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$62,500 granted to 42 faculty for research projects

Rhode Island College Faculty Research Committee recently approved funding totaling $62,500 for 36 research projects by 42 faculty members in the year 2001-2002, reports Meredith McMunn, committee chair. The committee received 41 applications.

The RIC Foundation and Alumni Association have provided $15,000 of the total amount, according to Marguerite M. Brown, vice president of development. The rest comes from unrestricted College funds.

The grantees, their departments, projects and amounts approved are:


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Promotions, tenure announced

College President John Nazarian has announced faculty promotions and new tenures effective as of July 1. Those promoted to the rank of professor are Sandra Rasmussen of the nursing department.

The rank of associate professor and their departments are: Christopher Abernathy, music, theater and dance; Jason Blank, sociology; Robert Carey, elementary education; Michael Casey, management; Rasmussen, nursing; Donna Huntley-Newby, nursing; Brian McDadden, educational technology; Donna McDowell, foreign, elementary education.

Eight faculty members received new tenures, effective July 1 of the year indicated.

They are: Christopher Abernathy, 2001; Robert Carey, 2001; Nancy Casey, 2001; Christopher Kline, 2001; Donna Huntley-Newby, 2001; Brian McDadden, 2001; Jamar Pickreign, 2001; and Stanley Oldstein, 2002.

A reception in their honor was held May 2 at the President’s House.
The Way We Were...

Joan H. Rollins, professor of psychology, presented a paper, co-authored by Diane Turner-Bowker ’82 (R.I. g. h. o. y alumni honoree), at the National Convention of the Sexual Revolution in the Age of AIDS. The paper was presented on April 21 at the 72nd annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association in Washington, D.C. Rollins also was invited to give a talk to the psychology faculty and graduate students at the University of Connecticut on May 2. Her talk was titled “Social Psychological Factors and Self-Esteem: A Progress Report to Student Achievement and Retention.”

E. J. Min, associate professor of computer science, co-authored the 51st International Annual Communication Association (ICA) convention in Washington, D.C. 25-28. As a member of the steering committee for the 2002 ICA convention to be held in Seoul, Korea, and the president of the Korean American Communication Association, he participated in several planning meetings including a reception at the Korean Ambassador’s residence to commemorate the 2002 ICA convention. The convention will feature several Nobel Peace/Literature winners including the president of Korea, Dae-jung Kim, at the May convention. Min presented a paper entitled “The Paradigm in Cultural Studies’ Globalization” and served as a moderator for the session, “Critical Communication Research Matters in Korea: Conditions, Possibilities, and Institutionalization.” He also served as chair/program coordinator for a congress, and session, “Creating Newmedia Environment in Korean Social, Economic, and Cultural Factors and Challenges for Development in the World Web Media.” In addition, Min served as a judge for Cox Communication’s scholarship program, which awards 10 local high school seniors who will major in communication at various universities and colleges around the country.

Chris Muleahy, associate professor at the Henry Barnard School, has recently had her article, “Sexual Knowledge About Art: Understanding Children’s Drawings,” published in the Visual and Performing Arts Learning Journal, Vol. 17. The peer-reviewed journal, published yearly in April, is a refereed publication of the Special Interest Group of the American Educational Research Association, published twice yearly in April and October. The journal’s articles are based on original research or critical review of recent theoretical, philosophical and practical topics in arts education. The article describes what children say about their artistic learning rather than what adults say, a more common perspective.

Thomas E. Malloy, professor of psychology, has published two papers on research methods and statistical modeling in psychology. One paper, co-authored with Linda Albright, was titled “Experimental Validity: Brunswik, Campbell, and Cronbach and Enduring Issues,” published in The Review of General Psychology. This article traces the development of the concept of validity in experimental psychology and offers suggestions for the design of research and the analysis of data that maximizes validity. In another article co-authored with Linda Albright and titled “Multiple and Single Interaction Designs for Dyadic Research on Personal and Social Issues,” the authors discuss designs and analyses strategies for dyadic research on dyadic social interaction, dyads in close relationships (e.g., marital dyads), and groups (e.g., work groups). This paper was published in Basic and Applied Social Psychology.

Lisa Comeau-Church, assistant professor of accounting, spoke at the Rhode Island Sales and Use Tax Update, “The seminar was sponsored by the National Society of CPAs.” The seminar was held at the Crossings in Wickwar on May 16.

Peter Marks, associate professor of English, received the National Library Award from the Rhode Island State Council, a council of the International Library Association. The award, which is presented to an individual who Oelkers “has educated and mentored a generation of elementary and secondary school teachers of English in Rhode Island,” has served the State Council as president and is currently editor of the Council’s Rhode Island Review. “The award was presented at the Council’s annual dinner meeting May 3.”

