Kate Lynch looks to build women’s basketball program

Society of the Knights

CCRI honors six individuals who have contributed to the college and the Rhode Island community
LEADING OFF

It is fitting that the Community College of Rhode Island has the word “community” in its name. With nearly 18,000 students, 57,000 alumni and 1,200 faculty and staff, there are so many people that make up the CCRI community. They come with diverse backgrounds and experiences and touch so many aspects of the Ocean State in professional and volunteer roles. CCRI, and its mission to prepare students to change their lives and achieve their dreams, is the tie that binds all members of our community.

It is with great pleasure that the CCRI Alumni Association pays tribute to some of its outstanding community members in this issue of the Green & White magazine. As part of its A Knight of Stars event held biennial, the Alumni Association honors a select group of alumni who have brought honor to themselves and our college.

This year’s honorees include a legislator, two attorneys and the president and CEO of a nonprofit coalition providing Internet-based technology solutions.

Starting on Page 4, you will read more about why the Alumni Association is honoring Sen. Hanna M. Gallo ’76 and ’81, attorneys Richard W. Rose ’82 and Betty Anne Waters ’89, and George K. Loftus ’79, president and CEO of OSHEAN Inc.

Consummate volunteers and CCRI supporters Mary Baker and Jenn Bramley, who will receive honorary alumni status during the ceremony, are featured on Page 9 of this issue. You also will read about the latest news and events from the college’s four campuses.

On behalf of the Alumni Association and the Community College of Rhode Island, I commend this year’s Society of the Knights’ inductees and all of the members of our community who contribute their time and talents to better this institution and the Rhode Island community. I look forward to celebrating their successes at the A Knight of Stars event on April 1!

Ray M. Di Pasquale
President
The Community College of Rhode Island Players presented Arthur Miller’s “The Creation of the World and Other Business,” in December in the Bobby Hackett Theater at the Knight Campus in Warwick. Inspired by the Book of Genesis in the Bible, the play explores the classic theme of good vs. evil by way of a comedic retelling of the story of the creation of man and woman. Students Edward Warren and Laura Minadeo starred as Adam and Eve.

Music, theater departments combine to create Performing Arts Department

The music and theater programs at CCRI were combined into a single Performing Arts Department in Fall 2010, allowing students and faculty to further collaborate and share resources. Students have the opportunity to earn an Associate of Fine Arts degree in theater, technical theater, music or jazz studies.

Cheri Markward, chairwoman of the Performing Arts Department, said that graduates in music can go on to be performers, studio teachers, music educators or can become involved in the music business. Theater majors may go on to become actors, directors or technical assistants in theater or film productions, theater educators or work in many other related business fields.

Markward said a theater education offers some skills beyond its professional opportunities, and that the confidence and speaking ability gained from performing can be applied to many careers and pursuits.

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New suites encourage student collaboration, use of technology in presentations

The new Collaborative Technology Suites at the Knight and Flanagan campuses give students a space to create and practice group presentations while familiarizing themselves with technology they need to enhance their projects.

Richard Brito, lead information technologist for the CCRI Information Technology Department, said that, unlike in the quieter spaces of a computer lab or library, students in the Collaborative Technology Suites can actively engage in conversations, stand up, move around and interact with the technology all while producing a high-level graphical representation of their group projects.

Some of the technologies available for use in the suites include PC and Mac computers and laptops with MS Office 2007, DVD/VCR recorders, a document camera/visual presenter, a symposium interactive writing display, a projection system with a whiteboard surface for interactivity, Flip video camera, a flatbed scanner, MS Moviemaker, Adobe Photoshop Suite (Dreamweaver, Illustrator, Fireworks, Flash, InDesign), Audacity and Jing. Additional iMacs and editing software are scheduled to arrive this year.

The Collaborative Technology Suites can be found in Room 6530 at the Knight Campus and Room 2602 at the Flanagan Campus. The college plans to provide similar rooms at the Liston and Newport campuses in the near future.

The funds to accomplish this project were provided by the Rhode Island Division of Technology.

CCRI launches Twitter page

The Community College of Rhode Island is now sharing news and information on Twitter. Follow us at www.twitter.com/CCRINews.
Flanagan pool reopens after renovations
The swimming pool at the Flanagan Campus of the Community College of Rhode Island has reopened after nearly four months of renovations. David Snow, associate director of the Flanagan Campus Physical Plant, said work began on the swimming pool area in September with the installation of a new ceiling specifically designed for high-humidity environments. The lighting in the pool area has been significantly improved, with 19 new 400-watt Holophane Mirrolume light fixtures designed for high moisture and humidity environments.

