

# STUDENT LIFE AT RWU

A Newsletter for Parents and Students

Fall 2014

## A Message from the Vice President of Student Life

Dear Parents and Students,

This semester our new resident students were once again welcomed to campus with move-in assistance from faculty, staff, and many returning student volunteers – many of them student athletes or ROTC cadets. The entire entering class, many parents, faculty, student leaders and staff along with senior administration and trustees participated in Convocation on Saturday, August 23rd. On Monday, August 25th the class provided several hours of service at 42 not-for-profit sites in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts through the tenth annual RWU *Community Connections*.

A vibrant *Weeks of Welcome* schedule featured national diversity speaker Maura Cullen in an interactive presentation sponsored by our Multicultural Student Association. Our Health and Wellness Peer Education group hosted former college and NBA player Chris Herren in front of a standing room only crowd to speak about his 13 year personal journey of addiction to drugs and alcohol beginning in college and the many interventions necessary before he entered recovery.

During Labor Day weekend, over 1000 students attended a concert and BBQ featuring the *Sam Hunt*. Nearly 2000 students attended the Student Involvement Fair on September 3rd featuring 80 clubs and organizations recruiting new members. New students began their theatrical careers at RWU during the weekend of September 19-20 in *Nothing Serious*, a collection of ten minute comedies about theatre, relationships and origins of humankind. The main season series *She Stoops to Conquer* is underway and the Stage Company One-Act Festival featuring two short plays about the human resolve is set to begin.

Student Senate, under the leadership of President Tim LeBel and Executive Board members Samantha Edson, Courtney Emerson, Dylan Kelly and Matthew Mazzie, has been meeting weekly and inviting key administrators in to discuss campus issues including internet connectivity, social media, diversity, academic advising, and bystander intervention.

In Athletics, our varsity programs all remain in contention for Commonwealth Coast playoff tourneys with Women's Soccer and Volleyball currently undefeated in conference play. The Swimming team dominated at the CCC invitational this past weekend while Men's and Women's Cross Country both took first place at the Western New England Invitational. Sailing is currently ranked in the top ten if the country and first year student Martim Anderson from Portugal qualified for the single-handed national championships. Both Rugby clubs are undefeated and post-season favorites with the Men finishing first in the regular season and the Women poised to do the same this weekend. Our Men's Hockey club is ramping up and has started league play after competitive tryout sessions. Men's & Women's Crew have been competitive in several regattas this fall season.

This issue of Student Life at RWU offers more insight on campus life inside but is no substitute for a visit to our vibrant campus. We encourage all parents and family members to attend all or some portion of Homecoming & Family Weekend taking place October 24–26th. A full schedule of activities and online registration can be reviewed at <http://www.rwu.edu/studentlife/homecoming/>

Hope to see you on campus SOON!

Sincerely,

John J. King, Ed.D

Vice President – Student Life



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# NEW STUDENT CONVOCATION

It was an exciting day on campus as we welcomed the Class of 2018 into the Roger Williams University academic community and marked the beginning of another academic year at New Student Convocation on Saturday, August 23. New students, families and University faculty and staff assembled under the tent to hear welcoming remarks from President Donald J. Farish, Ph.D. who presided over the ceremony. Vice President of Student Life, Dr. John King, underlined the need to understand and listen to one another in an inclusive and respectful campus.

Dr. Andy Workman provided the academic address, encouraging students to take advantage of all of the opportunities ahead of them to learn in our rich, academic environment. Long-standing faculty member and winner of the Excellence-in-Teaching Award, Dr. Deborah Robinson, gave the faculty address and encouraged students to get to know the faculty who are here to teach and support them. Students were also welcomed by Student Senate President, Tim LeBel '15 who encouraged new students to get involved on campus, and the Invocation was said by Rev. Nancy

Soukup, our Multi-Faith Chaplain. The culmination of the ceremony occurred as each of the academic deans instructed students to don the academic robes provided as a symbol of their membership in the University and Dean Robert Eisinger of the Feinstein College of Arts & Sciences led the incoming class in the Pledge of Academic Integrity. New Student Convocation is an important Roger Williams University tradition and one that we hope inspires our new students to become the most successful students they can be!





# HOMECOMING AND FAMILY WEEKEND

**Homecoming and Family Weekend** is a favorite tradition for many students and family members and this year's events should not be missed. This year's event will take place October 24th through October 26th. The Homecoming and Family Weekend Planning Committee has been hard at work planning for this year's events. Here is a brief schedule of confirmed events, and we hope many of you will join us on campus. Please note that some events are ticketed events and may sell out.

