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Mr. Jeff Cathcart
RI Public Works Association
78 Burnt Hill Road
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Dear Mr. Cathcart,

As the holiday season is upon us, we take time to reflect on our good fortune at URI. Benefactors like you have given the university much to appreciate and even more to showcase for many years to come. Most recently, due to your direct support, a student's financial responsibility was lessened and his or her dream of earning a college degree has come closer to becoming a reality.

On behalf of the University of Rhode Island and the URI Foundation, I am glad to report to you on the *RI Public Works Endowment Scholarship* award for the 2011-2012 academic year. Recently, this scholarship was awarded to **Erik C. Stamp**, a Civil Engineering major from Coventry, RI.

The level and breadth of support we receive from our alumni and friends makes a significant impact on the overall academic experience here at URI, the effects of which are felt across the campus community. Despite a difficult economy, we have seen historic giving levels to URI.

Last year, a record \$18.9 million in charitable gifts were received by the university. Approximately 44% of that was earmarked to fund existing or create new endowments. The majority of our endowment funds generate scholarships for undergraduate and graduate student support. In fact, over \$1.5 million in endowment earnings was distributed for this academic year by the Foundation to provide this much-needed and well-deserved financial assistance to hundreds of students across all colleges.

We extend to you, as one of our valued donors, an invitation to come to campus to meet your scholarship recipient, Erik, at a time convenient to you. If you would like us to arrange a convenient meeting time, please contact Teri Woodbine in the URI Foundation donor relations office at 401-874-5273 or twoodbine@foundation.uri.edu.

Thank you again for contributing to our success by supporting student scholarships and for enhancing URI's quality and distinction.

Best regards,

Michael J. Smith
President
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