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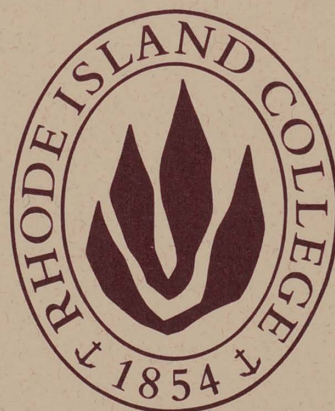
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CAP AND GOWN  
CONVOCATION

SPRING 1989







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Wednesday, the third of May  
Nineteen hundred and eighty-nine  
12:30 p.m.  
Dennis J. Roberts Auditorium  
Rhode Island College

CAP AND GOWN CONVOCATION

**Processional**

*Pomp and Circumstance, Op. 39, No. 1 . . . Edward Elgar*

**The National Anthem**

Susan J. Cooper  
*Vocalist*

**Greetings**

Carol J. Guardo  
*President of the College*  
Emily H. Bobbitt  
*Class of 1989*

**Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges**

Gary M. Penfield  
*Vice President for Student Affairs*

**Departmental Awards**

Willard F. Enteman  
*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*  
*Assisted by Chairs of Presenting Departments*

**Cap and Gown Investiture**

Carol J. Guardo

**Address**

Dolores A. Passarelli  
*Director, New Student Programs*

**Senior Class Gift**

Renée Perreault  
*Vice President, Class of 1989*

**Alma Mater**

*(audience will please stand)*

**Recessional**

*Americans We . . . Henry Fillmore*



**Bearer of the Del Sesto Mace**

Crist H. Costa

*Chair, Council of Rhode Island College*

**Musical Selections**

Rhode Island College Wind Ensemble

Francis M. Marciniak, *Director*

**Reception**

Hosted by President Guardo  
immediately following the Convocation  
Southeast lawn, Roberts Hall

**Student Marshals and Ushers**

The Gold Key Society

**CLASS OF 1989**

Edward G. Soares, *President*

Renée Perreault, *Vice President*

Alyssa B. DeAndrade, *Secretary*

Malaina Gennari, *Treasurer*

Alfred Tedesco, *Social Committee Chair*

Jonathan Ruhan, *Public Relations Chair*

1989 CAP AND GOWN DAY AWARDS

**Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award  
(Scholastic Excellence)**

Alumni  
*Karen A. Silva*

**Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award  
(Outstanding Achievement)**

Alumni  
*Bethany L. Goldberg*

**John E. Hetherman Award**

Athletics  
*Scott M. Martin*

**Helen M. Murphy Award**

Athletics  
*Marybeth Crane Cousineau*

**James Houston Award in Anthropology/Geography**

Anthropology/Geography  
*Sharon A. Marsella*  
*Jonathan F. Ruhan*  
*Celeste L. Steffancci*

