

SUMMER 2012

A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dear Students & Parents,

We have just completed Commencement at Roger Williams highlighted by a memorable address by Former Secretary of State, Madeline Albright and our student speaker, Bradley Bermont. Congratulations to the Class of 2012!

It is difficult if not impossible to select the highlights from a Spring semester that has been overflowing with student involvement, leadership and talented contributions. The semester ended on a strong note with all major clubs and organizations holding end of the year recognition events. At the end of April, the Campus Entertainment Network sponsored Spring Weekend with almost 1,400 students attending the Spring Concert and 2,100 students attending a Saturday outdoor afternoon block party with rides, contests, music and food at North Campus. The previous weekend our campus radio station (WQRI) sponsored an outdoor concert drawing 750 students.

For this newsletter introduction, please allow me to offer some examples of our students work and engagement in service, music, art, and dance. In March, 38 students participated in one of three Alternative Spring Break trips, including 14 students involved in a Habitat for Humanity build in Tutwiler, Mississippi; 12 with the Foundation for International Medical Relief in El Salvador; and 12 through Intervarsity Christian Fellowship's trip to New Orleans in a collaborative trip with several other New England based institutions.

In early May, an overnight Relay for Life event coordinated by first year students, Scott Scarneo and Jacqueline Brzozowski, raised \$36,000 for cancer research with approximately 200 participants in teams composed of students, faculty and staff. This event occurred just after our Third Annual St. Baldrick's Cancer Fundraiser coordinated by Nibal Awaad and the Inter Class Council, which raised \$20,000. Congratulations to Michael "Macs" Carberry-Santacroce who raised \$12,000 for this important cause!

The Arts were alive on campus this Spring as well. On March 23rd and 24th, the Performing Arts Center presented *Endgame* by Samuel Beckett. The play, directed by senior Nicole Wielga, from Houston, Texas, examines the comical tragedy of humankind. The Stage Company presented their Variety Show on March 30th and 31st which featured comedy, music, and other entertainment. On April 20th, Bob Carlton's musical *Return to the Forbidden Planet* opened in The Barn. This Jukebox musical was directed by Professor Jeffrey Martin.

The Spring Dance Club Show on April 11th featured student choreographed routines in the Field House performing for 700 audience members. The Dance Theatre in Concert ran from May 3rd through May 6th and featured new works by students, faculty, and guest artists. On May 10th RWU dance students performed a site specific piece on campus to display their exploration of movement related to the architecture and environment around them.

RWU's Instrumental Ensemble performed the music of Leonard Bernstein and Ralph Vaughn-Williams as well as Chuck Mangione's "Land of Make Believe," a Brazilian samba, and a some American Jazz. The RWU Instrumental Ensemble is made up of students, faculty, staff, and community members.

The RWU Chorus Concert performed on May 10th focusing around the theme of love songs. The concert featured "Neue Leibeslieder" ("New Love Songs") Op. 65 by German composer Johannes Brahms. The program also included love songs from a variety of time periods, from the Renaissance through the present day. The chorus consists of an ensemble of 30 singers and is directed by Professor Jonathan Richter.

On April 19th, the Spring semester Poetry Slam took place in CAS 157 to a full house. The event, hosted by sophomore and Bristol native, Jesse Ramos, was a huge success and featured many poems focused on activism and social justice. The slam featured fourteen poets, from freshmen to seniors, and included two freshmen opening (or sacrificial) poets, Cynthia Rahming and Michelle MacLeod. The top three winners were all female poets. 1st place went to junior Olivia McCormick, from Pleasantville, New York, 2nd place to freshman Grace Ahl, from Scituate, Massachusetts, and 3rd place to sophomore Mallory Harris, from Walpole, Massachusetts. The celebrity guest judges included professors, administration staff members, and Maia Farish.

This is just a small example of student life from the Spring Semester. I hope you enjoy the rest of this newsletter containing information, advice, and examples of further student involvement.

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

John J. King, Ed.D., Vice President – Student Affairs



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ATHLETICS



The Roger Williams University Athletic Department will be unveiling its inaugural class of the RWU Athletics Hall of Fame during Homecoming Weekend. The first class of the Hall of Fame will include Sharon Castelli '86 (Women's Volleyball, Women's Basketball, Softball), Ed Randolph '82 (Men's Basketball), Stuart Hulke '00 (Men's Soccer), Matt Walby '94 (Equestrian), the 1999 Men's Soccer team, Ray Cordeiro (Baseball) and Dave Kemmy (Wrestling).

Over a five-week period from April to early May, the RWU Athletic Department is hosting the Special Olympics Bocce League each Sunday for the local chapter of the Special Olympics. During the course of the season, athletes from each varsity athletic team joins individuals from the Special Olympics to take part in the league. As the official community service partner of NCAA Division III, the Special Olympics partners with various schools across the country to provide service opportunities for the organization. However, the RWU Bocce League is believed to be the only one of its kind throughout the entire country.

During the spring season, Softball Head Coach Joyce Maudie collected her 400th career win in a 5-0 victory against Eastern Nazarene College on April 14. Maudie has spent 20 seasons coaching softball, with her longest stint a nine-year stretch at Tennessee State University where she collected 144 wins during her tenure. In her second season with the Hawks, Maudie has brought RWU to the Commonwealth Coast Conference Tournament in each year.