During the semester, the pool will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admission to the aquatic area costs $3 for adults, $2 for children, $1 for seniors (55 and older) and is free for CCRI faculty, staff, students and alumni.

For a detailed schedule of adult swim times, water aerobics classes and senior swim, visit the CCRI aquatic programs Web site at www.ccri.edu/athl/aquatics/aquaticintro.html.

EVENTS

Alumni and friends gather at DUSK
Nearly two dozen CCRI alumni and friends attended the CCRI Alumni Association’s after-hours networking event on Dec. 1 at DUSK in Providence. Good times and good food were shared by all. Former Alumni Association President Sondra Pitts ’66 won the Monster Golf raffle prize.

Students inducted into Phi Theta Kappa
Phil Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, held its fall induction ceremony on Nov. 19 at the Flanagan Campus in Lincoln. More than 50 CCRI students were inducted into PTK, which strives to recognize the most successful students academically.

Student leadership is theme of annual conference
Students, faculty, administrators and staff gathered at Sprague Mansion in Cranston for a leadership conference and Thanksgiving luncheon on Nov. 18. The annual event, coordinated by Dean of Student Services Rebecca Yount, brings student leaders and representatives from all four CCRI campuses together to present their current and upcoming projects.

Grand Information Session attracts new students
CCRI students, faculty, staff and alumni welcomed dozens of attendees to its first-ever Grand Information Session, an open house held Nov. 16 at the Liston Campus in Providence, aimed at attracting adult learners to the college. Attendees learned about students services, academic programs, enrollment, financial aid and more.
The Community College of Rhode Island Alumni Association will honor four of its own and name two others as honorary alumni during A Knight of Stars event on April 1 at the Quidnessett Country Club in North Kingstown.

Four will be inducted into the Alumni Association’s Society of the Knights. This honor is presented to CCRI alumni who have been active as community leaders, attained personal and professional success, provided volunteer service to the college community and have brought honor upon themselves and the college. They are Rhode Island residents: Sen. Hanna M. Gallo ’76 and ’81; George K. Loftus ’79, president and CEO of OSHEAN Inc.; Richard W. Rose ’82, assistant U.S. attorney; and Betty Anne Waters ’89, attorney, featured in the film “Conviction.”

Those receiving the Honorary Alumni Award for their service to the college, Alumni Association and the Foundation are Mary K. Baker, assistant to the director of administration at CCRI, and Jennifer Bramley, principal of Bramley Communications.

The event’s honorary co-chairs are 2009 Society of the Knights inductees Candy Castaldi ’80 and David Monti ’72. The event will begin with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m. and include hors d’oeuvres, the induction ceremony, dinner and entertainment.

Tickets for this fundraiser cost $75 each. Event proceeds will provide financial assistance for students through programs such as book awards. To register, to attend or to sponsor the event, visit www.ccri.edu/alumni.
Sen. Hanna Gallo is a champion of education. She was the first member of her family to attend college and went on to become a Rhode Island state senator and chair of the Senate Commission on Education, as well as a speech-language pathologist in Cranston schools.

Growing up in Providence, she always knew that her family expected her to attend college. “We did not have a lot of money but education was valued and it was understood that you needed an education to get a good job,” she said.

Gallo began attending the Community College of Rhode Island Knight Campus in 1974 and immediately appreciated the new academic environment. “It was very exciting for me at the time to be going to college,” she said. “I had gone to a Catholic high school and grammar school so it was different to have guys in school with me and be able to study all different types of subjects.”

Gallo fully explored her interests in college, majoring in the liberal arts. She fondly remembers art classes in which she sketched the unusual Brutalist architecture of the Knight megastructure, with its exposed air ducts and piping. She said her favorite memory of student life is the outdoor concerts that were held in the spring.

Gallo said her professors encouraged her to try new things and that she first became interested in politics at this time, an attraction that would color her later career. “I was getting more serious about studying and trying to figure out what I wanted,” she said, adding, “I always wanted to be involved in the community and make a difference.”

Gallo first started doing this not as a legislator, but as a parent.

She returned to CCRI to earn a business degree for a career change, graduating in 1981. Later, her daughter developed a hearing deficit that inspired Gallo to research speech pathology and consider it as a career. She earned a bachelor’s degree in communicative disorders from the University of Rhode Island in 1995 and a master’s in speech-language pathology in 1997. She now works at Woodridge Elementary School and William R. Dutemple Elementary School in Cranston with small groups of children to help them overcome speech impediments and improve their oral communication skills.

