

COMMENCEMENT

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SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Thursday, the sixteenth of May

Nineteen hundred ninety-six

Five-thirty o'clock

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Saturday, the eighteenth of May

Nine-thirty o'clock

Rhode Island College Campus

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES
Thursday, the sixteenth of May

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance No. 1...Edward Elgar

Opening of the Ceremony

Vivian R. Morgan

Chair, Council of Rhode Island College

The National Anthem

Invocation

James P. Montavon

Chaplain, Rhode Island College

Greetings

Robert A. Urciuoli

Board of Governors for Higher Education

Alan R. Gousie

M.A. Candidate, English

John Nazarian

President of the College

Conferring of Honorary Degree

Candidate presented by

John J. Salesses

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Address to the Graduates

Jay G. Lindgren, Jr.
*Director, Rhode Island Department of
Children, Youth and Families*

Conferring of Advanced Degrees

Candidates presented by
James D. Turley
Dean, School of Graduate Studies

Closing of the Ceremony

Vivian R. Morgan

Recessional

A Festival Prelude...Alfred Reed

A reception immediately following the Commencement exercises
will be held at the Faculty Center, where
diplomas will be available



DIANE E. SANTOS

Doctor of Pedagogy

"Work With Pride, Feel Good Inside" is the motto of the Grove Avenue School in East Providence, where Diane Santos, who has announced her retirement effective June 1996, has served as principal for the past decade.

Under Santos' leadership, Grove Avenue has become a national model of collaborative educational innovation and school-based management, which has drawn the accolades of, among many others, U.S. Deputy Education Secretary Madeleine Kunin, who said of Grove Avenue, "We want to make sure this happens throughout the country."

Santos, who earned her B.S. in elementary education at Boston State College, also holds a Master of Education from Rhode Island College and has completed extensive postgraduate work in educational administration and curriculum at both RIC and Providence College. She is considered a national authority on school-based management and education reform, and her efforts have earned her the prestigious Robert M. Goodrich Distinguished Public Service Award, which was presented to her by the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council in 1992.

Of special note is the close collaboration between Grove Avenue School and Rhode Island College. The RIC/Grove Teaching-Learning Community has become a valuable learning venue for teacher education students and faculty. In fact, the College holds a seat on the school's policy-making management team, which includes the principal, parents, teachers, the business community, and school staff members.

Santos was instrumental in the designation of Grove Avenue as a "Governor's School" in 1990, which brought with it funding to assist in the implementation of new management ideas, computer-assisted learning, new social services for students, and extensive course work in English as a second language. Language courses are a crucial part of the school's success story, as some 80 percent of the students at the multicultural Grove Avenue School are bilingual, speaking such languages as Portuguese, Russian, Cambodian, Spanish, and Creole in addition to English.

Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies

*Procession Marshals: Murray H. Finley,
Paul Tiskus*

- Melissa L. Ansay, *School Psychology*
 *Kenneth J. Beaulieu, *Counselor Education*
 Susan M. Bruno, *Counselor Education*
 *Ada E. Carcamo, *School Psychology*
 Nancy A. Cardi, *Counselor Education*
 Mary Ann Cotta, *School Psychology*
 Joanne M. Crossman, *Curriculum*
 Lauren A. DeAngelis, *Special Education*
 Ann H. Didomenico, *School Psychology*
 †James H. Dillon, *School Administration*
 Melissa Dingley, *School Psychology*
 †Geraldine M. Goula, *Counselor Education*
 †Helen Hawkinson, *Counselor Education*
 *Albert E. Honnen, *Individualized Program*
 Gail D. Houle, *Counselor Education*
 †Joanne Howard, *School Administration*
 Marie K. Juergensen, *Counselor Education*
 Lizabeth M. Lurgio, *School Psychology*
 †Rose Marie Majeika, *Individualized Program*
 Gail A. Mattley, *School Psychology*
 Joanne E. McNerney, *School Administration*
 †Americo E. Mello, *Counselor Education*
 Patricia C. Morena, *Counselor Education*
 Adonis Pena-Vasquez, *School Psychology*
 Yvonne J. Prevost, *School Administration*
 Ann Stratton, *School Administration*
 Dorinne M. Titone, *School Psychology*
 Bonnie L. Ursillo, *School Administration*
 Lynda C. Wagner, *School Administration*