In April, the Athletic Department held its annual Date Night Auction, raising \$1,200 Monday evening in support the Making Roots Summer Camp food program. The Making Roots program serves more than 200 children over a five week period at Camp Hope. The event got under way in classic RWU fashion with attendees being entertained by the Official Hawk Team Pump up playlist. Lenny Carlucci from the Equestrian and Crew teams took center stage as the program's emcee for the night. Patrons had the opportunity to bid on planned dates, including springtime ice cream at Eskimo King and double date picnics in Colt State Park. Athletes gave live "dougie" lessons as Swoop pumped up the crowd. Each RWU athletic team had a hand in the night with five athletes from each team going up for auction.

Roger Williams University Sailing team alum Cy Thompson '11 will represent the United States Virgin Islands this summer in the One Person Dinghy event at the 2012 Olympic Games. Thompson is the first athlete in Roger Williams University history to qualify for the Olympics. Thompson qualified for the Olympics after finishing 56th at the Perth 2011 International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Sailing World Championships in the Men's One Person Dinghy Fleet. As the top finisher representing the U.S. Virgin Islands, he earned one of the 35 automatic berths available from the 2011 ISAF World Championships to this Olympic Games this summer in London. Thompson had an accomplished career during his time on the Hawks. In 2008 he earned the first sailing national championship in school history, winning the Men's Singlehanded National Championship. He was named 2009 Roger Williams University Male Athlete of the Year, and helped the Hawks claim the 2011 ICSA Team Racing National Championship this past May. The 2011 NEISA Sailor of the Year ended his career as the only three-time ICSA All-American athlete in the history of RWU Sailing.

Health Services and Student Health Insurance Update

By Anne Andrade, A.N.P., *Director of Health Services*

Health care and health insurance is often a concern of parents as their sons and daughters depart for college. We at Roger Williams University are actively involved in the health and well-being of our students. Use of the Student Health Service is covered by the undergraduate student fees. All full-time undergraduate day students have access to Student Health Services. There is no charge for visits to the Student Health Services for illness or injury. Charges will be incurred for routine well physical exams, immunizations, lab work, prescription medication and referrals to outside providers. These charges can be submitted to your private health insurance. Charges not covered by your private health insurance will be billed directly to the student by the provider of the service.

Health Service is open 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. After hours, emergency care is provided through Newport Hospital, Rhode Island Hospital or Bristol County Medical Center. Emergency transportation to and from these facilities is provided if needed. Students should contact their CORE/RA or Public Safety at 401-254-3333 for any after hours medical concern.

I encourage you to check out our web site for specific details.

<http://www.rwu.edu/studentlife/studentservices/healthservices/>

Looking forward to the Fall semester this is a reminder to all returning students.:

1. If a student expects to play a sport during the 2012-13 academic year, an updated physical will be required. This is best done over the summer break. Please contact Athletics for details.
2. Non-athletes are only required to have the initial admissions physical.
3. Remember that Health Service is a great resource for wellness; in particular we have smoking cessation counseling and reduced cost nicotine patches for any student seeking help with smoking cessation.
4. Students should carry a current private insurance card and have a copy on file at Health Service as well.
5. In our ongoing effort to ensure that all Roger Williams University students have access to a strong array of healthcare options, and in keeping with the new federal health care reform requirements, we would like to provide you with important information on how we offer and administer health insurance for our students. (See below)

Health Insurance Information (Waiver and Voluntary Enrollment Procedure)

As you prepare for the 2012-13 academic year, we urge you to consider your health insurance coverage a top priority. It is important that students have access to comprehensive medical care while enrolled at Roger Williams University and we are pleased to make available an Accident & Sickness Insurance Plan for our students. The following provides additional information regarding the Plan:

Residential Undergraduate, Masters in Architecture Students and all International Students:

All undergraduate students and Masters in Architecture students living in University housing and all international students on an F-1 or J-1 visa are automatically enrolled in the University's Student Accident & Sickness Insurance Plan for coverage effective August 14, 2012 - August 13, 2013. Those students who provide proof of adequate coverage under an existing plan may waive the University's Student Insurance Plan through the below process. Those students who do not waive the insurance and those not covered under an existing plan will see a separate charge of \$1,147 on their bill. An explanation of the Student Accident and Sickness Insurance can be found online at: <https://consolidatedhealthplan.com/group/112/home>

Health Services and Student Health Insurance Update cont.

Waiver Process: If you are currently insured under another insurance policy and do not wish to have coverage under the Roger Williams University sponsored plan, you may waive out of the insurance. To waive out, students will be required to decline the University's Student Insurance Plan and provide information on their insurance plan by completing the form here: <https://consolidatedhealthplan.com/group/112/waiver/1>

By completing a waiver, you are certifying that you have comparable coverage and agree that you will be responsible for your medical expenses, and that Roger Williams University will not be responsible for those expenses. Upon your waiver being accepted, the insurance fee will be removed from the student's account. FAILURE TO COMPLETE the online Waiver Form by the deadline, August 14, 2012, will result in your mandatory purchase of the University's Student Insurance Plan for the 2012-2013 academic year, without the possibility of later waiver, refund or cancellation.