WHAT’S NEWS

Focus on Faculty and Staff

Shelly Murphy, who has served as editor of What’s News at Rhode Island College since November 1986 and was appointed interim director of news and public relations in March 2000, has accepted a position as director of marketing communications at Meeting Street, which provides early intervention, therapeutic services, and education for developmentally delayed or disabled children.

“I have enjoyed my work at the College and have made many friends along the way. It has been my privilege to have served as interim director of news and public relations during a monumental year for the College and the performing arts in the entire state as we celebrated the opening of the John Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts,” Murphy said.

“My involvement with the Dialogue on Diversity Committee and the Once Upon A Time reading program for preschoolers has also been very rewarding and enjoyable. I will miss many of my colleagues whom I thank for their support and friendship.”

In announcing the change, President John Nazarian, said, “Shelly’s professionalism and excellent work through her association with the College have been much appreciated and we wish her well in this new endeavor. A search is under way to fill the position of director of news and public relations.

What’s News editor takes new post

Twenty-eight nursing students and eight community members were inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing through the Delta Upsilon Chapter-At-Large at Rhode Island College in ceremonies May 4 at the Quonset O’Club in North Kingston.

Awards were presented to one student and two faculty members of the RIC nursing department.

The Memorial Award for Excellence in Parent-Child Health Nursing (funded by the Steiner-Brem Family) went to Susan White, student, Jennifer Haggerty of Woosneck. Carol Shelton of Cranston, professor of nursing, and John Allanage, RN, of West Roxbury, Mass., assistant professor, were given, respectively, the Louisa White Honorary Recognition Award for excellence in nursing and the Research Award.

The society is comprised of nurse fellows, scholars and researchers. Founded in Indiana University in 1922, it currently has 406 chapters at more than 500 college and university campuses throughout the United States. It is committed to improving the health of the public by advancing nursing science, says Mary Byrd, associate professor of nursing and faculty counselor to the local chapter.

Membership in the society is awarded to bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degree candidates, who have achieved high scholastic achievement and to graduates of nursing programs who have made outstanding contributions to nursing as community leaders.

Seniors inducted are: Kristen Angela, Ana Gomes, Martha Martinelli, Marisa Meneses, Kerri Mooney and Nicole Piche, all of Pawtucket; Nicole Coppolino, Marcia Dolan, RN, and Jennifer Puleo, all of Johnston; Stephanie Giroux-White, Smithfield; Susan Ferreira, RN, and sources, Riter, both of Warwick; Mark Simoes, Providence, and Jennie Bowering, Somerset, Mass.

Also, Jeanette Bottone, Nicole Braddock, Annette D’Arezzo, Diane Ferreira, RN, Aimee Forcier, RN, Sarah Freelee, Nicole Furtado, Carol Garcia, Nancy Green, RN, Brenda Marino, Carol O’Donnell, Anna Sousa, Jennifer Swanson and Donna Tourgee, RN.

Community leaders (all registered nurses) inducted are: Denise deHetorgh, Cumberland; Jennifer Duhamel, North Smithfield; Yvonne Freeman, Providence; Karen Hockhousen, Wakefield; Rhonda Iacobucci, West Greenwich, and Donna MacDonald, Woosneck.

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Rhode Island College President John Nazarian congratulated the 34 graduates of this year’s Upward Bound program and noted that all had received acceptance at a total of 39 colleges and universities.

Speaking to the graduates in ceremonies in Gage Hall June 5, Nazarian said they had been strengthened by the skills and knowledge they acquired as members of the Class of 2001, the 55th class to graduate.

Their successful completion of the Upward Bound program indicated they had “accepted a big challenge, persevered and succeeded,” said Nazarian.

The audience, which included members of the graduates’ families, friends, officials from the six target schools in the program as well as College and program faculty and staff, applauded the graduates again and again throughout the evening ceremony.

Elkin Estrada, an Upward Bound and Central Falls High School graduate of the Class of 1987 who went on to Brandeis University and the Howard University College of Medicine for his medical degree, gave the keynote address.

Now interning at Rhode Island Hospital, Estrada told the graduates of his personal journey which began in his native Colombia. Coming to the United States at age 13 and speaking only Spanish, the road was fraught with difficulties and frustration, he said.

Nevertheless, he persisted and with “a lot of help” from his family, teachers and, most importantly, the Upward Bound staff, he succeeded.

Estrada told the graduates the challenges they have and will face may be difficult “but you can do it.”

Upward Bound is the federal-funded college-based program that prepares selected students from the nation’s six targeted schools for college. All are first in their families to attend a four-year college or university.

