Dear Alumni of Rhode Island College,

I am so pleased to introduce you to this issue of the alumni magazine. Our new VP for College Advancement and Executive Director of the Foundation, Jim Salmo, has worked hard with Alumni President Jason Anthony (class of 1999) and with the alumni staff to produce a magazine that will honor our alumni as well as inform you about some of what is new at the college.

You may not have met Jim Salmo yet. He has recently settled with his wife Lisa into a home in Bristol. I hope you will read his profile (p. 8) as a window into his vision for working successfully with alums. Of course, I hope you will also read about the ways that Jason Anthony hopes to reach out to all of you (p. 7). Their visions and energies are compatible and should take us far.

You will see the college’s reach.inspire.connect tag line is a unifying theme for this issue. The article on p. 4 will tell you how this tag line was developed as part of a new pro bono marketing initiative. I am always disappointed when a member of the community tells me that RIC is “a hidden jewel” or the “best kept secret.” We have over 53,000 living alums, most of whom are right in Rhode Island. We are intent on making sure that everyone knows that RIC is a superb educational institution, and we hope you will help reach out and spread the word.

As always, the magazine will share with you inspiring stories about just a few of our exemplary alums. Please see if you know anyone on the Honor Roll (p. 10) and learn about what makes Steve Cranshaw (p. 13) and Umberto (Bert) Crenca (p. 14) such special alums.

This issue will also give you some glimpses into current campus life. You can read about our undergrads, their activities, and our efforts to help them secure jobs in these difficult economic times. While I am on that topic, if you are a business owner, please think about hiring RIC graduates. You might also consider hiring RIC undergraduates as interns. Our current students are much like you were as students. They work hard and are intent on preparing to be good citizens. They will be grateful for any opportunities given them.

We have also turned our attention to a building many of you will remember. When the college was new, the building housed the library, the student union, and the dining hall. That building has now for many years, with little renovation, been the art center. I am pleased to say the college’s request for a $17M renovation will be on the November ballot (along with $61M to construct a new chemistry building at URI). Our art students and faculty are outstanding. The building in which they study and create art is not. Please read about the referendum and make an informed decision as voters. (See back cover.)

I hope you have a few minutes to sit back, put your feet up, and enjoy the stories we have to tell you.

Best wishes,

President Nancy Carriuolo
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A BRAND New Rhode Island College

By Rob Martin
REACH. INSPIRE. CONNECT.

Three words that say what Rhode Island College means to so many people…and the words that have now become the 156-year-old college’s new slogan.

Last year, RIC President Nancy Carriuolo formed a nine-person branding and marketing committee using in-house staff and resources so as not to incur the time and expense it would take to engage an outside marketing firm. Their first charge was to develop a new tagline to be used for advertising, promotional materials, and campus publications.

“The college needed a great tagline and marketing plan, but we had no designated funds, so I turned to the college’s talented campus community and friends of the college,” Carriuolo said. “They did not disappoint me.”

The committee brainstormed, solicited responses from the campus community, and conducted focus groups to find the right words that best exemplified the college.

The committee targeted various constituencies who would most likely be interested in and attuned to a tagline, including prospective students and their parents, alumni and donors, and the campus community at large. A dedicated email account was created for faculty and staff to offer suggestions. More than 150 ideas were received.

The committee members included Jane Fusco, director of news and public relations and committee chair; David Blanchette, dean of the School of Management; Rob Bower, director of publishing services; alumnus Frank Casale ’86, senior vice president/marketing manager for Sovereign Bank; Margaret Dooley ’76, RIC’s major gifts officer; Steven Maurano, associate commissioner/external affairs for Higher Education; Stephen Ramocki, marketing professor; Karen Rubino, web communications director; and Holly Shadoian, director of admissions.

Blanchette and Ramocki led the committee through several marketing exercises to divide the submissions into three categories: no, like it, maybe. The group further refined the list and created additional word combinations or phrases that seemed more appropriate, or changed a word to make it stronger.

“The marketing professors taught us about stimulus ambiguity, meaning that each person reading or hearing it is able to interpret it in an individual way,” said Rubino.

Group discussions included perceptions of the college, both positive and negative, and a review 20 taglines used by other colleges and universities in the state, plus peer institutions and competitors.

Shadoian conducted several student focus groups, which included brainstorming, a tagline matching exercise, and responses to the 10 strongest taglines.

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“We used no graphics for taglines so as not to influence anyone with a specific design,” Shadoian said.

Blanchette said the system used was “self-organizing and industrious” in that it considered the market needs and research data to generate a variety of viable options.

The committee presented the six most popular suggestions to the President’s Executive Cabinet (PEC), who ranked the top two choices before Carriuolo made the final decision.

The entire process took about six weeks.

Maurano, who spent more than 20 years with a public relations agency before joining the Office of Higher Education, said that there are firms that focus on images and slogans and charge hundreds of thousands of dollars to develop them.

“In light of the fiscal issues facing the state and the college, RIC’s president chose a different route. She assembled a team of professionals who knew the college best and who also knew how to tap into the opinions of constituent groups important to the college,” Maurano said.

The next assignment for the committee was to develop a public relations and marketing campaign that would incorporate the tagline, and further enhance the image of the college.

“For this, we looked to the people who best exemplify the college — our distinguished alumni,” said Fusco.

Thus, I AM RIC was born.

The I AM RIC campaign began with a series of yearbook style print ads, one for each of the five schools within the college, featuring graduates who have achieved notoriety or distinction in their careers, and copy that personifies the individual school.

For example, an excerpt from the ad for the School of Arts and Sciences, the largest school within the college that graduates about 500 students each year, reads:

I have performed with many celebrated artists, writers, actors, filmmakers, dancers and musicians.

I have experimented with many notable scientists, chemists, mathematicians and anthropologists.

I have held court with many of the state’s most prominent lawyers, politicians and activists.

The copy, written by Fusco, uses the college as a “narrator” rather than applying straight descriptive or informational text in the ad.

The ads are also featured on the college’s website. Rubino, the college’s web master, said that web advertising is especially effective with prospective and current college students who rely on the web more than traditional advertising mediums.

The first I AM RIC television commercial aired last spring and starred recognizable local RIC alumni including Cranston mayor Allan Fung ’92; Alan Chille, ’82, general manager of the Providence Performing Arts Center (PPAC); and actress Kristen Quartarone ’08, now appearing in Cats on Broadway.

The television spot was written, produced and voiced by Arty Goldstein ’92, chief relationship officer of Mediapeel, a leading video, radio and marketing production company. Goldstein used the tagline as the basis for the commercial script and filmed the commercial in the actual participant’s environment, such as PPAC for Chille and Cranston City Hall for Fung.

Quartarone was in town on a break from touring when the ad was being filmed, and wanted to do her piece in front of the Nazarian Center where she got her theatrical training.

“In doing this, they put the tagline to task by reaching out to our alumni for their participation, inspiring new students by showcasing the achievements of their predecessors, and connecting with the wider audience,” Fusco said.

Goldstein and company, many of whom are RIC graduates, are in production with a second television spot that will feature RIC graduates from around the country.

“It is a RIC production all around,” Fusco said.
Dear Alumni & Friends,

After ten years on the Alumni Board, I was truly honored to be elected as President this past summer. This title, however, is one that I certainly never expected to hold when I first joined the Board as a brand new graduate in 1999. Alumni board presidents are usually more distinguished, more experienced… I certainly have my work cut out for me!

In all seriousness, I am the product of Rhode Island College. Having earned both my undergraduate and graduate degrees from the institution at which I have dedicated the vast majority of my professional career. While ‘working my way up through the ranks’ of the Alumni Association, I received a great deal of mentoring under five alumni Presidents, and many highly supportive alumni staff members, directors and vice presidents. For the past nine years, I have also worked for the college in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. RIC has provided me with countless opportunities, both personally and professionally.

During my time on the Alumni Board, I have gained perspective on how scholarship money is awarded to our most deserving students, and how accolades are given to our most distinguished alumni. I have learned how to remain focused on supporting the mission of this fine institution, even during some of our most difficult times. My years on the board have been filled with rewarding activities and enjoyable associations. As a result, I have remained connected to the college since the day I graduated.

As I reflect on these experiences, I feel a loyalty and a desire to give back to the institution that has provided so many positive things in my life. I believe in Rhode Island College, and I know many of you feel the same way.

As a proud alumnus of Rhode Island College, it is an honor to serve as your Alumni President. I am excited about many things at the college and many more things to come. Along with my executive board, I am eager to work with Jim Salmo, our new Vice President of College Advancement, and the alumni office staff, as we continue to support the vision of President Carriuolo. It is also my hope to keep you informed, and to even call on some of you personally to invite you to give back in whatever way you can. If I can be of any assistance, or you have ideas on how we might better serve our alumni, please e-mail me at JAnthony@ric.edu or contact the alumni office at Alumni@ric.edu.

Sincerely,

Jason Anthony ’99, ’05
President, Alumni Association
Assistant Director, Office of Undergraduate Admissions
Rhode Island College

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Jim Salmo Is the New VP for RIC’s College Advancement, Foundation

"Jim Salmo has over 25 years of progressive, successful experience in the field of development," said RIC President Nancy Carriuolo. "I am looking forward to his leadership in college advancement as well as to his collaboration with the RIC community and the college's many friends."

Salmo, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, has worked in the advancement field for over 25 years.

"My first six months have been extremely positive. I've learned a great deal about RIC and its culture. There are many traditions to learn and a broad base of supporters for this college. I am fortunate to have the support of the college, Alumni Association, and the Foundation board of directors. Things are certainly moving in a productive direction."

He came to RIC from the University of Missouri in Columbia, where he served as associate vice chancellor for development, Health Sciences, since 2003. At the university, Salmo was responsible for providing executive leadership and strategic direction for all health-care related fundraising programs. He had direct supervision over 11 major gift officers and financial oversight of the School of Medicine's development office operations budget and Health Sciences salary budget line.

As part of the vice chancellor's senior management team, he assisted in efforts to raise $1 billion as part of the “For All We Call Mizzou” campaign, for which each unit in Health Sciences met its fundraising goal.

Salmo first worked at the University of Missouri from 1991 to 1996 as director of development for the School of Law and the College of Engineering.

He has also held positions with the Whitfield School, Southeast Missouri State University, St. Louis Children’s Hospital, Saint Louis University and St. Louis College of Pharmacy, where his department raised $10 million to improve campus facilities and enhance scholarships.

His education includes an M.A. degree in media/communications from Webster University, graduate studies in film from American University and a B.A. in theatre from Saint Louis University.

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Class of 1960’s Golden Reunion

The Reunion and Procession

Beginning their Golden Reunion festivities with a cocktail reception on Friday evening before the commencement dinner dance, 1960 class members greeted each other warmly with lively conversation and camaraderie. The next morning 44 class members marched in their Golden Reunion procession at commencement on May 22, 2010. They came from throughout Southern New England and New Hampshire and traveled from New Jersey, South Carolina, Florida, Ohio, Minnesota and California to reunite with each other. Afterwards they enjoyed a luncheon hosted by President Nancy Carriuolo at the President’s House.

As freshmen in 1956 at the old Normal School in Providence – now the site of the Providence Place Mall – little did they know that they would be starting a brand new campus on Mount Pleasant Avenue in six new buildings with lots of mud. Today 49 structures cover the RIC campus. As Ellie Anderson Hysko recalls, “I remember how excited I was to move to the new campus. At first all we had was MUD!”

White Rose Ceremony

The class dedicated their Golden Reunion to the memory of their 41 deceased class members. A special tree dedication was held on Sunday morning in their memory. The names of deceased class members were read aloud and a long-stemmed white rose was placed in a vase to remember each one. Several family members placed roses to remember their loved ones. Guests attended a continental breakfast in the Faculty Center after the dedication.

The 1960 Class Gift

As the last one to graduate from the Rhode Island College of Education – R.I.C.E. – the class of 1960 wanted to show their commitment to teachers who face more challenges every day from without and within the school walls. Their fundraising efforts resulted in a gift of $43,535 to create the “Class of 1960 Endowed Scholarship Fund for Education” to encourage prospective teachers. Their class gift included donations, pledges, a bequest, and the purchase of bricks for a special 1960 section in the Legacy Walk; 59 people donated to the 1960 class gift. Contributions to the 1960 class fund can still be made anytime. For information call 401-456-8827.