Before Waiving

If you are considering waiving the University's Student Insurance Plan, please note that some insurance plans are restrictive and may leave students essentially uninsured while away at school. This could result in you incurring substantial out-of-pocket costs for medical care. In evaluating your plan and to assist you in making an informed decision, you must verify the following:

- My plan provides adequate coverage that is accessible in the Rhode Island area for:
 - ✓ Lab tests and x-rays
 - ✓ Prescription drugs
 - ✓ Hospitalization (including room & board, physicians' fees and surgical expenses)
 - ✓ Outpatient hospital services
 - ✓ Mental health care
 - ✓ Emergency room care
- My plan will cover me through August 13, 2013
- My plan does not have a high deductible that needs to be met before I am allowed to access coverage
- If I intend on studying abroad this upcoming year (including for a short-term study abroad trip) my plan provides coverage anywhere in the world

Please understand that the University reserves the right to decline a waiver request (and revoke an approved waiver) if it determines that the alternate insurance does not provide adequate insurance coverage.

Once You Waive: If you waive coverage, you can only enroll at a later date if you lose coverage under your current private health insurance plan due to a qualifying event. You must enroll within thirty one (31) days of the loss of coverage and you will be charged the full premium (\$1,147) for the entire term if you enroll before January 15, 2013 or \$645.00 if you enroll after January 15, 2013.

Full-Time Commuter, Full-Time Graduate and School of Law Students:

Full-Time Commuter, full-time graduate and School of Law students are encouraged, but are not required to enroll in the University's Student Accident & Sickness Insurance Plan. A summary of benefits of the plan is available here <https://consolidatedhealthplan.com/group/112/home>. To purchase coverage, you may enroll online at <https://consolidatedhealthplan.com/group/112/enrollment/1>. You may enroll online and pay by credit card, or you may download the application and mail it in with a check for payment. **Please note that the enrollment deadline dates are September 30 for the fall semester and February 28 for the spring semester. No enrollment will be accepted after this date.**

WALKING THE WALK

Update from Residence Life & Housing



On Wednesday, April 18 nearly 100 RWU community members came out to support the 2nd Annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event. This program, co-sponsored by The Locker Room (RWU Men's Initiative) and The Women's Center, is an international men's walk to raise awareness of sexual assault and sexualized violence. Seventeen brave men donned women's high-heels and "walked the walk" to show support, raise awareness and make a bold statement about ending violence against women.



In 2001, during the inaugural RWU Walk a Mile event, nearly \$700 was raised by 15 walkers. This year the group raised over \$1,000. Travis Cournoyer and Jake DaPonte, student members of The Locker Room, served as keynote speakers for the event, sharing their experiences of participating in the campus and statewide walks over the past two years.

All funds raised will benefit the Rhode Island Crisis Assistance Center, an agency that offers counseling, survivor support and educational resources to schools and colleges throughout Rhode Island



STUDENT PROGRAMS AND LEADERSHIP UPDATES

By Carol Sacchetti, *Director of Student Programs and Leadership*



WQRI 88.3 Spring Concert



The Class of 2014 celebrated Sophomore Athletes with an Ice Cream truck during a busy game day.



Students and Swoop working on their Cake for ICC's Cake Off to benefit the Jimmy Fund.

The Department of Student Programs and Leadership has had much successful collaboration with our clubs, organizations and leadership programming during this Spring Semester. This semester saw continued excellence in programming, campus traditions, and community service programming that benefited our student body.

The SOAR Leadership program had over 50 students participate in the Spring Semester. The SOAR program is a four-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. This past semester, our students were able to apply what they have learned to really internalize the facets of the Social Change Model. SOAR also saw eight students involved in our new tier, IMPACT, where they focused on honing all of the skills learned in the previous tiers and applied to mentorship and group facilitation.

Many of our student leaders were able to promote our Core Value of civic engagement through programming for our campus community. The Inter Class Council (ICC) held its Third Annual Cake Off Program to benefit the Jimmy Fund. This event raised over \$2,000 for the Dana Farber Cancer Research Center and teams enjoyed channeling their inner 'Cake Boss' during the Competition. Colleges Against Cancer have spent the better part of the academic year planning and fundraising for our Relay for Life program. This program was exciting to see put together because the planning committee was comprised of all first year students. Up Till Dawn and the Multi-Cultural Student Union (MSU) held their annual events to benefit the St. Jude's Children's Hospital, both events had record attendance. My Turn (a club that works with the Flying Kites Organization) held a successful dogdebball tournament to benefit an orphanage in Kenya where participants could sponsor a child.

Spring Break was a very busy time for several of our groups. Habitat for Humanity spent their Spring Break as part of Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge, 15 students and two advisors travelled to Hanover, Virginia. The group spent the week working on two homes, primarily putting on roofing and siding. Led by Dr. Kerri Warren, 12 members of the Foundation of International Medical Relief of Children (FIMRC) chapter traveled to El Salvador during Spring Break. FIMRC's mission is to provide access to medical care for the millions of underprivileged and medically underserved children around the world. Our Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) went to New Orleans with other Northeast chapters to build houses in the 9th Ward as part of Project Hope. These groups came back to campus with various stories of their experiences and were recognized at the Service Break Trip Reception on May 8.



Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) Spring Break Trip group photo.

STUDENT PROGRAMS AND LEADERSHIP UPDATES cont.

By Carol Sacchetti, *Director of Student Programs and Leadership*

The highlight of the Spring Semester for the department is the Annual Student Involvement Recognition Banquet, which took place on May 8. This traditional event awards over 60 awards for students involved in clubs, organizations and leadership positions on campus. Below are some of our top student leader awards:

<i>Organization Member of the Year:</i>	Alex Palios , Inter Class Council
<i>Club Member of the Year:</i>	Susan Mitchell , FIRMC
<i>Hawk's Pride Spirit Award:</i>	AJ Gueoduar
<i>Rising Star Awards:</i>	Lilly Naqvi (Student Senate) and Samantha Edison (<i>Hawk's Herald</i>)
<i>Award for Individual Excellence:</i>	Megan Kopf
<i>Club of the Year:</i>	Society of Women Engineers
<i>Karen Haskell Student Leader of the Year:</i>	Nibal Awad and Griffin Labbanace

The Department of Student Programs wants to thank all of the students who successful programed all our Spring Semester events. Students interested in getting involved with leadership opportunities should visit the Department of Student Programs and Leadership, located in the Campus Recreation Center. Staff members are accessible by emailing studentprograms@rwu.edu or calling (401) 254-3088.



MSU Annual Fashion Show



The Inter Residence Hall Association (IRHA) sponsored a life size Candy Land game for students.



Students enjoying Rock Climbing at CEN's Spring Weekend Block Party.

The Career Center helps YOUR student prepare for life after RWU

By Robbin Beauchamp, *Director of the Career Center*



The Career Center is winding down a very busy year once again. We hosted over 60 events that attracted more than 2,200 students. We kicked off the year with our annual Open House. This event introduces the Career Center and Feinstein Community Engagement and Service Learning departments to all

students with fun, music, frozen lemonade and t-shirts. Over 500 students attended in a two hour period!

Understanding that the employment landscape has radically changed in the last decade, the Career Center implemented career receptions and fairs for specific majors and industries a few years ago. We hosted events for Accounting majors, the School of Justice Studies, the School of Engineering, Computing and Construction Management, the Mario J. Gabelli School of Business and Math and Science majors. We also brought Public Relations students to both NYC and Boston to meet with PR firms and our technology students to career fairs off-campus. We brought students to employers for tours and networking. We collaborated on two off-campus career fairs with all of the colleges and universities in Rhode Island for events for our education students and for students who want to work in the government and non-profit sectors. We hosted the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps City Year for Information Sessions, taught our students how to dine during an interview and educated them through required workshops prior to their internships. Our annual Career Fair was a sold-out event for employers and graduate schools and approximately 500 students attended. Our first ever Career Day brought over 80 alumni back to campus to communicate with our students about their own career paths and opportunities that may be available to them.

These programs were provided in addition to the 2,440+ student appointments we offered that brought over 1,200 students into the office for individual career coaching. Our office strives to help first year students

understand the importance of career development, educates our second and third year students about the value of an internship and how to complete them and connects our graduating students with both employers and graduate schools for a fulfilling life as an alumnus/a of Roger Williams University. We coach students on the development of career-related marketing materials such as a resume and cover letter, networking and job search skills, interviewing techniques and graduate school research and applications. Our students get exposure to professional social networking via our LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Our students also have many opportunities to participate in experiential education. Over 450 students participated in the cooperative education/internship preparatory workshops this year. This three session series teaching students how to find and secure an internship, how to be successful while there and how to complete the requirements to receive credit. In January, over 150 students visited more 60 employers throughout the country to job shadow for up to three days. This program helps students connect classroom learning, theory, and practical applications while showing them industries, employers, jobs and tasks they may never have considered previously.

Please encourage your student to utilize the Career Center at any and all points in the academic career. We offer alumni services for life. Beginning a career, re-careering and job transitions are stressful. Our alumni do not have to do it alone. The Career Center is their lifeline back to RWU. Our current students should begin coming to the office for our events as first year students to maximize their education at this university. We can help them understand the connection between what they are learning in the classroom and what they may do outside of it as an intern or a graduate. It's never too early to start.

If you have questions, feel free to contact ???????. We would love to partner with you to help your student have a successful, fulfilling post-graduate life and the planning for that begins right now.

INTERCULTURAL CENTER SPRING UPDATE

By Dr. Ande Diaz, *Director of the Intercultural Center and Associate Dean of Students*



There's a lot happening at the Intercultural Center (IC) this Spring. From a record-setting Global Fest to the arrival of our newest staff member Candice de los Reyes the IC is hopping. Our day-to-day activities of supporting students, programming, and fostering intercultural learning, have never been more exciting.

International Student Affairs: Currently there are 230 international students at RWU

from 58 countries. The international students enjoyed a great spring including a trip to New York City to see "Spiderman: Turn Off the Dark," a ski trip to Mount Wachusett, and a Celtics game. The Intercultural Center's big event this year was Global Fest, a large international festival on April 4 which brought a record turn-out of over 1,000 people.