Of the 34 graduates this year, 33 will enroll next fall in colleges and universities throughout the country. These include RIC, the University of Rhode Island, Providence, Boston and Bentley colleges, Salve Regina, Brown, Temple, Boston, Tufts and Rutgers universities.

One graduate, although accepted at several colleges, has chosen to enter the Marine Corps.

Nazarian noted that no high school in the state approaches the Upward Bound program rate of success with 100 percent of its graduates accepted to college.

He reported that the program’s federal funding for the third year of the current four-year cycle has been received in the amount of $554,200, which “assures the continuedance of the program.” Federal support of the program has been continuous since 1966.

This funding is in addition to the support provided by the College.

Other speakers included Marizam Z. Boyajian, program director, and presenters of the Target School District Scholarships: John W. Lyle Jr., principal of Central Falls High; Toni-Maria Spencer, principal of East Providence High; John Richer, principal of Shea High; and Thomas Mezanotte, director for Student Support Services in Providence.

Gary M. Penfield, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, offered a salute to the graduates.

Three Upward Bound Alumni Scholarships were awarded as well as one from each of the four school districts in which the participating high schools are located.

Presenting the 13th annual alumni scholarships was Edmanuel Gil, chair of the scholarship committee and an Upward Bound alumnus from the Class of 1985.

The winners, their high schools and amount of awards are: Basirat T. Ottun, Shea, $2,000; Raul J. Lopez, Shea, $1,500; Meghan L. Edmonds, $1,000, East Providence.

Target School System Scholarships were presented to the seniors with the highest academic averages. They are: Madeline P. Cruz and Yanerys Muriel, both of Central Falls, $250 each; Meghan L. Edmonds, East Providence, $500; Basirat T. Ottun, Pawtucket, $500; Calvin V., Providence, $500.

Book scholarships of $200 each were awarded to Saikon T. Gbehan, Central; Victor K. Hernandez, Mt. Pleasant; Luz M. Veia, Shea; Calvin V.; Mt. Pleasant.

The Outstanding Service Awards were presented to Oling Jackson, U.S.M.C. (Ret.), honorary chair of the Cape Verdean Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Heritage Commission, and Dr. James J. Stanian, retired director of the RIC Office of Health Services.

Each was cited for having been unselfishly to the program and its students.

A reception followed.

RIC alum wins Tony Award

Viola Davis, ’88, was named best featured actress for her work as Tonya, the wife of a despairing black man in August Wilson’s play King Hedley II, at the Tony awards ceremony on June 3.

Davis, a former PEP and Upward Bound student at RIC, appeared in several plays at the College during her undergraduate years.

After graduating, she attend the Juillard School in New York and began a professional career.

The Central Falls native appeared on Broadway as the Nurse in Romeo and Juliet and as a prostitute in The Hot L. Baltimore.

In 1994, she played Isabella in Measure for Measure and a Ghost of Christmas Present in the 1994 version of A Christmas Carol.

In 1996, she was nominated for a Tony Award for her work in another Wilson play, Seven Guitars.
Degrees of success —

ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS pose with President John Nazarian at the awards dinner on May 10 in the Donovan Dining Center. From left, Herb Cummings, Frances and Donald Driscoll, Carol Shelton, Nazarian, Sanda Parrillo and John Custer. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

Mark your calendar

Alumni Association Annual Meeting
Wednesday, June 20, 5:30 p.m.
Alumni House
Call the alumni office, 401-456-8086.

Young Alumni Group Paw Sox Game
Friday July 20, 7 p.m.
Tickets limited.
Call Shana Murrell, 401-456-9625.

Foundation Golf Tournament
Tuesday, Aug. 14, Warwick Country Club
Supports honors scholarships
Call Shana Murrell, 401-456-9625 or Denise Males, 401-456-8105.

Alumni Association Golf Tournament
Monday, Sept. 24
Cranston Country Club
Supports RICocheet fund.
Call the alumni office, 401-456-8086.

Homecoming 2001 — Come Back to RIC!
Oct. 12-13
‘50s Dance, Friday night.
Athletic Director Don Tencher is chairing the event. We are recruiting 50 alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the College to serve on ‘50s Dance Committee. If interested in serving, contact the alumni office, 401-456-8086.

Online giving now available

Rhode Island College can now offer donors the convenience of being able to give “online.” The College has partnered with GivingCapital.com to offer a simple and secure way to make donations online.

Online giving to Rhode Island College enables you to make a donation to either the RIC Annual Fund or the Senior Class 2001 Leave Your Mark Scholarship Fund. All online donations are private, secure, and tax-deductible to the extent of the law.