When I left RIC for a semester of student teaching, I felt really prepared to face a classroom of rambunctious children. And I was! Going to RIC was a great experience for me and prepared me for a happy future doing what I was meant to do. Teach.

— Margaret Stanton St. Pierre

Lynn Hart Mandile ’60 conducts the white rose memorial ceremony. One-by-one 41 roses, each representing a deceased class member, were placed in a vase.

Joseph Menard ’60, chair of the 1961 Golden Reunion, dedicates a special tree by Roberts Hall to the memory of deceased class members.
Honor Roll recipients are recognized for their achievements in their chosen fields and their distinction as role models whose success demonstrates the value of a Rhode Island College degree. The 30 members of this year’s Honor Roll represent five states and one foreign country and earned 26 advanced degrees from 17 different colleges and universities.

2010 Alumna of the Year
Norma A. Piccirilli DiLibero ’81
Criteria: Graduate of the college, continuing interest in the college and Alumni Association as represented by outstanding service, and/or by impressive financial contribution.

2010 Alumni Staff Award
Vincent Flemming, Director, College Dining Services
Criteria: Need not be a graduate of the college, but shall be employed by the college and have made a unique contribution to the college (development of a new program, wide community recognition of quality of service to the community or campus).

2010 Alumni Service Award
Mathies Santos ’82, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), Commander, 143rd Force Support Squadron, Rhode Island Air National Guard
Criteria: An alumnus/a or non-alumnus who has made an important contribution to the college, by giving time, talent, or resources; or an outstanding citizen who has made a contribution to the state or nation that reflects ideals of service to humanity.

2010 Charles B. Willard Professional Achievement Award
Umberto Crenca ’81, Founder and Artistic Director of AS220
Criteria: Graduate of the college, brought honor to the college by distinguished achievement in his/her field.

2010 Young Alumni Award
Steve Cranshaw ’05, Graphic Designer, Mad Creative
Criteria: Graduated in the last 10 years from the college, and has made a contribution to the college, since graduation, by giving time, talent, or resources (e.g., mentor of current students or alumni, involvement or volunteer with a campus group or activities, or providing internship opportunities to current students or job opportunities to recent graduates).

2010 Alumni Faculty Award
Thomas L. Cobb, PhD, Professor of English and Director of Performing and Fine Arts Commission
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2010 Young Alumni Award honoree, Steve Cranshaw, is a graduate who has used his time and talents to give back to Rhode Island College. As both an experienced graphic designer and a leader, he is helping to get recent graduates engaged and interested in coming back home to RIC.

Cranshaw started at RIC knowing that he wanted to focus on art but had little experience as an artist. He soon discovered that the field of graphic design was a perfect fit. “I wasn’t a fine artist; I wasn’t good with paintbrushes. The computer turned into my tool,” he says.

During his junior year, his twin brother encouraged him to apply for a student job with the News and PR department. He enjoyed working with the staff and had opportunities to contribute to a variety of projects. “That’s when RIC really became a family to me,” he says.

He is grateful for the experience, saying he left college well prepared to enter the professional world and with a comprehensive portfolio to prove it. In fact, the impressive portfolio he built as a student employee helped him land his first job only a few weeks after graduation.

Soon he was invited to join the Young Alumni Committee. He says he was happy to say yes and quickly became a dedicated volunteer, participating in numerous events and creating marketing materials to promote them. Last year he was responsible for the unique design for the Big Ten Challenge, an effort to encourage graduates from the last decade to contribute at least $10 to the Annual Fund.

Recently, he has taken on a leadership role with the group, working with members to ensure that the committee is focused on the kind of events that will engage new alumni. He says the committee’s responsibility is to provide a balance of enjoyable social activities and networking events that will help young alumni further their careers.

Interim Alumni Association Director Shana Murrell worked with Cranshaw both when he was a student and as a member of the Young Alumni Committee. She says he’s a key contributor to the group and expects him to continue to find creative ways to bring his fellow alumni back to Rhode Island College. “I see Steve as someone who will continue to serve the Alumni Association and a leader who will help to increase and expand programming for our recent graduates,” she says.

Cranshaw acknowledges that there are challenges in getting recent graduates engaged in their alma mater. “It may be cliché, but the economy does make it difficult to get graduates to come back home to RIC,” he says. “Some people are trying to find jobs while others are working two or more. They might not feel like it’s time to give back to the college yet.”

He is hopeful that the new dormitory will help by bringing more students to on-campus housing. Those who live on campus, he believes, feel a greater connection to the college and are more likely to return as involved alumni. For his part, he says he will continue to work with the committee to promote the kind of events that draw recent graduates in and make them want to become involved.
Twenty-five years ago, Umberto Crenca, class of ’81, founded AS220, a small studio and performance space upstairs from what is now the Providence Performing Arts Center. Today, it is a multimillion dollar operation comprising three downtown buildings that house galleries, studio space, a restaurant, a bar, several small businesses and residences. He has provided invaluable support to countless Rhode Island artists, giving them a place to perform or display their art in a nonjuried, uncensored environment.

Crenca, a third-generation Italian-American, grew up on Atwells Avenue and has always lived in or around Providence. He remembers playing on the Rhode Island College campus with his friends during the summer. A self-described ‘working class kid,’ he felt that RIC was the right place for him to pursue a degree and it was the only college he ever applied to.

His college career, though, wasn’t a smooth ride. He made three attempts at three different bachelor’s degrees, finally earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1981. He first entered RIC as a mathematics major, which didn’t last long, although he says some of what he learned has helped him in running his business today. His second pursuit of a degree was as a psychology major. He found his classes interesting, but didn’t like the required lab courses and dropped out a few credits shy of graduation.

It wasn’t until returning as an art major that things clicked. He had already been working as an artist and exhibited his work before he ever considered pursuing an art degree. “The opportunity to take classes in something I really enjoyed was an incredible experience,” he says.

True to his working-class background, Crenca never went to school full time because he always had a full-time job. At one point he worked two full-time jobs while trying to keep up with his classes, working for a drug outreach center by day and as a security guard at night. “I thought I didn’t need to sleep,” he says.

After graduation Crenca chose to stay close to his roots and his hometown. “I was entrenched here,” he says of Providence. “I had a house and a job. And I love this place.” He did some traveling in Europe, including an exhibition of his work in Italy, and returned home to found AS220, effectively redefining the Providence art world.

The concept for AS220 grew out of a manifesto he helped to create in 1982 with a group of local artists. A Providence gallery had chosen to exhibit work many
considered to be controversial. When the exhibit was panned by the local media, Crenca and his fellow artists penned a document that outlined their opposition to what they saw as a repressive system that treated art as a commodity. He wanted to build a place where artists could share and commune, where art was not commoditized. “I wanted to create opportunities where anybody could realize their creative self,” he says. “A place where there would be no judgment.”

In addition to its longtime home on Empire Street, AS220 has expanded into two additional downtown buildings that include a dark room, professional design studios, labs and a print shop. The buildings are mixed-use developments that combine public space, commercial tenants and residences. Thirty-five people currently live and work at AS220. The entire administrative staff works on an equal pay system, meaning that they all take home the same salary.

As an organization, AS220 has received national recognition. It is currently hosting six to seven events per week and its galleries are booked two years in advance. While its main mission of providing exposure to Rhode Island artists remains, Crenca now receives inquiries from artists from all over the nation and world.

But AS220 is about more than art; it’s about community and bringing people together. Crenca says that by creating a space where people come into contact with each other, they naturally exchange ideas. He says the success of the organization is indicative of a movement away from isolating suburbs and back toward cities where people congregate and build relationships. “People want to build bridges, to reconnect,” he says. “Places like AS220 revitalize communities and become a nexus where people intersect.”

Because AS220 has grown so much and so fast, Crenca says the organization will take the next year to develop a plan for future expansion. “We’ve grown exponentially; we’ve doubled our size twice in the last five years. It’s time to be introspective and assess our systems and practices,” he says. This includes working with a consultant to develop a five-year plan.

At 59, Crenca says he is still hanging onto the same ideals he had as a student and is dedicated to making them sustainable. As busy as he is, he still finds time to create and exhibit art. Later this year, Crenca plans to celebrate the 25th anniversary of AS220 and his 60th birthday by taking over the galleries and presenting a comprehensive exhibition of his own work.
WXIN, Rhode Island College’s student-run radio station, recently celebrated 30 years on the air. While much has changed, including a new studio with state-of-the-art equipment, it is, in many ways, still the WXIN that many alumni fondly remember. Student DJs may rely on computers instead of turntables, but they still see the station as both a professional training ground and a social place that builds a foundation for lasting friendships.

Current General Manager Nick Lima says that after three decades the station remains an important part of the RIC experience for many students. “The station makes people happy to be here at RIC,” he says. “It’s a hang-out place, but also a place to learn and develop.” Lima says the station is sometimes visited by alumni who spent time at the station as on-air personalities or board members. He’s always happy to show them around the new studio, now located in the Ducey Media Center outside Donovan Dining Center, and often hears about the positive effect station membership had on their college years. Whether or not they go on to a career in broadcasting, as many alumni have, they all agree that the station was an important part of their time at RIC.

Casey Gartland, class of ’91, certainly remembers it that way. “Some of my best memories of my time at RIC are of the camaraderie among the radio station staff,” he says. “The social aspect was incredible.” Like many students over the years, Gartland first heard about the station at the student activities fair. He became an on-air personality and eventually held a term as alternative music director.

One thing the station has always sought to be is a training ground for students who hope to pursue a career in broadcasting. Even without an FCC license, the station continues to operate as a professional organization, maintaining strict rules and requirements of its on-air and office staffs. It operates with an executive board that includes the general manager, program director, business director, production director and sales director, who are elected by station membership. The appointed subsidiary board includes music directors, sports director, traffic director, promotion directors and street team director.

“We run WXIN like a real radio station,” says Lima. “We maintain production and call logs, we have training programs, and our DJs have to follow FCC rules.”

Former General Manager James Braboy says running the station professionally allowed it to evolve from a club to a respected student organization and provided a way to meet the varied needs of student members. “We kept a weird balance,” he says. “Some members were there just to have fun while others were looking toward a career in broadcasting and wanted to use the station as a stepping stone.”

Gartland says he didn’t understand the need for all the rules while he was on air. Now, though, he appreciates the structure and professional conduct required of on-air personalities. “I listen to other college stations and love the music, but I don’t like the DJs,” he says.

Patricia McCarthy Defrancesco, class of ’90, remembers running afoul of the rules and getting fired from her on-air show. “I wouldn’t talk; I was the silent DJ,” she says. “I lasted about two weeks before I was told I couldn’t be on the air if I didn’t talk.” She realized that her place within the station was not the on-air studio and found other ways to be involved, including holding the positions of promotions director and production director.
Although Braboy joined the station strictly for fun, he eventually held several terms as general manager and urban music director and now works in local commercial radio. He says it was helpful to know the technology and the inner workings of a broadcast studio, but he was surprised to find out how many people it took to run a commercial station. “Professional stations have much bigger staffs and more managers to do the work we did. We did a lot with a very small staff,” he says.

WXIN plays music from several genres – alternative metal, world, urban and country among them – often showcasing indie bands and music that might not otherwise be heard. Gartland remembers toting his classic rock records to his first on-air show, but being encouraged to spin records from the station’s extensive alternative collection instead. He’d had very little exposure to alternative music to that point. “I gained a whole new outlook,” he says. “I realized there was a whole different kind of music out there.”

When Braboy started at the station, it had a strictly alternative focus. He was more interested in urban music, but found only a few old rap records in the station’s library. He asked why the urban catalog was so slim and was told that urban record labels didn’t support college radio and the station would never be able to build a solid collection. Braboy took that as a challenge and began calling and writing to labels. Within weeks, he began receiving packages and started to build an impressive library of dance, hip hop, rap, reggae and world music. The new genre had a cascade effect that helped to expand other areas of the station’s programming. “It attracted more people to the station and opened us up to a lot more knowledge. It energized other areas like the metal music department and the promotions department. We realized we could do other things,” he says.

