CCRI celebrates 48th Commencement
Members of the Community College of Rhode Island Class of 2013 display creativity and pride in graduating on their commencement caps.

For more photos of Commencement 2013, visit www.ccri.edu/commencement.
The mission of the Community College of Rhode Island is to prepare Rhode Islanders for a career, continued education or both. In short, CCRI prepares students to become lifelong learners. It is a mission the college has sustained since its founding in 1964.

On May 18, the college community celebrated that mission with commencement, a ceremony steeped in tradition that dates back to the Paris and Bologna universities of the 12th century. CCRI conferred 1,725 degrees and certificates during the ceremony to recognize the accomplishments of the Class of 2013.

Education can be formal or informal, and there are varying styles of teaching and learning. But one aspect of education is constant: it is life-changing. As you will read in the commencement coverage in this issue starting on Page 4, members of the Class of 2013 have overcome great obstacles to persevere.

The college is so proud of these new graduates’ successes both in and out of the classroom. They have been recognized nationally for their leadership and business skills, they have raised funds for those in need and volunteered their time to Rhode Island nonprofits that need support. They are the future of Rhode Island and they will continue to achieve great things for themselves and for our state.

CCRI will continue to uphold its mission of helping students to change their lives and achieve their dreams. The grand tradition of commencement is a nice reminder of why this mission is so meaningful.

Ray M. Di Pasquale
President
Golf tournament proceeds support CCRI students

The Community College of Rhode Island Alumni Association held its 11th annual golf tournament at the North Kingstown Golf Course on June 12. The event raised more than $12,000, which will support the Alumni Association Book Award program and defray tuition costs for students.

Six receive honors at ‘A Knight of Stars’ event

The Community College of Rhode Island Alumni Association inducted Francis Flynn ’74, Joshua Klemp ’04, Toni McGuire ’75 and David Tikoian ’88 into the Society of the Knights on April 5 at Quidnesset Country Club in North Kingstown. Honorary Alumni Awards went to longtime CCRI Foundation President Mark Gim and Maureen McGarry, dean of Health and Rehabilitative Sciences at CCRI.

The ceremonial event, called “A Knight of Stars,” is a fundraiser that helps students pay for tuition and textbooks.

Special guests included Gov. Lincoln Chafee, Warwick Mayor Scott Avedisian, the CCRI Foundation’s 2012 Community Champion, North Providence Mayor Charles Lombardi, R.I. State Police Col. Steven O’Donnell and Brendan Doherty, retired R.I. State Police colonel and former Republican congressional candidate.

Key sponsors were The Washington Trust Co., DiGennaro & Palumbo LLP and Anne M. Riccitelli ’66.
CCRI hosts second annual Rhode Island Mission of Mercy

More than 900 patients received care at the Rhode Island Oral Health Foundation’s second annual Mission of Mercy free dental clinic at the CCRI Flanagan Campus in Lincoln on June 1 and 2. The all-volunteer event provided more than $500,000 worth of dental services to the uninsured and underinsured in our community. CCRI and Delta Dental were the event’s premier sponsors.

All College Week highlights spirit of community

The Community College of Rhode Island held a series of events to commemorate its fifth annual All College Week in April. The college celebrated the talents of its students, faculty and staff with a concert in the newly renovated Bobby Hackett Theater, a ceremony highlighting diversity and professional development workshops for employees. On Community Service Day, CCRI volunteers donated their time and talents to eight nonprofits at seven locations across the state to give back to the community.

Student-athletes, alumnus honored during State House ceremony

Ten CCRI student-athletes and one alumnus were recognized for their achievements during the Scholar-Athlete Awards Reception hosted by Speaker Gordon Fox and the Rhode Island House of Representatives. The reception was held in the House Chamber at the Rhode Island State House on April 29.

Receiving student honors were: Kyrie Craig, Andrew Crowley, Damon Georgiou, Jessica McCaughey, Christopher Munoz, Patrick O’Connor, Katherine Paddock, Dylan Pingitore, Annie Ragan and Jessica Sandin.