To give online to either the RIC Annual Fund or the Senior Class 2001 Leave Your Mark Scholarship Fund, go to www.ric.edu/alumni/giving_online.html.

Future giving options at this web address include the RIC Foundation and the Athletic Anchor Fund.

Annual Fund posts record year, on track to net $325,000

The RIC Alumni Association’s annual fund appeal campaign is on target to reach its goal of $325,000 by June 30, 2001 — the end of the fiscal year. As of May 29, the appeal total was $312,155, already surpassing the $291,000 that was raised last year.

So far, $13,747 in pledged gifts has been received from alumni and friends for the recent spring phonathon. A total of $35,158 was pledged. Student phonathon callers did an outstanding job raising a total of $130,000 in phonathon pledges for the entire 2000-2001 year, according to Nancy Hoogasian, director of the annual fund.

“It was an outstanding effort by alumni and friends of the College who have contributed generously to the fall, holiday, and spring solicitations and the phonathons,” Hoogasian said. The Alumni Association depends on contributions from donors to continue serving the College’s students and alumni. Unrestricted gifts to the annual fund appeals help Rhode Island College to keep growing in energy, vitality and excellence. Over this past year the RIC Alumni Association allocated $85,000 in scholarships to 82 students, provided partial funding for faculty research projects, and supported alumni-related activities like Homecoming, Class Reunions, and the Alumni Awards Dinner.

Our thanks to alumni and friends of Rhode Island College for their contributions to the RIC Annual Fund appeals this year.

Pledges and donations made payable to RIC Annual Fund can be sent to Nancy Hoogasian at Rhode Island College, Alumni House, 600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI 02908 or made through our secure web site at www.ric.edu/alumni/giving_online.html.

Class of 2001 starts Leave Your Mark scholarship fund

At commencement, Rob Lanzieri, president of the Senior Class 2001, presented a check for $4,392 to Rhode Island College President John Nazarian, for the Senior Class 2001 Scholarship Fund Leave Your Mark Campaign.

This class wanted to “leave its mark” by making a significant contribution to helping future generations of students at Rhode Island College. So together with the class officers and the senior class, Lanzieri spearheaded the effort to create an endowed scholarship fund.

This is the first graduating senior class in RIC history to create such an opportunity. The Senior Class 2001 Scholarship Fund will award scholarships to incoming qualified freshmen at the College. It will be administered through the RIC Alumni Association and the RIC Foundation.

Graduates and their family and friends can make donations to the fund by mailing checks or through the College’s secure web site at www.ric.edu/ alumni/leaveyourmark.

NEW OFFICERS: The Rhode Island College Foundation executive committee for 2001-2002 was selected at the Foundation’s annual meeting on June 5 at the President’s House. Above from left are Paul Bourget ’69, treasurer; Frank Champi, vice president; Pat Maciel ’61, president; and Michael Integlia, secretary.

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Jim Cornelison has spent the past three decades at Rhode Island College connecting people, literally and figuratively. Cornelison, assistant vice president for administration, will retire this month after 34 years of service to the College, leaving a legacy which includes overseeing the installation of the College's current telephone and voice mail system and many improvements to make the campus more physically accessible.

Cornelison first came to RIC in 1967 for an interview as a counselor. A native of Indiana and fresh out of his master's program at Indiana University, he had never been to Rhode Island and certainly didn't plan to make it his home for the next few decades. "If someone told me then that I would stay 34 years, I would never have believed it," he says.

He joined the student affairs staff — which consisted of just a handful of people including the dean of students; assistant dean of men; assistant dean of women; and three counselors, who handled all of the freshmen advising among other things. At that time the Student Affairs offices were all together in what is now the Art Center. Cornelison served as a counselor for five years before becoming, the director of new student programs, which included the overnight student orientation program called Enchose.

In 1977, he was hired as assistant to the president as assistant to the president, John Nazarian, and moved into his current office. Several years later, his title was changed to assistant vice president for administration. His title and office location have remained essentially the same for the past 24 years, but the job and his responsibilities certainly have not.

Over the years, he has been responsible for a wide range of support departments or services on campus at one time or another including physical plant, security, publications, telephone, the dining center, and the bookstore. He has also been involved with labor relations, and more recently, served as the coordinator for the American Disabilities Act.

"I've stayed at RIC primarily because of the great people here. I've also been in a variety of positions. Legislative and regulatory changes (such as the ADA) have created changes and challenges in the work environment, and labor relations has always been interesting and intriguing," Cornelison says.