Students from over 40 countries exhibited information and offered food, conversation, traditional dress, and pride in their countries. The Intercultural Center invited elementary students from Colt-Andrews in Bristol, who enjoyed the entertainment acts by students and by Inca Son, a Peruvian band. This semester also featured the "Hour With" series, which focuses on the culture of various international students including the Bahamas, Kuwait and Panama.



Spiritual Life: This Spring, the Spiritual Life Office's interfaith programming received a mini-grant from the President's Council on Inclusive Excellence to sponsor the "Spirit Acting: Multifaith Views on Social Change and Social Action Speaker Series." RWU's Interfaith Council suggested the series, which is exploring interfaith dialogue in the public square from the perspective of local community leaders. Speakers have been asked to describe how their particular faith perspective has led them to do justice and advocacy work in Rhode Island, and how RWU students can get involved with similar service. Speakers have included:

Teny Gross of the Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence in Providence, who spoke about how his multi-religious and multi-ethnic identity informed his decision to work for peace among America's youth gangs. Also, Father James Ruggieri, of St. Patrick's Church in Providence, described how the church's social teachings are transforming long-held approaches to education and social service in the urban setting. Members of RWU's InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, who talked about their 2012 spring service trip to New Orleans, where they continued rebuilding efforts post-Hurricane Katrina. Dave Coolidge, of Brown University, addressed his work as a Muslim chaplain in an interfaith campus ministry and as a leader in RI's Muslim community.



INTERCULTURAL CENTER SPRING UPDATE cont.

By Dr. Ande Diaz, *Director of the Intercultural Center and Associate Dean of Students*



Mrs. Ruth Oppenheim, a survivor of the Holocaust, came to campus in late April to share her experiences of Kristallnacht, the 1938 German pogrom against the Jews. Spirit Acting was a co-sponsor of this event. The Edwin S. Soforenko Foundation was the primary sponsor.

Bridge to Success: The Bridge to Success is a mentoring program that focuses on providing high school students from under-resourced communities in Rhode Island's urban core cities with college readiness education and exposure

to campus life. Each of our six partner schools participates in a financial aid and admissions workshop, a mock class, team-building, a resume-building session, a campus tour and dinner in the Commons. Examples of the mock classes this fall were sessions on property law, cultural identity, and white privilege. A big thank you to professors Jorge Elorza, Laura D'Amore, and Bob Engvall for their time and expertise! In addition, RWU student mentors provide guidance and support for mentees in multiple areas of accessing higher education, including providing assistance with writing college essays and resumes, navigating the financial aid process, and more. BTS has served ninety mentees from our six partner high schools in Providence, Newport, and Central Falls. Mentees who remain in good standing also have the opportunity to participate in the BTS Summer Institute, a residential, two-week program focusing on SAT prep, leadership, and life skills.

Multicultural Student Affairs: The IC works hand in hand with the undergraduate population to provide support as well as programming for the broader student body. New Assistant Director Candice De Los Reyes advises the Multicultural Student Union (MSU). MSU has held several events this past semester to raise awareness about diversity and inclusion on our campus. These included the MSU Fashion Show, which had the best attendance of any prior years, community discourses on hate, facilitated in partnership with Sustained Dialogue on campus, a Taiko Drummers performance, the Lotus Lantern Festival, and their annual Basketball Jam.

LGBTQQ Student Affairs: LGBTQQ Pride Week was held the week of April 16. It was an amazing week, kicked off by a performance of a Boston-based, gender-bending performance troupe, All the Kings Men. The week included various awareness tables at the Commons, a dialogue on discrimination, and a showing of a film about transgender identity. It concluded with the Day of Silence, which brings awareness to the silencing of LGBTQQ students across the nation. The National Day of Silence is a day of action in which students across the country vow to take a form of silence to call attention to the silencing effect of anti-LGBTQQ bullying and harassment in schools.

The IC is happy to announce that this Spring, there is a new award given to a graduating senior. It is called the **Melisa Carrasquillo Award for Intercultural Citizenship** and is given to a student who has increased campus awareness of diversity issues, expanded community dialogue and civic discourse across differences, and demonstrated exceptional commitment to social justice and inclusion. Melisa Carrasquillo is an RWU graduate who embodied all these qualities during her undergraduate years.

Tania Hurtado is the recipient of this inaugural award. Tania works tirelessly to help students from under-represented groups go to and thrive in college. She did this on campus by mentoring younger students and by working to create awareness and respect for differences. She did this off campus by interning for a congressional campaign and working on voter registration for communities of color. Tania is very serious about her work to create college access to and success for students who might not otherwise think college is part of their future.

What to Expect During Summer Vacation!

By Jim Azar, Ph.D., *Director, Center for Counseling and Student Development*

Although there is no one typical way that students respond to going home for the summer, there is one certainty and that is to expect some changes particularly if your son or daughter is returning after their freshman year.

You may notice a difference in their relationship with friends, with you or with their siblings or in how they view themselves or in what they consider to be important. They may now be in a period of reevaluating their values and priorities and questioning what they (and you) have held as true. For example, long-standing rules of the house may be challenged (“I didn’t have a curfew when I was at school.”), and you may notice (and be upset by) any differences in their schedules (“What do you mean can I be quiet? It’s noon.”).