The week proceeding Homecoming and Family Weekend features our Inter Class Council (ICC) Spirit Week; a week of programming that connects students with our Blue and Gold spirit. The highlight of this week includes the student body voting for Homecoming King and Queen. Our schedule includes:

## Friday, October 24

**Casino Night:** Our RWU casino features excitement for all as you and your family can play blackjack or Texas Hold'em. If casino games are not your thing, look to play in our campus Dance revolution tournament.

**Midnight Madness:** Join our Campus Entertainment Network as we celebrate our winter sports team. Our own Homecoming Court will be featured during the event.

## Saturday, October 25

**Homecoming 5K Road Race:** Join our third Annual Road Race, see the sights of campus and run as a family.

### **Homecoming King and Queen Coronation:**

The biggest question of campus will be answered; see who will be crowned the 2014 Homecoming King and Queen.

**Autumn Festival:** The highlight of Homecoming Weekend is our Annual Autumn Festival with activities such as pumpkin painting, carnival games, local food vendors, live music and performances featuring our students. This family friendly event is a favorite of students and family members who attend. The Inter Class Council (ICC) will once again sponsor St. Baldrick's Day, a head shaving competition to benefit Cancer Research.

**Athletic Events:** Cheer on Hawks Soccer as the Men and Women's teams are both in action.

**Special Event:** End your Saturday night with a special guest comedian; visit the Homecoming Website for more information.

## Sunday, October 26

**Jazz Brunch:** Join your student for a wonderful brunch in our Dining Commons.



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**HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND!**



In April of 2014 the White House released NOT ALONE, the first report of the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault. In it is offered action steps and recommendations for colleges and universities. Four months later, the White House launched an ambitious branding campaign on Friday, September 19, 2014 aimed at ending sexual assaults on college campuses, in part by enlisting the support of major college sports leagues and prominent celebrities. President Obama and Vice President Biden launched the initiative, called "It's On Us," at an event in the White House's East Room. Both Obama and Biden emphasized that men needed to join the effort to make sexual assault socially unacceptable.

*"This is not your fight alone. This is on all of us, every one of us, to fight campus sexual assault," the President said. "You are not alone. And we have your back and we are going to organize campus by campus, city by city, state by state. The entire country is going to make sure that we understand what this is about and that we're going to put a stop to it."*

One in five women will be sexually assaulted while in college, according to studies, many of them during their first year by someone they know. The first 15 weeks of college can be the riskiest.

This topic has always been a priority at Roger Williams University. Before arriving on campus Freshmen are required to take the online sexual assault course HAVEN along with AlcoholEdu. Key components of orientation for freshmen are also dedicated to this issue alone as well as its association with alcohol use. Theater Delta, an interactive theater for social change, encourages participation from the audience to promote dialogue and change in communities. They believe in the pedagogy that changes in personal attitude and behaviors must be done by allowing people to participate in the drama and dialogue in the issues presented during these performances. Sexual assault is one of the issues covered.

Offices across campus are making this issue their top priority by creating opportunities to educate Roger Williams's students. The Health and Wellness Educators (H.A.W.E.s), who are trained peer educators working in the Health Education office, gave presentations in the First Year Experience classes that covered the topics of fitness, nutrition, sleep, alcohol use and sexual health with a focus on obtaining consent for all sexual activity. In October they will be launching a public relations campaign based on consent which includes posters in the residence halls and ads in the university paper and buttons with a personalized RWU consent logo.

On September 25th at the Safety Fair sponsored by RWU's Public Safety department an "It's On Us" pledge table allowed students to sign up for this national campaign. The table was staffed by men and women who support this issue. The RWU department of Marketing and Communications is working on branding the "Its On Us" logo specifically for RWU.

At the forefront on this issue is the RWU Women's Center, which serves as a support network and develops multiple awareness programs and educational opportunities for the campus community. On October 2nd, in CAS 157, the Women's Center hosted "PlayRights Interactive Theater", a one hour interactive educational theater production on the topic of sexual assault. The actors who will be performing are based in New York City and have an engaging, entertaining and powerful messages.

