Commencement 2011

CCRI honors the Class of 2011 during the college’s 46th commencement ceremony
A message from the President

At the Community College of Rhode Island, we pride ourselves on preparing our students to change their lives and achieve their dreams. It is not only our motto, but also our mission. And it is one our faculty and staff take very seriously – we want our students to succeed in the classroom, on the playing field and in all of their personal and professional endeavors.

To borrow some wise words from Eleanor Roosevelt, “The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams,” and our graduating students have begun the journey of embracing their future with the completion of a college degree or certificate.

As you read this issue of the Green & White, I hope you will pay special attention to the coverage of CCRI’s 46th commencement exercises, which were held at the Knight Campus in Warwick on May 20. On that day we celebrated the achievements of 1,563 graduates. Among them are General Business major Jael Acevedo, our student speaker who is transferring to Bryant University; Paris Fisher, who founded a program to help at-risk youth; and Seaneh Vezele, who fled war-torn Liberia to come to the United States for a better life and an education. You can read more about these graduates and other members of the Class of 2011 starting on Page 4.

I hope their stories of triumph and perseverance bring back fond memories of your own journey at CCRI and beyond.

Ray M. Di Pasquale
President

Welcome Class of 2011

The Community College of Rhode Island Alumni Association is now 58,500 members strong. We are nurses, lawyers and accountants. We are dental hygienists, police officers and artists. With nearly 90 percent of CCRI alumni remaining in Rhode Island after graduation, we are an influential part of our state’s work force. And while our population is diverse, the tie that binds us all together is place.

Whether you attended RIJC or CCRI, the Warwick, Lincoln, Providence, Newport or Promenade Street campus, you are a part of something larger than yourself: a community of learners who, whatever their individual goal, sought to change their lives. That desire to strive, to keep learning and to better oneself is shared by all of us who attended CCRI.

During commencement on May 20, the Alumni Association gained a new group of diverse and talented alumni. To the members of the Class of 2011, welcome and congratulations on your graduation! On behalf of the Alumni Association, we hope you will keep your connection to the college alive as a mentor to a student, a volunteer at one of our events, or, if possible, a donation that would provide a scholarship to a student in need.

Wherever your future takes you, remember the place where you took that next step forward to change your life and achieve your dreams. Your CCRI experience has prepared you for the challenges that lie ahead. Good luck!

Joshua M. Klemp ’04
President
CCRI Alumni Association
CCRI to receive improved broadband access
Technology is a vital tool for the students of today as they train for the jobs of tomorrow, so it was fitting that an event to commemorate a statewide broadband project was held at the Liston Campus on May 9.
Beacon 2.0 is a partnership between government, nonprofit and business interests to connect the state’s public schools, hospitals, colleges and universities, libraries, local governments, and police and fire departments with affordable, high-speed, high-capacity broadband Internet access. At CCRI, Beacon 2.0 will mean faster Internet connection speeds at all four campuses and an enhanced ability to use advanced computer programs for educational purposes.
U.S. Sens. Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse, Gov. Lincoln Chafee, Lt. Gov. Elizabeth Roberts, Cox Business Vice President Mark Scott, Ocean State Higher Education Economic Development and Administrative Network (OSHEAN) President and CEO George Loftus ’79, CCRI President and Commissioner of Higher Education Ray Di Pasquale and many others were all on hand to celebrate the beginning of the project.

EVENTS

Veterans Affairs secretary visits CCRI
Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki, with U.S. Sens. Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse, visited the Knight Campus on Feb. 18 to meet with student veterans in a roundtable discussion about the experience of going to college after leaving the military.

Robotics expert enlightens students
Andrew “Dr. Zoz” Brooks, an electrical engineer and computer scientist who has shared his work in robotics on the Discovery Channel television shows “Prototype This” and “Time Warp,” told stories of his scientific adventures and work on television during the annual CCRI Honors Forum on May 3.

