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The Providence Journal profiles Dale Leavitt, associate professor of biology, for his long-term success in teaching New Englanders how to start commercial oyster farms

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Bristol, R.I. -- On Tuesday, The Providence Journal profiled faculty member Dale Leavitt of the University’s Center for Economic and Environmental Development for his long-term success in teaching shellfish farmers how to create successful commercial operations growing oysters, quahogs, scallops and mussels via his Applied Shellfish Farming course held each spring on the RWU campus.

The front-page feature shares a brief history of Rhode Island’s oyster industry, summarizes Leavitt’s research contributions and paints a picture of his role as an educator. Students interviewed for the article describe him as a wealth of knowledge as well as a mentor and friend. Due in part to Leavitt’s guidance, the commercial oyster farming industry in Rhode Island has grown from 10 farms in 1998 to 52 farms in 2013.

Click here to read the full profile of Leavitt on The Providence Journal website.