The Department of Student Life at Roger Williams University is committed and actively supporting our country's "It's On Us" campaign by spreading the word about sexual assault and the responsibility everyone has to stop it. Please join us and take the pledge at [www.itsonus.org](http://www.itsonus.org)

Donna Lynn Darmody MS C.W.P.  
*Director of Health Education/Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse Coordinator*

# STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AT ROGER WILLIAMS

The Department of Student Programs and Leadership, along with our clubs and organizations, welcomed our Class of 2018 to campus with a full calendar of events for new and returning students. Our Weeks of Welcome (WOW) program features traditional events and new opportunities for our students. Each year, the Orientation staff bring to build connections with our first year students. PLAYFAIR for our PLAYFAIR is more than just an entertainment event – it is a team-building experience that has a long-lasting effect on the members of your

campus community. The Student Programs staff and members of the Orientation staff welcomed over 650 students on our Newport trip; this trip allows first year students to make connections with new friends and explore the beautiful downtown area. The RWU take over of Target allows only Roger Williams students to late night shop at everyone's favorite store.

Student Programs has been hard at work with our student leaders to provide a wide array of events for all students to take part.

With over 60 clubs and 7 organizations, there are many opportunities for students to engage in different activities to build connections on campus. If your student is interested in learning more about involvement, please contact our office at (401) 254-3088 or by emailing [studentprograms@rwu.edu](mailto:studentprograms@rwu.edu). We look forward to seeing your student involved in our events, programming and leadership activities.



CEN Fall Concert featuring Sam Hunt



CEN Outdoor Movie with over 300 students.



Orientation Playfair activities for freshmen.



RWU Target trip has begun.



# INTERCULTURAL CENTER UPDATE!

*"I was born by the river, in a little tent.*

*And oh, like the river, I've been  
running ever since*

*It's been a long, long time coming*

*But I know, change gone come"*

Lyrics by Soul Artist, Sam Cooke

## "Change Gone Come..."



Change is in the wind at the Intercultural Center "The Center." At the end of the 2014 spring semester, IC Director,

Associate Dean of Students **Ande Diaz** left after leading The Center for seven years. Under Ande's leadership with an incredibly talented staff, The Center, its programming and its usage grew in leaps and bounds. With the development of such initiatives as World Theatre, Sustained Dialogue, Community Conversations and Unity Day, along with the expansion/enrichment of signature programs like, An Hour With..., GospelFest and a robust line of programs through Spiritual Life, The Center embraces the university's commitment to diversity and inclusion, as we fulfill our mission to "develop world citizens capable of critical thinking, compassion, and respect for differences." Thank you Ande for all your service. Wishing you success as Chief Diversity Officer at Allegany College!

## Welcome Back Don!



For the difficult task of filling the shoes of the departed director, the University looked within its own ranks and found a candidate who himself had

started with Ande at The Center in 2007.

**Don Mays** started in the summer of 2007 with Ande as the Assistant Director of The Center and served in that capacity for two years before he took the opportunity to experience working in Admission as the Coordinator of Multicultural Recruitment. Don served in this role for five years and was instrumental in significantly increasing the enrollment of domestic students of color. Always with a trained eye, on-campus multicultural programming, starting September 1, Don took over the position of Interim Director of the Intercultural Center and immediately re-engaged with the rich cultural immersion that is RWU Student Life.

## Congratulations Reverend Soukup!



Truly a long time coming was the expansion of Spiritual Life through The Center's programming. For years the University Multifaith Chaplain, **The Reverend, Nancy Hamlin Soukup** has

managed the fulltime tasks on a part-time schedule to address the ever-expanding spiritual needs of RWU's student and general population. We at The Center find no greater joy than announcing that as of October 1, Reverend Nancy Soukup will be RWU's fulltime Multifaith Chaplain and Director of Spiritual Life. Reverend Soukup will continue to provide outstanding programming in recognition of holidays and holy days, developing relationships with ministers, clergy and faith leaders on campus and places of worship throughout the local community. Building on her unprecedented trip last spring to the Navajo Nation in Tuba City, Arizona as part of the "Native American Culture and Spirituality Project," Reverend Soukup is advancing her plans to take 10-12 students on a service-learning return trip in the spring of 2015.