During his tenure, he has overseen the installation of two telephone systems and a long list of improvements to increase handicapped accessibility. When he first came to the campus, the telephone system consisted of operators answering every call on the main switchboard and literally plugging the calls in the appropriate slots to connect the parties. In 1978, the College installed the Dimension 2000 system which modernized the switchboard and provided a limited number of direct dial extensions. In 1998, the Meridian system was installed, expanding the capacity and bringing voice mail to the campus.

"My work included installing or renovating elevators, curb cuts, ramps, drinking fountains, and restrooms. "This has always been a team effort. Good work because it is lasting and visible," he says.

"However, my most memorable experience on campus is the Blizzard of 1978. He speaks of the event in vivid detail, as if it happened last year, not more than 20 years ago. On that Monday morning, then-President David Sweet and then-vice president for administration John Nazarian were out of town, leaving Cornelison as the administrator in charge for what turned out to be a week-long event.

While no one paid much attention to the snowfall at first, by mid-morning the storm had hit with such intensity that some 1,000 people were stranded on campus, including a dozen nuns and a van of special needs students. Both groups had been driving through campus from their rooms to become "impassable, blocked by dozens of cars of people who had been trying to get home and became stuck in the rapidly mounting snow. During the week, they struggled to keep the power up, consolidated into fewer buildings when the oil supply began running low, and nearly exhausted the food supplies on campus. "We were down to pasta at the end," Cornelison recalls with a laugh.

As the days progressed, the number of people dwindled as some began to walk home through the tunnels people had made through the snow. On Saturday, the situation was finally under control enough that Cornelison made it to his East Side home to shower and change from the suit he had worn all week.

After that experience, it is appropriate that he has played a lead role in deciding whether to cancel classes in the event of adverse weather. During snowstorms or when one is predicted, he is up at 4 a.m. to check the latest forecasts and consult with the physical plant supervisor on the condition of the roads and parking lots on campus. His is the voice on the weather line stating the status of classes and activities. He won't miss the 4 a.m. weather checks after retirement.

As for the next step in his life, he plans to "stay unstructured" for the summer and then, "I have ambivalent feelings about leaving. I'm looking forward to it but I will miss the contact with the people. They are my friends and family. I'll miss the warmth of the people."

He plans to do some gardening and landscaping, spend time with his great-grandchildren ages 2 and 5, do some volunteer work, and "If I get bored, I'll find myself a job. Something fun, like washing golf carts on a golf course."
Commencement 2001 honor

Commencement

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She encouraged them to get involved in government and with their college, a sentiment echoed by Providence Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Jr.

Cianci, Nazarian and others called upon the graduates to applaud their families and “all who have helped you,” including the RIC faculty.

Keynote speaker Michael S. Harper, Rhode Island’s first poet laureate, said the paths they have chosen in teaching and social work might seem thankless at times, but are essential to society.

“Service can be a thankless task,” he said, “But where would our country be without you?”

Harper read several of his poems to the assemblage and was given a standing ovation.

A Brown University professor who was nominated for the National Book Award in 1970 for his book Dear John, John Coltrane, Harper was given an honorary doctorate in humane letters.

Advanced degree recipient Beth Aubin also addressed the graduates. Music was provided by the American Band.

Undergrad Commencement

Keynote speaker Stephen Janger, described as a “civic education pioneer,” told the seniors the shortest biography ever written was only two sentences long: “The life of Socrates was long and full of advice. He was poisoned.”

His an audience laughed and cheers arose when he promised to keep his remarks brief and not to attempt to give a lot of advice.

Janger is president and chief executive officer of the Virginia-based Close Up Foundation, founded 30 years ago to give American students a hands-on experience with U.S. government.

He reminded the graduates that engaged citizens can make a difference and lamented the dwindling number of young Americans who exercise their right to vote.

“Our mission is to motivate and try to inspire individuals to become more engaged citizens,” he said.

Saluting the Class of 2001, Janger said, “You’re the stars today” and assured them, “You don’t have to achieve greatness to be happy.”
Commencement 2001 honors first class of the century

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT Judith Roy, leads the recessional, carrying the Del Sesto mace.

He was given the honorary degree of doctor of public service.

Other honorary degree recipients were Thomas P. Banchoff of Providence, the Walter H. Annenberg Professor at Brown University, doctor of science; Thomas Sgouros of Providence, considered one of the great watercolor artists of our time, doctor of fine arts, and J. L. "Lynn" Singleton of Chepachet, president of the Providence Performing Arts Center, doctor of business administration.

Gov. Lincoln C. Almond brought the official greetings of the state and told the graduates, "Without question this day will forever live on in your hearts."

Board of Governors Chair Dowling said she brought "joyful greetings and congratulations" from the state B.O.G. and added, "We're proud of you and Rhode Island College."

