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RWU's Year in Review

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Part of the annual Feinstein Community Connections program, students volunteer at Franklin Court Assisted Living & Independent Living facilities in Bristol.

December 27, 2018  |  By Jill Rodrigues ’05, Justin Wilder, Juan Siliezar & Edward Fitzpatrick

BRISTOL, R.I. – Despite an unexpected loss, this was a great year of progress for Roger Williams University. This was the year we mourned the passing of our beloved president; but from grief, we found inspiration in his legacy to renew an even stronger commitment to empowering students to use their knowledge and skills toward making a positive impact in local and global communities. It also heralded many successes, from state-of-the-art educational facilities added to campus to the first-ever alumnus leading the Board of Trustees, an exciting, new look for the Hawk, and a reinvented mission and identity for University College. As 2018 comes to a close, let’s look back at the most-read and most-loved stories of the year.
Roger Williams University Remembers President Donald J. Farish

Farish, who died July 5, became President of RWU in 2011 with a focus to “build the university the world needs now.”

Celebrating President Farish: A Life and Legacy

RWU community gathers to honor our 10th president’s bold leadership, tenacious courage, and love for the student community.

Graduating a Community of Civic Scholars

From committing to service on their first day as students to a deep dive into community-engaged work and real-world research projects, the Class of 2018 embodies what it means to be an RWU Civic Scholar.
Carrying on Tradition, 1,100 Students Give Back in Our Backyard

Annual Feinstein Community Connections program immerses freshman class into local communities for a day of service

Tim Baxter ’83 Elected Chair of RWU Board of Trustees

Baxter, President and CEO of Samsung Electronics, will be the first RWU graduate to lead the board

RWU Rolls Out Team Bus with New Hawk Logo

Roger Williams University Athletics and Fisher Bus Inc. Unveil Bus Emblazoned with redesigned logo and updated color scheme

RWU's Master of Architecture Program Reaccredited with Distinction

Accreditation team impressed by school’s practice integration, computer applications and career investment efforts
RWU Celebrates LGBTQ+ Graduates in First Lavender Graduation

The event recognizes the strength, resilience and success of graduating seniors who are part of the growing LGBTQ+ community at RWU

RWU School of Continuing Studies Changes Name to University College

New identity draws on RWU history, reflects wider range of programs offered at Providence campus
RWU Sailing Ranked #1 in Nation
Co-ed team receives top college ranking from Sailing World

An Advocate for Survivors: RWU Alumna Plays Key Role in Gymnastics Doctor Abuse Trial
As victims confront Larry Nassar, Rebekah Snyder ’16 supports 156 women in delivering their impact statements

RWU Stay Break Part I: A Real-World Dive into R.I.'s Food Insecurity Issues
A dozen students swapped spring break for meaningful work within the community

RWU Stay Break Part II: Advocating for the State's Food Insecure Residents
Students apply their hands-on lessons in food insecurity issues to make an advocacy pitch to state legislators

RWU Criminal Justice Program Ranks in Top 10% in U.S., 1st in R.I.
College Factual finds graduates of RWU program earn above national average
'Me Too' Founder Tells RWU Students: 'Let's Heal Together. Let's Get Active Together.'

Tarana Burke says movement is about supporting survivors of sexual violence and maintaining the momentum of open dialogue

Roger Williams University Opens Financial Education Center with $182,000 Grant from Wiegand Foundation

New E. L. Wiegand Center for Advanced Financial Education provides spacious trading room equipped with the latest technology
The Zine: A Space for 'New and Dangerous Ideas' at RWU

A new digital magazine at RWU showcases the voices, stories and experiences of RWU students and promotes critical social justice.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Visits RWU School of Law

Her "fireside chat" with Judge Bruce M. Selya marks eighth time a high court justice has addressed RWU Law students.
RWU Celebrates Groundbreaking for School of Engineering, Computing, and Construction Management Labs Building

New building named for outgoing RWU Board of Trustees Chair Richard L. Bready

Inside the Construction Operating Theater at SECCM Labs

Shawmut Design & Construction welcomes students on-site to observe and dissect the construction process as the new laboratory building takes shape.