Your son or daughter may also feel a vague feeling of rootlessness or sadness early in the summer. They may not feel comfortable anywhere and wonder “where do I belong?” without necessarily being aware that they are asking the question. Feeling lonely or disconnected will be felt more intensely if they have not maintained relationships with their old high school friends or if they are dating someone from RWU who lives several hours away.

Despite the adjustments for both you and your son or daughter, you may be struck by the changes in their maturity. They may have already made decisions about where and with whom they will be living next year, their course schedule, their future plans, etc. To assess how much they have matured, take a moment and notice how you are feeling this summer as compared to the summer following their high school graduation. As they become more responsible, you may feel less worried or unsettled.

The challenge as a parent (as you already know) is how to deal with those changing moods and behaviors during this transition period. As a first step it is always helpful to anticipate the changes before the heat of the moment in order to better deal with them. Over the next month begin to speculate about the adjustments that your son or daughter will need to make when they return home. What has changed over the past year with them and within the family? What issues do you foresee? What emerged during January break?

It is also helpful to step back a moment and understand what is going on for them developmentally. An important part of forming an identity is to separate from one’s parents and to evaluate what is important in one’s life. This process can occur at different times: high school, college, 30’s, mid-life crisis and in differing degrees, but the process is inevitable if one is going to eventually feel self-confident and independent. Your son or daughter may be in this questioning and possibly defiant stage. However, it may be easier to flow with it if you can think back to the time in your own life when you were struggling with such issues as “Who am I?” and “What am I doing with my life?”

It is also inevitable that there will be some conflict this summer because whenever there is change and growth, there is always some accompanying tension. To help lessen it, you may want to anticipate what issues and rules you are willing to negotiate before your overloaded family car (van, truck, or 18 wheeler) arrives for the summer. However, there may be some values and expectations that are near and dear to your heart and that are not negotiable. Be clear about them as well as your areas of flexibility.

Needless to say, we wish that you all have a healthy and enjoyable summer!



DINING UPDATE

By Stephanie Colliton-Keith, *Marketing Manager For Bon Appetit*

LOW CARBON DIET DAY 2012

In New England, we never know what Mother Nature will bring from one day to the next; luckily, Low Carbon Diet day was a gorgeous one! Not only was Bon Appetit celebrating Low Carbon day the Eco-Rep group had a fantastic outdoor Earth Fest planned with their RWU Green Team! Dining coordinated a taste of local, low carbon Rhode Island favorites – all enjoying the great day outside – including: Matunuck Oyster Farm shucking oysters, homemade RI Chowder (Rhode Island chowder has a clear broth, not cream!), Absalona Hydroponic Greenhouse provided a variety of greens for purchase, and local farmer Kristen Schofield had a beautiful display of herbs, raw honey, homemade jams, sunchokes, and rhubarb! From the RWU Green Team, la mein noodles were being hand stretched on the quad (the noodle maker said unlike lo mein noodles, la mein noodles are hand stretched!), a \$1.00 donation would plant one tree through the Nature Conservancy, and an old (cleaned) toilet was up-cycled as a planter! It was a bustling quad that day and inside the Commons guests relaxed with a delicious Low Carbon lunch. On the menu was:



New England Haddock Cippino
Pork Spare Ribs
Stuffed Greenhouse Tomatoes
Spring Root Vegetable Stew served with homemade Corn Bread
Roasted Fingerling Potatoes
Sautéed Greenhouse Spinach
Sautéed Yellow Squash with Roasted Red Peppers
Harvest Farm Fresh Vegetable Soup
Rhode Island Clam Chowder
Tomato, Arugula, Micro Green, and Balsamic Spread Panini
Mussels Marinara over Spaghetti
Cheese-less Pizza's galore
Clam Cakes
Turkey Burgers



LOBSTER-STEAK DINNER

Without question RWU's annual Lobster-Steak dinner is an event every incoming and seasoned student looks forward to; this year was no different! What was a little different this year was our seating reservation system. Learning from years past, the lines at the door often ends up down three flights of stairs and outside (you can imagine what the serving line looks like); so in order to calm the chaos we arranged four hourly seating times from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. During each lunch period a week in advance to the dinner, students were asked to choose a seating time, were given a ticket, and asked to arrive right on time for dinner; a bit to our surprise, only a handful of students lost their ticket and almost all of our guests were right on time! Dinner flowed smoothly, tables were cleaned after each rush departed, and needless to say, students weren't left in a long line in the chilly outdoors. On top of a mouth-watering menu, with the aid of Coca-Cola, a free raffle greeted all of our students. Prizes included: an iPad, men's & women's mountain bike, a grill, a basketball hoop system, 42" LCD TV, 4-pack of Red Sox tickets, and a laptop (spoiled, we know). Take a look at what was served that night:

Grilled steak with demi-glaze
Steamed Maine Lobster with melted butter
BBQ Grilled Chicken Breast
Clam Cakes
Stuffed Artichokes
Baked Idaho Potatoes
Steamed Sweet Corn
Green Beans with Butter and Almonds



DINING UPDATE cont.