Congressmen Patrick Kennedy and James Langevin '90 and Commissioner of Higher Education William R. Holland were among the distinguished guests on the rostrum.

Other speakers included Robert J. Lanzieri Jr., class president, and Anne Barry and Hely Merikoski Moore representing the Class of 1951. They presented Nazarian with the Golden Anniversary class gift of a "generous" check.

Nazarian, in conferring degrees upon the undergraduates, presented posthumous degrees to Jeffrey I. Shuttleworth and Deborah Griffin, students who died in the past year.

Michael Shuttleworth accepted the bachelor of arts degree for his brother. Jeffrey had been a nationally ranked body builder who died unexpectedly Nov. 24. The Rev. Morris Griffin, husband of Deborah, accepted her bachelor of general studies degree. Deborah and four of her children had perished in a house fire in December.

Judy Roy '74, president of the RIC Alumni Association, welcomed the graduates to membership in the association and carried the Del Sesto Mace in the recessional. Alicebelle Rubotzky, member of the executive committee of the Council of RIC, had carried the mace in the processional.

Invocation was given by Michael Napolitano, College chaplain. The National Anthem was sung by Thomas P. Conlon. Music was provided by the RIC Wind Ensemble conducted by Rob Franzblau.

RHODE ISLAND POET LAUREATE Michael Harper reads his own poetry as part of the main address at the graduate commencement in the Health, Physical Education, Athletic Complex on May 17.

RHODE ISLAND ARTIST Thomas Sgouros receives an honorary doctor of fine arts degree.

Photos by
Gordon E. Rowley

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: At the end of the official exercises, Stephanie Altieri has her photo taken with her grandparents Peter and Lucy Manni.
Singing history teacher graduates with highest honors

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

Professional singer Sharon A. Franco of Foster, who already holds a music degree from Rhode Island College, has earned a second degree — this one in history/secondary education and has embarked on a career utilizing both.

Franco received her latest degree summa cum laude May 19 in commencement ceremonies on the RIC campus, Franco already is substitute teaching at Scituate High School.

She did her student teaching this past semester at Corton Junior High School in Warwick.

At both assignments, Franco uses her classically trained mezzo-soprano voice and knowledge of history to pique students’ interest in what in could otherwise just be a recitation of events and dates.

For instance, if their lesson involves events that took place in Germany, she is able to sing the German national anthem for them.

“I think music and history are tied together,” says Franco. “Because of my music background, I can say ‘Here’s the German national anthem’ and I can sing it for them.”

Singing in class is not something she does all the time, but rather as “a special treat.”

“It gets the students engaged and motivated and asking questions,” she says.

“I’m always willing to take a risk. The students may laugh, but I found they want to know. Half the class raises their hands to ask questions.”

Having studied voice and baroque music with Donald St. Jean at RIC prior to earning her first degree in 1997, Franco can sing in Italian, French and German as well as English.

“I always wanted to be an opera singer and wanted to teach history. That’s really why I came back for a second degree,” she says.

A daughter of George and Dorothy Shabo of Pawtucket, Franco has two brothers and a sister. Brother George D. Shabo earned a degree in music education from RIC in 1982 and today teaches music in Maine.

The mezzo-soprano holds a music degree from Rhode Island College.

Franco says she will continue to teach opera and department of vocal studies.

She will also pursue her interests in secondary education.

“I’m going to be a ‘Jack of all trades’ — and has the ability to serve a wide variety of diverse populations and to be for all of them a true ‘college of the workplace,’” she says.

Franco is a former intern with the NEASC.

“Singing gets the students engaged and motivated and asking questions.” — Sharon Franco

Promising Practices fair Nov. 3

The fourth annual “Promising Practices” Multi-cultural Conference and Media Fair will be held Saturday, Nov. 3, at Rhode Island College.

The program, organized by the Dialogue on Diversity Committee, will include curriculum resources, including books, computer software materials and videos, as well as workshops aimed at assisting educators and other professionals as they support diversity in the classroom and workplace.

EURO, from the Rhode Island Department of Education will be available for participants.

For more information, call Mary Ball Hawkins in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at 401-456-9511; or David Wollman of the Curriculum Resources Center in Adams Library, at 401-456-8380.

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to operate very close to the margin.

“Finally, we are pleased to acknowledge the College’s supportive environment for students, evident in its impressive ability to serve a wide variety of diverse populations and to be for all of them a ‘true college of opportunity.’”

Azman, conference calls for periodic reviews. Accordingly, it calls for an interim report in the Fall of 2003 “that will emphasize to the institution’s success in:

• understanding an external review of the PhD in Education program;
• developing learning outcome objectives at the programmatic level and implementing strategies for assessing their effectiveness and using the results for improvement;
• enhancing library and information resources to support the academic programs;
• budget planning for the operation and maintenance of newly acquired and existing facilities.