The college presented the distinguished athletic alumni award to Brian Deighan, head coach of the CCRI golf team, for his accomplishments as a player and a coach. Deighan has been involved in athletics at CCRI for 32 years as both a student-athlete and coach of the college’s tennis and golf teams. He also has been active in the community as a football coach. Deighan was diagnosed with cancer five years ago, and continues to be a reliable, supportive force for his family and student-athletes throughout Rhode Island.
During a challenging time for the United States and the New England region, perseverance was the theme of the Community College of Rhode Island’s 48th commencement. The college conferred 1,725 degrees and certificates on May 18 in a ceremony at the Knight Campus in Warwick.

The Class of 2013 was celebrated for overcoming challenges of all kinds in pursuit of an education. Students worked long hours, supported families and sometimes studied part time for many years in order to earn a degree.

Student speaker Albino “Albe” Folcarelli spoke of his battle to overcome crippling social anxiety that once caused him to drop out of high school. Now he is bound for Columbia University after a prestigious career as a CCRI student.

Folcarelli said that the Class of 2013 is filled with students who have their own stories of overcoming great odds, whether or not those stories are known.

“What sets this institution apart and makes it a place of such societal importance is that transformations of character such as ours are commonplace here,” he said. “Every year, as is celebrated here today, lives are changed for the better and people achieve goals that they never thought possible.”

Speaking with the graduates proves him correct.

Lilie Carparco, for example, survived a battle with lung cancer that served as her wake-up call to start working in a career that she could love.

“I was an insurance adjustor, got laid off and got diagnosed with lung cancer,” she said. “When I survived, I thought this was God’s way of telling me to do what I wanted to do.”

Carparco enrolled at CCRI to fulfill her lifelong dream of being a social worker, which she avoided because of money concerns. She finished the program in two years and now works with families in crisis and children in foster care.

Many of the graduates are mothers or fathers who had to balance family concerns with their jobs, classroom time and homework. Karen Meara, a business
graduate and mother of two, decorated her mortarboard with large pink letters spelling out a message for her children: “Your mother did it.”

“I went to their graduations so it’s only fair that they come to mine,” she said.

Meara came to CCRI after being laid off and has just been hired as a human resources and payroll director for a nursing home in Connecticut. She thanked Patricia Moore from CCRI’s financial aid office for helping her finish school.

Of all of the parents graduating, Jacqueline Berry is probably the newest one. She walked across the commencement stage while nine months pregnant.

Berry almost chose not to participate in commencement because of her pregnancy but she said, “I put in so much over the last four years [attending CCRI] that I figured I should have my day.”


Many of these visitors told the graduates that they represent the best of Rhode Island and hopes for a better economic future are vested in them.

“No school reaches more deeply into Rhode Island than CCRI,” Chafee said, explaining that it draws students of all ages and circumstances. He said that Rhode Island is a state founded on liberty and tolerance and urged the graduates to help write the future of the state.

Sen. Reed said that the best way to deal with an uncertain economy is the way that the graduates have chosen: to expand one’s knowledge and skill set in order to seek new, previously unavailable opportunities.

“Thank you for what you have done but, more importantly, for what you will do,” he said.

CCRI President Ray Di Pasquale spoke of the great power that the community college has to change lives in Rhode Island and New England. Many of the college’s 60,000 alumni have stayed in the state and have become leaders and innovators.

He also highlighted the volunteerism of CCRI’s students, faculty and staff through events such as Community Service Day and through fundraisers the college’s clubs and organizations hold throughout the year to help their neighbors in need.

“You’re not just changing your lives,” he said, “you have been changing the lives of Rhode Islanders through your good works, and I am so proud of you … and as you leave this institution, I want you to continue serving your communities.”
Running helped Class of 2013 student speaker triumph over social anxiety

Just a few years ago, Albino “Albe” Folcarelli of East Providence was terrified to speak in public, afflicted with a general anxiety disorder that inhibited every part of his life. Now he has graduated from the Community College of Rhode Island as the Liston Campus student government president and the Class of 2013 student commencement speaker, ready to appear on stage in front of thousands.

It’s safe to say that Folcarelli’s anxiety has been conquered. The 27-year-old with a 3.98 GPA is on his way to Columbia University as a premed/biochemistry and Spanish double major, hoping to become a pediatric psychiatrist so he can help children who are going through what he has already overcome.

“My anxiety was really bad when I was young,” Folcarelli said. “It interfered with everything. It was keeping me from being myself.”

He never had panic attacks or other episodes, and he learned how to tamp himself down and feign ease and comfort, but the disorder was pervasive in his life. It made itself known in small ways that limited his potential.