By Stephanie Colliton-Keith, *Marketing Manager For Bon Appetit*

SENIOR STEAK AND ALE

April, 2012 held RWU's first annual Senior Steak and Ale dinner by the Inter-Class Council (ICC). This landmark event was the first time alcohol was served in the Upper Commons dining café, thus great care was taken to ensure the dinner was a success for this occasion and for years to come. The Class of 2012 ICC group made sure invitees realized the dinner was an "adult" night – with a two drink maximum. The dinner had to be approved by RWU's Vice President of Student Affairs prior to any planning, with assurance that the affair would be tastefully held. The guest count reached 230 seniors and Newport Storm Brewery agreed to match every one keg purchased through our Catering department. Former Catering Manager Tara Norcross took the lead with coordinating the event and also ordered specialty beer steins for guests to commemorate the occasion. As promised by everyone involved with organizing the first Senior Steak and Ale, the night was well-enjoyed by all in attendance and has paved the way for future seniors to celebrate their time at RWU. Chef Robert Lavoie designed a superb buffet menu:



14-ounce Steak
Baked Stuffed Shrimp
Baked Potato with Assorted Accoutrements
String Beans
Sautéed Button Mushrooms
Strawberry Shortcake



RWU Alcohol Prevention Efforts Highlighted at National Conference

By Donna Lynn Darmody, *Director of Health Education and Alcohol and other Drug Prevention Efforts*

Since 2006 RWU has conducted a comprehensive, data-driven alcohol prevention campaign paying particular attention to evidence-based environmental strategies. These include consistent policy enforcement with new initiatives such as bag checks, quantity limits, alcohol free south campus, parental notification, weekend bans from residence halls and an increased public safety presence. Other initiatives include AlcoholEdu, a mandated online program for incoming freshmen, a parents program at orientation, RWU representation on local community coalitions, responsible beverage service training, increased late night programming, and educational social norm messaging campaigns. An active Alcohol and Other Drug Task Force meets regularly to plan, evaluate and revise all initiatives as well as track data over time from several surveys (CORE, ACUHO-I, Alcohol-Edu, NCHA). Highlighted trends include:

- An increase in the number of non-drinkers as applicants to RWU and six weeks into first semester
- An overall increase in the abstinence rate of the entire student population
- Decrease in the binge drinking rate (5 or more drinks in a row in last two weeks)
- Decrease in problem drinking rate (7 or more)

In June, Donna Lynn Darmody, Director of Health Education, and Dean of Students Kathleen McMahon will travel to Chicago to the American College Health Association Annual Meeting, College Health: Architects of Change to present a 90 minute general session called “The Environmental Management Approach to Alcohol Use and Abuse: An Overview and Examples from a Private and Public University”. They will highlight RWU’s efforts and challenges along with presenters representing the U.S. Department of Education’s Higher Education Center for Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Violence Prevention and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

By K. C. Ferrara, *Director of the Feinstein Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning*



KC Ferrara, Director of the Feinstein Center for Community Engagement, and Robbin Beauchamp, Director of the Career Center, had the incredible honor of accompanying the Alternative Spring Break club on their March trip to Mechanicsville, VA to work with Habitat for Humanity of Hanover County (<http://www.hanoverhfh.org/>). When we made the decision to be trip advisors – together – we jokingly said that we’d come back either loving each other or not speaking! What we didn’t know is that we were in for one of the most profound experiences of our professional lives.

This merry band of builders departed RWU precisely at 6am – when KC arrived at 5:55am, people were already buried in their seats under blankets, sleeping. In fact, Robbin never saw a few of her passengers until the New Jersey rest area stop! Our 11 hour road trip ended at the Mechanicsville United Methodist Church. Though the common space included a large television, it would remain off for the entire week.

This “merry band” included Katie Wilson, Katie Smethurst, Laura Dushkin, Tory Benoit, Emily D’Iorio, Kelsey Powers, Lauren Mackay, Bronson Martin, Cameran Meyers, Jacquelyn Roder, Jessica Luongo, Samantha Sorbello and Caitlyn Stein.

At the site:

On Monday morning we arrived at our build site – a one family, two story home on a dead end street within site of the Randolph Macon College baseball field. Boston College had departed the day before and left us plenty of work to do. Our charge for the week was to shingle the roof, build the back deck, install 14 windows, sheath the exterior – and do anything else that needed doing. We would later find out that this “and all other duties as assigned” list would include hauling 2 tub/shower units to the second floor, wiring the first floor for electric, and installing hurricane clips. By the time Friday rolled around, we would arrive at the site, unload the vans, gather our hard hats and equipment, and start working. It was as if we had worked there for months.

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK cont.

By K. C. Ferrara, *Director of the Feinstein Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning*



For both Robbin and KC, the work eventually became secondary to the experience of working alongside our incredible students.

KC says, “I was most struck by how capable and fearless our students were. On the first day, when the site supervisor asked for volunteers to roof, I considered the crowd. Eleven women and one man, none particularly “construction worker” looking. Then hands just went UP! These young people didn’t hesitate to spend the week on the roof. By Friday, they were scaling the scaffolding like monkeys, up and down for tools and water. Just incredible.”

Robbin shares, “As a woman with two teens at home, I was very hesitant to travel with older teenagers not knowing what to expect. I am so thrilled that this group of students was so welcoming, not just to KC and I as “very adult” (i.e. mature) chaperones, but to each other, especially the many freshmen. EVERYONE was part of this group. New friendships were made; existing friendships were reinforced, while students enjoyed some old fashioned fun,

including our very own drive-in movie night in the church.”