**Studio Art Award**

Art  
*Michele Cocroft-Winn*

**Theodore Lemeshka Award**

Biology  
*Paul F. Stabila*

**W. Christina Carlson Award**

Biology  
*Jean M. Marsella*

**Rhode Island College Theatre Award**

Communications/Theatre  
*Kimberly A. Smith*

**John Silva Memorial Scholastic Award**

Economics/Management  
*Sandra R. Ball*

**Wall Street Journal Award**

Economics/Management  
*Sandra R. Ball*  
*Marianne E. LaPorte*

**Elementary Education Faculty Award**

Elementary Education  
*Leanna Lynn Poirier*  
*Carmen Rodriguez*

**Jean Garrigue Award**

English  
*Cynthia Perkins Danyluk*  
*Gretchen A. Robinson*

**Yetta Rauch Melcer Dance Award**

Health/Physical Education  
*Kathryn M. Van Orsouw*

**Claiborne deB. Pell Award**

History  
*Richard P. Anterni*

**Evelyn Walsh Prize**

History  
*Christine R. Willett*

1989 CAP AND GOWN DAY AWARDS  
(continued)

**Epsilon Pi Tau, Beta Sigma Chapter Award**

Industrial Education and Technology

*Jacqueline D. Meerbott*

**Richard A. Howland Computer Science Award**

Mathematics/Computer Science

*Barbara A. Sanky*

**Christopher R. Mitchell Award**

Mathematics/Computer Science

*Elissa D. Schleifer*

**Nelson A. Guertin Memorial Award – French**

Modern Languages

*Suzanne Spitzer*

**Nelson A. Guertin Memorial Award – Spanish**

Modern Languages

*María C. Albina*

**Tegu Polyglot Award**

Modern Languages

*Amilcar M. Silva*

**Cantor Jacob Hohenemser Award**

Music

*Susan J. Cooper*

**Nursing Faculty Award – Undergraduate**

Nursing

*Dawn M. Del Ponte*

**Nursing Faculty Award –  
Undergraduate-Registered Nurse**

Nursing

*Patricia F. McDuff, R.N.*

**American Institute of Chemists Award**

Physical Sciences

*Keith E. Rice*

**Ronald J. Boruch Award**

Physical Sciences

*Paul F. Stabila*

**North Providence League of Women Voters Award**

Political Science

*Ernest J. Carlucci*

**John H. Chafee Award**

Political Science

*Alyssa B. DeAndrade*

**Psychology Faculty Senior Award**

Psychology

*Marythea Irving*

**Bachelor of Social Work Program Award  
(Academic Excellence)**

Bachelor of Social Work Program

*Marianne T. Dalpe*

**Bachelor of Social Work Program Award  
(Service Excellence)**

Bachelor of Social Work Program

*Carol S. Brotman*

**Lauris B. Whitman Award in Sociology**

Sociology

*Wendy A. DeLuca*

**Josephine A. Stillings Award**

Special Education

*Bonnie J. Marks*



### BERTHA CHRISTINA ANDREWS EMIN AWARD

(Scholastic Excellence)

This endowed award was established in honor of Bertha Christina Andrews Emin, a 1912 graduate of Rhode Island State Normal School, who has devoted her life to contributing to the schools and community of Smithfield. The award is presented to a resident of Smithfield, R.I., who has the highest cumulative average at the end of the seventh semester and who is scheduled to graduate in May.

### BERTHA CHRISTINA ANDREWS EMIN AWARD

(Outstanding Achievement)

A second award in honor of Mrs. Emin, it is given to a woman member of the May graduating class who has distinguished herself by attaining an honors baccalaureate and by active leadership in student affairs.

### JOHN E. HETHERMAN AWARD

*Department of Athletics, Intramurals, and Recreation*

*William M. Baird, Director*

This endowed award was established as a memorial to the late John E. Hetherman, class of 1940, who was killed in action during World War II. The award is presented to a graduating senior man in recognition of his scholastic success and his achievements as an athlete, gentleman, and participant in campus activities.

### HELEN M. MURPHY AWARD

*Department of Athletics, Intramurals, and Recreation*

*William M. Baird, Director*

This endowed award was established in honor of Helen M. Murphy, class of 1939, who was a distinguished faculty member at the Henry Barnard School. The award is given to a woman member of the May graduating class in recognition of her scholastic success, as well as her achievements as an athlete and a participant in campus and community activities.

### JAMES HOUSTON AWARD IN ANTHROPOLOGY/GEOGRAPHY

*Department of Anthropology and Geography*

*Terence E. Hays, Chair*

This award is presented annually to a graduating senior majoring in either anthropology or geography who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and has had significant involvement in the department and the concerns of the discipline. It is made possible by contributions from the faculty of anthropology/geography and by a generous gift from Alice and James Houston, whose interests in researching, recording, and teaching about the cultures and habitats of native America have been a constant inspiration.

### STUDIO ART AWARD

*Department of Art*

*Betty E. Ohlin, Chair*

This award for excellence in studio is made annually to a senior student. It is a competitive award for which eligible graduating seniors present their work to a faculty jury appointed by the Department of Art chair.

### THEODORE LEMESHKA AWARD

*Department of Biology*

*Kenneth P. Kinsey, Chair*

As a faculty member Theodore Lemeshka won high esteem and admiration from faculty, staff, and especially students during his 20 years of service to Rhode Island College.

Ted came to the College in 1956 to teach biology and he initiated courses in microbiology in 1960.

The Theodore Lemeshka Award is given annually in his memory to a graduating senior biology major. The recipient must have a minimum cumulative grade index of 3.0 for all courses taken at the College and must have a minimum cumulative index of 3.5 for the following Rhode Island College courses: Chemistry 103–104 (General Chemistry), Biology 331 (Human Anatomy), Biology 335 (Human Physiology), and Biology 348 (Microbiology).

#### W. CHRISTINA CARLSON AWARD

*Department of Biology*

*Kenneth P. Kinsey, Chair*

The W. Christina Carlson Fund was established by friends and colleagues in memory of Chris Carlson, who taught biology at Rhode Island College from before her graduation in 1925 until 1954 when she became the institution's registrar. Her principal interest was botany, but she was knowledgeable and taught successfully in all areas of the field.