Folcarelli refrained from any activity that stretched his comfort zone and could never relax or focus in school. If he was late for a class he would skip it entirely rather than walk in with the eyes of his fellow students upon him. He dropped out of high school in 2002, as soon as he was legally able, and went to work.

Folcarelli worked jobs that didn’t challenge his anxiety too badly, such as washing dishes and detailing cars. He worked his way up to being a waiter, which was one of many small victories in his quest to overcome his anxiety.

Truly conquering it began with a jog. “I was home one night and I was bored so I decided to go for a run,” Folcarelli said. “I ran a half mile and I felt like I was ready to die. I didn’t like that so I started running a half mile every day until I could run a mile.”

Running gave Folcarelli small, tangible goals to work toward and he found a potent metaphor that he used to defeat his fears: Everything in life can seem easy when you take it in small steps. Eventually, Folcarelli ran a marathon.

“[Running] was the first time in my life that I felt totally free,” Folcarelli said. “It totally changed my life.”

By age 24, Folcarelli was doing much better. His anxiety was largely under control and he had loving family and friends; he had started swimming and biking to compete in triathlons and was in great shape; he had even been in a great relationship before his girlfriend went away to college. She, too, was a high school dropout and Folcarelli is still amazed at what they both were able to accomplish.

“I’m very spiritual so I believe that God provided for us and it was meant to be,” Folcarelli said.

By now, Folcarelli was doing everything he could to systematically stretch his comfort zone. There was one thing that began to seem like an obvious next step: returning to school.

“I wanted to make a difference,” he said. “I realized that life is terrible when you have a job that you hate. I wanted to have a career and do something positive … I went back to school and absolutely fell in love with it.”

The General Studies major got involved on campus, becoming a chemistry lab assistant and joining the Liston Campus student government. He became president of the campus’ student government last year.

Folcarelli knew he would have to give speeches in this role but, “I didn’t even think about it,” he said. “Now I know that the more you let fear and anxiety determine your decisions, the less power you have.”

As he held in his hands an acceptance letter from Columbia University – his first choice – Folcarelli reflected on how far he has come.

“When I got the letter I thought about how bad my anxiety used to be, and that I dropped out of high school, and it was an amazing moment,” he said.

Folcarelli, formerly so inhibited by anxiety, is bound for one of the most difficult universities in the nation and gave a major speech to a field house full of strangers at commencement. He was a little nervous, yes, but no more so than anyone else would be.

“It’s going to be tough but I’m going to take it one step at a time,” he said prior to his speech.
Jordyn Payne of Warwick has always been driven. She remembers skipping lunch period during grade school to play the flute and devoting 30 or 40 hours every week to practicing ballet.

She has moved on from these hobbies but her work ethic remains, leading her to earn an associate degree in Liberal Arts at just 18 years old. She will continue her higher education at New York University this fall. It’s clear that the same determination that drove her childhood hobbies has allowed her to go farther faster than many other students her age.

Payne was nearing the end of her junior year at Warwick Veterans Memorial High School when she heard about the Running Start Program at the Community College of Rhode Island. This program allows high school seniors of good academic standing to complete their high school degrees at CCRI while simultaneously earning college credits.

Feeling stifled by the traditional high school format, Payne was attracted to the greater freedom that CCRI promised. “I didn’t think I would do two years here,” Payne said. “I just thought I would finish my senior year and then apply to [four-year] colleges like my friends were doing.”

However, Payne was comfortable at CCRI and also appreciated the chance to save money on the way to a bachelor’s degree. “I think this has set me apart in so many different ways,” Payne said. “It’s given me a lot more maturity and opportunities.”

Payne said that CCRI and Running Start gave her the freedom and opportunity to develop herself and pursue her interests. She was able to schedule her classes in a way that gave her a lot of free time off campus, time that she filled with jobs, internships and even certificate courses at the Rhode Island School of Design – all while maintaining a 3.97 GPA.

Payne hopes to work in the fashion industry one day and is doing everything she can to break into the field. She is an intern for the biannual fashion event StyleWeek Northeast and the lead stylist for the Cranston-based magazine Fashion & Fame. She also helps plan women’s events with a colleague from StyleWeek.

In addition, Payne works as a full-time bookkeeper at an accounting firm and tutors fellow CCRI students in French. She is the president of the CCRI French Club and plans to double major in the language along with art history at NYU.

