern and South Asian favorites (even down to the pita)! The Muslim students so appreciated your care and attention to the detail of each of these dishes. The joy in the private dining room, later spilling out into the Commons for music and dancing, was infectious. From the perspective of the University Multifaith Chaplain, it doesn't get much better than last night. I know the meal was a tremendous effort, but I am so delighted that it the staff had fun doing this. The passion for food was evident in every way. Blessings to each of you and thanks, Nancy



STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AT ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

FALL 2013 UPDATE



Student Involvement continues to grow within extra-curricular activities and leadership opportunities for the student body. The Department of Student Programs and Leadership works to support and encourage students to be involved in outside of the classroom events and activities. Some of our highlights of the fall semester included:

- Add Nothing and Campus Entertainment Network co-sponsored the “Slender man Games”; which allowed students during Columbus Day weekend a chance to participate in this popular online game
- The Inter Class Council sponsored Spirit Week, which featured a Spirit Night ‘Beat Salve’ Women’s Volleyball game. This game had a packed house as the audience cheered the Lady Hawks to victory
- The Campus Entertainment Network hosted ‘Hawk Talks’ a play on the popular Ted Talk concept; which featured nine different faculty from across campus
- The Hawkettes Dance Team was invited to perform at Bridgewater State University’s benefit dance show for autism speaks
- The Inter Residence Hall Association hosted the Twelfth Annual Mr. RWU Spectacular which saw over \$16,000 raised for Hasbro Children’s Hospital in Providence. Congratulations to Christopher Wade ’15 who was crowned this year’s winner.
- The Outing Club provided weekly trips to a local rock climbing gym for students to learn how to climb and make connections
- Peer Pals hosted monthly on campus socials for members of Life Inc., which is a nonprofit community partner that works with mentally disabled adults.
- Several of student clubs attended Regional and National Conferences including AIAS, Public Relations

Student Society of America (PRSSA), American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS), Engineers without Borders and our Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship.

The Department of Student Programs and Leadership hosted the Second Annual Anchor Student Leadership Conference in October. The Department goal was to have students challenged to question their own leadership styles, knowledge and capacity. Students self-select which track that they feel as a student leader they are at in their growth. This conference had student and staff presenters that focused on CORE Competencies in social responsibility, multicultural competencies, meaningful interpersonal relationships and leadership development. This year’s conference had over 150 students attend and share ideas on leadership. The Department would like to publically thank the following students who presented during this conference: Andrew DiMare’15, Dan Moran’14, Christopher Wade’15, Lindsay Proulx’15, Tim Pranaitis’14, Samantha Edson’15 and the entire Health and Wellness (HAWE) staff. The Conference Planning Committee also includes Tim LeBel’15, who served as the Social Media Coordinator for the entire conference program.

As the semester is starting, there are still ways for your student to get involved in clubs, organizations and other leadership programs. The SOAR Leadership Programs (<http://www.rwu.edu/campus-life/get-involved/student-programs-leadership/soar>) will be taking applications for its spring sessions. The SOAR program is a three-tiered leadership series emphasizing the importance of the Social Change Model while involving the three components of leadership: the individual, the group and the community. Clubs and Organizations will be a part of our Spring Involvement Fair, which will take place on Wednesday, February 5th in the Campus Recreation Center. A listing of the Spring Semester events can be found at <http://www.rwu.edu/campus-life/get-involved/student-programs-leadership/events>.

Students interested in getting involved or wanting more information on a club or organization can stop by Student Programs and Leadership in the Campus Recreation Center or email studentprograms@rwu.edu.

HAWKS ENTERING STUDENT AFFAIRS:

During the fall semester, The Department of Residence Life and Housing, in partnership with many other departments on campus, was proud to host a five-session workshop series designed to help students considering a future career in Student Affairs. This idea came to fruition when Coordinators of Residence Education (COREs) Sarah Santiago, Danielle Remigio, and Adam Nichols were discussing how students had approached them with interest in pursuing a career in student affairs. Together, the three COREs put together a proposal and curriculum for the foundation of a series of workshops to help said students. Participation is voluntary, but with the support of the Director of Residence Life and the Women's Center Dr. Jen Stanley, students who attended all five sessions received a one-year undergraduate membership to the NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education) professional organization.

Our first session was held on November 22, and focused on the topics of mentorship, including how to identify a mentor and how an undergraduate student can make the best out of a mentorship relationship. Fourteen students attended this session, including two seniors, two athletes, one transfer student and two students who had attended the NASPA Region I SALT (Student Affairs Leaders of Tomorrow) conference. The session was met with some tremendous success and positive feedback. Future sessions will include identifying one's resume building blocks, personality and leadership style assessment using the MBTI (Myers Briggs Type Indicator) assessment, a discussion on "why Higher Education," and a panel of different professionals across the division discussing the importance of institutional fit for professionals.



The Creative and Performing Arts



The RWU A Capella group, **DRASTIC MEASURERS** has had a very busy performing season. This group of talented students has performed at our Autumn Festival at Homecoming Weekend, Veterans Day celebration, Winter Illuminations Festival, and their Winter Concert. Drastic Measurers was also invited to play for the Christmas at Blithewold events in Bristol.

The Fall 2013 semester showcased the creative and performing arts of our students. Both of our mainstage theatre productions, adaptations of Ovid's *Metamorphoses* and of Charlotte Bronte's *Jane Eyre*, showed the range and depth of acting talent on campus. With many of our upperclass Theatre majors away on the London program, our newer students joined our more seasoned actors still on campus to put on performances that were polished and engaging. The Freshman Play, "An Evening of Durang!" showed that we have a lot to look forward to as these new actors continue their journey at RWU, and the student group, Stage Company, put on a one-act festival with themes of life and death amid both comedy and morality.

