

STUDENT LIFE AT RWU

A Newsletter for Parents and Students

Fall 2016

A Message from the Vice President of Student Life



Dear Families and Students,

This fall semester began with a warm welcome to our largest incoming class in RWU history. Student athletes

and student leaders offered our renowned Roger move-in assistance to 1275 new resident, commuter and transfer students. All members of the entering class, along with many parents, student leaders and staff joined faculty, senior administration, trustees and staff marshals in celebrating Convocation on Saturday, August 27th. Our RWU student clubs, organizations, and all Student Life departments coordinated for an expansive Weeks of Welcome (WOW), a 30-day series of programming designed to welcome new students to campus and to provide our returning students a chance to reconnect with the university community. Read more in the following pages about the comprehensive WOW programming that your students have been engaged with in their first weeks on campus, as well as some highlights of events scheduled for later this fall.

Our university community has also welcomed three student life professionals to the division's leadership team. **Dr. Lisa Landreman**, former Associate Dean of Students at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota has been appointed Assistant Vice President & Dean of Student Life. Lisa joined the Roger Williams University staff on August 15th. Dr. Landreman's

predecessor, Dr. Kathleen McMahon, relocated to California following a successful twelve year tenure at Roger Williams University. Lisa began her career serving in Residence Life positions at Michigan State and then supervised residence life staff at the University of San Francisco. Before arriving at Macalester in 2008, Lisa served as Faculty Associate/ Assistant Director of Chadbourne Residential College at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She also worked as Dean of Students for two Semester of Sea voyages, and as the Assistant Executive Dean during Spring 2016. Lisa completed her M.S. in College Student Personnel at Indiana University, and her B.S. in Social Work at the University of Wisconsin – Lacrosse. Dr. Landreman completed her Ph.D. in Higher Education at the University of Michigan. Here at Roger Williams, Lisa oversees the work of the directors and professional staff in the Intercultural Center (including International Student Life and Spiritual Life), Residence Life, Housing, Public Safety and Student Conduct & Community Standards. We have already begun to appreciate Lisa's transparent and engaged leadership, concern for social justice and dedication to community development.

I am also pleased to announce the appointment of **Anne M. Mitchell MNS, NP** as the new Director of Health Services at Roger Williams University. Until her retirement in June 2016, Anne was serving as a Captain in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corp and has extensive experience in all aspects of Health Services in residential and base environments across the country and

world. She brings extensive clinical and management skills with her through her experiences and has transitioned seamlessly to a college campus serving a similar aged population as in the Navy. Anne assumed her leadership of the RWU health services department on July 5th following the retirement of the twenty-two year former director, Ms. Anne Andrade. Highlights of Anne Mitchell's impressive Navy responsibilities and operational assignments include Division Officer of the Intensive Care Unit at Naval Medical Center San Diego, CA and Naval Hospital Groton, CT; Department Head the Naval Hospital in Okinawa, Japan; Director of Public Health at Naval Health Clinic New England in Newport, RI; Senior Nurse Executive on the USNS COMFORT, Baltimore, MD. Anne's final tour duties were as a Family Nurse Practitioner, Naval Health Clinic New England, in Newport, RI.

Dr. Christopher Bailey has been appointed as Interim Director of Counseling and Student Development, following the retirement of his long-time colleague and RWU Counseling Center Director for the past twenty-six years, Dr. James Azar. Dr. Bailey's roles in the RWU and Stonehill College Counseling Centers include Staff Counselor, Staff Psychologist, Assistant Director, and Associate Director. Chris has assumed increasingly significant operational and managerial responsibilities of the Roger Williams Counseling Center since 2002, and he will provide the counseling staff and student clients with a steady transition. Dr. Bailey earned his Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Missouri-

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Kansas City in 2002. His academic credentials also include a Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology from Connecticut College, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Providence College. In addition to his extensive work with RWU undergraduate and graduate students, Chris has provided individual and group therapy, on-call crisis intervention, staff training and consultation, and case presentation and assessment to the communities of Stonehill College (Easton, MA), University of Missouri-Columbia, Rockhurst University (Kansas City, MO), and Rhode Island College. Dr. Bailey brings extensive supervisory and assessment experience to his new role, and has been a member of the American Psychological Association since 1994.