“It’s quite diverse and very satisfying,” she said. In 1998, Gallo saw another opportunity to serve her community when a senate seat opened up in her district. She said her job as a senator is demanding but fulfilling, and urged all Rhode Islanders to be involved in the political process, whether they advocate for an issue, follow the progress of a bill, sit in on legislative sessions and open forums, or simply visit the State House.

As a senator, Gallo said she always works to help Rhode Island students.

“No matter what college you go to, it’s important to further your education so you can open the door to opportunity,” she said. “CCRI is one of the best places to start.”
George K. Loftus has spent his career working in technology; not just for personal gain, but to foster education and economic growth in the state of Rhode Island. Loftus is president and CEO of OSHEAN, the Ocean State Higher Education and Administrative Network, which is a nonprofit consortium of hospitals, state and local government, and higher education institutions that work together to solve technological problems.

“Our nonprofit communities, our higher education institutions, our hospitals, our state government, are all faced with a dilemma,” he said. “They have some of the highest demand for broadband capacity but they have the least ability to pay for it.

“We [at OSHEAN] spend our time focusing on technical solutions that we can deliver better by delivering them together.”

OSHEAN’s biggest upcoming project is to spend $21.7 million of federal stimulus funds that it was awarded last year, as well as $10.7 million in private contributions, to build a dedicated fiber-optic network throughout all five Rhode Island counties and Bristol County in southern Massachusetts.

“I really think that this is going to help us set Rhode Island on the stage for the new knowledge economy,” he said, adding that he is proud that this project will include all four campuses of the Community College of Rhode Island, his alma mater.

Loftus attended CCRI from 1977 to 1979. He commuted from Newport, where he has lived all his life, because the CCRI Newport County Campus was not built yet.

He is the youngest of five children and his father was a firefighter, so attending CCRI was as much an economic consideration as an educational one.

However, Loftus said, CCRI was also one of the few colleges that offered him the chance to study the up-and-coming field of computer science at a degree-granting institution rather than a solely technical school.

Loftus used some of the earliest IBM computer technology at CCRI and was at the Knight Campus all day on most days, and sometimes late into the night, waiting for a chance to use the computer labs.

“The average iPhone is probably five times more powerful than the computers we used, but they were state-of-the-art at the time,” he said.

One strong memory Loftus has of his time at CCRI was the blizzard of 1978. He jokes that he made the regrettable choice of leaving his girlfriend’s all-female college dormitory in Boston, where he could have been snowed-in, to return to Rhode Island for an exam. The exam was canceled because of the weather and Loftus found himself in a carpool with other Newport students who had to get out and push several times in a drive home that took all day.

After CCRI, Loftus had several private sector jobs in technology before becoming director of network technology at Brown University. He left to found OSHEAN in 2000.

Loftus lives with his wife, Laura. They have a son, Christopher, 23, and a daughter, Taylor, 27; the Loftus family recently celebrated her wedding at Newport’s Belcourt Castle.
The name on Richard W. Rose’s GED is incorrect—an inauspicious start to an education and career that have proven to be illustrious. A Providence native, Rose dropped out of Central High School—where he was in trouble on an almost daily basis for acting out—and joined the U.S. Marine Corps. There, military discipline and bureaucracy taught him the habit of saying and writing his last name first and he erroneously filled out his GED form in this way. The result is a document that bears the name “Rose Richards.”

Wrong name or not, Rose has gone quite far. After leaving the Marine Corps, he earned an associate degree from the Community College of Rhode Island in 1982. He went on to Rhode Island College and Northeastern University School of Law and is now an assistant U.S. attorney in Rhode Island and an adjunct professor at Roger Williams University School of Law.

While working with the Justice Department, Rose developed an anti-gang presentation called Street Smarts that has been seen by an estimated 20,000 high school and middle school students, and he frequently makes the presentation himself in Rhode Island schools.

In 2007, Rose volunteered to go to hurricane-ravaged New Orleans to help the Justice Department reduce street crime and work on a backlog of cases disrupted by Hurricane Katrina, dealing in some instances with evidence lost or destroyed in the flooding. He began a New Orleans version of Street Smarts while serving there.

The message of Street Smarts comes from Rose’s work as a prosecutor, which taught him that children need intervention and positive role models in their lives before they turn to crime. To try to provide these, he speaks to Rhode Island students once or twice each week.

