

Coalition Corner

Good Neighbor Contest – Winners Announced!



Building a Community of Mutual Respect

URI's RhodeMap to Safety Campaign recently introduced the Good Neighbor Contest as an opportunity for Narragansett residents and URI students to recognize and show their appreciation of each other for being good neighbors.

★★★ The First Place Winners ★★★

Resident: Theodore Panagiotis of Othmar Street

**Students: Kathryn Blair, Deirdre Dady, Jennifer Marcin,
Marilyn McLain**

Mr. Panagiotis wrote, "this is . . . the nicest and most law-abiding group of URI students that have lived nearby. They are always smiling." He stated that the students had parties, but the parties were 'quiet and dignified,' with no loud noises or music. The students did not cause problems with trash, and their visitors were respectful in terms of parking, property and noise. He went on to say, "I wish each and every one of them all the best in the years ahead. They truly are a credit to URI."

The four students, in reply to Mr. Panagiotis, wrote, "We have enjoyed living across the street from such friendly neighbors and appreciate all of your kindness throughout the past year."

The Four Runner-Up Winners:

1. Resident: The Bouviers of South River Drive

**Students: Meghan McKeever, Julie Seidler, Katherine
McCurdy, Rebecca Mara**

2. Resident: The Fossas of Ashley Court

Students: Alicia Germani and roommates

3. Resident: Jeanne Lane of Angell Rd.

Students: Cameron Smith and roommates

4. Resident: The Cavallaros of Caswell Street

**Students: Joe Short, Aly Sightsinger, Randy Buchanan,
Erica Eaton**

The reason most often given by both students and residents alike for appreciating their neighbors is that they are always friendly and pleasant. Residents praise student households as good neighbors because they are clean, leave no trash, avoid having loud parties, are respectful about parking, and take the time to introduce themselves when they move in. One resident appreciated that their student neighbors decorated their house during Halloween and Christmas.

Students commented that their neighbors are always friendly and wave when they drive by; welcomed them and introduced themselves when they first moved in; said they understood their lives as college kids living down the line.

The contest was first offered to residents to nominate their student neighbors. After receiving much feedback from residents and students, the contest was opened to allow students to show their appreciation by nominating their resident neighbors.

First prizes are \$200 gift certificates to Stop and Shop for each of the winning households. The runner up student and resident households will each receive prizes of \$50 gift certificates to Kingston Pizza. All winners were recognized at the April 25th meeting of the Narragansett-URI Coalition.

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