## We invite all to join us as "The Center" cooks up a FEAST of programming this fall:

*Director Intercultural Center – Don Mays: 254-3764*

*Multicultural Programs contact – Candice De Los Reyes: 254-3894*

*International Programs contact – Juliane Shindo: 254-3400*

*Spiritual Life Programs contact – Reverend Soukup: 254-3433*

*Intercultural Center office coordinator – Cindy Carroll: 254-5422*



# STUDENT SENATE ATTENDS STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

By Tim LeBel, *Student Body President*

The Roger Williams University Student Senate Executive Board, comprised of the President Tim LeBel '15, Vice President Samantha Edson '15, Treasurer Dylan Kelly '15, Secretary Courtney Emerson '17, and Parliamentarian Matthew Mazzie '17, attended the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) Student Government West Conference on July 11–13, 2014. The conference was held at the Colorado School of the Mines in Golden, Colorado, about a half an hour outside of Denver. Student government representatives from over twenty schools across the country attended the three

day conference to learn how to enhance any internal and external affairs dealing with student governments at a collegiate level. Students also had the opportunity to compare how various student governments around the country operated.

The students attended several informational and discussion sessions about different aspects of student governments and common issues on college and university campuses, while getting the chance to discuss how other schools deal with these issues. The conference was a great way to enhance



how the Student Senate on the Roger Williams University campus can benefit the student body, and gave the Executive Board numerous opportunities to network with fellow student government representatives from around the country. Overall, the conference was very fun and informative and the members of the Roger Williams University Student Senate benefited a lot from attending the conference.

## Dining by Bon Appetit Management Company ranks in the top 14 for the Best College Dining Halls by Thrillist.com

The digital media company Thrillist is an online guide concentrating on food, drink, and travel property; the site deemed the first week of September, 2014 as College Week. RWU Dining was excited to be acknowledged in their list of the "14 Best College Dining Halls in America." The article mentioned our annual Lobster-Steak dinner as one of our Dining highlights. Guests choose either a lobster or a steak, and enjoy all of the classic sides included

in a traditional lobster-bake including baked potatoes, Rhode Island "stuffies," clam cakes, corn on the cob, a shrimp cocktail bar, New England clam chowder, and more. The café is also transformed a bit adding lobster traps and New England seaweed as décor, and adding brown paper to cover the tables (reminiscent of a clam shack), as well as lobster crackers and bibs for all. Our Thanksgiving dinner was also applauded, surpassing a fantastic

traditional holiday dinner the café includes house-made bread cornucopias and hand cut pumpkin bowls that act as vessels at our salad bar. The final Dining traditions that got RWU a home on the list was our Valentine's day chocolate fountains, Eat Local Challenge featuring a large farmer's market and oyster shucking, and finally our tastings of local beers and wines for the senior class.

## 2014's Eat Local Challenge

Bon Appetit's annual Eat Local Challenge takes on a new life each year we host the event at RWU. This year, the menu in the Upper Commons was largely seafood based, taking advantage of our fantastic local waters. The menu – entirely sourced from ingredients within 150 miles of Roger Williams University – included a raw bar, fisherman's stew, Jonah crab cake sliders, smoked bluefish, beef burgers, mixed grill of sausage and potatoes, eggplant roulades, charcuterie and cheeses, and kettles of

pumpkin soup and New England clam chowder. We thanked Mother Nature for another day with gorgeous fall weather as we held an extended farmers' market in the quad. Along with local produce, breads, dairy, and meats many of our Farm-to-Fork partners joined us for the day. Aquidneck Honey, Foley Fish featuring fish cakes, New England Grass Fed beef, Hard Pressed Cider, and Rhody Fresh setup tables in the quad to greet and chat with guests about their local specialties. As an addendum to

the day, Bon Appetit café's nationwide held a vote to choose the winners of ten \$5,000 grants that were to be awarded to Farm-to-Fork partners with specific projects to grow their businesses. We're happy to say, our own Farm-to-Fork partner – Horse Listeners Farm – was the recipient of a \$5,000 grant to install a new hoop house and increase the size of their coolers; Horse Listeners Farm provides us with much of our tomatoes and apples!

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## The most successful year in the 42-year history of athletics at RWU

The Roger Williams University Athletic Department concluded the 2013–14 academic year as the most successful year in the 42-year history of athletics at the University.

RWU teams captured six Commonwealth Coast Conference Championships, taking the titles in Volleyball, Men's Cross Country, Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving, and Men's and Women's Track & Field. For the Volleyball team, this marks their fifth consecutive CCC Championship, while the Men's Cross Country won an unprecedented 13th straight CCC title. Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving have won seven straight conference championships, and the Men's Track & Field team won its sixth straight. The Women's Track & Field team earned its fourth title in five years.