Knowing a foreign language is an important skill in both the art and fashion worlds, Payne said, and French is a natural choice given the pre-eminence of Paris as a center of fashion.

As an art history major, Payne will focus on modern to contemporary works. “I think art shapes the course of history,” she said. “It reflects the political and social issues of its day.”

Payne said CCRI has given her a great start to her college career. She thanked her professors, in particular Art Professor Natalie Coletta, whom she called a role model, and her academic adviser, Foreign Languages Professor Carol Panaccione. “[Professor Panaccione] is more like a mother to me than an adviser or teacher,” she said.

Payne said she would recommend the Running Start program to other students. “If the typical high school classroom doesn’t work for you, trying college out and making a schedule that does work for you can be very beneficial,” she said.
As a member of the Chilean Navy, Christopher Munoz was able to travel the world, but a chance meeting in Newport led him to live in the United States.

Munoz enrolled in the Chilean Naval Academy in 2005 after he graduated from high school. He visited many foreign ports on the Chilean navy tall ship Esmeralda and sailed to the coast of Antarctica – the southern tip of Chile is only about 600 miles away – three times as a crewman on an ice-breaking ship.

“[Antarctica] is very nice the first time and then by the second and third time, not so much,” Munoz said. “It’s a lot of work and you don’t get a lot of sleep down there. During the summer, which is when we go down, the sun never sets.”

In 2010, when the Chilean navy sent Munoz to take a course at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, he did not expect it to change his life.

“I never thought I would go to another country for a long period of time,” he said.

Just like any other visitors to Aquidneck Island, Munoz and his comrades liked to visit Newport’s harborside bars. It was there one night that he met Ashley O’Keefe, a 2008 University of Rhode Island graduate who is a nurse at Rhode Island Hospital.

“It wasn’t anything fancy,” Munoz said. “We got to talking, we went out on a date and then we went out on more dates. Now we are planning to get married.”

Munoz had to return to Chile after his course ended but he and O’Keefe kept in touch. Early in 2011, the couple decided they wanted to build a life together in the United States and Munoz began the long process of leaving the navy and immigrating to America. He arrived in August 2011.

“Of course the first barrier is the language,” Munoz said. “Being here immersed and not being able to use my first language is complicated.”

On the other hand, Munoz said the Chilean and American cultures are not all that different – the two countries are both Western democracies, after all. He had studied English in school but his language skills steadily improved as he got more used to life in the United States.

“I learned a lot by watching football and baseball,” he said.

Munoz still needed a college degree. Classroom time at the Chilean Naval Academy is broken up by periods of active duty service, so Munoz was not able to finish his academic work before he left the navy.

He enrolled at the Community College of Rhode Island as a way to adjust to the American education system.

“I wasn’t sure what the level of education was like back home compared to here,” he said.

Munoz said he met some Rhode Islanders who told him negative things about his choice of school; that CCRI is for people who can’t get in anywhere else.

“I realized it’s not like that at all,” he said. “I got to meet very good professors and very good classmates; very smart people.”

He added, “For kids who want to earn a degree but don’t want to go into too much debt, who want to save some money, [CCRI] is a great alternative.”

Munoz, who studied engineering at CCRI, graduated with a 4.0 GPA. He will attend Brown University on a full scholarship to study electrical engineering, inspired by his exposure to electronic equipment during his naval service.

“I like that as an electrical engineer you can work with both hardware and software,” he said.

Munoz, who was co-captain of the CCRI soccer team, said that other international students should do their best to get involved with school activities.

“It’s hard sometimes when you’re an immigrant if you don’t interact with the locals,” he said. “I would say if you’re planning to stay here, become a part of what’s going on here.”

As he continues his education, Munoz plans to stay in the New England area to remain close to his fiancée’s family, with whom he lives in East Greenwich. In the future, the couple plans to split their time between the United States and Chile, but the United States is home for now.

“I just want to thank everyone for the opportunity to be here and become a part of the CCRI community,” Munoz said. “It’s an honor to be here in this position that I’m in right now.”
Where are they now?

DEANNA D’AGOSTINO ’06

Seven years after graduating, Deanna D’Agostino is performing well in her career at the Community College of Rhode Island. She already had a job lined up for herself at The Miriam Hospital by the time she finished CCRI’s Radiography program in 2006. While this was a great transition for her, her path was not always so clear.