The recipient of this award must be a biology major who has demonstrated exceptional potential for research in biological sciences.

#### RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE THEATRE AWARD

*Department of Communications and Theatre*

*Raymond L. Picozzi, Chair*

The award is presented to a graduating senior chosen by the theatre faculty as having displayed overall achievement in and contribution to the theatre program.

#### PETER JEFFREY ARCHAMBAULT MEMORIAL AWARD

*Department of Communications and Theatre*

*Raymond L. Picozzi, Chair*

This award is given in memory of Peter Jeffrey Archambault, who was at the time of his death a Rhode Island College student majoring in communications, but who had a keen interest in theatre.

The award is given annually to a graduating senior who has demonstrated scholarly achievement as well as creative ability in theatre. The recipient of this award shall also have displayed humanistic concerns.

#### JOHN SILVA MEMORIAL SCHOLASTIC AWARD

*Department of Economics and Management*

*Joel M. Fuerst, Chair*

In 1980 the Department of Economics and Management renamed its faculty scholastic achievement award in memory of John Silva, a bright and talented management student and athlete who tragically passed away shortly before his graduation with the class of 1980. The award is presented annually to the senior who achieves the highest weighted grade point average within the department. In appreciation of the overall contribution of John Silva to Rhode Island College, John's family and friends raised sufficient funds to establish an endowment within the Rhode Island College Foundation to honor his memory. The fund provides for this award and another to be presented to a sophomore who has attained an overall grade point average of 3.25 and has demonstrated leadership, dedication, and commitment to the College and community through service and participation in social, extracurricular, or professional organizations.



### WALL STREET JOURNAL AWARD

(For Student Achievement)

*Department of Economics and Management*

*Joel M. Fuerst, Chair*

This award is provided annually to a nominee furnished by the Department of Economics and Management and is granted to a graduating senior through a faculty ballot, after a very thorough review of the overall scholastic achievements as well as service to the department, to the College, and the community. The award consists of a desk-top paperweight inscribed with the name of the recipient and a one-year complimentary subscription to the *Wall Street Journal*. The name of the recipient is also engraved on a brass plate placed within the Department of Economics and Management.

### ELEMENTARY EDUCATION FACULTY AWARD

*Department of Elementary Education*

*Elizabeth H. Rowell, Chair*

This award is given to a graduating senior who exemplifies enthusiasm for learning and dedication to teaching and who has demonstrated leadership. The recipient of the award shall also be articulate and should have a strong academic record over all courses attempted at the College.

The award is funded by members of the Department of Elementary Education and includes a gift in memory of Doris Hackett Lusardi.

### JEAN GARRIGUE AWARD

*Department of English*

*Joan C. Dagle, Chair*

The Jean Garrigue Award is presented each year by the Department of English to a graduating senior who is also an English major and who has excelled in the area of creative writing. The award is named in honor of Jean Garrigue, the distinguished American poet, who was visiting professor of English at Rhode Island College in 1972, the year of her death. The award consists of \$100.

### THE LEONELLI FAMILY MEMORIAL AWARD

*Rhode Island College Foundation*

*Elena A. Leonelli, President*

The Leonelli Family Memorial Award was established in December 1982, through an endowment fund within the Rhode Island College Foundation, by the members of the Leonelli family in memory of Filomeno, Lucia, and Ermanno Leonelli. Because of the Leonelli family's high interest in and love of Italian culture and language, the award will be presented to a student who has achieved academic excellence in the study of Italian.

### YETTA RAUCH MELCER DANCE AWARD

*Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance*

*Bennett J. Lombardo, Chair*

This award is presented to a graduating senior who has contributed in an outstanding fashion to the Rhode Island College Dance Company while an undergraduate at the College. The award was established by Dr. Fannie Helen Melcer, professor emerita of health and physical education, in memory of her mother, Yetta Melcer, a first generation American who personified all parents who foster and sponsor their children's aspirations in the arts.



### CLAIBORNE DEB. PELL AWARD

*Department of History*

*Norman W. Smith, Chair*

This award is made possible through the generosity of Senator Claiborne Pell and recognizes excellence in the study of United States history. The award consists of a gold medal and a certificate attesting to the high achievement of the recipient in United States history.

### EVELYN WALSH PRIZE

*Department of History*

*Norman W. Smith, Chair*

The Evelyn Walsh Prize is given in memory of Evelyn Walsh, who was for many years a member of the Department of History. The prize consists of a certificate and a cash award in recognition of both academic excellence and, particularly, the contribution that the recipient has made to the life and work of the department.