Master of Arts

- Jennifer M. Ancona, *Agency Counseling*
 *Jean L. Arthur-Flanders, *Agency Counseling*
 Gretchen Aylward, *Agency Counseling*
 †Leslie Bacon, *English*
 Phyllis A. Barboza, *Agency Counseling*
 Suzy O. Barcelos, *Psychology*
 William D. Barta, *Psychology*
 Marilyn L. Bolton, *History*
 Princess S. Bomba, *Agency Counseling*
 Kelly J. Bowron, *Agency Counseling*
 Patsy Braman, *Agency Counseling*
 †Jeannine M. Brunelle, *Individualized Program*

- Donna M. Campbell, *Agency Counseling*
 Edward S. Cardente, *Agency Counseling*
 Kristen L. Carreira, *Agency Counseling*
 *Theresa A. Censabella, *Agency Counseling*
 Elise E. Chapman, *Agency Counseling*
 *Jane M. Cichon, *Agency Counseling*
 Robert D. Cipolla, *Agency Counseling*
 Elizabeth A. Coderre, *Agency Counseling*
 Mary I. Cooper, *Agency Counseling*
 *James R. Cote, *Personality and Social Psychology*
 Sandra I. Cotnoir, *Agency Counseling*
 Kimberly A. Creta, *Personality and Social Psychology*
 Shay P. Cross, *Agency Counseling*
 *Gail J. Dahlquist, *Agency Counseling*
 Erinn E. Dawson, *Personality and Social Psychology*
 Pamela J. Dooley, *Psychology*
 *Louise P. Durand, *Personality and Social Psychology*
 *Patricia L. Eastman, *Agency Counseling*
 Christine A. Farinick, *Agency Counseling*
 Deborah A. Ferrante, *Agency Counseling*
 *Holly A. Fitting, *Agency Counseling*
 Paula M. Fontaine, *Agency Counseling*
 *Dinah L. Garant, *Agency Counseling*
 †Gayle R. Giammarco, *Agency Counseling*
 Joseph F. Gomes, *Agency Counseling*
 Alan R. Gousie, *English*
 Deborah A. Guertin, *Agency Counseling*
 †Ken Haggard, *Agency Counseling*
 Jeanne L. Hart, *Agency Counseling*
 Maryellen Harvey, *Agency Counseling*
 †Lisa M. Housman, *Agency Counseling*
 *Robert E. Johnson, *Agency Counseling*
 Patricia A. Kane, *Agency Counseling*
 †Elaine C. Kehoe, *Personality and Social Psychology*
 *Catherine M. Kennedy, *Agency Counseling*
 Michael J. Kennedy, *Individualized Program*
 Michaela A. Keough, *Agency Counseling*
 †Kristen T. Koestner, *Agency Counseling*
 *Tanya E. Kusnitz, *Agency Counseling*
 Blanche M. Lagesse, *Agency Counseling*
 †Lori Ann Lebeau, *Agency Counseling*
 Corie A. Maloney, *Personality and Social Psychology*
 Jacqueline Q. Maxwell, *Agency Counseling*
 Ericka McGowan, *English*

- *Helen M. McQuaid, *Agency Counseling*
 *Christine Meglio, *Agency Counseling*
 Richard J. Moniz, Jr., *History*
 †Kelly Moriarty, *English*
 Ann L. Murphy, *English*
 Shlomo Neeman, *Mathematics*
 Dawn K. Orlando, *Agency Counseling*
 *Donna L. Page, *Agency Counseling*
 *Paula Pistocco, *Agency Counseling*
 *Jenny Pollack, *Individualized Program*
 †Mary V. Rappa, *Educational Psychology*
 †Robert A. Rattenni, *Agency Counseling*
 †Christopher J. Reposa, *Agency Counseling*
 Denise J. Rodriguez, *Agency Counseling*
 Desiree Rondina, *English*
 Janet Rossi, *Individualized Program*
 Anna M. Safi, *Agency Counseling*
 *Margaret M. Santos, *Agency Counseling*
 †Toni A. Shean, *Agency Counseling*
 Douglas P. Snyder, *Agency Counseling*
 Dawn M. Spirito, *Agency Counseling*
 †Sandra M. Taft, *Personality and Social Psychology*
 Julie A. Taylor, *Agency Counseling*
 Maureen A. Taylor, *History*
 *Lisa M. Tonnessen, *Agency Counseling*
 Gylean Trabucchi, *English*
 Clare I. Vadeboncoeur, *Individualized Program*
 Jason H. Valk, *Individualized Program*
 Karen J. Vartebedian, *Agency Counseling*
 †Darlene F. Violette, *Individualized Program*
 Lynn Vitale, *Agency Counseling*
 Wendy C. Wescott, *Agency Counseling*
 *Gilman W. Whiting, *Individualized Program*
 *Xiao Zhou, *Art Studio*

