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Newsroom

RWU Law Lighting at WaterFire Providence

In celebration of milestone anniversaries and a growing presence across Rhode Island, RWU and RWU Law will host a full WaterFire lighting on September 28.



Bristol, R.I., May 3, 2013 – In a year of milestone anniversary celebrations *and* an ever-expanding focus on serving individuals and communities across the State of Rhode Island, Roger Williams University and the Roger Williams University School of Law have signed on to sponsor a full lighting of [WaterFire Providence](#) on the evening of Saturday, Sept. 28.

WaterFire Providence – artist [Barnaby Evans's](#) unique flame-inspired cultural installation, which has attracted more than 10 million visitors since its 1994 debut – announced the University's season sponsorship and unveiled its full summer events schedule in an appearance on [WPRI's "The Rhode Show"](#) this morning.

The RWU-themed lighting on the evening of Sept. 28 allows the University to usher in the 2013-14 academic year by highlighting an array of significant occasions, including the law school's 20th anniversary, 40 years of expertise in marine biology and [the statewide celebration of the Rhode Island Colonial Charter's 350th anniversary](#).

At the same time, Roger Williams will use the event to showcase the signature academic programs and community initiatives that serve Ocean Staters from Bristol to Providence to Woonsocket – from teaching adult learners at the [School of Continuing Studies](#) to offering independent legal analysis and expertise through the School of Law.

"Much in the way that WaterFire has played an indelible role in transforming the City of Providence into the cultural destination it is today, all of us at Roger Williams University and our School of Law aim to impact the lives of Rhode Islanders across the state," says RWU President Donald J. Farish, "from our [Community Partnerships Center](#) and our [Pro Bono Collaborative](#) to our [Oyster Gardening initiative](#) and the

analysis and expertise our School of Law offers in the legal community. We are thrilled to partner with WaterFire and share the RWU story with all of this season's attendees."

Farish has appointed a task force to take the lead on planning for the University's participation in WaterFire. In the coming months, a wide variety of opportunities will be announced for students, faculty, staff, alumni and others from the RWU and RWU Law communities to become involved.