After 30 years of operation, the struggle to obtain an FCC license continues. Many opportunities have been lost over the years due to timing or cost, leaving the station audible only on campus. It has proven to be a challenge mainly because there is so little room available on the radio dial in the Rhode Island area. The station’s transmitter has the capability to reach as far north as Fall River and as far south as Narraganset, but it can’t legally broadcast outside the borders of campus.

Technology, however, has helped extend the station’s reach to anyone who wants to listen. The station’s website, www.ricradio.org, offers not only the chance for anyone with a computer and speakers to listen, but also live streaming video, making WXIN one of the first college stations in Rhode Island to offer a real-time peek inside the on-air studio. Lima hopes that more alumni will discover the site and tune in. WXIN has also teamed up with the college’s television station, Anchor TV, which picks up the station’s video feed when air time is open. And social networking has helped to extend the station’s reach to both alumni and current students; the WXIN Facebook page has more than 200 members and an alumni page has nearly 150.

The station can be heard outside thanks to speakers mounted on the roof of the Ducey Media Center, which allow students to hear a variety of music, depending on when they pass by. The on-air schedule mixes musical genres, so students may hear alternative, metal or country on any given day. There is an effort currently underway to place additional speakers outside Adams Library so students can enjoy the music on the quad as well.

In addition to on-air broadcasts, WXIN sponsors 15 to 20 events per year both on and off campus. These include the annual Rock Hunt, gatherings at the Ruffstone Tavern and other live music events. The station often collaborates with other campus organizations and provides music for their functions. One recent event that Lima is particularly proud of is the Radiothon for Haiti. The event raised more than $4,000 for relief efforts in Haiti and was attended by numerous students and alumni.

The event earned the station another Storgy Award, an award presented to campus organizations by the Student Government Association, to add to its collection.

One big event that’s in the early planning stages is a WXIN reunion. Alumni Affairs is assisting in this effort by compiling contact information for former station members. Lima has high hopes for the reunion and would like to see a few hundred past and present members attend. Considering the positive impact the station had on so many students, whether or not they continued on to broadcasting careers, it seems likely he’ll get his wish.
“Will this period be remembered as the Great Recession or the Recession That Made Us Great?” That was the question posed by Governor Donald Carcieri to the class of 2010 at their baccalaureate commencement on Saturday, May 22, on the campus quad. By the expressions on the faces of these graduates, clearly this was a time for greatness.

The soon-to-be graduates marched in black robes past a crowd of onlookers with a look of fearlessness and exuberance in their eyes. RIC awarded 1,260 undergraduate degrees to January, May and August 2010 graduates.

“You aren’t graduates who need lessons in hardship,” said Judge Frank Caprio, who brought greetings from the Board of Governors for Higher Education. “Many of you are the sons and daughters of immigrants; and being the son of immigrants myself, I know the deep sacrifices you made to get here today.”

At least 50 percent of RIC’s grads are the first in their families to earn a college degree and many earn their degree while working a full-time job or raising families.

“It was very hard to get here,” said Dolores Medina, a general science major. “I hold a full-time job. I’m a single mother of three sons. I attended classes after work. But I did it.”

Alicia Roberts, an anthropology and English-creative writing major, said that though she was happy to be here at the ceremony, “the ceremony is less significant than what we all went through to get here.”

Dignitaries and leaders who spoke at the ceremony were aware of the kinds of battles these graduates had won. Their speeches were less lofty platitudes and more in the line of marching orders – rousing and daring.

Charles Lombardi, mayor of North Providence, charged the graduating class to never accept the word “can’t.” “It took me three tries before I became mayor,” he said.

Commencement speaker, Gordon Fox, who is Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives and a member of RIC’s class of ’85, told the tale of his own battle, a story similar to many first-generation immigrants.

His father, Fox said, was an extremely intelligent and well-read man, but his life dictated that he forego college to earn a living to support the family.

“My father spent his days polishing jewelry at a factory,” Fox said, “but he made it clear to me that it was imperative that I go to college.”

Tragically, in Fox’s first year at a private college, his father died and Fox had to drop out of school, unable to afford the
tuition. He went to work selling vacuum cleaners, among other odd jobs.

“I felt defeated,” he said. “I was afraid that history was repeating itself.”

But one day he happened upon a tiny advertisement in the newspaper with a coupon to send away for a free RIC catalog. He sent for the catalog, enrolled at RIC as a political science and history major and was able to begin again.

“RIC saved my life,” he said.

Fox became the first member of his family to earn a college degree. He also received a full scholarship to the Northeastern University School of Law and has held a distinguished career in public service ever since.

As the son of a Cape Verdean mother, Fox holds the highest position ever achieved by a minority in the Rhode Island General Assembly – Speaker of the House. This is also the highest legislative rank ever for a graduate of Rhode Island College.

“As daunting and perilous as these economic times are,” Fox said, “I know RIC’s grads are up to the challenge. How do I know? Because, like them, I am RIC.”

Fox was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the ceremony. John Palumbo, Sr., owner, president and publisher of Rhode Island Monthly Communications, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree.

Farewell remarks were given by 2010 class president Kervin Leonidas, who presented a $10,000 gift in honor of the late Vice President Ivy Locke to fund the building of the Locke Terrace at the RIC Recreation Center.

Joseph Aguiar and Joseph Menard, members of the Golden Anniversary class of 1960, presented RIC President Nancy Carriuolo with a check for a new Endowed Scholarship Fund for Education to be used to assist RIC students who are going into teaching.

The most senior alumnus in attendance was Eileen Deering Rafferty from the class of 1942. Dignitaries at the ceremony included U.S. congressman James Langevin (D-RI, RIC class of 1990); General Treasurer Frank Caprio; Providence Mayor David Cicilline; Warwick Mayor Scott Avedisian; Cranston Mayor Allan Fung; members of the Board of Governors for Higher Education: Michael Ryan, Daniel Ryan and Solomon Solomon; Higher Education Commissioner Raymond DePasquale; and Associate Commissioner Susan LaPanne.

“It’s not about how much you earn; it’s about how much you give.”

— Judge Frank Caprio, chair of the Board of Governors for Higher Education
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Two-time RIC Graduate Entering New Career in Nursing

By Lucia Napoli-Amado ’92

When I began at Rhode Island College in 1987, my plan was to pursue nursing. Instead I earned a bachelor’s degree in management with a concentration in international business. I worked overseas and traveled but was always drawn to the nursing profession.

I have four children – Matteo, 8, Gabriella, 10, Alexander, 12, and Justin, 20. Juggling their activities (soccer, basketball, gymnastics, clarinet, catechism, etc.), going to nursing school and having a husband who was frequently away with the United States Army was not easy and definitely a challenge, but my parents were a great source of support.

I probably couldn’t have done it without my mom coming to sleep at my house many nights so that I could go to clinical. My kids were helpful…most of the time. They knew “mommy had to study.”

My books and notes came with me everywhere. I studied anywhere I could – during soccer practice, halftime at games, red lights (I always had notes on my passenger side seat).

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Dr. Karen Hetzel, a nursing instructor, invited me to attend a faculty development program about the health care needs of veterans and their families, which proved to be the beginning of an unbelievable journey that became the basis of my honors project. “Military Kids: Exploring the Challenges of Deployments and Strategies to Provide Crucial Support.”

My husband, a sergeant major in the Army Reserves, deployed to Kosovo (Operation Task Force Falcon) in 2000, to Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom) in 2003, and has been mobilized several times since. While the overseas deployments were difficult and stressful, I came away learning a lot about myself, military life and military children.

Abby Bense, my friend, colleague and fellow nursing graduate, encouraged me to submit a proposal to the nursing honors program, where I received the departmental honors award. The abstract for my honors project was submitted to the ACHNE (Association of Community Health Nursing Educators) and I recently traveled to Washington, D.C., to present this project.

Besides education, RIC has been important to me for another reason. My husband, Jesse B. Amado, also graduated from RIC in 1993 with a bachelor’s degree in fine arts. We met on campus, in what is now The Café (formerly The Coffee Ground… I realize I’m dating myself) and he proposed to me on the steps of the old Alumni House. The rest is history!

Currently, Lucia is employed at Riverview Healthcare in Coventry and will begin working at the VNA of Care New England as a nurse. She continues her research on military children and several organizations have requested her as a guest presenter.
The Career Development Center at Rhode Island College has launched a number of experiential opportunities through which students can gain insight into the world of work. Among these, on-site visits with businesses and organizations and in-person contact with alumni and other key figures play a vital part in exposing students to experiences and information helpful in deciding on a major and, beyond that, a future career path.

A new initiative this year, LINK – IN: Connecting with Careers, debuted during spring break week in March. The program, conducted in partnership with the RIC Alumni Association and the college’s Office of Academic Support and Information Services (OASIS) was, by all accounts, a success! Nearly 30 students spent a day visiting one of five area businesses. Since the site visits were scheduled over a three-day period, some of our students were even able to visit more than one host business.

Mayor Allan Fung of Cranston, a 1992 graduate of RIC, hosted students for a day that included planning meetings with his key staff and a visit to the Capitol for a press conference. Anna Slanda ’12 called the program “a wonderful addition…which offered a lot of insight on the real world.”

Alan Chille ’82, general manager of the Providence Performing Arts Center, hosted seven students at PPAC, where participants learned about the areas of sales, marketing and development. In addition, they had a first-hand look behind the scenes as a Broadway touring show was loaded in for a run at the theatre.

Both the Liberty Mutual and MetLife insurance companies hosted students for a day. Paul Hackley ’85 was instrumental in setting up the program at Liberty Mutual and Erin Plaziak ’93 orchestrated the arrangements at MetLife. A participant in the MetLife program commented that, “It allowed me to see what I might do with my degree. Beforehand, it was just ‘something in business’ but now I can see what the options are for that ‘something.’”

Five students were also able to visit for a day with the Massachusetts Department of Corrections, where they were assigned to shadow with correctional program officers. Diane Hatton, a Career Development Center staff member who attended the event was impressed by the overall quality and content of the program.

As we plan for spring break in 2011, we hope to double the number of offerings available and to double the number of students who will participate. Our chief inspiration comes from the students who participated this year. Perhaps Tabitha Newman ’12 best captured the spirit of the program. “It was awesome! I couldn’t have asked for a more positive experience. I think these job shadows will be very helpful to people in the future and it’s a really good idea to continue them.”
Twenty of Rhode Island College’s new graduates and soon-to-be grads gathered for a Job Search Boot Camp on May 25. The day-long event featured intensive workshops including a full-course luncheon complete with instructions on dining etiquette, and panel sessions offered by young alumni and employers. Created by the college’s Career Development Center and co-sponsored by the Young Alumni Group of the Rhode Island College Alumni Association, Northwest Mutual Financial Network and Enterprise Rent-A-Car, the purpose of the day was to jump-start the job search process for graduates entering today’s challenging job market.

Linda Kent Davis, director of the center, and Kathy Sasso ’69, an assistant director, led the workshops. They were joined by Tom Anderson ’83, managing partner of New Directions, a consulting firm, who engaged the group on the topics, “Where the Jobs Are and How to Find Them” and “How to Research Organizations/Companies to Promote Your Candidacy.” Alumni participating as panelists discussed how they would have done it differently, drawing upon their own not-so-long-ago experiences in getting their careers started. Suzy Alba ’05, assistant director, affinity and graduate programs, Brown University annual giving, moderated the group which included Ashley De Simone ’06, development and events coordinator for Make-a-Wish Foundation of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and Ben Sibielski ’09, public relations and marketing associate for Roger Williams Park Zoo. Shana Murrell, interim director of alumni affairs added her reflections to the discussion.

A panel of employers handled the question, “What Makes a Stand-Out Candidate?” They spoke with participants about what elements, skills aside, could work to tip the scales in their favor. Malinda Coletta, director of selection for Northwest Mutual Financial Network, Michael Monroe, owner of Millionaires, Inc., Tina Green, training/recruiting for Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Maggie Sullivan of Rhode Island College’s Human Resources Department, and Sandra Sylvester ’97, hiring manager for the Diamond Hill Animal Clinic, shared their views in a free-wheeling and candid session that brought the day to a close.