Master of Arts in Teaching

- Procession Marshals: Patricia A. Cordeiro,
Marilyn G. Eanet*
 Marianne M. Ainsworth, *Elementary Education*
 *Annemarie L. Alberino, *Elementary Education*
 Barbara A. Arrieta, *Teaching English as a Second Language*
 *Heather E. Baker, *English*
 Jennifer L. Baker, *Elementary Education*
 Julie M. Baron, *Teaching English as a Second Language*
 Jacqueline Barry, *Teaching English as a Second Language*

*Kristin Basso, *Elementary Education*
 *Laurie A. Batek, *Art Education*
 †Jeanne M. Beeley, *Elementary Education*
 Heidi J. Bennett, *Elementary Education*
 *Michele Brown, *Social Studies*
 †Cathy J. Cabral, *Elementary Education*
 Karen E. Callahan, *Elementary Education*
 †Maryann Canning-McComis, *Elementary Education*
 †Carol A. Cantrell, *Elementary Education*
 Karen P. Cargill, *Elementary Education*
 *Kerry L. Carlson, *Elementary Education*
 Linda A. Cohen, *Elementary Education*
 Kevin J. Daniels, *English*
 Melissa C. Darezzo, *Elementary Education*
 Lorri J. Dean, *Elementary Education*
 †James V. Della Cioppa, *Elementary Education*
 Laura Dickinson, *Biology*
 Louis J. DiSandro, *Spanish*
 *Cynthia D. Donnelly, *Elementary Education*
 Teri A. Douglass, *Elementary Education*
 Mary-Ruth Duquette, *English*
 Katherine A. Dyche, *Elementary Education*
 *Constance J. Eppich, *Elementary Education*
 Edward L. Fagan, *Teaching English as a Second Language*
 Joseph J. Ferreira, *History*
 *Patricia R. Fortes, *Elementary Education*
 *Natalya V. Goncharova, *Music*
 Lenora E. Goodwin, *Biology*
 Leslie A. Grover, *Elementary Education*
 †Marc P. Hamlin, *English*
 *Michaela L. Hannon, *Elementary Education*
 *Pamela S. Hill, *Elementary Education*
 Elizabeth A. Horn, *Elementary Education*
 *Thomas J. Hornstein, *Elementary Education*
 Patricia A. Howat, *Elementary Education*
 *Holly Howe, *Elementary Education*
 *Christopher A. Hyson, *English*
 Laurie B. Ingraham, *Elementary Education*
 *Kristen S. Inman, *Elementary Education*
 *Scott J. Jablonski, *Elementary Education*
 †Carolyn A. Kellner, *Art Education*
 *Lisa A. Knox, *Elementary Education*
 *Debbie A. Lacey, *Elementary Education*
 *Julia Lanphear, *Elementary Education*
 Jennifer C. Lee, *Elementary Education*
 Christen S. Lemieux, *English*

†Steven T. Longo, *English*
 *Linda J. Machado, *Elementary Education*
 Heather L. Mackay, *Elementary Education*
 *Ann K. McCormick, *Elementary Education*
 *Kimberly C. McGowan, *Elementary Education*
 *Cidalia M. Milho, *Elementary Education*
 *Rachel S. Mimfie, *Teaching English as a Second Language*
 Theodore R. Mitchell, *Social Studies*
 *Christine A. Mullen, *Art Education*
 *Cheryl A. Olivier, *Elementary Education*
 *Sharon O'Neill, *Teaching English as a Second Language*
 Linda M. Parente, *Individualized Program*
 *Robert L. Pearson, *Elementary Education*
 Christopher Proulx, *English*
 Joseph J. Purtil, *Mathematics*
 *Michele A. Rajotte, *Teaching English as a Second Language*
 Stephanie J. Ricci, *Elementary Education*
 *Patricia C. Robbins, *Elementary Education*
 Thomas M. Robert, *Elementary Education*
 *Patricia E. Roberts, *Elementary Education*
 *Lise M. Robidoux, *English*
 *Donna F. Rundlett, *Elementary Education*
 Judith O. Ryan, *Elementary Education*
 Anna Saccoccio, *General Science*
 *Donna M. Savella, *History*
 Helen Schabowsky-King, *History*
 †Lisa M. Sczerbinski, *Elementary Education*
 Michael R. Seal, *Elementary Education*
 *Hollice A. Stone, *Elementary Education*
 *Christine M. Stoyko, *Elementary Education*
 M Jean Tisser, *French*
 Ann B. Toole, *Elementary Education*
 John A. Turco, *Elementary Education*
 *William T. Turner, *Mathematics*
 Tanya M. Voss, *Art Education*
 Michael A. Watson, *Art Education*
 Diane M. West, *Elementary Education*
 *Christopher R. Wicklund, *Elementary Education*
 Bethany A. Wissler, *Elementary Education*
 *Thomas F. Yeaw, *Mathematics*
 Laura P. Zurowski, *Elementary Education*