Finally, **Dr. Jen Stanley** was appointed as the university's Title IX Coordinator, Associate Dean & Director of the Gender & Sexuality Center this summer, following her distinguished service as the Director of Residence Life at Roger Williams University for the past sixteen years. As Title IX Coordinator, Dr. Stanley is responsible for leading and coordinating RWU's compliance with federal and state discrimination, sexual assault and harassment laws. In addition, Jen supervises the university's health education initiatives, including the development of on-going and targeted outreach, as well as overseeing the work of the Gender and Sexuality Center. **Mr. Tony Montefusco** is serving as the interim Director of Housing and Residence Life, assuming all operational and managerial responsibilities

of the Residence Life department, in addition to his responsibilities as RWU housing director.

This issue of *Student Life at RWU* offers a snapshot of campus life, but it is only a glimpse of our vibrant Bristol campus. We encourage all family members to attend all or some portion of our upcoming **Homecoming & Family Weekend on October 21–23**. A full schedule of activities and online registration can be reviewed at <http://www.rwu.edu/homecoming>.

We hope to see you on campus in the days ahead!

Sincerely,
John J. King, Ed.D.
Vice President – Student Life

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— Dr. John J. King, Vice President of Student Life

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NEW STUDENT CONVOCATION

By Allison Chase Padula, Associate Dean of Students

Saturday, August 27th was an exciting day on campus as we welcomed the Class of 2020 into the Roger Williams University academic community and marked the beginning of the 2016–17 academic year at the New Student Convocation. New students, families and University faculty and staff assembled under the tent to hear welcoming remarks from President Donald Farish, Ph.D., J.D., who presided over the ceremony.



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Student Life, provided words to inspire our incoming class as they began their new academic journey. Dr. Andy Workman provided the academic address, encouraging students to take advantage of all of the opportunities ahead of them to learn in the university's rich academic environment. Dr. June Speakman, President of the Faculty Senate and Professor of Political Science, welcomed new students on behalf of the faculty and encouraged them to get to know the faculty who are here to teach and support them. Students were also welcomed by Student Senate President Polina Boily '17, who encouraged new students to get involved on campus.



the University. Dean Robert Potter of the School of Engineering, Computing and Construction Management led the incoming class in the Pledge of Academic Integrity.



This year's ceremony began with the class banner presentation. Mark Stewart '85 and Donna Stewart '86, parents of Sean '18 and incoming student Brent, along with Dan Medina '82, father of incoming student Emily were the proud alumni/parent representatives.

The Invocation was offered by University Multi-Faith Chaplain Rev. Nancy Hamlin Soukup. Dr. John King, Vice President of

The culmination of the ceremony occurred as each of the RWU academic deans instructed students to don their academic robes, a symbol of their membership into



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!

RWU SPIRITUAL LIFE STARTS FALL TERM WITH RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES & CELEBRATIONS

By Rev. Nancy Hamlin Soukup, *University Multifaith Chaplain*

RWU's Office of Spiritual Life began the academic year with religious holidays for both the Muslim and Jewish student communities. In September, RWU Muslim students celebrated Second Eid (or Eid al-Adha) with a dinner at the Intercultural Center, featuring food prepared by Bon Appétit from recipes by students Tarek Aldawalibi '19 and Ziyad Almutairi '16.5. Approximately 100 students, faculty, staff, and administrators joined the festivities, which commemorates Abraham's obedience to God.

A very successful Ramadan community iftar (meals) program to break the fast and a First Eid (or Eid al-Fitr) celebration in June and July preceded this fall's Second Eid. After the graduation of long-time student chefs, Faihan Alfahani '16 and Manveer Singh '16, two new chefs—Tarek and Ziyad (mentioned above)—came forward to coordinate and cook twelve iftars during Ramadan. They then assisted Bon Appétit chefs in preparing the First Eid meal (end



2016 Ramadan iftars: L–R Hala Wakidi '18 and Ziyad Almutairi '16.5.

of Ramadan). For the second year, the Ramadan and First Eid celebrations were sponsored by the Office of Spiritual Life and International Student Life Program, and the fifth year for the Second Eid observance.