“The day provided the real-world opinions of professionals that actually do the hiring. This is an invaluable tool for us as prospective employees of any company.”

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Rhode Island College Continued Its Winning Tradition with Another Year of Success in 2009-10.

The men’s basketball team won their fourth Little East Conference Regular Season Championship in the past six years, advanced to the NCAA Division III Men’s Basketball Tournament for the fourth straight year and reached the Sweet 16.

Seventeen of RIC’s 19 varsity sports qualified for post-season play in 2009-10.

Kevin Sutherland of the wrestling team advanced to the NCAA Championships and was named a Scholar All-American for the second consecutive season.

Rhode Island College student-athletes earned 48 All-Conference honors to go along with 15 All-New England accolades and one Player of the Year award. Two RIC coaches received the Coach of the Year Award.

During the fall of 2009, four student-athletes posted a 4.0 GPA; 98 earned a 3.0 or better and 68 made the Dean’s List. The spring of 2010 was also a banner semester as seven student-athletes posted a 4.0 GPA, 96 earned a 3.0 or better and 61 achieved Dean’s List status.

Construction has begun on a new Student-Athlete Support Center, which will be the focal point for activities such as academic support, tutoring, study hall, community service, life skills and alcohol/drug awareness programs.

The design phase of an $11 million renovation of the college’s Recreation Center was completed during the 2009-10 academic year and construction will begin during the summer of 2010 to give RIC students and student-athletes another state-of-the-art facility in which to practice and compete in.

For the third time this decade, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Don Tencher was named the Northeast Division III Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA).

The college finished in the top 50 percent of the annual U.S. Sports Academy Directors’ Cup standings, among a field of 447 Division III institutions, for the fourth year in a row.

Ten current Rhode Island College student-athletes and one alumnus were recognized by Gordon D. Fox, speaker of the House, and the Rhode Island House of Representatives, at a reception held in the House Chamber at the Rhode Island State House on April 26.
On Nov. 2, Rhode Islanders will have the opportunity to vote on a $78 million higher education bond referendum (Question 2) that includes $17 million to finance the renovation and expansion of Rhode Island College’s 52-year-old Art Center.

“RIC’s art program is already highly regarded academically,” said RIC President Nancy Carriuolo. “What we now must do is provide a facility that reflects the quality of the program.”

The upgraded facility will include a wrap-around addition and provide adequate faculty offices, classrooms, art studios, workshop areas, slide library, photography lab, computer lab, and multipurpose presentation areas. In addition, the renovated facility would centralize art program activities currently scattered around campus.

A new Art Center will “increase the seriousness in which the students regard their work environment,” said William Martin, chair of RIC’s Art Department. “It will help make them see themselves as professionals.”

Martin added that a new art facility will be a major draw to recruit students. “It will make us even more attractive to a wider audience.”

The current building housing the Art Center was constructed in 1958 and intended as the original student center, dining center, bookstore and college library. The building was converted into the Art Center in 1971 to include classrooms, studios and faculty offices.

Currently, a wide variety of accredited programs and accomplished educators provide RIC art students with the tools for a successful career in the art field.

Students receive comprehensive art instruction in foundations, ceramics, graphic design, painting, photography, printmaking, metalsmithing and jewelry design, sculpture, art history, art education and media studies.

Programs offered include a BA and BFA in studio art, a BA in art history, a BS, MA and MAT in art education, and an MA in media studies. Also offered are honors in art and six general-education courses.

Each of the full-time faculty has impressive exhibition and publishing records. Many of the faculty have been awarded state and federal art grants and have had their work shown in notable museum collections.

Student demand is high for RIC’s art programs, which serve approximately 240 undergraduate majors, 30 minors and 25 graduate majors. Approximately 2,000 students per year take 130 classes in the facility.

Graduates contribute to the state’s economic development. RIC art graduates attend many of the finest educational institutions in the country. Students have entered successful careers for companies such as Boeing Corporation, Howard Ben Tre Studio and National Geographic. Many have gone on to become art professors, art teachers, graphic designers, professional studio artists and multi-media professionals.

The college’s STEM (science, teaching, engineering, and mathematics) Center is a hub for training educators and others who will become the next generation of professionals in these fields.

“Add an A (to STEM) for the arts, and STEAM is created,” said Carriuolo. “The scientific and technological inventions that make America great all include creativity, and creativity is nurtured by study of the arts,” said Carriuolo.

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1960

David Orsini ’60, author of Bitterness/Seven Stories. In his debut book, David Orsini explores the lives of characters that are tested as well as transformed or defeated by the loss of a spouse or by the loss of children and other relatives during a world war. A Rhode Island graphics artist and RIC graduate, James Buchanan ’02 created the cover image and cover design of the book.

David Orsini is also a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Brown University, where he earned the M.A. (’66) and the Ph.D. (’75) in English literature. He has taught literature, grammar, and composition at Park View Middle School and at Cranston East High School. As an adjunct instructor, he has also taught at Rhode Island College and at Johnson and Wales University.

1969

During the past decade, Helen Mary Bolte has retired from two different careers. After working for over 30 years as a flight attendant and retiring in 2003, she worked as a social worker until 2008. She now resides in Johns Island, South Carolina.

Linda G. DiFazio’s Seekonk, Massachusetts, tea room and restaurant, SERAPHIM, Tea and More, won Rhode Island Monthly’s 2009 Best of Rhode Island award in the category of High Tea Service.

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In 2009, The Walnut Hill School for the Arts welcomed Dr. Joseph A. Keefe as its new executive director. Keefe has worked in the education field for 55 years. He retired as the superintendent of Natick, Massachusetts, public schools.

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Brenda Dann-Messier ’73 Confirmed as U.S. Education Department Assistant Secretary

RIC graduate Brenda Dann-Messier was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as assistant secretary for vocational and adult education in the United States Department of Education.

As assistant secretary, Dann-Messier will be working for President Obama, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and Under Secretary Martha Kanter. She will serve as the principal advisor to Duncan on departmental matters related to high school, career, technical and adult education, as well as community colleges and workforce and economic development.

She will also represent the U.S. Department of Education at national and international meetings related to vocational and adult education.

“I expect that her sincere interest in and knowledge of adult students will lead to policies that will improve education in our country,” said RIC President Nancy Carriuolo.

“I am intensely proud that she is a RIC alum as well as my colleague and friend.”

Dann-Messier received a B.A. and M.Ed. from Rhode Island College and an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Johnson and Wales University. She was a member of RIC’s 2005 Alumni Honor Roll (secondary education).

As a member of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education, she has chaired its Academic and Student Affairs Subcommittee. She was also a member of the Board of The Providence Plan and served on Mayor Cicilline’s Poverty Task Force and Pathways to Opportunity Committee.

Judge Alice B. Gibney was appointed as Rhode Island’s Superior Court presiding justice last September. Gibney earned her law degree from Catholic University School of Law in 1972. She previously served as an assistant United States attorney, superior court law clerk and associate justice, and in private practice. She lives in Warwick with her husband, attorney Robert D. Parrillo.

Virginia McGraw was honored as 2009 Principal of the Year by Charles County Public Schools in Maryland. McGraw has served as the principal of J.P. Ryon Elementary School in La Plata, Maryland, since 2002. She previously won the Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leader award. The 40-year veteran educator lives in Waldorf, Maryland.

In June 2009 Joan (Hargreaves) Spreyer retired after 28 years of teaching. In the same month, she and her husband, William, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. They live in Rehoboth, Massachusetts.

1970
Congratulations to Mariam Boyajian, winner of Rhode Island College’s Professional Staff Association (PSA) 2009 Distinguished Service Award. She was nominated by her colleagues for her achievements and contributions to RIC. Boyajian is director of RIC’s Upward Bound program.

Warwick resident Geraldine (Germain) Smith retired after teaching in Cranston Public Schools for 33 years. She works as a part-time reading specialist in Warwick and West Warwick. She has two children.

1971
Deborah (DiMeo) Signoriello retired after 38 years of teaching in the North Providence school system.

Human Resource Executive magazine named V. Michael Ferdinandi to their 2009 HR Honor Roll. Currently the senior vice president for human resources and corporate communication at CVS Caremark Corporation, he previously worked for PepsiCo, Ford Motor Company and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Gerry Suggs was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame’s High School Division, along with his younger brother Donald, for his career as a high school basketball coach. While a student at Rhode Island College, Suggs played on the Anchormen’s varsity team. He went on to teach and coach at the Rhode Island Training School and Davies Technical & Vocational School for 24 years.

1972
Though both are officially retired, Leslie Impota and John Canole (1975) share the position of interim principal at the Block Island School. North Kingstown resident Impota’s experience includes principal of elementary schools in Richmond, Warwick and Smithfield. Canole, who lives in Newport, worked for Coventry’s Regional Career and Technical Center as principal and director, assistant principal of Coventry High School and Newport’s Rogers High School dean of students.

Ann S. Messier works for Quality Partners of Rhode Island as an administrative assistant in the Medicare beneficiary protection service department. The Warwick resident previously worked for Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Rhode Island as a compliance analyst.

1973
Barbara (Salhany) Moussalli retired as a teacher from the Pawtucket School System in 2008. She was certified as a National Board Professional Teacher in literacy/reading and language arts in 2004, and was recognized in Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers in 2006. She lives in Attleboro, Massachusetts, with her husband, George.
In 2009 Dale ‘Chip’ Seward retired after teaching technical arts at Woonsocket High School for 32 years. He lives in Pawtucket with his wife, Joan (St. Pierre) Seward ’75.

**1974**

Pat Beauchemin co-authored an article in the September 2009 School Social Journal entitled “Adopting a Social Marketing Mindset in School Social Work Practice.” She also founded the Rhode Island Coalition of School Social Workers. She works for Barrington Public Schools and lives in Warwick.

Walter F. Cygan retired from his optometry practice in Tennessee. Previously, he served 20 years in the United States Navy and upon retirement in 1989 he taught at Southern College of Optometry. He now plans to devote more time to volunteering and hiking.

Thomas L. Dwyer came out of retirement to work as the director of Foster Care and Adoption Services for the state of Connecticut. Before this, the North Providence resident was Rhode Island’s director of child welfare and worked for the state of Rhode Island for 30 years.

Although trained as a teacher, Bob Fishman found his calling in pottery arts. After apprenticing in England and in Newport, he now owns and operates Bob Fishman pottery in Scituate. He can also be found at the Scituate Arts Festival every Columbus Day weekend.

Kirk W. House has published 12 history books including the most recent, Around Hornell, a book of historic photographs of Hornell, New York. House, a former teacher, was the curator and director of the Glenn H. Curtiss Aviation Museum in Hammondsport, New York.

Therese (Deweireot) Nault retired after a long career as a math teacher at Woonsocket High School.

In June 2008 Dianne (Iannozzi) Peretti retired from teaching in Pawtucket Public Schools and works for the Northern Collaborative as a reading consultant. She lives in North Providence with her husband, Robert. Their two children both graduated from Rhode Island College: Dayna in 2002 and Kenneth Ferrera in 2004.

Pam (Heslin) Stewart is the manager of Nature Medica Spa & Naturopathic Clinic in Tucson, Arizona.

Patricia A. (McGowan) Vinci, Esq. joined Cornerstone Adult Services, Inc. in 2009 as the director of the RI Volunteer Guardianship Program. Vinci graduated from Boston College School of Law, spent many years in private practice and served as in-house counsel for Ibis Consulting Inc.

**1975**

Kudos to Joyce St. Germaine, whom the Connecticut Art Education Association named Connecticut’s Outstanding Middle Level Art Educator for 2009. She teaches art in West Hartford and resides in Burlington.

During the last school year, Melinda Thies (master’s) was named superintendent of the Bristol Warren Regional school district. Thies began her career as a teacher but after 19 years in the classroom moved up to the positions of assistant principal and assistant superintendent.

**1976**

In September 2009, John Aurecchia became the new technical education teacher at Foxboro High School in Foxboro, Massachusetts. While teaching at North Providence High School, the Cumberland resident was named 2007 teacher of the year.