“[Street Smarts] has been hugely successful, at least in my eyes, because young people are listening,” Rose said. “And if young people are listening, and the message is right, they can absorb it.”

Working in the justice system, Rose sees where people who drop out of school often end up.

“The single largest common denominator among the incarcerated is a lack of education,” he said. “That says it all.”

Rose hopes that his own life story, as well as his encouragement, will help the students he meets stay on track.

“If I can do it, you can do it, I promise you,” he tells them.

Although Rose succeeded, finishing his education after dropping out of high school was not easy. He took 18 credits in one semester while working two jobs.

“I wanted my degree,” Rose said. “I wanted something to hold in my hands that said, ‘You can do it.’”

Despite the hard work, Rose said he has fond memories of his time at CCRI.

“I loved going to college,” he said. “It really made me feel enriched. It was just a wonderful experience and I took everything from theater to algebra to ceramics.”

Rose attended CCRI’s Knight Campus and he remembers it as a less-busy place than it is now, but one filled with passionate professors, just as it is today.
When Betty Anne Waters’ brother Kenneth was convicted in 1983 for a murder he did not commit, she vowed to prove his innocence and set him free. Waters spent 18 years fighting for her brother. Starting with only a GED, she put herself through college and law school to become his attorney. She re-examined mistaken witness testimony, revealed misconduct by law enforcement and used her legal qualifications to release new DNA evidence from police files that cleared Kenneth’s name. The story of her quest even was made into a Hollywood movie, “Conviction,” starring Hillary Swank.

Today, Waters is not a high-flying attorney, but a manager and co-owner of Aidan’s Pub in Bristol. She speaks at presentations across the country about the plight of the wrongfully accused and does pro bono legal work on their behalf with The Innocence Project, an organization dedicated to exonerating innocent people in prison using DNA evidence.

Waters began her quest to free the innocent man in her family in 1985. In that year, her brother lost an appeal of his case and became suicidal at the prospect of spending his life in jail. The Waters family was devastated. Waters vowed to return to school, earn a law degree and fight to free him – a promise that was meant to give her brother hope. “It was a promise I made to keep him alive,” she said. “My brother had a lot of faith in me.”

But going to college was a difficult prospect. Waters had no education beyond a GED and had two children to take care of. She decided that the Community College of Rhode Island would be a good option for a non-traditional student like herself and she enrolled in 1986. “I loved CCRI. I think I was very nervous about being an older student but I felt very welcomed here,” she said. “I think it gave me the start that I needed and the confidence I needed to go on … I think the people here made it very easy for me.”

After graduating from CCRI in 1989, Waters went on to Rhode Island College and then graduated from Roger Williams University School of Law in 1998. It was while attending law school that she heard about The Innocence Project and realized it could help with her brother’s case. Using the organization’s resources and her skills and privileges as a newly minted lawyer, she could finally start making the progress that led to her brother’s release.

Kenneth Waters was released from prison in March 2001. “It was just a formality,” Waters said. “They say, ‘You’re free to go’ and they take the cuffs off. Eighteen-and-a-half years, gone.”

Tragically, Kenneth Waters died just six months later in an accident, but Betty Anne Waters said her brother lived with great joy in the time he spent after his release. “I remember the first fresh air with him outside with me. I’ll never forget the feeling.”

To learn more about The Innocence Project, visit www.innocenceproject.org.
MARY BAKER

Now in her 11th year at the Community College of Rhode Island, Mary Baker said she has always had such pride in CCRI that she feels like a graduate. That feeling will become a reality when Baker is inducted as an honorary alumna on April 1.

“Although I never attended classes here, I always felt like a part of the college,” said Baker, who serves as assistant to the dean of administration and co-chairs the college’s Green Team, which spearheads eco-friendly initiatives across the campuses. A Rhode Island native who started working at CCRI in January 2000, she is a regular volunteer at CCRI events, including the Alumni Association Golf Tournament, the Changing Lives Celebration and the induction ceremonies for the Society of the Knights and the CCRI Hall of Fame.

Volunteerism and dedication to the Community College of Rhode Island and the Alumni Association are two key characteristics of recipients of the Honorary Alumni Award. Director of Alumni Affairs Marisa Albini said, “Mary epitomizes those values. She is always willing to go the extra mile to help everyone out, whether it is giving directions to students and visitors at the Flanagan Campus or collecting donations of coats and food from faculty and staff to bring to shelters. She is always exuberant and dedicated to making CCRI a better place to be.”