RWU Hillel held its first Shabbat of the year to welcome new students in September. About 25 current and first-year members gathered for a picnic outside the Intercultural Center. The RWU Hillel



RWU Hillel leadership at the 2016 Fall Activities Fair: L–R Ben Manchel '19, Jake Sussman '18, Betty Bucco '16.

leadership made plans to attend Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services in October at URI (Rhody) Hillel, which along with Brown-RISD Hillel have warmly welcomed RWU Hillel to their services and observances. In addition to regular Shabbats on campus, Hillel is participating in the RWU Film Series on the Jewish Experience in November—a three-day selection of new release films focusing on Judaism globally.

This fall, the Office of Spiritual Life is organizing its second trip service-learning trip to Navajo Nation for spring break 2017. In coordination with the international organization, Amizade, students will travel to Tuba City, Arizona, to take part in a week-long immersion into the culture, history, and spirituality of the Navajo. Most important, they will participate in on-site work projects, which have included building rehab. In March 2015, the first trip was held, and this second trip is much anticipated.

Sunday Catholic Masses, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) prayer meetings and Bible study, daily and Jumu'ah prayers for Muslim students, Shabbats for Jewish students, and weekly Zen Meditation practice, all continue this fall,



2016 Ramadan iftars: L–R Tarek Aldawalibi '19 and Cassidy Hammond '15, Assistant Director, International Student Life.

revealing RWU students rich engagement in spiritual life and religious observances on campus.

For more information about spiritual life at Roger Williams University, you are welcome to contact the Rev. Nancy Hamlin Soukup, University Multifaith Chaplain and Director of the Office of Spiritual Life, at 401-254-3433 or nsoukup@rwu.edu.

Photos by Don Mays, Director of the Intercultural Center

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AT ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

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

The start of the Fall Semester is always exciting for the Department of Student Programs and Leadership and the Office of New Student Orientation. Our RWU student clubs, organizations, and all Student Life departments eagerly anticipate the **Weeks of Welcome (WOW)** programming. WOW is a 30-day series of programming that welcomes new students to campus and allows our returning students a chance to reconnect with the university community. This year's programming calendar included the following events:

- Annual First Year class trip to Newport, RI where over 800 students enjoyed a beautiful day to explore the seaside community.
- RWU Target Take-over has become a favorite tradition as RWU buses the entire freshmen class to Target for a night of games, music, free food and shopping.
- Campus Entertainment Network's (CEN) annual 1-2-3 Weekend featuring hypnotist Frank Santos Jr., an outdoor showing of the movie Zootopia, and a country music autumn concert.
- Our Multi-Cultural Student Union (MSU) hosted Holi, the Indian Festival of Color.



MSU's Holi Festival of Color

- CEN's Annual Fall Sports Bonfire Pep Rally featuring a '80s theme as the RWU fall sports team were announced.
- WQRI 88.3 hosted a Guitar Hero tournament that allowed first year students to battle through various songs and guitar performances.



RWU's mascot Swoop takes students under his wings at the Bonfire!

- The Inter Residence Hall Association (IRHA) hosted a zombie vs. human tournament, utilizing the Walking Dead as an example.
- The Student Senate and Inter Class Council (ICC) publicized and hosted the freshmen class elections.

The highlight of the Weeks of Welcome program is the annual **Student Involvement Fair**, an event that allows all students to learn about the university's clubs, organizations and club sports. This year's event, the largest fair to date, featured 70 clubs, 7 club sports and 7 organizations tables where students could learn more about each offering. Members of the freshmen class actively sought out more information about the variety of opportunities that await them on campus. The Student Programs staff, in conjunction with our Clubs and Organizations, has an exciting semester of programming planned for our campus for the Fall 2016 semester, including:



The Fall Sports Pep Rally Bonfire



Student Involvement Fair

- ICC's Spirit Week Events, October 16th through 22nd
- CEN's Wicked Week Events, October 23rd through 29th.
- Dance Club Fall Show, November 2nd at 8 p.m.
- IRHA's Annual Mr. RWU Spectacular, November 19th at 7 p.m.
- Student Senate Winter Illuminations, December 7th at 4:30 p.m.
- Late Night Breakfast, December 8th at 9 p.m.