D’Agostino dropped out of Central High School and earned a GED® certificate at age 19. She worked as a waitress while taking classes intermittently at CCRI. Sometimes she took only a single course per semester while she tried to figure out what to do for a new career.

“I didn’t want to wait tables for the rest of my life,” she said.

One day, D’Agostino heard a classmate talking about the Radiography program and she became interested in it. She started attending school full time, got into the program and became the president of the Radiography Club. She was offered a job at Miriam after working as a student intern there.

Seven years later she is still there, now working as an operating room interventionalist and emergency department X-ray technologist.

“In the operating room, my job is to take an image and get the right view for a surgeon,” she said.

These pictures have many uses, such as showing that bones are properly aligned for orthopedic surgeries.

D’Agostino enjoys her work but it is a little different from what she imagined. She interacts with patients much more frequently than she thought she would and takes different kinds of images.

“In school, you think more about taking the picture than about the patient you will actually be working with,” she said.

Having been a waitress, D’Agostino is used to working nights, so she volunteered for the less popular second shift at the hospital. This allowed her to rapidly expand her skill set and become licensed to give CT scans. She hopes to start working as a CT technologist soon.

D’Agostino works with some of her classmates from the CCRI Radiography program and remains friends with others.

“You become very close with your fellow students because you’re with them for two years, sometimes for 40 hours a week,” she said.

She thanked her professors at CCRI for helping her get started.

“I think CCRI is a great place to start,” she said. “I always tell people to attend because if they work full time, they will only be here for two years. Lots of people can go right to work after they graduate.”

SOVANN KHIV ’06

Sovann Khiv used the Community College of Rhode Island as a path to a better life. He graduated from the college’s Dental Hygiene program in 2006, was hired almost immediately and is still going strong in the field. He hopes to return to school someday soon to earn a bachelor’s and master’s degree.

Khiv grew up in a violent neighborhood in South Providence. As a child, he unknowingly idolized drug dealers because they had money and nice cars and seemed to be successful. When he got a little older, he saw them for who they were and realized that education and a good job were the only real way to escape his neighborhood.

He just didn’t know what that job would be.

“To tell you the truth, I didn’t know what to do after high school,” he said. “What 17-year-old knows what he’s going to do with the rest of his life?”

Khiv took some time off to think about it. His inspiration came from an unlikely source as he chatted with his dental hygienist about her path in life. He decided to become a hygienist himself and enrolled at CCRI for the Spring 2001 semester.

Khiv struggled to raise the money he needed only to have much of it stolen during a home break-in. He said the CCRI Access Program, and Access Coordinator Cynthia Spruill in particular, were critical in helping him attend college.

“If it wasn’t for that program and for her, I don’t think I would have made it through,” he said.

Khiv found the CCRI Dental Hygiene program to be one of the hardest things he has ever done, but it was worth it in the end. Today he works for WellOne Primary Medical and Dental Care as a dental hygienist.

“I’m very grateful to this organization for hiring me and giving me a full-time position,” he said.

Khiv sees about 11 patients each day from all walks of life. “It’s not just cleanings,” he said. “It’s educating people about how to keep their teeth healthy.”

He also spends a lot of time talking with his patients and sometimes finds that he is a de facto therapist. His patients see him regularly and feel comfortable talking about developments and problems in their lives.

“Part of my job is building relationships with my patients,” he said.

CCRI Dental Hygiene graduates are dominant in the field in Rhode Island, Khiv said, and he frequently meets them on the job. He thanked CCRI for giving him the chance to have a career.

“CCRI has done me good.”
The Community College of Rhode Island has made it possible for generations of students to attend college, starting with its very first class in 1964.

Marjorie Martiesian was a member of this small, pioneering group that graduated in 1966. She is so grateful for the opportunity that CCRI made it possible for generations of students to attend college, starting with its very first class in 1964.

Martiesian was excited back in the 1960s when she heard that Rhode Island was opening a new school to be called Rhode Island Junior College.

“It was a time when the Vietnam War was going on and it was hard getting into colleges,” she said. “The state needed something like this.”

She applied immediately and found herself a member of a small group of students attending the sole campus in Providence. Top professors were there, attracted by the opportunity to work at an institution that was making education affordable and accessible to all.