In the inaugural year of the Commonwealth Coast Conference All-Sports Trophy, Roger Williams University won the first-ever CCC Men's All-Sports Trophy and took third in the CCC Women's All-Sports Trophy. On Saturday,

September 20, CCC Commissioner Gregg Kaye and CCC Assistant Commissioner Kaylyn Smith came to the RWU campus and presented the CCC Men's All-Sports Trophy to Roger Williams University President Donald Farish at halftime of the Men's Soccer game vs. Western New England.

For the year, Roger Williams University yielded a school-record ten All-Americans in their respective sports, including the first-ever in Women's Cross Country, Baseball, and Women's Basketball, as senior Hannah Zydanowicz, Tyler Pogmore '14, junior George Lund, and Kaitlyn Bovee '14 were each honored in their respective sports. In addition, seven Hawks were recognized as Academic All-Americans, the most in a single year in RWU history. Former Volleyball standout Krystie Luczynski '14 became the first player in program history to be named an AVCA All-American and Academic All-American in the same season.

The hard work of Roger Williams' coaches did not go unnoticed, as three individuals

were recognized as coach of the year, including Derek Carlson as CCC Baseball Coach of the Year, Sean Livingston as CCC Men's Cross Country Coach of the Year, and Kelly Thompson as CCC Women's Basketball Co-Coach of the Year and Cox Sports Division III Women's Basketball Co-Coach of the Year.

Not only were the Hawks dominant in intercollegiate competition, the student-athletes also worked just as hard and were just as accomplished in the classroom. RWU student-athletes finished the 2013–14 academic year with a cumulative GPA of 3.16, the second-highest all-time for an academic term. In addition, 103 student-athletes were recognized as CCC All-Academic Team honorees, the most in a single year in school history.

The Hawks also made tremendous strides in being active in the community. This past year, Roger Williams student-athletes recorded 5,473 total hours of service, the fourth-most amount of hours since 2005. Every team was involved in at least two efforts and some as many as six.

## The Locker Room at Roger Williams University

The Locker Room at Roger Williams University is a great place for men on campus to come together and express their views on masculinity in today's world. The Locker Room allows guys on campus to ask those tough, and sometimes awkward questions that most 18–24 year old individuals have as a college student.

The goal of the Locker Room is to create a higher standard of men that are aware of the issues that all individuals face and the positive impacts that they can have on their community. The Locker Room creates educational programming, takes part in community service efforts on and off campus, they advocate for women's rights,

and they are an ally for the LGBTQ&Q community. Meetings are held every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Gender Resource Center. If you are interested in joining The Locker Room please contact Corey Brown at [Cpbrown@rwu.edu](mailto:Cpbrown@rwu.edu).

# HAWKS ENTERING STUDENT AFFAIRS:

This year, The Department of Residence Life and Housing, in partnership with many other departments on campus, is proud to host TWO five-session workshop series designed to help students considering a future career in Student Life with one series in the fall and the other in the spring. 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.

For this current fall semester, the workshop sessions are specifically geared towards our graduating students interested in applying for graduate school and/or beginning the job search process. We will begin on September 26 with a discussion focused on choosing a student affairs graduate program, including the many different focuses of those programs. We will continue throughout the semester to help our graduating seniors prepare resumes, personal statements, cover letters, and will even host a mock interview panel! We will prepare the

students with some basic knowledge about student development theory, and will also explain how the various personality and strengths finder assessments are applicable to their job search, including MBTI and StrengthsQuest. Spaces in these sessions are reserved for students who participated in the workshop sessions in the spring.

The HESA group will re-open in the spring semester for all students interested in pursuing a career in higher education, with the first session outlining the importance of identifying and utilizing a mentor. 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. Participation is voluntary, but with the support of the Director of Residence Life and the Women's Center, Dr. Jen Stanley, students who attend all five sessions may be eligible to receive a one-year undergraduate membership to the NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education) professional organization.

Any students who are considering careers in student affairs or wish to attend are encouraged to join the HESA group in the spring. All interested students and any professionals who wish to offer their support are welcomed to contact CORE Adam Nichols ([anichols@rwu.edu](mailto:anichols@rwu.edu)), CORE Sarah Santiago ([ssantiago@rwu.edu](mailto:ssantiago@rwu.edu)), or CORE Danielle Remigio ([dremigio@rwu.edu](mailto:dremigio@rwu.edu)) with any further questions.

We would like to take a second to acknowledge and thank all those who have supported the program during its inaugural semester in the Spring of 2014, including Dr. John King, Dr. Kathleen McMahon, Dr. Jen Stanley, Carol Sacchetti, Morgan Cottrell, Jen Conole, Mike Gallagher, John Zaijeck, and the many more who mentioned the group to their students. With your support, we hope to continue being able to offer these services and our support to our students.