Students who were not able to connect with a club or organization during the Involvement Fair can still get involved by visiting the staff in the Department of Student Programs and Leadership, who will connect them with the respective club. A full list of RWU clubs and organizations can be found at <http://rwu.edu/campus-life/get-involved/clubs-orgs>.

THE INTERCULTURAL CENTER: RAINBOW CLOUDS...AND A LOT MORE!

By Don Mays, *Intercultural Center Director*

The 2016 fall semester in the Intercultural Center is an explosion of rich and meaningful programs, activities and collaborations. Home to Multicultural Student Life, LGBTQ Student Life, International Student Life and Spiritual Life, all of which add to the Center's mission of diversity and inclusion. The student-led/student-centered programming is a reflection of that mission.



The fall semester opened with our 7th Annual "Welcome Back Ice Cream Social." A cool way to kick off the new academic year while the sun was still warm in the sky.



Another highly anticipated activity is the MSU-sponsored the Holi celebration, the Indian festival of colors. Traditionally, the colorful festival of Holi is celebrated on Phalgun Purnima which comes at the end of February or early March. Holi festival has an ancient origin and celebrates the triumph of 'good' over 'bad'. On this day, people hug and wish each other 'Happy Holi'.



Students also gear-up for a year of leadership and activities attending leadership training and orientation. The Diversity Leaders (DL) program and Intercultural Leadership Ambassadors (ILA) participate in rigorous



trainings in the areas of social justice, mentoring and leadership engagement. All these programs are designed to foster a sense of community, support and encouragement for freshmen, transfers and returning students.



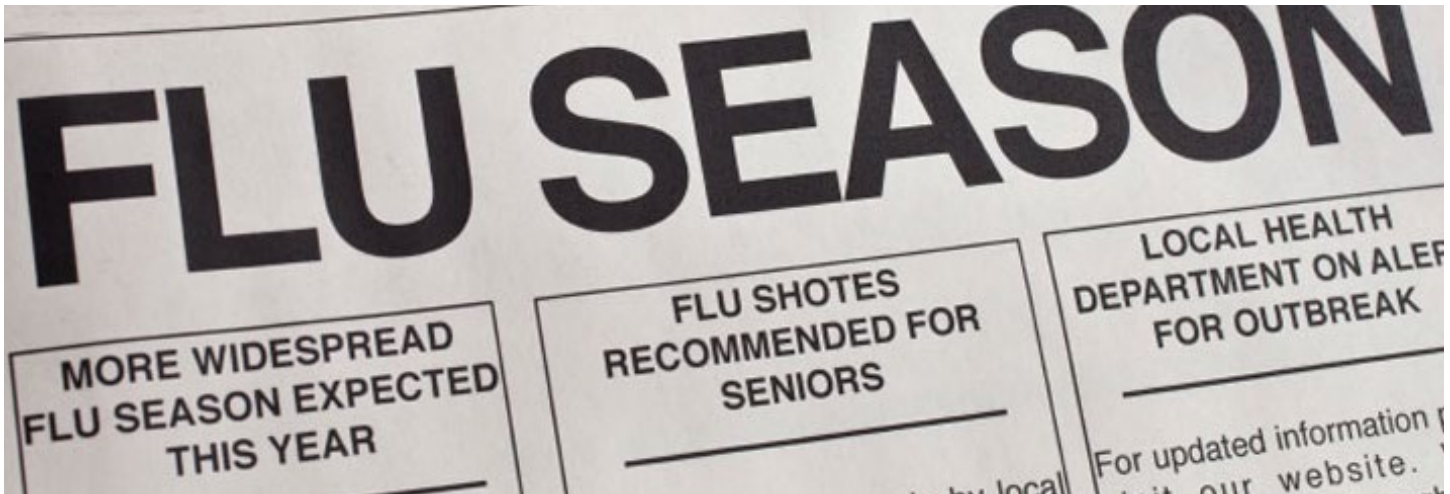
And at the end of the day, the Center is and will always be the home-away-from-home...