On Wednesday of our stay the church hosted its weekly parish. Seventy-five parishioners gathered to share a meal and conversation with each other and us, their “guests of honor”. Our students scattered in pairs, engaging mothers with babies, elderly southern gentlemen, and church staff in conversation, sharing their experiences at the site and of their life at RWU. After dinner we met with the youth group, a group of 12 middle school-high school aged parishioners who shared the incredible service work they engage in regularly. Each of our young Mechanicsville friends left that evening with their own yellow Community Connections t-shirt, so that they would remember this meeting. Maybe we even recruited some future RWU students!

Each evening our students processed what they had done that day – had they surprised themselves with their skills? What projects had been completed? But they also considered larger issues like, “Can I change the world” or “What is my role in my community”. For the seasoned ASB students, this was one experience to compare with the others. For the new group members, some didn’t understand HFH’s role or the overall issues of affordable housing. This blending of old and new allowed the students to learn from each other.

Anyone who has ever considered being a part of an alternative spring break service trip, either as a student or as a chaperone, should jump at the chance. It is an amazing experience that everyone should be able to have. We both came back reenergized about our work with college students and it helped us see the incredible work our students are doing, work that is not evident every day.

And just in case you are wondering, KC and Robbin are still talking to each other!

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STUDENT LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

ORGANIZATION MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Alex Palios

CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Susan Mitchell

SENATE SCHOLARSHIP IN ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Stephanie Coyle
Lauren Jost
Cory Kadlik
Elizabeth Kilzi

SENATE SCHOLARSHIP IN ACTIVISM ACHIEVEMENT

Amanda Newman
Scott Scarneo
Kevin Spencer

THE JAMES RUSSO AWARD FOR STUDENT ATHLETE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Kyle Barlow
Sarah Mamula

SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Matthew Berry
Kelsey Whalen
Charles J. Kelley

HEALTH SERVICES AWARD

Kirstie Goodwin

FEINSTEIN CENTER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

JingAi
Michael Carberry-Santacroce
Delia Clifford
Trevor Kutsaftis
Maria Lobalbo
Katie Wilson

RESIDENT ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Griffin Labbance

LT. CHARLES A. HENDERSON, USN '99 OUTSTANDING TUTOR

AWARDS IN MATH, SCIENCE & WRITING

Outstanding Tutor in Math- Casey Klosowski
Outstanding Tutor in Science- Lauren Salerno
Outstanding Tutor in Writing- Leigh Wilmot

MELISA CARRASQUILLO AWARD FOR INTERCULTURAL CITIZENSHIP

Tania S. Hurtado

MARK D. GOULD COMMITMENT TO STUDENT LEARNING AWARD

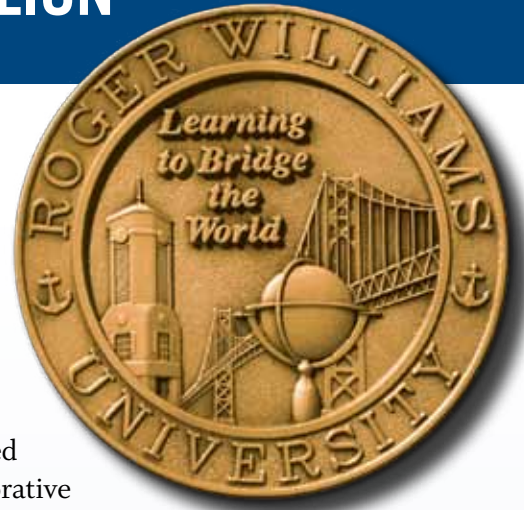
Professor Kerri Warren, Ph.D.
Karen Haskell Award
Nibal Awad
Griffin Labbance
Dr. J. Harold G. Way Award
Alexander "AJ" Guedouar
Lauren Tierney

LT. CHARLES A. HENDERSON, USN '99 SPIRIT AWARD

Amber Monck
Andrea Pena

PRESIDENT'S CORE VALUES MEDALLION

The President's Core Values Medallion was established in 2007 to recognize those graduating seniors who best exemplify the core values of Roger Williams University. The students awarded this honor have truly embraced the University's core values: love of learning as an intrinsic value; preparation for careers and future study; collaboration of students and faculty in research; commitment to community through service and sustainability; appreciation of global perspectives; and promotion of civil discourse. The University President, working in concert with each of the schools, selected the Presidential Award honorees. Honorees will be presented with a unique medallion – depicting the core values – framed in a commemorative keepsake. The medallion is identical to the one worn by the University President as part of his presidential Commencement regalia.



Please congratulate the award recipients.

Colin Ross Gadoury – School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation

Michael P. Reaves, Jr. – School of Continuing Studies

Kristina Marie Soprano – School of Education

Keith Michael Doucot – School of Engineering, Computing and Construction Management

Caitlin M. Studley – Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences, Humanities and Performing Arts Division

Lauren R. Salerno – Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences, Math and Natural Sciences Division

Ziad Al Achkar – Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences, Social Sciences Division

Christine Marie Durnin – Mario J. Gabelli School of Business

Nibal N. Awad – School of Justice Studies

Ashley Catherine Aliengena – At Large

Vivienne Rose Clayton – At Large

Peter Paul Dunn – At Large



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