Expert reveals how our health depends on nature
Dr. Eric Chivian, founder and director of the Center for Health and the Global Environment at Harvard Medical School and a recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, addressed a crowd of 700 attendees during a presentation at the Knight Campus in Warwick on April 21. Called “How Our Health Depends on Nature,” Chivian’s presentation focused on how biodiversity loss can affect the outbreak and spread of infectious disease. The event was sponsored by the CCRI Foundation and the Biology Department.

Theologian discusses the ‘six pillars of honest politics’
The Rev. John C. Rankin shared his ideas, based on theology, to create a more harmonious political environment for people of all faiths and creeds during “The Six Pillars of Honest Politics: An Affirmation” at the Knight Campus on March 10. The event was sponsored by the CCRI Foundation and the Charles Sullivan Fund for the Arts and Humanities.
CCRI DECA students receive national recognition
Students from the Knight and Liston chapters of CCRI’s Collegiate DECA, an international organization for business and marketing students, came home with top honors from the DECA International Career Development Conference held in Orlando, Fla., in April. Four students placed in the top 10 in the nation and nine received certificates of excellence for placing in the top 30 percent in the country. Ten students also were recognized for showing leadership skills.

All College Week celebrates the CCRI experience
Students, faculty and staff took part in CCRI’s 5th annual All College Week in April, showcasing the talents of the college community. The week began with High School Technology Day, featuring a series of hands-on workshops for local high school students, and the Education Expo, an open house for prospective students. Students organized a Field Day event and joined faculty and staff for Community Service Day, volunteering their time for local organizations. The college also hosted a Wellness Fair and a series of arts and culture events open to the public. All College Week concluded with a celebration of faculty and staff during the 9th annual Professional Development Day.

Faculty, staff celebrated for years of service
CCRI recognized 80 employees for their years of service to the college on May 4. Recognition for longevity was made in five-year increments starting with 10 years of service and ending with 45 years of service. Edward A. Madonna (pictured with President Ray Di Pasquale), professor of mathematics, and Rosemary W. Prisco, professor of English, each were honored for 45 years of service.
CCRI celebrates Class of 2011

Stories by ROBERT PRELIASCO
Students in the Community College of Rhode Island Class of 2011 attended school during a trying economic time, one that often strained their financial limits and tested their determination. They were recognized for their hard work during the college’s 46th commencement ceremony on May 20.

Almost 700 graduates from this year’s 1,563 recipients of associate degrees and certificates participated in the ceremony at the Vincent Cullen Field House at the Knight Campus.

Rhode Island’s entire congressional delegation was in attendance: U.S. Sens. Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse and Congressmen James Langevin and David Cicilline.

Also present to congratulate the Class of 2011 were Gov. Lincoln Chafee, Lt. Gov. Elizabeth Roberts, Treasurer Gina Raimondo and Chairman of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education Lorne A. Adrian, as well as many other state and local officials.

This strong attendance “...speaks to the high regard our elected officials have for you,” CCRI President Ray DiPasquale told the graduates.

And that high regard comes from the personal challenges many graduates have endured.

Keri Letellier, graduating with honors from the Nursing program, will soon reach her five-year anniversary of beating cancer.

It was her medical ordeal that inspired her to become a nurse, and she hopes to provide hospice care. She spent four years in the program at CCRI. “It was very challenging but I have a feeling it’s going to be rewarding in the end,” she said.

Many students had full-time jobs, family responsibilities or both while they took classes. Michael MacKay, graduating in General Studies, first came to CCRI in Fall 2004 before taking time off and returning to graduate. He was at commencement with his daughter, Victoria, and nephew, Cameron.

“I’m glad to be moving on to bigger and better things,” he said.

Belinda Myers, a mother of two, took advantage of CCRI’s varied class schedule to take courses when it worked in her schedule.

She graduated with a degree in Law Enforcement and hopes to work with youths in the justice system. “I’m interested in helping with their transition when they are ready to get back into the community,” she said.