Catherine (Sarnosky) Heath retired from teaching fourth grade at Leo Savoie Elementary School in Woonsocket in June 2009.

Last October Dr. Robert DeRobbio (CAGS) was inducted into the Cranston Hall of Fame for his career in public education. He began as a math teacher at South Kingstown Senior High School, moving on to positions of principal and superintendent, and, in 2006, adjunct professor at Rhode Island College. He also retired from the military in 1992, having earned the rank of colonel. He lives in Cranston with his wife, Nancy.

Harry G. Kasanow is a certified financial planner at Kasanow & Associates: Wealth Management in Honolulu, Hawaii. For the past 11 years, Medical Economics Magazine has listed Kasanow as one of the “Top 150 Financial Advisors for Doctors” in the USA.

Peter L. Nero is currently the superintendent of Cranston public schools. The former assistant principal, principal and assistant superintendent once taught technology and computers. He lives in Cranston with his wife, Linda, and their teenage son, Michael.

**1977**

Norma Cole is the principal of Stone Hill Elementary School in Cranston. She previously served as a principal at Western Hills Middle School and Garden City Elementary School.

Camellia (Mancini) Martins was named the 2009 Teacher of the Year by the North Providence school committee. She has taught first grade at Marieville Elementary School since 1982. She and her husband, Chuck, live in Johnston and their son, Michael, is a student at Rhode Island College.

RIC Retires Rick Wilson’s ’72 Number

The former All-American men’s basketball player’s number was retired prior to the Anchormen’s regular season finale vs. Plymouth State on Feb. 20, at The Murray Center.

Wilson ’72, who is the program’s all-time leading scorer with 2,653 points, was a member of the college’s inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame Class in 1989. He starred for RIC from 1968-1972 and ranks ninth all-time with 703 rebounds.

He joined fellow Athletic Hall of Famers Alex Butler ’98, Richard Rouleau ’68 and Mike Van Leesten ’65, whose numbers also hang in The Murray Center rafters.
Rhode Island College Alumni Visit NYC for The Fresh Air Fund’s Volunteer Weekend

Rhode Island College was well represented at The Fresh Air Fund’s Friendly Town Conference in early February at the Marriott Marquis in New York City. Donna Barboza (’84), Heather Osborne-Roach (’98) and Lynn Finocchiaro (’87) are all chairpersons for The Fund in Rhode Island, a volunteer position that works to raise awareness and recruit potential host families for the Friendly Town program. The Fresh Air Fund is an independent not-for-profit agency which has provided free summer vacations to more than 1.7 million New York City children from low-income communities since 1877. Close to 5,000 children visit volunteer host families throughout 13 northeastern states and southern Canada through The Fund’s Friendly Town program each summer. Barboza, Osborne-Roach and Finocchiaro work year-long to recruit potential host families in Rhode Island who will open their hearts and homes to New York City children for a summer vacation outside of the city. The three Rhode Island College alumni, in addition to their leadership positions, also spend two weeks out of their summers hosting Fresh Air children.

For more information on how you can become a host next summer, please call The Fresh Air Fund at (800) 367-0003 or by visiting www.freshair.org.

1978
In September 2009, Robert Alfonse traveled to the Ecuadorian rainforest for research as part of the Dodge Foundation’s Teachers in the Rainforest program. During the past three decades, Alfonse has taught high school science and is currently the principal of Memorial Middle School in Point Pleasant, New Jersey. His previous research trips include Costa Rica, Brazil, and Peru in South America and Kenya in Africa. He lives in Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey, with his wife, Kathleen.

Colleen (Reisert) Chappell was awarded the 2009 Rhode Island League of Women Voters’ Susan B. Wilson Civic EducationMerit Award for her innovative ways of teaching the constitution. Chappell teaches social studies at Curtis Corner Middle School in South Kingstown. She and her husband, Gary, reside in Narragansett.

Dennis DeJesus is the executive director of the Rhode Island Special Olympics. He left his most recent position as vice president for advancement at Bishop Hendricken High School in Warwick to join the organization, which he views more as a “calling” than a job. DeJesus previously served 18 years with the City of Cranston and held positions with RI Resource Recovery and the Federal Hill House.

At Starkweather & Shepley Insurance Brokerage Inc., Steven E. Deware is a senior vice president, board of directors’ member and corporation secretary. A Lincoln resident, Deware is involved with several professional, civic and volunteer associations across Rhode Island.

Last year, Alice (Benvie) Gebhart’s oil, acrylic and fused glass artworks were featured in a show entitled “The Color of Light” at the Dodge House Gallery of the Providence Art Club. A professional artist and art educator since 1980, Gebhart teaches art in high school, at Rhode Island School of Design and at Rhode Island College.

1979
Meredith ‘Merry’ Caswell retired as principal of Pawtucket’s Samuel Slater Middle School to become head of the Cluny School in Newport. Caswell, a 35-year veteran who lives in Kingston, was named the RI Principal of the Year and came in second place as National Principal of the Year, both in 2007.

Cheryl Senerchia recently joined the board of directors of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. The East Greenwich resident works for Citizens Bank as a senior vice president and holds a Master of Business Administration from Bryant University.

1980
Maria Castro-Iasimone teaches ESL kindergarten at the Harry Kizirian Elementary School in Providence. She and her husband, Tom, have two children and live in Cranston.


Christine Mulcahey (master’s) is an art specialist at RIC’s Henry Barnard School. Her first book, The Story in the Picture: Inquiry and Artmaking with Young Children, was published by Teachers College Press in 2009.

Lois (Butler) Pirhala of North Kingstown is putting her nearly 20 years of nursing experience to work by joining the Homefront Health Care office in Woonsocket as a nurse manager.

1981
Cindy (Bedrosian) Greer was honored as 2009 Teacher of the Year by the Texas Chapter...
of the Council for Learning Disabilities. Greer, who earned a Master of Education in special education from the University of Georgia, teaches at McNair Elementary School in Denton, TX where she was named their Teacher of the Year in 2008.

James M. Hynes III spent a sabbatical year studying Spanish language and culture in Seville, Spain. He works as a special needs teacher in the Providence public school system.

The Blackstone Valley Tourism Council honored Danny Smith with the 24th annual Excellence in the Arts Award for promoting Rhode Island as a writer and executive producer of the television show, Family Guy. Smith was also nominated for a prime-time Emmy award for his work on the show.

Mary Lou (Rainone) Votto was the recipient of the National Association of Social Work 2009 Social Worker of the Year in School Social Work. A resident of Cranston, Votto is the school social worker at Nicholas A. Ferri Middle School in Johnston.

1982
Laura Albanese was promoted to director of educational programs and services for Cranston Public Schools in August 2009. She previously served as the principal of Cranston’s Stone Hill Elementary School.

Ann Burke is the health teacher at Curtis Corner Middle School in Wakefield. She and her husband Chris created the Lindsay Ann Burke Memorial Fund, a nonprofit corporation in the name of their late daughter Lindsay ’04 who was a victim of domestic violence. The fund is dedicated to raising awareness about domestic violence and training middle and high school teachers to teach the subject. Because of Ann’s lobbying efforts at the state level, Rhode Island students in middle and high school now receive mandatory education in domestic and dating violence.

Thomas J. Conroy is professor of communications at Castleton State College in Castleton, Vermont. He was a contributor and co-editor of the 2008 book, Constructing America’s War Culture: Iraq, Media, and Images at Home. He earned a doctorate of philosophy from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Donna Daniel teaches English at Somerset Middle School in Somerset, Massachusetts. She previously taught for five years in Fall River, Massachusetts.

George Kilsey took the position of assistant principal of Lincoln High School in 2009. Kilsey has taught history at Lincoln Middle School and Lincoln High School since 1998. He lives in Lincoln with his wife, Lois, and their two teenage children.

The Rhode Island Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association has honored Kathy Kelley-Luther as the 2009 Athletic Director of the Year. Luther is a math teacher and athletic director at Central Falls High School. She also serves on the Rhode Island College Hall of Fame Committee. She lives in Cumberland with her son, Kameron.

Maureen Wales is an adaptive physical education teacher at Alpharetta Elementary School in Alpharetta, Georgia. Last winter, she launched a new Girl Scout troop for special needs students.

1983
David Soucy is the president of Soucy Insurance Agency. The Woonsocket resident, who is a dedicated volunteer with strong ties to his community, served as grand marshal for the city’s 2009 Autumnfest. He and his wife, Charlene, have two sons.

1984
Last spring, Eileen (Daziekiewicz) Gamache earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. She lives in Glenelg, Maryland.

Congratulations to Tom Hewes for earning the distinction of Rhode Island History Teacher of the Year for the second time in three years. Hewes first received the honor in 2008 due to his students’ repeated successes at the annual History Day Competition. Hewes teaches at Gorton Junior High School in Warwick.

Karen Karten (master’s) retired as the Woonsocket ESL supervisor in June, 2009.

1985
Paula (Migneault) Coro works at Women & Infants Hospital as a registered nurse. She and her husband, Domenic, have two daughters attending Rhode Island College, Christine and Stephanie. Coro’s mother Natalie (DiPonte) Migneault ’57 teaches kindergarten ESL at Cranston’s Gladstone Street School and serves as RIC’s 1957 class notes secretary.

Patricia Goldstein serves on the board of directors of Providence’s Dorcas Place Adult & Family Learning Center, Inc. She works for the Rhode Island Airport Corporation as a vice president of public affairs and air service marketing. She lives in Narragansett.

Dave Kemmy was named the interim director of athletics at Roger Williams University, where he is also head wrestling coach. Kemmy, the former sports information director and head coach of men’s soccer at Rhode Island College, was inducted into the New England Wrestling Hall of Fame in February 2009.

Geraldine Lallo recently won the MetLife Ambassador in Education award. She works at the Providence Academy of International Studies as a reading specialist. She is the first Providence teacher to win the award.

Christopher Peter Mazza is a senior vice president at International Asset Systems. He earned a master’s degree in international management from Thunderbird School of Global Management in 1989. He lives in San Francisco, California.

Katherine Morrocco teaches second grade at New Hampshire’s Peterborough Elementary School. The former kindergarten teacher is working towards a master’s degree in reading and writing specialty at Plymouth State University. She and her husband, Craig, have two daughters.

Cranston’s Robert McCutcheon among RIDOC Employees Recognized for Long-term State Service. A.T. Wall II, director of the Rhode Island Department of Corrections, along with representatives from the department’s Human Resources Office, recognized 44 employees who have either recently retired or reached significant anniversaries of their entrance into state service. Among those recognized in the ceremony for 25 years of state service was Robert McCutcheon of Cranston, the department’s grievance coordinator. A graduate of the Rhode Island College, and a former member of the RIC Alumni Board, Mr. McCutcheon joined the RIDOC in February of 1984.
Musical Composition by Peter Boyer ’91 Premiered by Boston Pops

The Boston Pops and conductor Keith Lockhart premiered on May 18 and 19 the musical composition they commissioned from composer and RIC alum Peter Boyer ’91 for the Pops’ 125th anniversary celebration, The Dream Lives On: A Portrait of the Kennedy Brothers.

The performance, staged in Boston’s Symphony Hall, was inspired by famous speeches of John, Robert and Edward Kennedy. Robert De Niro read the words of John F. Kennedy, Ed Harris, the words of Robert Kennedy, and Morgan Freeman, the words of Ted Kennedy. Cherry Jones introduced and concluded the work, for which Tony Award-winning librettist Lynn Ahrens chose the quotes and wrote original text.

Boyer said that many members of the Kennedy family were present for the premiere, including Ted Kennedy’s widow Victoria Reggie Kennedy, his son Ted Kennedy Jr., Robert Kennedy’s widow Ethel Kennedy and Jean Kennedy Smith, sister of the three Kennedy brothers.

“The warm and enthusiastic reaction of the Kennedy family was the most memorable and gratifying aspect of the event,” said Boyer, a Grammy-nominated composer who received an honorary Doctor of Music degree from RIC in 2004.