A five-year report calls for evidence of the institution’s success in:

• evaluating and revising, as determined necessary, the institutional mission, in order to more appropriately conceptualize the College’s place in the system that includes the community college and a university;
• engaging in comprehensive and participatory strategic planning;
• improving enrollment, retention and academic advising.

The full text of the letter from the NEASC Commission and the full report of the accrediting team is available on the College’s web site www.ric.edu/neaes_report.

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through Digital Media,” $1,167; Rachel Filisen and Derek Niklas, gerontology/sociology, “Polish Health Care Reform and its Impact on the Older Population,” $1,079.

Stephen Fisher, art, “Aesthetic and Technical Aspects of the Intaglio Printmaking Processes,” $1,690; Beverly Gelderfeld, psychology, “The Persistence of Fantasy and Delusions” $1,700; Eric Hall, biology, “Cytokines and Their Effects of Acrylamide on Primary Human Coronary Endothelial Cells” $1,082; Kemal Hays, anthropology/geography, “Tuberculosis in the New World” $1,400; and an Ethnic Linguistic Reconstruction,” $1,800;


Athletics

2001 Spring athletics roundup

Baseball
Head Coach Jay Grenier’s Anchormen finished the 2001 season with a 6-22 overall record and a 2-12 (eighth place) mark in the Little East Conference. Senior outfielder/designated hitter Mike Henderson was named the team’s Most Valuable Player.

Henderson batted .272 with 25 hits, 20 runs, 16 RBI, nine doubles, two home runs and one stolen base in 27 games. Henderson played at CCRI in ’98 and ’99 before joining RIC in ’00. RIC will also lose senior Scott Virgulak who posted a .286 career batting average with 59 runs, 120 hits, 53 doubles, one home run and four steals in 41 games. On the mound, she was 11-9 with a 1.49 ERA and 136 strikeouts in 140.2 innings.

Sophomore first baseman Michele McCullah was named Second Team All-LEC. McCullah batted .410 with 47 hits, 22 RBI, 26 runs, nine doubles, three triples and four steals in 41 games. She established a new RIC record with 25 steals this spring. McCullah has 41 career steals, four shy of Monique Marchand’s ’99 career record of 45.

Softball
Head Coach Maria Morin’s Anchorwomen finished the 2001 season with a 22-19 overall record and a 7-7 (fifth place) mark in the Little East Conference. RIC went 1-2 in LEC Tournament action, losing a tough game 1-0 to nationally ranked Western Connecticut in the Championship Round.

Freshman Kim Worthington was named First Team All-LEC as a designated player and was Second Team All-LEC as a pitcher. Warington was named the team’s MVP and was also selected to the LEC’s All-Tournament Team. She batted .366 with 45 hits, 23 RBI, 29 runs, 15 doubles, four triples, one home run and four steals in 41 games. On the mound, she was 11-9 with a 1.49 ERA and 136 strikeouts in 140.2 innings.

Sophomore first baseman Michele Fanelli was named First Team All-LEC and to the LEC’s All-Tournament Team. She batted .385 with 47 hits, 22 RBI, 26 runs, nine doubles, three triples and four steals in 41 games.

Junior center fielder Joyelle Galli was named Second Team All-LEC. Galli batted .401 with 55 hits, seven RBI, 29 runs, two doubles and one triple in 41 games. She established a new RIC record with 25 steals this spring. McCullah has 41 career steals, four shy of Monique Marchand’s ’99 career record of 45.

Men’s Golf
Head Coach Jerry Morgan’s team finished their second season as a varsity sport with a 3-9 overall record. Freshman Brian Schimmel was named the team’s MVP. Schimmel averaged a score of 84.04 for the season. His average on the front nine was 43.88 and he averaged a score of 40.17 on the back nine. His handicap was 12.0.

RCC will lose senior captain Mark Pora who has instrumental in getting the program on its feet. For the season, Pora averaged a score of 100.79. His average on the front nine was 50.29 and he averaged a score of 50.50 on the back nine. His handicap for the season was 25.8.

Women’s Lacrosse
Head Coach Matt Coleman’s Anchorwomen finished the 2001 season with a 0-9 overall record and a 0-5 (seventh place) mark in the New England Women’s Lacrosse Association’s (NEWLA) Southern Division. The 2001 campaign marked the first season ever for women’s lacrosse at RIC.

Sophomore attack wing Shannon Matteson was named the team’s Most Valuable Player. She played in nine games and had 11 shots, 20 ground balls, one pass interception and four draw controls.