Fine Arts graduate Candace Canady hopes to work with young people in a different way: as a children’s book illustrator.

“Growing up, I used to draw on the walls when I ran out of paper,” she said. “I came to CCRI because my portfolio didn’t have a lot of drawings in it, and now I have a good foundation. It’s been a long, fun journey.”

During the commencement ceremony, DiPasquale shared stories of members of the Class of 2011 who exemplify the drive and determination of CCRI graduates, including Paris Fisher, who sold his successful business to work with students in an after-school program he founded, and Melody Lawrence, co-captain of the CCRI Lady Knights soccer team who balanced her athletic and academic responsibilities with community service.

He also spoke about Linda Nastari Rossi, who raised two children as a single mother while attending classes and even found time to start her own small business. And then there was Seaneh Vezele, who emigrated from Liberia to escape her country’s civil war and hopes to one day return to help with its social and economic recovery.

Last, he spoke about Heather Kumar, an honors student who plans to go on to study biomedical engineering and toxicology, and Student Commencement Speaker Jael Acevedo, who was born in the Dominican Republic and had to learn English while attending school in the United States.

Di Pasquale said that all of the college’s unique graduates have accomplishments they can be proud of, and that they come together to form a group of 57,000 alumni that plays an important role in Rhode Island.

“CCRI graduates are everywhere and in every walk of life,” he said, “and you are a part of the college’s 47 years of rich history. You are CCRI, and we know that you will go out into the world and touch the lives of your fellow Rhode Islanders the way that so many CCRI alumni have before you.”

Acevedo said that, while the graduates have the potential to effect positive changes in Rhode Island and the wider world, their commencement proves that they have the ability to better themselves.

“Remember that you represent an institution where people are truly transformed,” she said. “Therefore, you have the ability to change whatever you wish about your life. I want you to use the euphoria of this moment to seek out dreams in higher places. Too many people stop chasing dreams once they achieve one goal. It can happen so swiftly if you allow yourself to become complacent,” she said.

“I know from personal experience that you always have more potential than you think. And that never stops being true. So always challenge yourself to be better and to do better – because you were built for it.”

Alumni Association recognizes graduates with superlatives

As part of the commencement rehearsal ceremony on May 19, Director of Alumni Affairs Marisa Albini presented four superlative awards to graduates who attended the event. The awards went to:

- Cheryl Ann Gaglione, a General Business graduate from Cranston, won the award for the most years of study at CCRI, where she has been a student for 34 years.
- Juliette Marie Demers, an Early Childhood Education/Child Development graduate from Warwick with seven children, was the graduate in attendance with the most children.
- Ruth Fenton, 61, an Accounting graduate from North Providence, was the oldest female graduate in attendance.
- Ted Nerek, 64, a General Studies graduate from Warwick, was the oldest male graduate in attendance.
As the commencement speaker for the Community College of Rhode Island Class of 2011, Jael Acevedo of Providence wanted her speech to focus mostly on the achievements of her fellow graduates and what it took for them to get to the commencement stage.

Acevedo knows about the everyday perseverance it takes to graduate. Born in the Dominican Republic, she immigrated to New York City with her parents when she was 8 years old. She spoke no English at the time but, nevertheless, her teachers thought it would be best to put her in a regular classroom and let her learn the language as she went.

Learning English was not the only challenge in moving to the United States. “It was a culture shock, too, because I was just getting used to living in America,” Acevedo said. “The children here seemed to be colder because I didn’t speak English. I found that the kid who stands out is always treated differently.”

Acevedo’s family moved to Providence in 1996 and she began attending Central High School in 2001. She had high grades and her guidance counselors urged her to apply to four-year colleges including Rhode Island College and the University of Rhode Island, but she had one substantial problem: She lacked permanent residency in the United States.