Not to be outdone by the actors, our new dance majors showed their stuff in early November in a performance with visiting artist Heather Ahern and her company,

Aerplaye. The semester also began on a high note with the Roger Williams "WaterFire" night in Providence, when our high-energy dancers performed before hundreds of people lining the sidewalks and the water. The semester ended with our dancers performing innovative works choreographed by guest artists, faculty, and our own students, and with our chorus performing a range of works, from traditional and classical to jazz and Broadway, and a little music of the holiday season thrown in.

Creative writing students edited Issue 4 of the *Mount Hope* literary magazine, after corresponding with authors across the region and the country, and choosing poetry, graphic arts, and prose pieces for a compelling grouping of relatively new authors.

We celebrate the fine creative work of our students and look forward to another great semester this spring.



RWU SENDS TWO ASPIRING STUDENT AFFAIRS LEADERS OF TOMORROW TO REGIONAL CONFERENCE

by Jen Stanley, Stephany Gebo and Anna Swenson



S.A.L.T.

Student Affairs Leaders of Tomorrow

Each November, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) hosts a leadership conference specifically for students interested in pursuing careers in student affairs. RWU has a long standing tradition of sending students to participate in this experience, many who have gone on to not only work in higher education, but to be true leaders in the field. This year, two students, Stephany Gebo and Anna Swenson participated in the conference. Here are some thoughts about their experience in their own words.

SALT Conference Reflections ~

Anna Swenson

I was honored to be one of the two student representatives from Roger Williams University to attend the Student Affairs Leaders of Tomorrow (SALT) conference in Rockport, Maine hosted by NASPA. Seventy students were selected from over 120 applicants, and being in a room full of people with the same goals and aspirations that I have was one of the most motivating tools, making me more than ready to start my future in the Student Affairs field. We attended panels and workshops on social networking, resumes building, graduate schools, and career choices. However, I think that the most memorable aspect was meeting the other people that were in attendance - not only the SALT undergraduate members, but the graduate students and members of NASPA who are already in the field that truly cared and wanted to meet the younger colleagues pursuing to be in their position. I learned so much in the short two days that we were there about both myself and the field in general and I cannot wait for my future with everyone that I had the pleasure of meeting there.

Stephany Gebo

For the past three years I have been a staff assistant at the Women's Center on campus and have also worked on many projects related to residence life. I have

always been very passionate about women's issues and I am currently serving in the leadership role as President of the Women's Center for the fall semester. The SALT conference was a great opportunity to meet and get connected with so many amazing and talented student leaders from colleges all over New England. I loved getting to know all of the students there and learning about all of the different programs they are involved in at their schools. Throughout the entire weekend there was always an opportunity to talk with someone involved in higher education or graduate students pursuing their degrees in this area of study. It was amazing to have these individuals available to us as resources and to hear about their personal experiences and advice they had for us. Prior to attending the conference I had been trying to decide whether I wanted to go to graduate school right after graduation or take a year off before applying. After learning about all the different graduate programs available to me, this helped me to make my decision to go to graduate school right away. I am thankful that I had the opportunity to attend the SALT conference and I feel that it truly helped me make my final decision about wanting to have a future career in higher education. Overall the conference was an extremely beneficial experience and I will work hard to complete my final semester here at Roger Williams this December and then focus on applying to graduate programs in higher education for the fall.

STUDENT AFFAIRS SPRING 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2014

- 1 Student Programs and Leadership: Johnny Cupcakes Lecture Upper Commons, 9pm
- 19 Declare Housing Intent (electronic signing of housing contract)
- 24 Lottery Numbers will be Distributed via RWU Student E-Mail Account
- 28 So You Think You Professor Can Dance Event, Field House, 8pm

March 2014

Week of March 7 – 16

Spring Break

Service trips to the following:

Habitat for Humanity to Birmingham AL

Inter Varsity for Christian Fellowship Spring Break Trip to New Orleans, LA

Foundation of International Medical Relief for Children Spring Break Trip to

Dominican Republic and Nicaragua

March 29 Class of 2015: Junior Semi Formal Newport

Week of March 31st: Multi Cultural Student Union Diversity Week Program

April 2014

- 1-3 Class of 2014 Commencement Ball Ticket Sales
- 2-3 Student Senate and Class Officer Elections
- 5 Inter Class Council Cake Off Fundraiser for Tomorrow's Child Field House 12:30-2:30pm
- 9 Dance Club Show Field House 8 p.m.

Week of April 21st Campus Entertainment Network Spring Weekend

May 2014

- 3 Colleges Against Cancer Relay for Life Field House begins at 12 p.m.
- 4 Student Affairs Service Break Trip Recognition 1 p.m.
Student Life Awards Reception 2 p.m. Campus Gymnasium
- 5 Athletics Annual Banquet
- 7 Last Day of Classes/ Inter Residence Hall Association Late Night Breakfast Upper Commons 9 p.m.
- 8 Reading Day
- 9-14 Exams
- 10 Class of 2014 Commencement Ball Rhode Island Convention Center 6 p.m.
- 13 Graduate Hooding Ceremony (graduate students only), 6 p.m. Campus Rec. Center
- 16 Residence Halls Close (except graduating Seniors) 12 p.m.
Commencement Rehearsal/BBQ, 12 noon, Campus Rec. Center
- 17 Commencement, 9:30 Processional. 10 a.m. Ceremony
Residence Halls Close for graduating Seniors 7 p.m.

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