In 2009 Judith J. Paolucci was named the new superintendent of schools in Yarmouth, Maine. She made the move north from Narragansett, where she served as the assistant superintendent. She holds a master’s degree from Brown University and a doctorate in education from the University of Rhode Island.

1986
Patrick T. Burke was confirmed by The Rhode Island Senate Judiciary Committee as a state special magistrate in March of 2009. Prior to the appointment, Burke served a deputy assistant for House Speaker William J. Murphy. The Providence resident earned his juris doctorate from Creighton University School of Law.

Kenneth Cadow recently published the children’s book Alfie Runs Away. Cadow earned a master’s degree in writing from Dartmouth College and teaches at Thetford Academy in Thetford, Vermont. He lives in Norwich, Vermont, with his wife, Lisa, and they spend their summers in St. Chinian, France.

1987
Bass-baritone singer, soloist and chorus member Michael Cofield has recently appeared with the Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey. His other performances include “Great Moments in Music” at Carnegie Hall’s Weill Recital Hall and back-up chorus for Andrea Bocelli in Madison Square Garden. Now living in New York City, the Middletown native is a former investment banker for Citigroup and American Express who earned a master’s degree in theatre from the University of Kansas.

Joseph J. Doyle works for Washington Trust as an assistant vice president and mortgage lending officer. Doyle holds a Master of Business Administration from Johnson & Wales University.

Leonard K. Harmon earned a Master of Organization Leadership degree from Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts. Harmon has worked as the director of the Fischer Policy Institute at Nichols since 2004. He and his wife, Janet, live in Charlton, Massachusetts.

1988
Olga Hawwa owns and operates a salon, Makeup & Image by Olga, which has recently moved to its new location in West Warwick.

Christopher Perron works for the North Attleboro, Massachusetts, school department as a physical education director. Perron has spent the last 20 years as a physical education teacher.

1989
Kelly E. Cummings serves as a board member of the Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County. Among her other volunteer commitments Cummings is also on the advisory board of Rhode Island College School of Management.

William Smyth won a New England Emmy award in the category of Community/Public Service Campaign, for directing the public service campaign Canisters. This Emmy was also won in 2003 and 2008 and nominated in 2005.

1990
Cranston residents Jason Golditch and his wife, Lynda, welcomed their son, Ryan Benjamin, in November 2009. Golditch is a senior television producer and director for Capitol Television in Providence.
1992

Sister Patricia Corley is president of Staten Island, New York’s only all girl Catholic school, the Grymes Hill school. Before leaving Rhode Island, she was the principal of St. Mary’s Academy of Visitation in Providence and an adjunct professor at Rhode Island College.

Jim Ellis was named on Security Director News magazine’s 2009 “20 Under 40” list, which spotlights excellence in the security field. With almost 20 years of experience, Ellis has worked for Iowa’s Principal Financial Group since 2005 as a physical security planner.

In May 2009 Patricia A. Pratt graduated from Rhode Island College a second time, with a Master of Arts in Teaching degree. She completed her student teaching requirement at Providence’s George J. West School.

Catherine Onyski-White has been with K&M Associates, a costume jewelry company since 1997. With her latest promotion, she is currently the director of planning and analysis. She lives and works in Providence.

Michael Zajac is the principal of Scituate Middle School. The former math and science teacher most recently served as the principal of Archie R. Cole Middle School in East Greenwich. He lives in North Smithfield with his wife and their three children.

1993

Michelle Brophy was promoted from assistant director of the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) Rhode Island office to the director of the CSH’s New England office in Connecticut. Brophy graduated from Springfield College with a master’s degree in human service administration.

Todd Conroy and his wife, Sarah, celebrated the birth of their daughter in July 2009. Conroy is the sommelier for the Wynn Hotel Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Richmond resident Steven M. Parente works for Bank Rhode Island as senior vice president and director of retail banking. With 12 years experience in the financial sector, Parente was formerly a senior vice president and regional manager at Citizens Bank.

Robin Reasor is finance director for the Coventry school department. Reasor was the director of finance and planning at Brown University’s campus dining service. The Seekonk resident has also worked in finance and administration for Tiverton and Seekonk.

1994

David Berthiaume is the branch president of Merchant Bank’s Putnam Square office in Bennington, Vermont. He previously worked as a business development and sales manager for TD Banknorth and managed their Greenwich, New York, branch. He lives with his family in Cambridge, New York.

Stacey Briely works for NetCenergy as a customer service representative. With over 12 years of experience, she was most recently a sales specialist at CORE Business Technologies’ network services division.

1995

Artist Heather Annis led a creative team in designing and constructing a new mosaic for St. Martin’s Episcopal Church in Providence. Annis works at Sincera Glass, where the tiles for the mosaic have been fired, and she is studying for her master’s degree in theology and the arts at Andover Newton Theological School.
Jennifer Carufel '95 has been promoted to vice president and training manager within Citizens Financial Group’s Training Division. Carufel is responsible for developing and maintaining relationships throughout the company and ensuring that training meets the needs of all managers and colleagues. She joined the company in 1998. Carufel received her bachelor’s degree in psychology from Rhode Island College and lives in North Smithfield.

Roy Vicente ’96 has been promoted to vice president at Citizens Bank. Vicente works in the Operational Risk Management Department. He joined Citizens in 2006 as an assistant vice president in the same department. Prior to Citizens, Vicente worked for Fleet Boston Financial and Textron Financial. He earned a B.S. in accounting at Rhode Island College, successfully completed the Fleet Boston Credit Program and is pursuing an M.B.A. He resides in Cumberland.

Jennifer A. (Ferra) DelSesto and her husband, Mark, welcomed their third child, Benjamin, Joseph in 2009. The DelSesto family resides in Hudson, New Hampshire.

Sarah Edwards works at Edgetech I.G. in Cambridge, Ohio, as a customer service representative for the western North America and Mexico regions. Edwards, her husband, Daniel, and their son live in Newcomerstown, Ohio.

Quality Partners promoted Paula Mottshaw to manager of communications and creative services in June 2009.

Congratulations to Jeff “Reggie” Roberts, the winner of the California League of High School Teachers’ 2010 Teacher of the Year award. The Aptos High School special education teacher and wrestling coach resides with his wife, Erica, in Capitola, California.

William P. Whitford was recently recognized by the American Hospital Association as a certified healthcare facility manager. Whitford has worked for South County Hospital for the past 30 years, most recently as head of the facilities management department.

1996

Congratulations to Andrew Coughlin, winner of Rhode Island College’s Professional Staff Association (PSA) 2009 Staff Member of the Year Award. Coughlin serves as RIC’s athletics and recreational facilities coordinator. He and his wife, Danielle, have two sons.

Mark Garceau (master’s) left his position as principal of Cranston’s Gladstone Elementary School to become director of instruction and administration for Woonsocket public schools.

The Rhode Island office of the U.S. Small Business Administration awarded Ann-Marie Harrington (master’s) the 2009 Small Business Person of the Year award. Harrington is a former social worker and the founder and current president of Embolden, a web development and internet consulting firm based in Pawtucket.

Kristin (Ward) Hlady just finished her first school year as the principal of Cranston’s Gladstone Elementary School. She spent the previous four years as assistant principal of Hugh B. Bain Middle School.

Lonnie Morris is the assistant principal at Coventry High School. Morris began his career teaching middle school physical education and coaching wrestling and football.

Peter Slom works at the Rhode Island Training School for juvenile offenders as a unit manager.

Denise Turcotte teaches fifth grade at Greystone Elementary School in North Providence. The mother of four was named Mrs. Rhode Island in the Mrs. America 2009 contest, and won the title of Mrs. New England in 2008. She has been married to her husband, Troy, for 16 years.

1997

Dr. Walid Bader earned his medical degree from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, Maine. Walid is working as a physician at Beverly Hospital in Danvers, Massachusetts.

Lincoln resident Marcia Carr-Carvalho works as an employee health nurse for Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, where she was named both Nurse of the Year and Employee of the Year for 2009.

Jonathan Cook was recently promoted to sergeant in the Cumberland Police Department, where he has served in various capacities since 1998. He is a former United States Marine Corps sergeant with the Combat Engineer Unit.

Susan (Moura) Rizzo (master’s) teaches first grade at Pleasant View Elementary School in Providence. A graduate of Wheelock College, she resides in Gloucester.

1998

Wendy Amelotte is principal of Forest Park Elementary School in North Kingstown. Amelotte has taught at schools in Kansas, Maine and New Jersey, most recently serving as the assistant principal of North Smithfield Elementary School.

Rosemary Soave recently joined Adoption Rhode Island as program manager for the adoption support services team. Prior to this position, Soave served as vulnerable infants program director at Women and Infants Hospital’s Brown Center for the Study of Children at Risk.

Debra Wigand (master’s) works for the Maine Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Maine Department of Health and Human Services as the chronic disease team leader. She previously served as the Maine CDC’s cardiovascular health program manager.

1999

Thomas K. Fitzgerald now works for Washington Trust as vice president and commercial lending officer. He holds a Master of Business Administration from Providence College. Fitzgerald was listed in Providence Business News’ “40 under 40” in 2009.
Charity begins at home

Growing up we often heard this familiar phrase ... charity begins at home. In the 1950s mothers would volunteer for the March of Dimes to be “block mothers.” They’d lead the charge for donations in their neighborhoods, organizing armies of volunteers going door-to-door. Thousands of dimes stuffed into the slots of collection boxes would be spread over parlor floors and counted by the mothers in charge.

For many RIC alumni, their charity extends to the place of their first college experience. With degrees in hand they took up careers and headed into communities around the globe. Many have chosen to give back to the “home” base where they were educated — Rhode Island College. Their generosity has resulted in a strong Alumni Association that supports many initiatives including scholarship aid, alumni activities like Homecoming and the Alumni Awards dinner, partial faculty research, the Alumni Magazine, the E-News online newsletter and the president’s discretionary fund.

We are grateful to our alumni and friends who have supported the Alumni Association in the most recent 2009-2010 year. Thank you!

RIC Alumni Association Scholarship Awards For the 2010-2011 Academic Year

Alumni volunteers on the Alumni Association’s Scholarship Committee spent an evening in June reviewing scholarship applications. In all, 143 scholarships totaling $107,400 were awarded in July. They range from $400 to $1200 and are based on written essays, financial aid and grade point average (GPA.)

Awards are made possible through the generosity of donors to the Annual Fund and include paid pledges received from the Fall and Spring Phonathons. Thank you to all who contributed.

The Alumni Association Annual Fund Drive has set a goal of $300,000 by December 31

In an effort to utilize its resources more effectively, the Alumni Association will conduct its Annual Fund Drive from July 1 through December 31, 2010. If the goal of $300,000 is exceeded, the Alumni Board can allocate additional funds to the highest priorities of Rhode Island College. If the Annual Fund Drive falls short of its goal, the board will adjust expenditures to reflect the amount of donations it has received.

The largest single component in the Alumni Association’s budget is scholarships. Reaching its goal by December 31 will allow the Alumni Association to notify students in April rather than July regarding their alumni scholarship status for the academic year 2011-2012. This earlier notification will provide an advantage to the scholarship recipients and their families by helping them to better plan the financing of their college expenses.

Although the Annual Fund Drive will focus on July 1 through December 31, the Alumni Association will continue to accept annual fund gifts throughout the year.

For more information please call 401.456.8827 or email nhoogasian@ric.edu. Give conveniently online at www.ric.edu/givenow.
Summit ElderCare Appoints Annamaria Salisbury ’99 to Site Director

Summit ElderCare, a program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), announces the appointment of Annamaria Salisbury to site director of the organization’s East Mountain St. site in Worcester. In this position, she will oversee the daily operations at the site, while interacting with participants and caregivers, and also lead the Summit ElderCare interdisciplinary team in overseeing the management of each individual care plan for all participants to ensure the best possible care.

Salisbury has more than 17 years of experience working in operations, quality management and social services at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island in Pawtucket. A Lincoln, Rhode Island, resident, Salisbury is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Society for Public Administration, the American Health Information Management Association, the International Association of Privacy Professionals and the Health Care Compliance Association. In addition to her roles in these organizations, Salisbury is also active in the community, volunteering for over 15 years as a rescue lieutenant/EMT on a volunteer fire department, and since 2000 with the Special Olympics Rhode Island Torch Run.