Acevedo graduated from high school in 2005 and her permanent residency petition was accepted that December. However, she was already set to visit relatives in the Dominican Republic and applying from there would be difficult. To make matters worse, the registration deadline was nearing.

While overseas, she searched with her father for a place with public Internet access and completed CCRI’s online registration process just before the deadline. She took one class in the Spring 2006 semester and then increased her workload, gravitating toward nursing.

Over the years, it was sometimes hard to find the money to stay enrolled, Acevedo said. Because she didn’t have financial aid when she first applied to CCRI, her parents had to take a substantial financial hit in paying for her initial tuition without it.

Acevedo found a job to help her get through college but still struggled to make ends meet. She found herself without a stable home several times, sometimes having to sleep on friends’ couches. “At times it was very discouraging because it seemed like no matter how hard I worked, things never fell into place for me,” she said.

On top of that, Acevedo was losing interest in her major. She realized that her fellow nursing students seemed much more enthusiastic than she, which led her to believe that she was in the wrong field. She also said she wanted to free up a spot in the competitive program for someone who was passionate about nursing.

From carefully managing her finances, Acevedo had become adept at personal accounting, and a friend suggested she take courses in that field instead. “That was the first time my eyes were opened to the financial world,” Acevedo said. “When I took accounting, I fell in love with it.”

Acevedo changed her major to General Business in Spring 2009. She joined DECA, a collegiate organization for business and finance students, in Fall 2010, as soon as her work schedule permitted. She credits her accounting professor and DECA adviser, Joanne Orabone, for her maturation into a motivated and focused student.

Acevedo, who graduated with a 3.8 GPA, has been accepted with a scholarship to Bryant University and will attend there in the fall. She hopes to become a certified public accountant.

Acevedo often helps her friends manage their finances and has found that she enjoys showing them how to maximize financial efficiency to achieve their own goals. “I really want to use my skills to help people, especially those who immigrate to America,” she said.

Acevedo said she does not regret pursuing nursing for so long, because it gave her time to be certain of her true path. She said that CCRI was a great stepping stone for her, and encourages students to be involved both on and off campus.

“It may seem difficult to have to manage school and other responsibilities, but I am very glad I persevered,” she said. “It helped me grow.”
Paris Fisher of Pawtucket had a half-a-million-dollar business and was living a fast-paced hip-hop lifestyle, but something didn’t feel right.

“The nightclub scene and the fast life, it was beginning to rot me from the inside out,” he said.

After a spiritual awakening and religious conversion, Fisher walked away from his business and, a few years later, applied to the Community College of Rhode Island at a time when he only had $500 in his pocket. He founded a program for at-risk youth in Pawtucket schools and, as a CCRI graduate, is bound for Rhode Island College to study social work.

Fisher’s desire to change his community runs deep. Born in Prospect Heights in Pawtucket, he grew up in a single parent household in the 1970s and ’80s amid a culture of drugs and street violence. Fisher said his mother, Mary, provided her family with strong values and safe home and worked hard to help her children succeed.

Outside of the home, Paris turned to the burgeoning hip-hop movement, which seemed to be an escape from the street life. He started to break-dance when he was just 10 years old and began to rap when he was 15. He hoped to make a living at it, but his life took him in a different direction.

Fisher graduated from high school in 1988 and was enrolled in an eight-month program at the Opportunities Industrial Center of Rhode Island. It was at that time that his girlfriend had the couple’s first child. “I was a father early on in life and it was pretty difficult,” Fisher said. “I didn’t have a clear idea what I wanted to do.”

In 1993 he got a loan from a good friend, Jaime Rua, and used it to buy 100 shirts in a style associated with the young hip-hop movement. With the help of his brother, Mark, and some friends, Fisher began selling them out of a space in a tailor shop. POAM Clothing, short for “Prospectors on a Mission” in a nod to his neighborhood, was born.