### EPSILON PI TAU, BETA SIGMA CHAPTER AWARD

*Department of Industrial Education and Technology*

*Kenneth A. McVay, Chair*

This award honors an outstanding student in the Department of Industrial Education and Technology (1) with a certificate, (2) by inscribing his/her name on a commemorative plaque in the department, and (3) by presenting the student with one share of stock in an industry that represents the student's technical area of interest.

### THE CHRISTOPHER R. MITCHELL AWARD

*Department of Mathematics and Computer Science*

*James T. Sedlock, Chair*

This award is given each year to the outstanding mathematics major among the graduating class. It is funded by the department faculty and named in honor of Christopher R. Mitchell, who was an esteemed and revered mathematics faculty member known for his excellence in teaching.

### RICHARD A. HOWLAND COMPUTER SCIENCE AWARD

*Department of Mathematics and Computer Science*

*James T. Sedlock, Chair*

This award of a significant book, subscription, or professional membership is presented to a graduating senior for outstanding performance in the field of computer science. It is named as a memorial to Richard A. Howland, an inspiring teacher and scholar of both mathematics and computer science.

### NELSON A. GUERTIN MEMORIAL AWARDS

*Department of Modern Languages*

*Héctor Medina, Chair*

The Nelson A. Guertin Memorial Awards in French and Spanish were established by the Department of Modern Languages in 1978. Nelson A. Guertin, whose name these awards perpetuate, served Rhode Island College as a member of the Department of Modern Languages for 37 years, retiring in 1973. There are two awards, one for French and one for Spanish. The prize recipients have been selected by the faculty of the department on the basis of their academic work and their demonstrated interest in foreign language study.

### TEGU POLYGLOT AWARD

*Department of Modern Languages*

*Héctor Medina, Chair*

The Tegu Polyglot Award honors and distinguishes a member of the senior class who has demonstrated outstanding interest and achievement in foreign language study with particular emphasis on oral proficiency. This award is the gift of Dr. Steven Tegu, professor emeritus of modern languages, whose life and work have been dedicated to the promotion of human understanding through the mastery of languages.

### CANTOR JACOB HOHENEMSER AWARD

*Department of Music*

*William M. Jones, Chair*

Jacob Hohenemser came to Rhode Island as a refugee from Nazi Germany, graduated from Rhode Island College in 1948, and later served as cantor at Temple Emanu-El until his death. Through the generosity of Temple Emanu-El in Providence to the Rhode Island College Foundation, the Cantor Jacob Hohenemser Award was established in 1968 and is presented annually to an outstanding graduating student of music.

### NURSING FACULTY AWARDS

*Department of Nursing*

*Constance B. Pratt, Chair*

The Nursing Faculty Awards are given to two graduating seniors: one generic student nurse and one registered-nurse student. The awards, given for excellence in nursing theory and practice, are made on the basis of scholarship, excellence in clinical practice, leadership within the Department of Nursing, and service to the College and community.

### PHILOSOPHY FACULTY AWARD

*Department of Philosophy*

*Thomas J. Howell, Chair*

The Philosophy Faculty Award was established in 1977. Each year the award is presented to a student majoring in philosophy who, in the judgment of department faculty members, has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the pursuit of philosophical study.

### RONALD J. BORUCH AWARD

*Department of Physical Sciences*

*James G. Magyar, Chair*

This award, given in memory of Ronald J. Boruch, is presented to the graduating senior with a major in chemistry, physics, or general science who, in the judgment of the faculty, is the outstanding student in terms of scholarly achievement, leadership, and professional promise.

### AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTS AWARD

*Department of Physical Sciences*

*James G. Magyar, Chair*

The recipient of this award given by the American Institute of Chemists, Inc., is a senior majoring in chemistry who has demonstrated scholastic achievement, leadership ability, and character.



## NORTH PROVIDENCE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AWARD

*Department of Political Science*

*Victor L. Profughi, Chair*

This award was made possible by the North Providence League of Woman Voters. After 14 years of existence the organization voted to disband its membership. Efforts were made to identify a worthwhile project in which the remaining funds from the chapter's treasury could be invested. Based on the organization's concern for informed political participation, a prize to be awarded by the Department of Political Science of Rhode Island College presented an opportunity to continue the organization's support in this field and to keep its role and mission in the public awareness.

The purpose of the award is to recognize an outstanding senior who has majored in political science at Rhode Island College and is a North Providence resident.

He/she must have demonstrated academic excellence and should have a history of leadership in school, community, or state affairs.