Freshman Shannon Hughey had five goals and 10 points for six singles in nine games. Hughey recorded 17 shots, 24 ground balls and 14 draw controls on the season. She led the team in goals, points, shots, ground balls and draw controls.

The Anchorwomen will only lose senior goaliekeeper/defenseman Susan Paleo this season.

Men’s Tennis
Head CoachDick Ernst’s team was 7-7 overall and placed third at the 2001 Little East Conference Men’s Tennis Championships. Senior Jon Cheney was named the squad’s MVP. He was 10-4 (.625) at number four singles and 8-8 (.500) at number three doubles for 14.9 points on the season. RIC will also lose senior Paul Brown this year.

Freshman Ben Benson was 11-5 (.688) at number two singles and 11-5 (.688) at number one doubles for 16.5 points. Benson led the team in both single victories and points. He was tied for the team lead in doubles victories. His 11 singles wins are tied for the second most in a season all-time at RIC. His 11 doubles victories this spring are tied for the most in a single season at RIC.

Women’s Outdoor Track & Field
The Rhode Island College women’s outdoor track and field team closed out the season at the 2001 Little East Conference/MASCAC Alliance Championships, hosted by Westfield State College, on Apr. 28. The Anchormen placed fifth overall (11 teams) and were third (six teams) in the Little East Conference with 50.0 points.

Senior Tom Conley, the team MVP, qualified for the Division III NCAA Championships in the discus, javelin and the hammer. He was named All-East in the discus and javelin. Conley was All-New England in the discus, javelin, shot and hammer. He was All-All-East/Little East in the discus, javelin, shot, hammer, 100 meters and as part of the 4 x 100 meter relay team.

Men’s Outdoor Track & Field
The Rhode Island College men’s outdoor track and field team closed out the season at the 2001 Little East Conference/MASCAC Alliance Championships, hosted by Westfield State College, on Saturday, Apr. 28. RIC placed fifth overall (11 teams) and third (six teams) in the LEC with 62.0 points.

Junior Joyelle Galli was named the team’s MVP. She qualified for both the ECAC and the New England Division III Championships, but was unable to compete due to an ankle injury she suffered at the 2001 Little East/MASCAC Alliance Championships. Galli was named All-All-East/Little East in the long jump, triple jump and as part of the 4 x 100 meter relay team.

RIC will lose five seniors this season, Alicia DeFronzo, Stephanie Florio, Laurie Giguerre, Melissa Rapoza and three-time MVP Keeley Subin. DeFronzo is the RIC record holder in the pole vault. Subin is the RIC record holder in the 400 and 800 meters, as well as part of the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 meter relay teams.

1st annual Anchor Club Golf Day
The first annual Anchor Club Golf Day will be held at Pawtucket Country Club on Monday, July 23.

The cost is $145 per golfer, which includes greens fees, cart, refreshments, lunch, social hour and fund stations. Lunch and a shotgun start will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The reception begins at 6 p.m., followed by awards and prizes at 7 p.m.

To register or request a brochure, call the RIC Athletic Office at 401-456-8007.
Full-time students who attain a minimum grade point average of 3.25 in any semester have their names placed on the Dean's List in recognition of their scholastic achievement.

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RETIRING FACULTY MEMBERS pose with President John Nazarian at the commencement gala May 18. From left are Robert Sullivan, professor of geography; Joyce Heist, assistant professor and teacher at Henry Barnard School; Nazarian; Mary Wellman, professor of educational/school psychology; and Paul Sherlock, professor of special education. (What's News Photos by Gordon E. Rowley)

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NEW TEACHERS (from left) Sharon Silva of Seekonk; Jeff Quinn of Hope Valley and Meredith LeBlanc of Smithfield celebrate at a reception and portfolio presentation May 11 in the Faculty Center hosted by the Department of Educational Studies. They were among 71 students honored. William Holland, commissioner of higher education; Edward Inman III, ’83, secretary of state and a secondary education alumni honoree, and John Nazarian, RIC president, were among those honoring the graduates. (What’s News Photo by George LaTour)

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Retirees recognized for years of service

Orientation sessions scheduled

Some 1,800 freshmen and transfer students and their parents or guardians are expected to converge on the Rhode Island College campus for Orientation this summer, according to Dolores A. Passarelli, director of the Office of Academic Support and Information Services (OASIS).

All new freshmen are required to attend one of the seven Orientation cycles which begin July 5 and end July 19-20.

The program for parents and guardians – from 600 to 700 are expected – will be conducted July 9, 12, and 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and July 10 and 17 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Orientation for transfer students is Aug. 20, 21 and 22.