“I didn’t have any background in business, and obviously no college experience, but it started taking off,” Fisher said. “At that time hip-hop clothing was not in the malls; it was a rare, new thing … you couldn’t find what we were selling.”

After three months, the store was successful enough to move into its own space, one that quickly grew into a hub for the Rhode Island hip-hop scene. POAM Clothing became the ultimate local source for hip-hop fashion and music and eventually expanded into an entire mini-mall with a barber shop, cell phone store, recording studio, print shop and gift shop. Fisher hosted rap concerts, talent shows and break dancing competitions in the basement community space.

He became involved in concert promotion and the POAM line was featured on MTV and in The Source, a magazine dedicated to the hip-hop scene.

But this lifestyle began to wear on him. “I started getting discouraged with the music,” Fisher said. “They were swearing a lot and we were selling this to kids and families.”

Some of the jeans in Fisher’s store retailed for $100, and he saw people of modest means “doing whatever they had to do to get those.”

At the same time, Fisher had a rebirth in Christianity, a tradition he had been raised in but neglected in his adulthood. He closed his business in 2005. “What caused me to leave at the end was the realization that it wasn’t the store that was the most important thing. It was the people,” he said, “not a building.”

Later that year, Fisher started an after-school program at his alma mater, Shea High School, called Project Peace, which focuses on crime and drug abuse prevention and allows youths to express themselves through music and poetry.

In 2008, Fisher started a middle school offshoot called Camp Skills, in which the students from Project Peace mentor the younger students.

While working at Project Peace, the school social worker, Shara Plynton, suggested that he go to college to study social work. He began looking into CCRI in late 2008 and early 2009, while he was suffering from insomnia and depression. He had trouble getting out of bed in the morning, but forced himself to go to CCRI to enroll.

He graduated as a General Studies major with a 3.54 GPA as the first member of his family to attend college and shared the commencement stage with one of the graduates from the Project Peace program.

Fisher’s son, Paris Junior, is graduating from high school and will attend CCRI this fall.

He plans to continue the Project Peace program and has even come back to hip-hop, using the medium he loves to spread a new message. He has a CD single available on iTunes and CDBaby called “Born,” in which he raps:

“And this time when I rhyme, it’s not for game, or for fame, it’s to proclaim Your holy name.”
Seaneh Vezele’s name means “to have a very successful journey that never ends.”

Her journey began in war-torn West Africa and took her to the Community College of Rhode Island, where she achieved a dream her family has long had for her. Now, her purpose in life is beginning to be realized.

“The biggest reason we came to this country was to have a better life and get an education,” Vezele said. “Now I’m doing that and it’s like a dream come true.”

Vezele, of Providence, does not remember much about her native Liberia. She was living there with her parents and four sisters when a civil war broke out in 1989. It was a conflict that eventually would claim 222,000 people, but the Vezele family fled in 1991.

“I remember when the war broke out, there was a lot of violence, but we got out of there immediately,” she said.

Vezele’s father had been educated in the United States and he returned to find a job, sending back all the money that he could. He would send for the family to join him in the United States when he was more financially secure.

In the meantime, Vezele and the rest of her family waited in the Buduburam Refugee Camp in Ghana. Her mother built a house for the family from whatever materials were available and worked as a first-grade teacher for children of the refugees. By the height of the civil war, the camp’s population had swelled to 45,000 people.

After four years in the refugee camp, the family was reunited in the United States in 1995, when Seaneh was 12 years old. She saw snow for the first time on the day she arrived.

“When we came to America, my family was very grateful,” Vezele said. “And I thank my father for giving us the opportunity of a lifetime.

“It took a long time for our family to adjust,” she added.

Vezele’s father remained, for a time, the sole breadwinner of the family of seven, and the Vezeles had to rely on church donations for their clothing.

But, over time, Vezele’s mother attended school as well and is now a certified nursing assistant. Her father is a chemical engineer. “My parents are doing much better and were able to buy a home that they live in today,” she said.