Master of Education

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 *Arlene B. Aissis, *Elementary Education*
 Sharon O. Albert, *Special Education*
 *Nancy J. Allen, *English as a Second Language*
 Mary Lou K. Almonte, *Special Education*
 *Robin M. Anderson, *Elementary Education*
 Sharon L. Arena-Zanghi, *Reading*
 *Felicidad Arias, *Bilingual-Bicultural Education*
 *Carol Avila, *Reading*
 Susan B. Barry, *Secondary Education*
 Diane Baxter, *English as a Second Language*
 Michelle L. Blasbalg, *Elementary Education*
 *Afonso Borges, *Bilingual-Bicultural Education*
 Cheryl A. Bourassa, *Reading*
 *Joan M. Bowman, *English as a Second Language*
 *Maria L. Branco, *Bilingual-Bicultural Education*
 †Jane C. Buerman, *Special Education*
 *Dawn C. Burgess, *Elementary Education*
 Laura L. Butler, *Elementary Education*
 *Gail A. Cafferty, *Elementary Education*
 Erin J. Cannon-Walsh, *Elementary Education*
 Karen A. Cappelli, *School Administration*
 *Jacquelyn J. Cardillo, *Health Education*
 *Deborah Carroll, *Special Education*
 †Ellen Caruso, *Elementary Education*
 †Daria M. Champlin, *Special Education*
 Norma V. Chisnell, *Special Education*
 Carol A. Church, *Special Education*
 †Sylvia R. Cifelli, *Elementary Education*
 *Maria J. Cloutier, *Secondary Education*
 Laury F. Cornell, *Reading*
 Susan M. Corvi, *Special Education*
 †Donna M. Cramer, *Elementary Education*
 *Diane M. Cresto, *Special Education*
 Diane M. Crowley, *Special Education*
 *Mark D. D'Agostino, *Special Education*
 Norma Davies, *Health Education*
 Melinda L. Dearmin, *Special Education*
 Richard Dekonski, *Industrial Technology*
 James M. Dempsey, *Special Education*
 Michelle R. Deserres, *Health Education*
 Leslee E. Deslauriers, *Special Education*
 Carolyn M. Digioia, *Health Education*
 Lauren A. Driscoll, *School Administration*

*Dennis J. Dubee, *Industrial Technology*
 Anne M. Dundin, *English as a Second Language*
 Annette E. Edwards, *Special Education*
 *Adela E. Felag, *Elementary Education*
 *Donna A. Fennessy, *Special Education*
 Mary C. Finley-Anderson, *Reading*
 *Martha L. Fisher, *Special Education*
 †Carol C. Folan, *English as a Second Language*
 *Kimberlie Fox, *Elementary Education*
 Carol A. Frisk, *School Administration*
 *Tracie A. Gagnon, *Elementary Education*
 †Denise R. Gallup, *Counselor Education*
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 *Lori A. Garcia, *Special Education*
 *Lisa Gelineau, *Special Education*
 †Jane M. Girard, *Special Education*
 John Gostanian, *Industrial Technology*
 Mary M. Gousie, *Special Education*
 †David M. Greeley, *School Administration*
 *Elizabeth A. Gremza, *Special Education*
 *Mary C. Guerrero, *Special Education*
 Nydia M. Haddock, *Bilingual-Bicultural Education*
 †Susan S. Harlam, *English as a Second Language*
 †Mary E. Hart, *Special Education*
 *Ellen S. House, *Secondary Education*
 Margaret A. Iacovelli, *School Administration*
 †Dianne L. Ide, *Special Education*
 Marilyn A. Johnson, *Health Education*
 †Elizabeth A. Kaiser, *Elementary Education*
 Kathryn A. Kane, *Health Education*
 *Margaret M. Kelly, *School Administration*
 Kimberly A. Kennedy, *English as a Second Language*
 Anne E. Kernick, *Special Education*
 Joanne M. Kohm, *Special Education*
 †Anne C. Kotch, *Health Education*
 Carolina J. Krol, *Individualized Program*
 Cynthia Labranche, *Reading*
 Linda J. Laplume, *Elementary Education*
 *Carolyn F. Libby, *Elementary Education*
 *Michelle J. Lynch, *Elementary Education*
 Mary L. Maccaffrie, *Reading*
 Elizabeth A. Macnie, *Elementary Education*
 Mary Jean Mahoney, *Reading*
 Lorraine J. Martell, *Health Education*
 Heather O. Masiello, *Elementary Education*
 *Sandra McCollough, *Elementary Education*