Erin (Barrette) Goodman contributed an essay to the 2009 edition of *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Power Moms. 101 Stories Celebrating the Power of Choice for Stay-at-Home and Work-from-Home Moms*. The Charlestown resident has worked as a reporter, editor, freelance writer, communications teacher and yoga instructor. She has two children, Lila and Quinn.

Anna Cano-Morales (master’s) works for The Rhode Island Foundation as the associate vice president for grant programs. She also sits on the executive board of the University of Rhode Island Foundation, where she serves overseeing endowment management and fundraising.

Stephen Samek was recently promoted to sergeant in the Cumberland Police Department. Samek has been with the CPD since 2004 and holds a master’s degree in adult education from the University of Rhode Island. She lives in Cumberland with her husband, Richard.

2000 Matt Allen has his own talk show on the Providence area radio station WPRO weekdays from 6 to 9 pm.

Lucia (Coutu) Freedman and her husband, Adam, celebrated the birth of their first child, Sophie June, in 2009. Freedman is a marketing director at Newton Safety, Inc. in Newton Highlands, Massachusetts.

Sarah Kelly works for the Veterans Affairs Hospital as a voluntary service specialist. She has previously held positions involving the coordination and training of volunteers for Salve Regina University and the Public Education Foundation.

Rhode Island Children’s Chorus was conducted by founder Christine Noel at the 2010 American Choral Directors’ Association convention and the 2009 Music Educators’ National Conference. Noel, who is currently the director of choral activities at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, won the 2007 Conducting Faculty Honors award from Boston University, where she also earned her master’s degree in music.

2001 Rich Bocchini was named the Central Hockey League’s 2009 Communications Executive of the Year. He currently provides the play-by-play voice for the Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees hockey team and has had similar roles in the past with the Knoxville (UHL), Bridgeport Sound Tigers (AHL), Worcester IceCats (AHL) and the arena football 2 team the Rio Grande Valley Dorados.

2002 Douglas C. Ciullo has served 14 years with the Cumberland Police Department and was recently promoted to sergeant. The Army Reserve Major earned a juris doctorate from Roger Williams University and has served as a prosecution officer for state district and municipal courts. He has one child with his wife, Lisa. RIC’s 2002 class notes secretary Kevin Clarke was promoted to area manager for the Buffalo New York portfolio at American Campus Communities. He lives in Amherst, New York.

Melissa (Tanguay) Coppola and her husband, Derek, became proud parents of twins Layla and Nicholas in April 2008. The Coppola family resides in West Warwick.
Margaux Lanoie is a data specialist at Adconion Media Group/Frontline Direct Inc. She lives and works in San Diego.

The Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre promoted Brian Platt (master’s) from development associate to the newly created position of development manager. Platt has worked in the field of theatre arts as a teacher, actor, director and producer all over the east coast. He and his family live in Johnston.

Annette Torrey (master’s) of Salve Regina University was promoted to director of the center for teaching and learning. She had been working as an instructional technology coordinator at the university.

2003

Susan Beck is the education coordinator for the Prudence Island School Foundation’s homeschooleding program. She works in the “last one room schoolhouse in Rhode Island” to provide on-island rather than commuter education for the tiny population’s elementary aged children.

Christy DiOrio received a Dean’s Achievement Scholarship in her first year at Roger Williams School of Law where she was placed into the honors program for her second year.

Bethany A. Lardaro is branch manager for Washington Trust at the Sweet Meadows branch in Narragansett.

Scott Virgulak was named the men’s baseball head coach at Rhode Island College, where he spent 2004-09 as an assistant coach.

Derek Wesolowski was hired by the town of Lincoln as a fire/medic technician. He previously worked for the Tiverton Fire Department and Med-tech. He and his wife, Sara, live in Woonsocket with their young son, Miles.

2004

In addition to teaching English, Amanda Castore-Grundel has also worked to revive the drama program at Smithfield High School. Last April, they presented their first production, A Fearful Symmetry, which was written by her husband, Christian.

Caroline Caswell is the assistant superintendent for the East Providence School Department. Caswell previously served as the principal at East Providence High School and Martin Middle School. She has also taught at Rhode Island College and Newport’s Rogers High School.

Steven Morrone is currently serving as principal of Ashaway Elementary School after spending the past five years as a teacher at State Street School in his home town of Westerly. He holds a master’s degree in elementary and middle school administration from Providence College.

The Wolcott Eco Office in Providence was the recent venue for Nathan Nadeau’s Time of the Signs show which displays his “retro-signage satire” pieces. Nadeau, who studied metal working, re-fabrics antique signs to satirize current politics and pop culture. He also operates the Iron Origami metal studio in Pawtucket.

RIC Athletic Hall of Famers Jo-Ann D’Alessandro ’88, Cathy Lanni ’88, Claudia DeFaria ’96 and Mike Van Leesten ’65 were inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. Former RIC women’s player Jerilynn Johnson, along with DeFaria, were enshrined for their careers at CCRI.

RIC Athletic Hall of Famer Charlie Wilkes ’64 was inducted as a contributor. Former players Gerald ’71 and Donald Suggs were enshrined as high school players. Former player Sean Reddy and graduate Jim Donaldson ’40 were honored as high school coaches.

In addition, RIC Athletic Hall of Famer and current coordinator of student-athlete development G. Gail Davis ’60 received the Ronald S. Perry Award for coaching. Former player Wayne Montague ’82 was inducted into the Scholar-Athlete category.
Sylvia Spears is serving a two-year term at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, as acting dean of the college. Prior to her appointment, she was Dartmouth’s associate dean of student life and director of the office of pluralism and leadership.

2005
Former Kaleidoscope Theatre performer Beckley Andrews spent the summer of 2009 performing in Crazy for You at Matunuck’s Theatre by the Sea. Among her numerous acting credits is a stint in the Broadway production of Gypsy with Patti Lupone.

Rachel (Sokoll) Arno is the director of advising at the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology in Boston. Arno holds a master of professional studies degree in human resource management from Stony Brook University. She lives in Waltham, Massachusetts, with her husband, Michael.

Shanna D. Loveless recently marked one year as a new officer with the Cumberland Police Department (CPD). The Warwick native is one of three female members of the CPD.

2006
Lianne Elsner earned a master’s degree from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and is employed as a software developer at Raytheon in Billerica, Massachusetts. She resides in Hudson, New Hampshire.

West Warwick resident Kristen Kilduff Fernandez is certified by Dance Masters of America and teaches Zumba classes at Bryant University and Lets Dance in West Warwick.

Congratulations to Julianne Jennings, winner of the 2009 Rhode Island Extraordinary Woman Award in Cultural Enrichment. Jennings, a Cheroenhaka Nottoway, won for her teachings on the history and culture of American Indians in southern New England. The Warwick resident and mother of three teaches sociology at Eastern Connecticut State University and is the author of several books and journal articles on native southern New England.

Terri Lea (Manley) Legare recently completed her master’s degree in nursing education from Framingham State College. She and her husband, Robert, reside in Millville, Massachusetts.

Erica Lindblad is a recent graduate of the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York. She spent the summer of 2009 performing in The All Night Strut in the Cabaret at the Millbrook Playhouse in Mill Hall, Pennsylvania.

Best wishes to Nichole Magnifico on the birth of her second child, Brody, in April.

Karen (Seagrave) Schnabel works as the state executive director of Best Buddies International. She was previously a resource development manager for a nonprofit organization at Hasbrou Children’s Hospital. She and her husband, Kurt, live in Barrington.

Lincoln High School history teacher Gracieta Small was named the 2009 James Madison Fellow. The fellowship funds up to $28,000 towards a master’s degree concentrating on the history and principles of the U.S. Constitution.

Laura Steere performed with the Vermont Actors’ Repertory Theatre in John Cariani’s production of Almost, Maine. The show was presented at the Brick Box in the Paramount Theatre in Rutland, Vermont.

2007
Stefanie Caliri works for Hale Barnard Services for Older People as a director of development and community relations. She was recently named to LaSalle Academy Alumni Association’s board of directors.

Smithfield resident Crystal Colagiovanni was appointed assistant women’s soccer coach at Rhode Island College where she is also assistant women’s lacrosse coach. She teaches first grade at St. Thomas Regional School in Providence.

Cheryl A. Dugas Ethier (master’s) of Lincoln earned the designation certified financial planner. She is employed by SKM Wealth Management LLC where she is a certified public accountant and financial planner.

Melissa Grisi is the mentoring program coordinator for the Providence nonprofit OpenDoors (formerly Family Life Center). Grisi provides support to formerly incarcerated adults by matching them with mentors from the community.

Painter Caitlin Magner graduated from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts with a master’s degree in fine arts.

Marilyn Massey (master’s) was appointed director of Chanhio Regional Career and Technical Center. Massey is the former graduate by proficiency coordinator for Pilgrim High School and has held several positions teaching business and computer classes.

Kristin Russo was promoted to full-time reporter for The Valley Breeze weekly newspaper, covering Woonsocket and North Smithfield. Russo was previously working for the paper as a part-time lifestyle writer. She and her husband, Dr. Joseph A. Russo, have three children.

2008
Kristin Costa writes bi-weekly book reviews for The Coventry Courier. The Coventry resident is studying for a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing at Lesley University.

Priscilla Gonzalez is an account executive for the communications firm Vision Strategies in Providence. She interned at the Ogilvy Mather agency in New York and has marketing and community relations experience.

Warwick resident Robert Grandchamp earned his master’s degree in American history from Rhode Island College, and also published a nonfiction book, The Boys of Adams’ Battery G: The Civil War Through the Eyes of a Union Light Artillery.

Brian Hull owns and operates RIFuture.org, a liberal-progressive blog focusing on political news. Hull also works for the Rhode Island Progressive Democrats of America as a state deputy coordinator, and co-owns the Hull Grenier Photography Studio in Providence.

Danbury, Connecticut, native John Weir returned to Rhode Island College as an assistant coach for the men’s basketball team.

2009
High school sweethearts and Rhode Island College graduates Melissa Brousseau and Brian J. Constant ’10 are engaged to be married on June 8, 2012.

Christopher Cochran is a fourth grade resource teacher at Narragansett Elementary School, specializing in severe and profound special education.

Johnston resident Eric M. Gelsomino works as an agent for New York Life Insurance Company, in their Boston general office.

Performer Manon Yoder Kreider recently appeared in Lullabye of Broadway III at the Granite Theatre in Westerly. She has also played characters in Cinderella and Gypsy in theatres around Rhode Island.
Annemarie (Kennedy) Messier (master’s) whose creative non-fiction story, *Notes from a Seven-Year Study of the Domestic Short-Haired Feline*, won the Not About the Buildings second annual Writing Prize in 2009. She and her husband, Daniel, live in North Providence, with their cat.

Jeshenia Rojas works for the city of Providence as a prosecution assistant and part time for Channel One, a social service agency serving adolescents. Rojas was the coordinator for the 2009 Central Falls Youth Summit, which helped local teens confront an outbreak of violence in their neighborhood.

Lorne Teeter is head men’s tennis coach at Rhode Island College, where he is pursuing a Master of Business Administration. Originally from Warwick, he currently lives in Providence.