HEALTH SERVICES – HAVE YOU SEEN OUR PATIENT PORTAL?

By Anne Mitchell, FNP & Director of Health Services

The Roger Williams University Patient Portal will provide students and their provider a method for secure messaging of important information about their health including test results and recommendations for self-care. The portal will provide students with 24-7 access to information. Students can ask provider questions, check for next scheduled appointments, view insurance information, and access current educational materials. This is a secure messaging system, so the personal health information is protected. We encourage all students to sign up TODAY to start using the Patient Portal. To set up the secure messaging simply go to rwu.medicatconnect.com and click “Register Now!”



FLU NEWS UPDATE:

Flu season is upon us. The Health Service staff would like students to stay healthy. **First and foremost encourage your student to GET THEIR FLU SHOT!** Flu Clinics will be offered on Tuesday, 10/18 and Thursday, 10/27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Commons.

INFLUENZA SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Body aches
- Headache
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Sometimes diarrhea and vomiting

WHAT SHOULD STUDENTS DO IF THEY GET SICK?

- Stay home and avoid contact with other people.
- WASH HANDS and COVER COUGH/SNEEZES to avoid spreading the virus to other people.
- Rest and drink lots of fluids.
- Take Tylenol or ibuprofen for fever, headache, pain and body aches.
- Seek medical care if symptoms are severe or if you have heart disease, asthma, diabetes, or are pregnant.
- Schedule an appointment at Health Services by calling 401-254-3156.
- Your health care provider will decide if an influenza test is needed.
- Prescription anti-viral medication may be offered.

BATTLE FOR THE HAWK: THEY BEAT THE CLOCK AND WON!

By Mary Randazzo, *CORE of Cedar Hall*

On a rainy Sunday in early September, a group of Cedar Hall residents came together with one task in mind; to be the next Battle for the Hawk champions. Competing against four other teams from Stonewall Terrace, Brianna Lynch, Julie Mueller, Ashton Waldron, Makaila Corridori and Amanda Losco battled their way to victory as Team Pineapple.

This year the event was comprised of a series of "Minute to Win It" Challenges, such as: removing all tissues from a standard size tissue box in under a minute, sliding a Chips Ahoy cookie from one's forehead to mouth using only the facial muscles in under a minute, and the ultimate challenge: dropping a Mento mint into



The winners! Cedar Hall residents and their proud CORE dominated the competition at the annual Residence Life and Housing Battle for the Hawk.

a liter of Diet Coke from approximately 3ft above in under a minute. With each challenge, the teams began to lose momentum, with the exception of Team Pineapple! These fabulous ladies from the 5th floor of Cedar Hall exercised great leadership, teamwork, and enthusiasm for the entirety of the program.

The winners of this year's Battle for the Hawk were awarded tee-shirts, a RWU Bookstore shopping spree and trophies! The students had a great time competing in the Battle for the Hawk and they cannot wait to win again at next year's Fall 2017 competition!

STONEWALL'S SUPER SEXY SUNDAY

By Kyle McAuliffe, *Stonewall CORE*

On Sunday, September 25th the Stonewall Terrace RA staff, in partnership with their Health and Wellness Educator (HAWE), held a building wide sex education program, "Stonewall's Super Sexy Sunday". The topics discussed included safe sex practices, STIs, and the taboos of sex in the media.

The 41 students who participated were entered into a raffle for a number of prizes at the end of this important presentation.



THE RWU COUNSELING CENTER'S SUPPORT SERVICES

By Dr. Christopher Bailey, *Interim Director, Center for Counseling and Student Development*



As the fall semester begins, incoming and returning students often face challenges in being apart from family life and being immersed in a campus identity. These challenges can take many different forms such as taking on new responsibilities, especially for one's own direction; building relationships with new friends or dating partners; negotiating shared space with roommates; managing increased academic demands; facing decisions about career paths; and reflecting on values, priorities, and goals. The Center is available to assist students in meeting these challenges and pointing students toward helpful resources.