Amy C. McFetters, *Reading*
 *Dawn M. McIlmail, *English as a Second Language*
 Margaret M. McKenna, *Industrial Technology*
 †Charles F. Miller, *Individualized Program*
 Diana M. Mollicone, *Elementary Education*
 †Wanda B. Monroe, *Special Education*
 David S. Morton, *Special Education*
 Kathleen A. Mouradjian, *Special Education*
 *Andrea Mueller, *English as a Second Language*
 †Patricia L. Mulligan, *Special Education*
 Deborah D. Nelson-Cordeiro, *Special Education*
 Kimberly A. Newman, *Special Education*
 *Hsueh-Er Ni, *English as a Second Language*
 Matthew W. Nissel, *Individualized Program*
 Cynthia M. Norman, *Health Education*
 *Diane B. Oliver, *Elementary Education*
 Terry E. Packer, *Elementary Education*
 †Beverly A. Paesano, *Elementary Education*
 *Jeanne M. Petit, *Elementary Education*
 Frances A. Powers, *Health Education*
 Patricia Rafferty, *English as a Second Language*
 †Debourah I. Raleigh, *English as a Second Language*
 *Michael E. Recorvitz, *Industrial Technology*
 Tracey E. Renzi, *Health Education*
 Brenda L. Resendes, *Counselor Education*
 †Marcella Romano, *Reading*
 Julie C. Rossi, *Elementary Education*
 Karyn J. Samdperil, *Reading*
 *Elizabeth A. Schart, *Elementary Education*
 *Kim D. Stewart, *Special Education*
 Rose Marie Sundstrom, *School Administration*
 *Christine T. Taylor, *Secondary Education*
 *Katherine E. Taylor, *Elementary Education*
 Lisa Ann Tetreault, *Secondary Education*
 Teresa M. Torres, *Special Education*
 *Richard A. Tramonti, *Elementary Education*
 Tina M. Valenti, *Special Education*
 Kelly B. Vasey, *Reading*
 *Marianne P. Walsh, *Special Education*
 Laurie L. White, *Special Education*
 Herbert Williams, *Health Education*
 Albert Wooten, *Special Education*

Master of Music Education

†Gilbert J. Allen
 Eve-Marie E. John

Master of Science

Christopher R. Bannister, *Individualized Program*
 †Donald L. Beckel, *Industrial Technology*
 Julio A. Contreras, *Individualized Program*
 †Phyllis M. Croce, *Individualized Program*
 †Dana Y. Crossland, *Individualized Program*
 Celine S. Forte, *Individualized Program*
 †Susanne L. Guay, *Industrial Technology*
 †Stephen M. Hague, *Industrial Technology*
 Juan J. Merida, *Industrial Technology*
 *Warrick Mitchell, *Instructional Technology*
 *Andrew V. Pirie Jr., *Industrial Technology*
 †John Diego Restrepo, *Individualized Program*
 Margaret M. Sabatini, *Individualized Program*
 Arthur L. Serpa, *Industrial Technology*
 Nicholas M. Wharton, *Individualized Program*

Master of Social Work

Procession Marshal: Nancy H. Gewirtz

Paula A. Anthony
 Vanessa M. Apostolou
 Judith M. Beavan
 Lori D. Broomfield
 Bernice C. Brown
 Lynda A. Brunette
 Patricia A. Burns
 Heidi M. Butterworth
 Graciela B. Cabral
 Donna H. Calhoun
 Karen A. Capoverde
 Sandra A. Chiancola
 Amy E. Cluley
 Yvonne I. Cole
 Antoinette M. Costa
 Laura E. Davis
 Catherine Dempsey
 Margaret J. Dodge
 Sara M. Dumas
 Elizabeth C. Fairchild
 Elena M. Fernandez
 Mary B. Frieburger
 Marilyn W. Friedman
 Susan R. Goldsmith
 Tacy A. Hackey
 Mary G. Davey Scholar