## JOHN H. CHAFEE AWARD

*Department of Political Science*

*Victor L. Profughi, Chair*

John H. Chafee, in addition to serving in a variety of capacities in public office in both state and national governments, was also an adjunct professor with the Department of Political Science in 1974. This award in his name is given annually to a senior political science major who has demonstrated extraordinary ability and involvement in the study of politics as evidenced by grade point average and participation in political affairs.

## PSYCHOLOGY FACULTY SENIOR AWARD

*Department of Psychology*

*Florence E. Hennen, Chair*

Presented annually by the faculty of the Department of Psychology, this award recognizes a graduating senior psychology major who has distinguished himself/herself through outstanding academic achievement and accomplishments in related activities and services.

## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM—ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

*Bachelor of Social Work Program*

*Scott Mueller, Director*

This award is made to a graduating senior in the B.S.W. program with the highest composite grade point average and consists of the *Encyclopedia of Social Work*.

## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM—SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD

*Bachelor of Social Work Program*

*Scott Mueller, Director*

This award is made to a graduating senior in the B.S.W. program who has demonstrated excellence in service to disadvantaged populations and to the social work profession and who has maintained a grade point average of 2.5 or better in the major.



## LAURIS B. WHITMAN AWARD IN SOCIOLOGY

*Department of Sociology*

*Pamela Irving Jackson, Chair*

The Lauris B. Whitman Award in Sociology was established in 1979. It honors the person who served as the first chair of the Department of Sociology from 1970 until 1976, the late Lauris B. Whitman. It was he who established the fundamental directions which still guide this department: democratic leadership; a concern for the development of a sound, creative curriculum; and commitment to student participation in departmental affairs.

This award—which honors excellence in academic work, especially sociology, and service to the department, College, and/or community—is awarded each year to a graduating senior.

## JOSEPHINE A. STILLINGS AWARD

*Department of Special Education*

*John F. DiMeo, Chair*

In her more than 15 years of service to Rhode Island College, Josephine Stillings established a model for all teachers of an individual who possessed both the qualities of an excellent teacher and a warm human being. This award is presented to a graduating senior (January or May) who has demonstrated outstanding performance in special education student teaching and has a high cumulative index in special education course work.

## WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Each year at commencement events across the country a special group of students is honored by its selection for membership in the prestigious *Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges*. Since 1934, *Who's Who* has annually bestowed this honor on outstanding students for their scholastic, extracurricular, and community achievements.

With the support of prominent educational institutions throughout the country, the program recognizes and calls attention to those college students who are the reservoir from which our nation draws its leadership.

Sally A. Allen	Denise M. DiMarzio	Alexandra Gayle Rudolph
Kimberly Anton Barnes	Kurt D. Gabrielson	Gregg S. Saulnier
Michelle L. Bastien	Malaina Gennari	Roberta Jean Sebastianelli
David F. Bourgerly	Lisa Ann Giannini	Pennie P. Shaw
Deborah A. Bryda	Sriram Gitanjali	Jeanne M. Shears
Mary Elizabeth Butler	Bethany Lee Goldberg	Paul Francis Stabila
Jacquelyn J. Cardillo	Sue Hamilton	Stephen C. Stanzione
David S. Chesney	Marc T. Hynes	Alfred Tedesco III
Michael P. Connolly	Karleen Ann Kelley	John Dennis Teehan
Mary E. Crane Cousineau	James Kuipers	Robin M. Turbitt
Kristy L. Davis	Jacqueline M. Marcotte	Jeanmarie Van Bloom
Migdonia M. Diez-Pinto	Melissa Sue Moore	Glenn Paul Vario
Theresa Marie Rose Ducharme	Gary MacDonald	Heather L. White
Patricia E. Dwyer	Renée Michelle Perreault	Cynthia J. Whitham
Alyssa Beth DeAndrade	Scott J. Previty	Ronda Lee Ann Williams
Dawn M. Del Ponte	Delma V. Ramos	



ALMA MATER

4 measures of introduction

GRACE E. BIRD

GRACE E. BIRD  
HELEN S. LEAVITT

MODERATO

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It begins with a 4-measure introduction. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Dear Al - ma Ma - ter wise and kind, To thy fair name shall  
e'er be - long our grate - ful prais - es and our love, The trib - ute of our  
song. — Thou guard - ian of the sa - cred shrine of truth that makes us  
free. We cher - ish thy be - lov - ed fame and pledge our loy - al -  
ty. Rhode Is - land Col - lege hail to thee! All hail to Al - ma  
Ma - ter! En - shrined thou art with - in the heart of ev - 'ry son and daugh - ter.