This semester we were joined by two new interns, Marissa Norman and Amanda Pope, who are both working toward their doctorate in clinical psychology at William James College. The Center has continued

to offer Roger Williams University students individual therapy without session limits and without cost. This semester we made adjustments to our scheduling format to enhance student access to our services. We are offering a number and variety of groups this semester, including ACT Now, Anxiety/Stress, College Wellness, Creativity and Coping, Dating Violence, Grief Loss, Happiness Habits, LGBTQ&Q Support, Transgender Support, and Yoga/Meditation.

In addition, we anticipate that we will continue to provide outreach presentations on topics relevant to student concerns and to be accessible to consult with others about student concerns. We invite students, parents, administrators, staff, and faculty to view our website for valuable information. Numerous brochures can be found at <http://www.rwu.edu/campus-life/health-counseling/counseling-center/resources>. Weekly mental health tips can also be accessed at any time at <http://www.rwu.edu/campus-life/education-learning/health-counseling/counseling-center/resources/mental-health-tip-week>. Our website offers information on a range of topics such as adjustment to RWU, depression, anxiety, and procrastination.

We want to remind you that individual therapy is a confidential activity, which means we cannot share information about a student's visit to the Center without student permission except in very rare circumstances. However, anyone is welcome to call us to consult with one of our clinicians to share concerns they may have about students. All full-time undergraduate, graduate, and law students are eligible for our services free of charge.



The Counseling Center is located on the 2nd floor of the Center for Student Development. We are open on weekdays (except for university holidays) during the school year from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To schedule an initial appointment, a student can call 401-254-3124 or visit the Center.

GREETINGS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY!

By Steve Melaragno, *Director of Public Safety*

The Department of Public Safety is actively involved in the campus Green Dot Initiative, designed to raise awareness and encourage bystander intervention for the safety and security of the entire campus community.

Green Dot is built on the premise that in order to measurably reduce the perpetration of power-based personal violence, a cultural shift is necessary. In order to create a cultural shift, a critical mass of people will need to engage in a new behavior or set of behaviors that will make violence less sustainable within any given community.



“Green Dot is a single choice in one moment in time that you use your voice, action or choice to make one small corner of the world safer.”

All first year students are provided a security orientation program as well as materials advising them of precautions they should follow to help avoid becoming victims of crime on or off campus. Crime prevention information and personal safety classes and programs are presented to students and staff throughout the year, including emergency evacuation procedures, personal safety tips, and theft prevention practices.

Enhance Your Personal Safety: Download the Rave Guardian App

Rave Guardian has been purchased by the University and is offered at no charge to students, faculty and staff. This smart phone app acts like a “blue light” in the palm of your hand. The app allows your student to call for help simply by pushing the icon on the screen of their smartphone. The app calls Public Safety and the GPS feature tells responding personnel where they are on campus. You can also use it to anonymously report suspicious activity, set a safety timer if you’re walking alone, or call local Police if you’re off campus and need help. Please encourage your student to download this valuable app!

Features

Panic Button – Direct immediate connection to Campus Safety with GPS location and personal profile information.

Tip Texting – Enables anonymous, 2-way, crime tip reporting through text and images.

Personal Guardians & Safety Timer –

Students can identify Campus Safety, friends, roommates, and family as “Guardians” when setting their Rave Guardian Safety Timer. During a timer session, Guardians and Campus Safety can check status of the student. If the Safety Timer is not deactivated before it expires, Campus Safety is automatically provided with the user’s Rave Guardian profile to proactively identify and check in on the individual.



We encourage everyone to download Rave Guardian to their Android or Apple smartphone.

RWU FALL SPORTS IN FULL SWING

By Nicholas Williams, *Athletics Communication Director*

One month into the 2016–17 academic year, Roger Williams University Athletics is in full swing, with the fall sports gearing up for conference play, winter sports preparing for preseason, and spring sports getting in their Fall Ball practices.

Volleyball has faced strong competition over its first 11 matches, playing numerous regionally-ranked teams and one nationally-ranked team. The team sits at 7-4 overall, as well as 2-0 in the Commonwealth Coast Conference. The volleyball team hosts eight teams in its annual invitational tournament the first weekend of October.