Jancy C. Hallman
Denise M. Hamilton
Ann-Marie Harrington
Richard B. Hillman
Sabhan Him
Amy L. Hogberg
Elia Janeiro
Barbara J. Johnson
Judith Long
Lynda L. Loranger
Karen E. MacDonald
Stephanie A. McCaffrey
Maureen K. McEntee
Patricia McGann
Bernice J. Michel

Kathleen M. O'Connor
Kelly A. O'Malley
Donna M. Pariseau
Paula A. Parker
Patricia M. Pearson
Elizabeth Pinkham
David J. Placido
Theresa R. Poulin
Rachael A. Proulx
Thomas M. Ranallo
Jeanne Rheume
Laurie E. Rodrigues
Soudabeh Sarlak
Jean M. Schayer
Deborah N. Serabian-Kaufner

Mary E. Shine
Todd J. Sisson
Peter A. Slom
Earl N. Smith III
Kathleen L. Soares
Laurie S. Sullivan
Marlene M. Surette
Lori S. Swartz
Russell R. Sylvestre
James M. Szabo
Marion Titus
Ileana R. Valentin-Lopez
Juanita Handy Scholar
Gretchen A. Wirth
Charlene A. Zienowicz

THE DEL SESTO MACE

At the 1959 Commencement Exercises, the first held on the present Mount Pleasant campus, Governor Christopher Del Sesto presented to Rhode Island College a bronze replica of the statue of the Independent Man so that the College, which up to that time had been located near the State House, might continue its tradition of holding commencements and other academic convocations in the presence of the Independent Man. The Del Sesto Mace, designed by the noted Rhode Island sculptor, the late Aristide Cianfarani, and crafted by the Gorham Company, has been in use since 1962 in all academic processions as a symbol of tradition, authority, and of Rhode Island College's commitment to the search for truth, knowledge, beauty, values, and learning.

THE WILLARD MEDALLION

The Willard Medallion, a symbol of the office of the president worn at official and ceremonial occasions, links plates bearing the names of the chief executive officers, who have led Rhode Island College since 1973, in a sterling silver collar with an enamel medallion. It was commissioned by the Rhode Island College Alumni Association and designed by silversmith Curtis K. LaFollette, professor of art at the College, to commemorate the inauguration of Dr. Charles Borromeo Willard as the first alumnus to be named president of the College.

THE RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE SEAL

The official Rhode Island College seal, adopted in 1960, incorporates the anchor, a symbol of hope and of the state of Rhode Island, with the founding date of the institution, 1854. The seal was designed by Dr. Edith C. Becker, professor emerita of art, who adapted the central flame symbol from the Holbrook Murals in the foyer of Roberts Hall. The flame is used in the murals to depict the energy that has supported over the eons the development of all living things and has led man to his highest intellectual achievements. In like manner, the flame in the Rhode Island College seal stands for the life of the body and the life of the mind, symbolizing the human and intellectual goals and achievements of Rhode Island College.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The caps, gowns, and hoods worn at college and university functions date back to the Middle Ages. Monks and students used them to keep warm in medieval castles and halls of learning. From these practical origins, they have developed into the accepted formal apparel which symbolizes scholarly achievement.

Baccalaureate gowns have a long, pleated front with shirring across the shoulders and back. They are primarily distinguished by flowing sleeves, pointed at the fingertip. These gowns may be worn either open or closed.

The master's gown is worn open and the sleeve is cut so that the forearm comes through a slit just above the elbow.

The doctor's gown has rounded sleeves and velvet panels around the neck and down the front of the gown, as well as three velvet bars on the sleeves. In recent years American universities have followed the custom of European institutions of having doctoral gowns in the color of the university.

Mortar boards or caps worn with baccalaureate and master's gowns generally have black tassels. The tassel of the doctoral cap is usually made of gold bullion.