In the meantime, the Vezeles had a son here and encouraged all of their children to get an education. Vezele graduated from Hope High School in 2002 and enrolled at CCRI right away.

Her first major was nursing and she pursued it for several years, attaining CNA status and a job at Charlesgate Nursing Home, but she decided after a few years that this path was not for her.

“You have to find a passion for what you want to be in life,” she said. “I have a passion for social work, and nursing is not for everyone.”

In 2006, Vezele changed her major to social work. “Since then it all started coming together,” she said. “I was completely motivated to succeed.”

Vezele quit her job in 2009 to focus being a full-time student and completing her new major as soon as possible. “It wasn’t easy taking classes full time, but I was determined and my family and professors helped me,” Vezele said. “I thank God for my family – especially my 7-year-old son, Sean – and my teachers.”

Now a CCRI graduate with a 3.0 GPA, Vezele is transferring to Rhode Island College and hopes to earn a master’s degree in social work or psychology.

“My goal is to eventually return to my native land and help with the social and economic development of my country,” she said.

“I want to help people in any way possible and be able to give back to my country,” she added. “I want to make a difference in the world and be a role model to my son.”

For more student success stories and commencement coverage, visit www.ccri.edu/marketing.
Alumni Association honors four graduates, two volunteers

Four CCRI alumni were honored for their contributions to the community when they were inducted into the CCRI Alumni Association’s Society of the Knights on April 1.

The association inducted: Sen. Hanna M. Gallo ’76 ’81; George K. Loftus ’79, president and CEO of the nonprofit Ocean State Higher Education and Administrative Network (OSHEAN); Richard W. Rose ’82, assistant U.S. attorney; and Betty Anne Waters ’89, who put herself through law school to exonerate her wrongfully imprisoned brother. Since then she has worked to free other wrongfully convicted prisoners with the nonprofit Innocence Project.

The Alumni Association also recognized Mary K. Baker and Jennifer Bramley as honorary alumni.


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David Card ’94 finds new career in radiography

By ROBERT PRELIASCO

After losing his job to an economic recession in the 1990s, David Card ’94 turned to the Community College of Rhode Island to become a radiographer and start a new career.

Today he is the manager of imaging services at Newport Hospital, in charge of 74 employees who provide X-rays, CT scans, ultrasounds, nuclear medicine, mammography, bone density scans and MRIs for patients.

“It’s a very rewarding job,” Card said. “We take care of people all day. We are the eyes and ears for the doctors.”

Radiographers and medical technologists give doctors the images they need to make a diagnosis and are responsible for caring for patients who may be injured or in pain during the procedure.

“Our job is to be empathetic and help them while they’re here,” Card said. “Sometimes the exam itself can be stressful, not just the results.”

Card was promoted to his new position in March but he has been working in the medical field since graduating from CCRI’s two-year radiography program in 1994.

In 1992, during an economic downturn, Card lost his job as a pipefitter at General Dynamics. He was 26 years old, married and unemployed.

Card’s wife, Lynne, is a medical technologist and he had been interested in joining the same field. His wife and her friends in medicine suggested that attending CCRI would be a great way for Card to start a new career quickly.

“I went because I really wanted to be a radiographer. [CCRI] had what I was told is the best program in New England,” he said. “I knew radiography was a good way to start a new career. I thought it would be a great opportunity because you can go into other fields as well.”

Card took courses at the Flanagan Campus in Lincoln and quickly found a community of fellow students.

“You’re with the same students for two years so you make strong bonds with each other,” he said. “Those are friendships I still have to this day.”

Card explained that being a part of a consistent group of students makes it easier to finish the program and said the faculty were very supportive, wanting students to succeed.

After graduating, Card found work doing mobile X-rays at nursing homes, had a part-time job at Kent Hospital, then worked as an MRI technologist for a private company.

“The greatest thing about the CCRI program is that it prepares you to be a technologist the day you walk out the door,” he said.