Prior to joining CCRI, Baker worked as an administrative assistant for a vice president at Paramount Cards. Her career at CCRI began at the Knight Campus in the business and purchasing offices, where she adapted to her new surroundings and quickly fit in with the college. “I thought working in the business office was a good fit for me coming from private enterprise,” she said. “In my new job at the Knight Campus I met almost all of the faculty and staff; I knew everyone by name and to this day, I still do.”

After two years working in Warwick, Baker transferred to the Flanagan Campus in Lincoln to work as assistant to the dean of administration. She schedules events at all four campuses and serves as the point person for campus activities and information. Just like at her job in Warwick, Baker quickly came to know everyone at Flanagan, too. After 10 years at CCRI, she said she enjoys her job as much as she did on her first day. “It’s something different every day and I love it,” she said.

Baker became aware of Foundation and Alumni Association activities through staff in the college’s Alumni Office. Joshua Klemp, president of the CCRI Alumni Association, said Baker is an outstanding choice for the honor. “Mary is the first person to volunteer and manage volunteers at our events. She is thorough, competent and energetic about our mission and activities.”

“I just love helping out at the events here,” Baker said. She also thanked the Alumni Association for selecting her to become an honorary alumna. “They’re a great bunch of people to work with.”

JENNIFER BRAMLEY

Jennifer Bramley, a new honorary alumna of the Community College of Rhode Island, said the college has always been a big part of her life. Both of her parents are graduates and she visited the campus often while growing up in Warwick.

Bramley’s mother, Doreen, attended the college and eventually became a CCRI drama professor. She often invited her students to the Bramley household for rehearsal dinners and study sessions.

“We would be making dinner and there would be 12 students there singing into spoons,” Bramley recalled. “The college was always very integrated into our lives.”

Bramley took a few summer courses at CCRI while she was an undergraduate at Syracuse University and, after graduating and returning to Rhode Island, she began volunteering at the college.

“I was very inspired by CCRI as a whole and what they were doing,” she said.

Bramley began working with the CCRI Alumni Association and Foundation in 2003 and her company, Bramley Communications, has done several pro bono projects for the college, including the design of the Imagine capital campaign logo.

“I would urge anybody and everybody who lives in this state to take an interest in CCRI, whether it’s through a donation or your time,” she said.

Outside of her philanthropic work for the college, Bramley has had a varied career in communications. She was the assistant deputy press secretary for former Rhode Island Gov. Bruce Sundlun and was the assistant director of public relations for the ESPN Extreme Games in Rhode Island. She served as a communications director and speechwriter for state Congressman Robert Weygand and founded her own communications firm in 2001. Her clients include corporate and nonprofit entities.

CCRI Director of Alumni Affairs Marisa Albini said Bramley was chosen as an honorary alumna for her years of service to the college and for her understanding of its mission.

“Jenn has been a part of our family for many years and has done some outstanding work for CCRI,” she said. “From her family connections and work in the business community, she really understands the vital role we play in Rhode Island.”

Bramley said she was pleasantly surprised to be inducted as an honorary alumna, and added that she is pleased to see her name on the roll of alumni that she uses in her work for the college.

“There are so many people who do so much for the college that I was honored CCRI would consider me.”
Kate Lynch looks to build women’s basketball program

By ROBERT PRELIASCO

Kate Lynch, the new head coach of the Community College of Rhode Island women’s basketball team, grew up playing the game.

“I’ve been playing since the fourth grade but I’ve been trying to reach the hoop since I was 4,” she said.

Lynch grew up with two older brothers in East Providence and, following their example, took up basketball at an early age. She refused to try the underhanded hook shot common to children and beginners, going for jumpers from the very beginning.

Lynch’s determination took her to a championship team as a college athlete at Southern Connecticut State University and into the New England Basketball Association Hall of Fame. She was her school’s all-time leader in points (1,779), field goals (650) and free-throw percentage (.803) and was named the most valuable player of the 2007 NCAA Division II National Championship.

Lynch’s team won that tournament and all of its attendant perks, like a police escort and screen time on ESPN. She said this win was the highlight of her career as a player.

“It was a pretty special year for us and we went 34-2.”

After college, Lynch followed her coach and mentor, Joe Frager, to Fairfield University as the director of basketball operations for the school’s Division I team. She said beginning her off-the-court career at a Division I school was a great opportunity and a good way to gain experience.