The hood gives color and real meaning to the academic costume. Its silk lining bears the colors of the institution conferring the degree. The hood is bordered with velvet of a prescribed width and color to indicate the field of learning to which the degree pertains.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Saturday, the eighteenth of May

Processional

Grand Processional...Donald Haddad

The Crowning Glory...Alfred Reed

Flourish for Wind Band...Ralph Vaughan Williams

Opening of the Ceremony

Vivian R. Morgan

Chair, Council of Rhode Island College

The National Anthem

Therese M. Marotte-Paradis

Bachelor of Arts Candidate, Music

Invocation

The Reverend Larry A. Nichols

Chaplain, Rhode Island College

Greetings

Lincoln C. Almond

*Governor of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations*

George Graboys

Chair, Board of Governors for Higher Education

John Nazarian

President of the College

Golden Anniversary Gift

Mildred Brennan Nugent

Eleanor Jordan Lehnies

Class of 1946

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Farewell Remarks

Kerri Lynn O'Brien
President, Class of 1996

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Dean, School of Education and Human Development

George D. Metrey
Dean, School of Social Work

Nazanin Sahba
Interim Director, Center for Management and Technology

Richard R. Weiner
Dean, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Welcome into the Alumni Association

Sydney Cohen '40
Vice-President, Rhode Island College Alumni Association

Closing of the Ceremony

Vivian R. Morgan

Alma Mater

Recessional

Mardi from Folk Song Suite...Ralph Vaughan Williams

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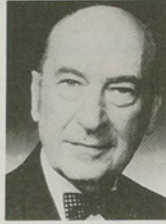
Class of 1996

Kerri Lynn O'Brien, *President*
Lori A. Pelletier, *Vice President*
Erica E. Norton, *Secretary*
Keith J. Labreque, *Treasurer*

Honor Cords

Undergraduates who are receiving their degrees today with Latin honors have the privilege of wearing special "honor cords." The color of the cord indicates the level of the honor as follows:

Summa cum laude...gold
Magna cum laude...burgundy
Cum laude...white



IRVING R. LEVINE

Doctor of Journalism

Called "The last of the scholar-journalists," Pawtucket-born Irving R. Levine retired in November 1995 after a quarter century as the chief economic correspondent for NBC News.

The son of Joseph and Emma Levine, who owned and operated a variety store on Broad Street in Providence, Levine grew up in the city and attended Nathan Bishop Junior High, Hope High School, and received a bachelor's degree from Brown University in 1944. After a tour of duty with the Army Signal Corps during World War II, he earned a master's degree at Columbia University School of Journalism.

Levine began his career in journalism as a part-time obituary writer for *The Providence Journal-Bulletin* while attending Brown University. His first full-time reporting job was for the International News Service in New York. In 1950 he was dispatched to Vienna and later volunteered to cover the Korean War for the wire service. There, he began sending stories to NBC News, which subsequently hired him to a full-time position.

Levine's expertise in foreign affairs led him to become the first network reporter to be accredited by the then-Soviet Union. Throughout the critical Cold War years of 1955-1970, he served as chief correspondent for three NBC foreign bureaus—Moscow, London, and Rome.

In 1971 he was named chief economic correspondent, a post he held at the NBC network until this year. Levine was recently named dean of international studies at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida.



A. ROBERT BIRMEIN

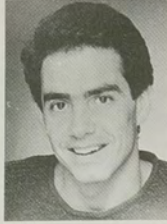
Doctor of Fine Arts

An internationally recognized realist painter, Robert Birmelin's works have been widely exhibited and are included in virtually every major American collection.

His best known work depicts destabilizing street scenes in which the gesture of an unseen or partially seen stranger threatens to rupture both the plane of the picture and also enter the private space of the viewer. In these street scenes, Birmelin addresses the myriad negotiations that individuals must make in order to pass safely through the rapidly changing, chaotic swirl of urban streets.

Birmelin's latest works bring these forces of chaos a step closer. Instead of depicting impending chaos, Birmelin shows us a world that has already impinged upon us—a world of both past and future, neither of which we can control. Many of these recent paintings incorporate two mutually exclusive views, enabling the viewer to rotate the scene 180 degrees to be confronted by a dramatically different scene, thus heightening the viewer's level of anxiety. Some of these later works deal with the theme of domestic disharmony.

Birmelin is no stranger to Rhode Island College. In 1995 he juried a regional student exhibition at the Bannister Gallery and lectured in conjunction with that exhibit. In April 1996 he returned to the RIC campus with an exhibition of important new work at Bannister Gallery. He also served as the focus for the Performing and Fine Arts Commission's Spring Celebration of the Arts, taking part in two lectures and working with RIC art students. Birmelin holds B.F.A. and M.F.A. degrees from Yale University and is a professor at the SUNY Queens College.



MICHAEL ALEXANDER CORRENTE

Doctor of Fine Arts

Michael Corrente is hailed as one of America's fastest rising young filmmakers. His second major film, *American Buffalo*, adapted from the critically acclaimed play written by David Mamet, is to be released later this year. Starring Dustin Hoffman and Dennis Franz, *American Buffalo* was filmed during June and July of 1995 in the city of Pawtucket to the delight and pride of thousands of Rhode Islanders.