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1930
Mary Lyons King in September ’09 (101 yrs old!)
Dorothy Steiner Ward in April ’08
Beatrice Noakley Andrews in January ’10

1931
Angela A. Vallone Lee in June ’09

1932
Alice C. Hannan Simnett in May ’09

1933
Lucy Rawlings Tootell in January ’10
Edward J. Flanagan in December ’09

1934
Kathleen M. Kelley Reavey in June ’09
Barbara B. Seamsers Guerin in March ’09
Dorothy Stelljes Costanza in February ’09
1941
Dorothy Stelljes Costanza in February ’09
Marion Litchfield Hunt in March ’09
Virginia A. Palmer Savage in July ’09
Mary C. Doris Reilly in August ’09
Gertrude “Kay” M. Laurienzo DeJohn in May ’09

1935
Dr. Anna R. McManus Mullaney in September ’09
Mary Beagan in December ’09
Helen L. Lombardi Ferry in August ’09
Ethel M. Peterson in September ’09

1936
Jane B. Maguire Mill in October ’09
Raphelina DeRosa LeMaire in July ’09

1937
Cecelia Motta in August ’09
Ethel Capwell Mitchell in December ’09
Eleanor Hoxsie Perrin in November ’09
Stephen D. Jundanian in May ’10
Mary T. Winters Storin in July ’10

1938
Frances X. Noon Petteruti in March ’10
Bruce C. Ogilvie, PhD in May ’10

1939
Eleanor C. Devanney Coughlin in March ’09
Irene F. McDonnell Fuller in May ’09
Jean Teder Kirsch-Becker in October ’09
Michel J. Beauchemin in May ’09
Emma J. Closson Speel in November ’09

1940
Dorothea “Dot” A. Quinlan Pollard in March ’09
Anne H. Fontes Trahan in April ’10

1941
Dorothy Steiner Ward in February ’09
Marion Litchfield Hunt in March ’09
Virginia A. Palmer Savage in July ’09
Mary C. Doris Reilly in August ’09
Gertrude “Kay” M. Laurienzo Delohn in May ’09

Dorothy A. Reardon Higginbotham in September ’09
Selma Krasnow Silverman in February ’10
Mary L. Wheelan Quinn in January ’10

1942
Bernard Mason in July ’09
John F. Hogan in September ’09

1943
Gertrude M. Baron in June ’09
Arlene Duffy Whitehead in July ’09
Mary Regina Clavin Smith in July ’09
Ruth Rotman Porrter in November ’08
Rita Burns Sullivan in February ’10
John “Jack” F. Cannon in January ’10

1944
Matilda Liberati Tanzi in July ’09

1946
Patricia Donovan Carbonneau in April ’09
Irene F. Polikoff Staskin in May ’10

1950
Raymond M. Lombardi in August ’09
Fortunato A. Carello in October ’09

1951
Jocelyn A. McNanna O’Neill in June ’09
William W. Deroin Jr. in July ’09
Myron Francis in May ’10

1952
Joanne Hurl Durigan in January ’10
Salvatore Campo in February ’09

1954
Robert A. Smith in July ’09
Diane Cartier Caswell in November ’09
Catherine E. McLaughlin O’Neill in December ’09
Clotilde Pereira Anderson in November ’09

1955
Daniel R. Gooden in September ’09 (master’s)
Joan R. Burke Ferri in October ’09
Eddyte M. Mulgrew Hand in September ’09
Pauline I. Pointon Martin in May ’08

1956
Robert Partridge in February ’09

1958
John B. Judge in August ’09

1960
Irene C. Frattarelli Lacy in August ’09
Schuyler Phillips in September ’08
Moorad Mooradian in September ’09

1962
Sara Jane Hagan Brady in February ’10

1963
Dr. Robert W. Grilli in April ’09
Bernard Singleton in February ’10

1964
Frances “Hope” Virostek in February ’09

1965
Kevin M. Burns in December ’09

1966
Annette C. Maynard in February ’10 (master’s)
Charles E. Sullivan in May ’10
Matthew J. Meehan Jr. in July ’09

1967
Josephine “Jo-Ann” A. Stillings in June ’09
(master’s)
Maureen “Mo” E Blais Hatt in September ’09
Robert E. Day in July ’10

1968
Anne S. Martin in July ’09
Ernest P. Marcure in October ’09
Maureen A. Casey Ciuryla in September ’09

1969
Karen E. Alexander in August ’07
William J. Pepin in February ’10

1970
Ruth W. Hall Hopkins in June ’09 (master’s)
Jean R. Pompili in September ’09
Catherine McManus Reis in October ’09
Charles T. Graves in April ’10

1971
Sr. Mary D. Sullivan in May ’09
Sylvia Klanian Forti in May ’09

1972
Idelle G. Dress in June ’09
Gardner D. Pickering in March ’09 (master’s)

1973
Elizabeth G. Goodwin Lane in August ’09 (master’s)
Clare T. Cournoyer Pollard in January ’10

1974
Jeanne Sylvestre Berzner in March ’09 (master’s)
Harry Roll in January ’10
Maureen E. Callahan in September ’09
David L. Ward in November ’09 (master’s)
Rev. Inga T. Freyer-Nicholas in April ’10

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1975
Lois Kyle Guise in July ‘09 (master’s)
Robert D. Brouillard in March ‘09
Wayne T. Patrick in April ‘09
Charles W. McDonald in September ‘09
Thomas J. Quinn III in September ‘09

1976
Donna A. Havrylik in June ‘09
Elizabeth A. Adams in March ‘09 (master’s)
Pearl F. Plante in July ‘09 (master’s)
Edward E. Shaw in January ‘10 (master’s)

1977
Richard T. Barrett in February ‘09
Edna M. Coogan Snow in July ‘09 (master’s)
Alice E. Way Whalen in June ‘09
Miriam “Mim” Tower Kapsinow in January ‘10 (master’s)

1978
David P. Esposito in October ‘09
Avis Latham Lundin in February ‘10

1979
Albert “Ben” E. Beachen in March ‘09 (master’s)
Jessica B. VanZabner Naumann in February ‘10

1980
Joseph R. Shea in February ‘10
Michael A. Valerio in March ‘10

1981
John “Jack” J. Cooper in July ‘09
William T. Allen Jr. in February ‘10

1982
Lynn B. Staples Benetti in July ‘09
Barbara A. Rogers Morgan in August ‘09 (master’s)
Shauna J. McGregor Headley in October ‘09

1983
Myrtle O. Elfstrom Chappelle in June ‘09

1984
Rebecca Cohen Schaffer in September ‘09

1987
Charles E. Perry Jr. in June ‘09
Suzanne Dursin Cross in June ‘09 (master’s)

1989
Lisa A. Mansolillo Lombardi in August ‘09

1990
Margaret M. Daly Schick in August ‘09 (master’s)

1991
John E. Carr in June ‘09 (master’s)
Richard Fracasso in June ‘09 (master’s)

1992
Peter A. Cappuccilli in February ‘09
Susan DeFeo Grace in August ‘09
Michael Occhi in July ‘09

1994
Clifford A. Wieland in September ‘09
Steven L. Horovitz in August ‘09 (master’s)

1995
Steven M. Carlson in June ‘09

1999
Leslee P. Silvia in November ‘09
Mary E. Gaffney in March ‘10 (master’s)

2004
Dana Wright in December ‘09

2009
John “Tash” Q. Tashjian in April ‘09

1979 (Honorary Degree)
Ernest C. Allison in December ‘09

1980 (Honorary Degree)
Hugh Leonard in February ‘09

1988 (Honorary Degree)
Maxwell Mays in November ‘09
Seymour B. Sarason in January ‘10

1989 (Honorary Degree)
Wilma Pearl Mankiller in April ‘10

2004 (Honorary Degree)
Elizabeth “Betty” J. Johnson in March ‘10

2005 (Honorary Degree)
Billie A. Burrill in March ‘10

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Weddings

1977
Kathan Mospaw to Peter F. Lambert in July ’09

1987
Mark Norton to Cynthia Nichols (1995) in November ’08

1992
Nicholas Nofi III to Chengetai Semwayo in August ’08

1993
Jeannine M. Dery to Steven E. Asprinio in August ’08
Todd A. Copice to Joyce A. Reeley in May ’09

1995
Heather L. Briggs to Stephen D. Mosca in June ’09
Jason Centracchio to Jaklyn C. Dextradeur in April ’09

1997
Robert T. Jutras to Elizabeth P. Emory in March ’09
Damien P. Edsall to Jacqueline M. DiPrete (2003) in April ’09

1998
Lisa M. Tammello to Patrick A. Casey in August ’08
Melissa Caron to Derek DaCosta in October ’08

1999
Nathan Roberge to Rachel E. Anderson in July ’09

2000
David Laxton to Shannon Sullivan in November ’08
Jessica C. Tormey to Jonathan M. Leaver in May ’09
Erin J. Kelly to Jared P. Sauve in March ’09
Michelle A. Perez to Austin L. Furman in October ’08

2001
Tiffany L. David to Anthony R. DeCiantis (2007) in July ’08
Sharon C. Soares to Ron Pence in October ’08
Amy Salustio to David Geremia in June ’09

2002
Megan E. Birch to Ian T. McMichael in November ’08
Kevin P. Herchen to Caitlin F. Kelleher (2003) in August ’08
Alicia J. Byrd to Jonathan R. Samolis in September ’09
Kristen DiChiaro to Andrew Magda in June ’09
James P. Murphy II to Tara R. Fatkin in May ’09

2003
Jennifer L. Briggs to Craig Lander in July ’08
Erin M. Gouin to Christopher G. Deneault in September ’08
April M. Bannon to Heath Letourneau in June ’09
Lisa E. Lutrario to Brett J. Bache in October ’09
Jillian M. Novasad to Andrew Jusko in July ’09

2004
Matthew T. Pringle to Lindsay B. Sousa in October ’08
Dina M. Mansour to Robert J. Rebmann in March ’09
Joanna Fargnoli to Jeffrey Plamondon in May ’09
Amy I. Veloz to Miguel R. Hernandez in August ’09
Kerri L. Picard to Timothy J. Kelley in June ’09
Lynn Arruda to Scott Ostapow in May ’08

2005
Tara A. Capasso to Justin V. Jackvony (2007) in October ’08
Cristina E. DeCristofaro to Todd N. Brothers in August ’08
Barbara M. Hodge to Isaac S. M. Nakka in April ’09
Michael Oliveira to Bethany Giammarco in October ’08
Sergio P. Loureiro to Andrea S. Quaresma in September ’08
Stacy C. Lima to Nelson M. Ribeiro in September ’08
Renee M. Cyr to Andrew B. Turenne in June ’08
Sarah M. Riordan to Jonas S. Szabo in June ’09
Kimberly A. Dalpe to Jeremiah A. Katz in September ’08
2006
Brittany D. Boyle to Antonio DeLuca in July ’08
Steven D. King to Leah N. Trombley (2008) in October ’08
John J. Doyle IV to Margaret M. Beagen in June ’09

2007
Kelly M. Plante to Dereck Baker in September ’08
Chloe R. Wyman to Craig M. Emingin in March ’09
Allison M. Desmarais to Brett M. Hosney in July ’09
Shanna K. Smith to Casey T. Factor in July ’09

2008
Salvador I. Pellerano to Giselle C. Monserratt (2008) in July ’08
Tia L. Sylvestre to Daniel Tomaz in May ’09
Meghan P. Brennan to Jonathon D. Shapiro in June ’09
Kathleen R. Larivee to Derek M. Dubois (2008) in June ’09
Jennifer L. Clavin to Christopher Barnes in January ’09
Douglas R. Bliven to Lindsay M. Gilligan in August ’09

2009
Nathan Bradbury to Heidi Zibrat in May ’09
Kayla M. Pandolfi to Andrew J. Thompson in June ’09
Laura Coutu to Stephen Young in August ’09
Allison I. Wroblewski to David P. Ambrose in July ’09

Giselle Pellerano-Monserratt ’08 and Salvador Pellerano ’08

They met at RIC. After celebrating their second wedding anniversary in May, Salvador contacted the Alumni Office.

“I met my wife during my time at RIC. We took many classes together and worked in a few group projects together. Our friendship turned into love and as time went by, I realized she was the one. We shared the same views and passions, had similar goals in life, and learned new things from each other We both obtained a bachelor’s degree in management from RIC. Last year, we became new home owners and are enjoying life together.”

Salvador is employed at The Met School “LTI Partnership Developer” and Giselle works for the Bank of America as a teller operation specialist.

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Rhode Island College is now looking to the state's voters for assistance in renovating its decades-old Art Center. The building's diminished capacity, as well as its antiquated facilities, make it unsuitable for present-day studio art training and education.

A higher education bond referendum, question #2 on the November ballot, includes a proposal for a new chemistry building at the University of Rhode Island as well as the funding needed to provide RIC students with a modern, state-of-the-art visual learning environment that would greatly expand the capacity of the Art Center, offering the space as well as the stimulus for unlimited creativity. Read the full story on page 24.