Her next job was as an assistant coach at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Lynch returned to Rhode Island last October to begin at CCRI, which is her first job as a head coach.

“I love it so far,” she said. “I’m really impressed with the type of support we have here for student athletes and students in general.”

Lynch and her players have an opportunity to reshape the CCRI program. The team has only eight players, but Lynch said she has some good recruiting prospects for next year and said she is thrilled with the players she already has.

“We have our eight now who come into practice and work very hard every day. I could never get upset with that,” she said.

Lynch said every player has improved dramatically in terms of attitude and skills on the court since the beginning of the season.

“I know it’s hard to come into a program and try to build it up,” she said, “but they all have stepped up to the challenge.”

She added, “My goal is to get [the program] back to where it was but also to get the students to the next level: into four-year schools where they fit academically as well as athletically. I think that’s just as important as getting CCRI back on the map.”

While at Southern Connecticut State University, Lynch played alongside CCRI graduate Babette Noah ’06 (not pictured). The duo competed against perennial powerhouses such as the University of Connecticut.
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1998
Patricia A. Nunez returned from Guantanamo, Cuba, in September 2010 as a U.S. Army honorable veteran. She is planning to return to CCRI to obtain another college degree.

Danny Landry was a member of CCRI’s first graduating class of physical therapist assistants. He has worked in home health care since 1993 and has owned and operated Residential Rehab Services Inc. since 1997. He recently received the Advanced Proficiency Award from the American Physical Therapy Association in his continued efforts to learn about the musculoskeletal system.

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2001
Tina McDonough, who is studying for a master’s degree at Rhode Island College, traveled around the world with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island notary public, on Nov. 22.

Gerry Hounchell presented a Pennsylvania German long rifle he made to the German Heritage Museum on behalf of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Ohio Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

1971
Julie Kavanagh retired after 31 years in the health insurance business, including 25 years with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island.

John the Baptist Church in Westerly. They have two sons: Richard, 6, and Jason, 3.

1978
Scott Bill Hirst was elected to his fifth and first consecutive term on the Hopkinton Town Council on Nov. 2, 2010. He previously served from 1996 to 2004. He was sworn in by his brother, James R. Hirst, a Rhode Island notary public, on Nov. 22.

2010
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Roger Chatell of Norwich, Conn., completed a bachelor’s degree in psychology and social work at Rhode Island College in 2000. He worked as a milieu therapist for Community Counseling Center in Pawtucket from 1996 to 2001. Since then, he has worked for the Boy Scouts of America and was promoted to senior district executive in 2005. He married Cheryl R. Grenon in 1998 at St. John the Baptist Church in West Warwick. They have two sons: Richard, 6, and Jason, 3.

Paul Fetter was promoted to the position of correctional officer lieutenant at the Rhode Island Department of Corrections.

1991
Psychiatric medical nurse

2006
James Zompa and Claudia Antony were married at the First Baptist Church of East Greenwich on Sept. 16, 2010, and at second ceremony held at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago on Sept. 19, 2010.

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Susan Estrela is a college crusade adviser assigned to Charles E. Shea High School in Pawtucket. After graduating as a Crusader from Shea High School in 2005, she earned an associate degree from CCRI and completed a bachelor’s degree in sociology at Rhode Island College. In fall 2009, she traveled around the world with Semester at Sea, a program sponsored by the University of Virginia.

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Rhode Island Junior College celebrated the first day of the third century of Rhode Island independence on May 5, 1976. Thousands of Rhode Islanders visited the college’s Great Hall for a theater presentation and to view exhibits by students, ethnic groups and veterans organizations about the history of the state. As part of the celebratory events, a bicentennial tree donated by the Rhode Island State Agricultural Division was planted on the Knight Campus grounds. Dr. Paul Quinlan (left) and President William F. Flanagan help Annemarie Quinlan break ground.

The new $18 million, 300,000-square-foot Rhode Island Junior College Blackstone Valley Campus opened in September 1976, housing 35 classrooms, 20 laboratories, seven lecture halls and rooms for specialized classes in two stories. The field house, which cost $3 million to build, was still under construction when the campus opened with an enrollment of 1,700 students. The Blackstone Valley campus was created to adapt to changing educational priorities, with most of the interior walls moveable to create larger or smaller classrooms. President Flanagan called the new campus, “student-oriented, flexible and capable of curricular and physical adjustment.” In honor of Flanagan’s retirement in 1978, the Board of Regents recommended naming the Blackstone Valley Campus after the college’s first president.
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