Corrente wrote, produced, and directed his first film, *Federal Hill*, in 1993. The film depicts the relationships among young men growing up—characters like those Corrente knew during his youth. Filmed in this well-known Providence neighborhood, the movie is rich with local landmarks and includes a key scene shot on the front steps of the former Rhode Island College of Education building on Hayes Street. *Federal Hill* took honors at the Deauville Film Festival in France and garnered the grand prize at the Avignon Film Festival in June of 1994. The film also received commendable reviews in such publications as the *New York Times*, *Newsday*, and the *Daily News*.

More recently, Corrente has been working on a screenplay entitled *Capital Gains*, a political thriller about a banking crisis set in Providence, Boston, and Washington. He and his wife, actress Libby Langdon, are co-producing a film called *Bar None*.

In addition, he will be filming a new picture for MTV Network entitled *Outside Providence*, soon to be released by Paramount Pictures. The film is based on a book by Cumberland native Peter Farrelly, who directed and co-wrote the successful film *Dumb and Dumber*. Filming for *Outside Providence* is planned for Providence and Pawtucket locations this summer.

Originally from Fairlawn, Corrente grew up in Coventry. The youngest of six children, he is a 1977 graduate of Coventry High School, where he was class president. He is a 1981 graduate of the Trinity Repertory Conservatory. While studying at the conservatory, he lived on Federal Hill.



AMERICO W. PETROCELLI

Doctor of Public Service

Scientist, educator, business executive, and public servant, Americo Petrocelli's career has brought him from the streets of Pawtucket and the North End of Providence to a Presidential Summit, where he received accolades from the President of the United States.

Born of immigrant parents, Petrocelli graduated from LaSalle Academy. He earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in chemistry from Providence College and a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Rhode Island. After serving in the Army Chemical Corps, he was employed by Electric Boat for a decade and was director of research and engineering.

He held the position of president and CEO of Yardney Electric Corporation until he was named vice president for business and finance at U.R.I. His outstanding fiscal acumen brought him to the position of Commissioner of Higher Education in 1989. His business and finance skills would be tested throughout his tenure, during which, under three successive governors, there occurred some of the state's most severe fiscal crises.

Petrocelli's consensus-building skills were also instrumental in the start-up of the R.I.C./U.R.I. joint Ph.D. program in education, which had been in the discussion stage for over a decade. After approval by the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education, Petrocelli helped facilitate the receipt of a half-million dollar Feinstein grant to help fund its start-up.

Petrocelli's greatest legacy, however, may well prove to be his founding in 1989 of the Rhode Island Children's Crusade for Higher Education, a program that seeks to encourage young people to stay in school and to seek a higher education upon graduation. Over 13,000 youngsters from across the state are already enrolled. The program is backed by a cash scholarship fund that now stands at over \$4.3 million and pledged scholarships in the amount of \$41 million from higher education institutions from around the nation. The program has been lauded nationally in such publications as *The Washington Post* and *U.S. News and World Report*. Petrocelli retired as Commissioner on December 31, 1995.

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Michaela A. Gumpson
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Thomas E. Hewes
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Jonathan G. Hiron
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*Amy Kane
cum laude
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Karen M. Krauss
Karen L. Kuhn

*Renee A. Lebeau

*Mary G. Letourneau
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Enneson Louis
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Ronald E. Martin
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Esther N. Mendez

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Jennifer J. Orr
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cum laude

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*Dana A. Prendergast
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Susan M. Restivo
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James J. Silva
cum laude

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Kathleen F. Bogosian
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Tina K. Clarke

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*Michael J. Cook

*Carla A. Correia
cum laude

Catherine Costello
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†Lynn M. D'Amico

*Susan A. Deconte
cum laude

†Inez A. Delgado

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cum laude

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cum laude
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cum laude

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Dear Al - ma Ma - ter wise and kind, To thy fair name shall
e'er be - long our grate - ful prais - es and our love, The trib - ute of our
song. — Thou guard - ian of the sa - cred shrine of truth that makes us
free. We cher - ish thy be - lov - ed fame and pledge our loy - al -
ty. Rhode Is - land Col - lege hail to thee! All hail to Al - ma
Ma - ter! En - shrined thou art with - in the heart of ev - 'ry son and daugh - ter.

The musical score is written in a single system on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is marked 'MODERATO'. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