Women's Tennis has been on a tear as of late, riding an eight-match winning streak as of late September. The Hawks are currently the top team in the Commonwealth Coast Conference, sitting at 4-0 thanks to a crucial 5-4 victory over Gordon College on September 20th. RWU has a good opportunity to lock down a top-two seed for the CCC Tournament and earn a first-round bye.



Women's Soccer has faced a tough task, replacing an All-New England midfielder and an All-American scoring forward. Though the Hawks have had a rough start to the season, they have come back strong over the past couple of games, earning back-to-back wins over Emmanuel and CCC rival Endicott.

Men's Soccer has faced a similar rough start to their 2016 campaign, playing a formidable schedule of strong out-of-conference opponents. The team looks to



get back on the winning side as it gets into the heart of conference play.

Field Hockey endured some close losses at the beginning of the season, but is starting to turn the page on their season. The Hawks have won their last two games to move back to .500 in the Commonwealth Coast Conference. Most notably, RWU collected a 3-1 win over Salve Regina on September 22, RWU's first-ever win over the Seahawks. Men's Golf has been off to a good start to the year with a pair of solid finishes in the team's first two tournaments. Derek Devereaux was the medalist in the team's first tournament of the year, helping RWU place second. The team then hosted the RWU Invite at Montaup Country Club, coming away with a fourth and fifth-place showing.



Men's and Women's Cross Country have had a relatively quiet start to the year, having competed in only two events thus far to stay fresh for the end of the year. Both teams finished fifth at the RWU Invitational on opening weekend before racing at UMass-Dartmouth two weeks later. The men would take fourth in that race while the women placed 15th. Matt Simonelli was named CCC Runner of the Week for his performance.

Sailing has enjoyed a strong start to the year. The team hosted 19 teams on its first weekend of competition at the Mount Hope Bay Invitational and came away with the win. The Hawks have finished in the top five in eight of the team's regattas this season and looks to continue a strong showing as the year progresses.

Equestrian is preparing for its first show of the season on October 9. The Hawks will be under the guidance of first-year head coach Nora Harris. Harris brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the 35 riders that will be competing for Roger Williams this season. Under her tutelage, RWU looks to make a run at the regional championship.

ROGER WILLIAMS ULTIMATE FRISBEE CLUB WINS FIRST TOURNAMENT OF THE YEAR

By Tyger Allen, *Class of 2018*

The Roger Williams Ultimate Frisbee Club took the field on Saturday night in their first home tournament of the year against Southern Connecticut State University and Providence College. The team wore teal “Team Bridget” shirts in dedication to a team friend battling ovarian cancer. In their first game, Roger Williams took on Southern Connecticut. The team got off to a fast start and found themselves up 7-1 early. In order to get to half, the home team needed one more point. After scoring, Junior Matt Bartell “pulled” the disc to Southern (the Ultimate equivalent of a kick-off). The defense got downfield fast and pinned the away team inside their own end zone. On a desperation throw by Southern Connecticut, Alex Delalla batted the disc and as it floated in the air, senior Matt Stearns caught it in the opponent’s end zone for an instant score known in Ultimate circles as a “Callahan”. The team and fans were fired up going into the half. After halftime, Southern Connecticut came back and put pressure on the home team, but fell short as Roger Williams took the victory 15-7.

After a Providence College (PC) victory against Southern Connecticut, Roger



The 2016–2017 RWU Ultimate Frisbee Team

Williams would face PC to determine the tournament winner. The teams traded points early, but the home team pulled ahead with the crowd cheering them on. The home club took the victory 14-8 to end the tournament with two wins.

Senior Captain Matt Nemias led the team with 10 assists, which was enough to make him the top total points scorer. Senior Jake Deslandes and sophomore TJ Battaglini tied for most scores with 5 each. Junior Captain Matt Bartell and senior Captain Matt Stearns tied for most defensive stops with 7 each. Freshman Jimmy Curtin caught his first career score in the win over Providence College.