Card was hired at Newport Hospital in 2001 as the lead MRI technologist and then became the MRI/CT supervisor.

As manager of imaging services, Card’s newest job is more supervisory.

He oversees the training of technologists and spends a lot of his time reviewing patient safety procedures, “making sure that everything we do is the safest way to do it,” he said.

He also oversees the department budget and interacts with other hospitals in the Lifespan network.

Card said that many of his co-workers and colleagues also have a CCRI education and understand that they have a common training background. His son, David Jr., will join this community when he attends CCRI beginning in the fall.

“There will be another generation at CCRI,” Card said.
’80s
1980
John Cournoyer is the district leader of Primerica Financial Services.

1981
Patricia Martinez, executive director of the Central Falls Family and Student Support Center of the Central Falls School Department, was the keynote speaker at the 37th annual conference of the New England Organization of Human Services held at the Planagan Campus in Lincoln on April 1.

1989
Brenda (Thornlimb) and Philip Vecchio ’90 adopted a baby girl, Emily Grace Allison Vecchio, on Jan. 7.

’90s
1994
Matthew Collins recently published his third e-book on amazon.com, titled “Willing To Work.” The book is a first-person account of his layoff and job search in 2009 and includes tips for job hunters.

1995
Roger Chatell, who is in his 10th year working for the Boy Scouts of America, was promoted to the position of field director of the Minsi Trails Council in Allentown, Pa. He supervises four professional Scouters who serve 5,000 Scouts in 170 Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops and Venturing crews in the Anthracite area, Pocono Mountain and Lehigh Valley region. He lives in Saylorsburg, Pa., with his wife Cheryl and three children.

’00s
2001
Tina McDonough traveled to Maasai Mara, Kenya, in May to buy land and build the Imagine Library, which will provide educational literature while offering resources for the local Maasai people.

2002
Laura Goralski and Michael Cole Jr. were married in the Chapel by the Sea in Warwick on Aug. 28, 2010.

2005
Veronica Bruscini completed a Master of Arts degree in English at Clark University.

CCRI grads honored for years of service with RIDOC

Five CCRI graduates were among a group of 69 Rhode Island Department of Corrections (RIDOC) employees who received longevity awards during a special ceremony on May 26.

• Anthony C. Bomba Jr. ’96 of Rumford, a correctional officer at minimum security, was recognized for 20 years of service.
• Anthony Del Signore of Warwick ’03, a correctional officer at the John J. Moran Medium Security Facility, achieved 10 years of service.
• Edward Gervais ’72 of Cranston, a correctional officer lieutenant at minimum security, has served RIDOC for 30 years.
• Paul E. LeVasseur Jr. ’96 of Middletown, a correctional officer at the intake service center, has served RIDOC for 20 years.
• Steve Lombardi ’98 of Cranston, a correctional officer at the intake service center, was recognized for 20 years of service.

2006
Rionda Geraldes is working as an accountant at FM Global’s corporate office in Johnston.
She received a master of business administration degree from URI in May.

2007
Janell Cappucci and Kevin Pacheco were married in St. Elizabeth’s Church in Bristol on June 19, 2010.

2008
Ron Jacobson has joined the Jamestown Police Department.

2010
Cynthia Groff and Keith Notarianni were married at the Newport Officers Club on Sept. 25, 2010.

In memoriam
The Green & White Alumni Magazine now publishes “In memoriam” in honor of college alumni. Because of space constraints, content is limited to an individual’s name and class year.

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Helen T. Pattison

1967
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The Community College of Rhode Island celebrated its 26th commencement exercises on Saturday, June 1, 1991, at the Flanagan Campus in Lincoln. Grand Marshal James R. Essex (left) leads the processional followed by Gov. Bruce Sundlun and President Edward J. Liston. Dr. Donald G. Phelps (not pictured) delivered the commencement address.

During the ceremony, President Edward J. Liston addresses the graduates.
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