# PUBLIC SAFETY

By Steven Melaragno, *Director of Public Safety*

## A Message from the Director of Public Safety



On behalf of the Department of Public Safety, I want to welcome you to the University Community as the parents of our incoming class. Allow me to describe for you some of the services we provide, and give an overview of the Department.

I came to the University in January 2012 after a 34 year career with the Providence Police Department where I retired at the rank of Major. During my career I have served in the Uniform, Investigative, Administrative, and Training Divisions of the Department. I left Providence as the Major in command of the Uniform Division where I was responsible for managing the Community Policing model of the Department, and developing crime prevention strategies for the nine districts.

My Associate Director, Pamela Moffatt-Limoges came to the University after a 23 year career with the Rhode Island State Police, where she served in the Uniform Division before being promoted to Lieutenant in the Investigative Division where she developed expertise investigating Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault crimes.

Our goal for the Department of Public Safety is to enhance the quality of campus life through the creation of a safe and secure environment for all students, faculty, staff and visitors.

### About 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 available 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.

Public Safety Officers patrol Roger Williams University property on foot, bicycle, or motor vehicle. Some of our services include building checks, campus security patrols, traffic and parking enforcement, campus-wide crime prevention, shuttle and courtesy transport services. Our presence is felt throughout the University Community and we are always willing to assist anyone in need.

The task of maintaining a safe and secure environment conducive to living and learning can only be attained through a collaborative effort involving the entire University Community.

### Crime Prevention

Public Safety has various programs that are designed to inform students and employees about campus safety procedures and practices. These programs encourage students and employees to be responsible for their own personal safety.

The University has established a standing Safety Committee, made up of staff, to assist in reviewing, recommending, and establishing policies, procedures, and practices to enhance workplace and campus safety.

First year students are provided a security orientation program, as well as material advising them of precautions they should follow to help avoid becoming a victim of crime on or off the campus. Additionally,

we have presented an Emergency Evacuation/ Campus Intruder program to all first year students to encourage them to have a preplanned set of actions should they be confronted with an emergency on campus or out in the community.

Crime prevention information and personal safety programs are presented to students and staff groups during the year, as reinforcement for our belief that we are all responsible for the personal safety and security of the campus community.

This year's Crime Prevention Fair, held on September 25th, was attended by members of our local and State Police forces as well as Student Life, our Women's Center and other student advocate organizations. The Fair provided students with an opportunity to speak to the Police and Fire officials in a casual setting and have their questions answered, as well as giving them an idea about these professions as a career choice.

### Crime Reporting

An additional function of the Department of Public Safety is the generation of reports and documentation that reflect the current status and historical data of the University as it relates to campus security and safety.

These reports include crime statistics, policies and procedures and other information designed to inform students, employees and visitors about crime prevention and how to respond if a crime does occur.

Please visit Public Safety at our RWU website:

[www.rwu.edu/about/administration/publicsafety/](http://www.rwu.edu/about/administration/publicsafety/)

Feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns at (401) 254-3667

Thank you and welcome to RWU,

**Steven M. Melaragno**  
*Director of Public Safety*



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## “Lights, Camera, ACTION!”

The 13th annual Inter-Residence Hall Association’s Mr. RWU competition is back, and taking it to the big screen! This year’s theme is “Movies,” where each contestant will represent a movie character of their choice. The peer-nominated contestants this year are Richie Afifi ’15, Josh Avila ’15, Juan Hernandez ’16, Tim LeBel ’15, Colin McSweeney ’16, Keith Moya ’18, Seth Reiner ’17, Peter Schmidt ’15 and Manveer Singh ’16. Watch as they raise money for this great

cause and compete to be crowned Mr. RWU 2014. The show will take place on Saturday, November 22.

How can you help? Mr. RWU is first and foremost a fundraiser for the Children’s Miracle Network at Hasbro Children’s Hospital in Providence, RI. If you would like to donate on behalf of an individual contestant(s) or the whole group, please send checks made payable to the “Children’s

Miracle Network” with a self-addressed stamped envelope mailed to “Inter-Residence Hall Association, c/o Residence Life & Housing, c/o Anthony Mam, One Old Ferry Road, Bristol RI, 02809.” Please consider supporting this great cause. Any amount would be significantly appreciated.

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