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After finishing RIJC, Martiesian transferred to Mount Saint Joseph College in Wakefield, R.I., which since has closed. She went on to Rhode Island College and earned a master’s degree in education.

Martiesian worked for 28 years as a reading specialist in the Providence school system. She always remembered the start she got at Rhode Island Junior College, since renamed the Community College of Rhode Island.

“If it wasn’t for CCRI I probably wouldn’t have been able to go to college at that time,” she said. “It opened the door for us and I’m thankful for that.”

Martiesian said she is happy to help a new generation of students, and that CCRI is more viable than ever as the costs of traditional four-year colleges continue to rise. It is a sensible choice for transfer students.

“Every year, CCRI graduates get into great schools,” she said. “When you hear about the success stories of the students, you’re really proud.”

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1986
Patricia A. Baker was hired as a home care clinical manager at Visiting Nurse Home Care.

1993
Daniel Parrillo has been promoted to deputy chief in the Johnston Police Department.

1994
Nick Figueroa Jr. was appointed director of adult training and employment at the Opportunities Industrialization Center of Rhode Island. He previously served as assistant dean of Enrollment Services at CCRI’s Flanagan Campus in Lincoln.

1996
Sandra Cullen has been named vice president of the 2013 board of directors for LeadingAge RI. She is property administrator of Winslow Gardens and is responsible for the development of the facility as well as its programs and activities.

1997
Rebecca Beaton is a quadriplegic who lives independently and works as a greeting card designer.

Jewelry designer Dara Raisner took part in Styleweek and teamed up with designer Kara Wickman for a runway show. All of the rings, cuffs and pendants worn by the models were her designs. Also, Meaghan Mooney from “The Rhode Show” sported one of her rings on the program.

1999
Carol Ann Harrington joined Citizens Bank as vice president, trust officer. She is responsible for managing relationships with high net worth individuals, trusts and nonprofit clients for Citizens Private Bank and Trust.

Irene V. Heroux was selected as the 2013 Quotarian of the Year by Quota International of Woonsocket. She has been an active member of the service organization for 13 years.

2006
Cynthia M. Bessette graduated from Roger Williams University School of Law on May 17.

Stephanie Brown and Christopher J. D’Iorio were married at South Ferry Church in Narragansett on Sept. 9.

John A. Pemberty, Air National Guard Airman 1st Class, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

2010
Christa Faith Gignac graduated from University of Maryland University College with a bachelor’s degree in forensics/premed on May 11.

2011
Patricia C. Vincenty, Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

Nursing Alumni Chapter congratulates Class of 2013
Members of the CCRI Nursing Alumni Chapter gather to celebrate this year’s graduates at the program’s annual pinning ceremony held on May 15. The chapter is organizing an event for students and alumni to be held this fall.

Calendar of events
This calendar lists some of the upcoming events and important dates involving Community College Rhode Island students, alumni, faculty and staff. For more information about what is happening at CCRI campuses, go to www.ccri.edu. For athletic schedules, visit www.ccri.edu/athl.

2013
A day at the races with the CCRI Alumni Association
Bus trip to the Fasig-Tipton Festival of Racing
Saturday, Aug. 3
Saratoga, N.Y.

Fall semester begins
Wednesday, Sept. 4 — All campuses

Fall Classic Golf Tournament
Monday, Sept. 16
Alpine Country Club, Cranston

“Cloning Stem Cells and the Future of Life”
A presentation by Dr. Robert P. Lanza, chief scientific officer at Advanced Cell Technology and adjunct professor at Wake Forest University School of Medicine
7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 29
Bobby Hackett Theater, Knight Campus, Warwick
This event is sponsored by the CCRI Foundation.
Commencement 1973: 40 years ago

Led by faculty marshals, members of the Rhode Island Junior College Class of 1973 march in the commencement processional at the Knight Campus in Warwick. The college awarded 976 degrees and certificates to graduating students during the ceremony.
SAVE THE DATE
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MONDAY, SEPT. 16
ALPINE COUNTRY CLUB, CRANSTON, RI

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with the CCRI Alumni Association

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Fasig-Tipton Festival of Racing
Saratoga Race Course / Saratoga, N.Y.

Join the Community College of Rhode Island for a leisurely ride to Saratoga for the Fasig-Tipton Festival of Racing.

We arrive at the course at 11 a.m. for the first race and leave at 5:30 p.m. after the last horse has crossed the finish line.