Senior captain Matt Stearns celebrates after scoring a rare “Callahan” point.



Senior Matt Nemias advances the disk against a Southern Connecticut State Player.

The returning players see this as a promising start to a growing team as the program had over 80 signatures at the involvement fair in early September.

BON APPETIT'S EAT LOCAL CHALLENGE CELEBRATES OUR LOCAL FARMERS, FISHERMAN, AND ARTISANS

By Stephanie Colliton Keith, *Bon Appetit Controller/Marketing Manager*



While Bon Appetit purchases as much local product as possible all year-round, this special event features an entire lunch menu made specifically from ingredients sourced within 150 miles of our campus.

Every September Bon Appetit Dining kicks off the new academic year with a celebration of the farm-fresh food growing all around Roger Williams University with our Eat Local Challenge. While Bon Appetit purchases as much local product as possible all year-round, this special event features an entire lunch menu made specifically from ingredients sourced within 150 miles of our campus. No ingredient is too small, including the sea salt from Gloucester, MA and canola oil from Middlebury, VT! Guests

see, taste, and learn that eating local – and supporting local farmers, fisherman and artisans – isn't as difficult as it may seem. The dining team creates a beautiful menu featuring a raw bar, potato-leek soup, kielbasa dogs, grilled swordfish, eggplant roulades, a cheese and charcuterie display, a bountiful salad bar, and finishes with a tempting baked apple dessert topped with fried cinnamon-sugar apple skins! In addition to this scrumptious all-local meal, the Roger Williams community

had the opportunity to meet some of the proud folks who are growing our food. Local farmers and artisans from Horse Listeners Orchard, Foley Fish, Rhody Fresh, Aquidneck Honey, and DaSilva Farm were on hand to offer samples and talk to guests about where their food comes from.

The Eat Local Challenge is always a special day and a delicious educational experience shared by all.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR HOMECOMING AND FAMILY WEEKEND: OCTOBER 21ST–23RD



Homecoming and Family Weekend is a favorite tradition for many students and family members, and this year's events should not be missed. The Homecoming and Family Weekend Planning Committee has been hard working on this year's events.

Registration information and the full weekend schedule can be found at www.rwu.edu/homecoming.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

Casino Night: This favorite event welcomes students and family members to join the excitement of the Homecoming Casino with Black Jack and other games. You will be entered into a drawing for the chance to win prizes.

Midnight Madness: Show your Hawk Pride as the Campus Entertainment Network (CEN) celebrates RWU's winter sports teams at our Pep Rally.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

Film Screening and Discussion: "Real Man" Rodriquez, a resettled refugee from the Kakuma camp in Kenya, and Stash Wislocki, a filmmaker from FilmAid/Telluride Mountain Film Festival, will host a film screening of "Lual and Leila," followed by audience Qs & As. Written, directed, filmed and acted by refugees, the 20-minute film tells the story of a forbidden love between a Muslim and non-Muslim living in a refugee camp. This event will be hosted by RWU Faculty.

5K Road Race: Bring your sneakers and challenge your student to our 5K Road Race on a course that winds through the beautiful RWU campus.

Autumn Lunch: This ticketed autumn luncheon allows you to enjoy a fabulous autumn theme lunch prepared by our award winning dining staff.

Autumn Festival: The highlight of Homecoming Weekend is the Annual Autumn Festival with activities including pumpkin painting, carnival games, live music, and food. Student clubs will be performing and hosting many of our festival's booth. This family friendly event is a favorite of all students. The crowning of the RWU Homecoming King and Queen kicks off the Autumn Festival.

Athletic Events: Cheer on our Hawks as Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, Field Hockey and Volleyball are all in action throughout the weekend.

Special Event Comedian Alice Wetterlund: The Homecoming Planning Committee is excited to welcome Alice Wetterlund to campus. Alice starred in this summer's Twentieth Century Fox film MIKE AND DAVE NEED WEDDING DATES.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

Student Life Jazz Brunch: Join the Division of Student Life at our ticketed Jazz Brunch in the Dining Commons. This event is a great chance to conclude a fabulous weekend and to say goodbye to your student before heading home.

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