

Congratulations Graduates!

There are thirty-three IEP students in the Class of 2005! This is certainly our largest graduating class yet! Our graduates this year are off to such companies or graduate programs as:

Cerner Corporation
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Goldman Sachs
 Kimberly-Clark Corporation
 Motorola Automotive
 MTU Aero Engines
 Mercedes Benz USA
 Progeny Systems Corporation
 RI Department of Transportation
 University of Rhode Island MBA Program



Congratulations to all our graduates! We wish you all the best of luck

December 2004

Spanish

Juan Salas

German

Kaylen Haley
 Christopher Lawrence
 Coral Siligato

May 2005

Spanish

Carmeris Cabrera
 Meghan Collins
 Sonia Gaitán
 Derek Gallagher
 Cristina García
 Ana María Hagan
 Paul Hutchins
 Hostos Monegro

French

Pascale Delaunay
 Julie Jette
 Derek Oliveira
 Adilson Ribeiro

German

Thomas Arbige
 Eric Champion
 Robert Delack
 Brian Feeny
 Jeffrey Frost
 Christopher Gosselin
 Nathanael Greene
 Valentino LaScola
 Jason Lavigne
 Frank Maker III
 Andrew Marchesseault

August 2005

French

Soanny Delgado



Alumni Updates



► *Herzlich Willkommen zur Welt* Anne Dyer Leonard! **Robin and Danford Leonard '98** became parents for the third time on April 20, 2005! Congratulations!

► *Félicitations* to **Jon Koenig '04** and **Sarah Gabryluk '07** who recently got engaged. The big day will be in 2007!

► After completing a 2.5-year assignment in Germany, **Greg Taylor '02** is back in the U.S. working for ZF Lemforder in Lancaster, South Carolina.

► **Michael Lilligreen '03** is working as a Product Engineering for Trelleborg Automotive in Koblenz, Germany. He is part of a team developing engine mounts for the next generation Ford/Volvo/Land Rover platform for the European market.

► **Tonya McBride '00** recently took a position as Market Development Specialist for Zeon Chemicals in Louisville, Kentucky.

► Mary and **Micheal Quackenbush '99** are the proud parents of son Keegan Myles born April 17, 2003.

► Congratulations to **David Eastman '99** who earned his MBA from URI this May!

► **Pros Reun '04** is now working for Seacorp in Middletown, RI as a Systems Engineer.

► **Peter Obuchowski '01** is working for Schroff in Warwick, RI.

► **Michael Smith '01** completed his Masters degree in computer engineering this May! *Herzlichen Glückwunsch!* Mike works for BAE Systems in Nashua, NH.

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GLOBAL UPDATE

Director's Corner

It does not seem that long ago when the IEP had just three or four very proud graduates at the May commencement ceremonies. But, this year we reached a new high, with thirty-three IEPers coming to the platform to receive their diplomas. As if this were not enough to make my day, I was greeted, to my surprise, by an enthusiastic gathering of faculty and former students after commencement, and presented with a substantial check representing the establishment of a new scholarship for the IEP: The John M. Grandin Endowed IEP Scholarship Fund!! Needless to say, I was very moved by the generous efforts of my colleagues and so many of our IEP alums. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

This will be a busy summer for the IEP. We are in advanced negotiations with Zhejiang University, one of China's top engineering schools, to set up a summer study and exchange program for 2006 at their campus in Hangzhou. In addition, we are exploring several internship possibilities in China with some of our partner companies.

We are also working closely with architects and contractors and hope to start renovations very soon on the second IEP House. Once complete, we will be able to house 75 IEP students in the 2 building complex, to be known as the Heidi Kirk Duffy Center for International Engineering Education. The new house will also provide additional office and meeting space, as well as a much more up-to-date

kitchen and dining facility. If all goes on schedule, plan on lunch in the new dining room in January!

~John Grandin

Right: Dr. Grandin reacts after receiving a check for the John M. Grandin Endowed IEP Scholarship Fund.



Our Honorary Brasileira

Sonia Gaitán (Chemical & Spanish) is our first Spanish IEP intern to work in Brazil! In the process she will become trilingual (Already Spanish/English bilingual, she is now adding Portuguese!). Sonia writes us from Brazil:

Here I am in São Jose dos Campos, São Paulo, Brazil working for Johnson & Johnson. Since my freshman year in the IEP I have been obsessed with J&J. "How did this happen?" You might ask. Well...

My freshman year I joined the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) and attended my first conference where I was introduced to consumer product companies. Like all freshmen I wasn't sure what my engineering major was going to be like when applied to the "real world". Through SHPE I obtained a better understanding of the many possibilities that chemical engineering had in store for me, more specifically what possibilities J&J had for me. J&J has so many possibilities to grow as a professional that I became very interested with the idea of working for them.



Above: Sonia Gaitán at the Parque Estadual de Campos do Jordão in Brazil

For 4 years I attended many SHPE conferences and always stopped at the J&J booth to ask what they were looking for, and also to tell them that I am their best candidate. In the summer of 2004 I got the opportunity to work as an intern in the Skillman, New Jersey facility and finally experienced what J&J really is. I worked in



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► Top of Their Class!

Congratulations to **Anna Wagner** and **Gabe Schwartz!** Anna and Gabe earned the Presidential Excellence Awards for excellence in biomedical engineering and in mechanical engineering respectively. *Herzlichen Glückwunsch!*

► German Language Awards:

Our very own **Waltaire** and his lovely assistant **Damon Rarick** presented awards on behalf of the German Section at the Department of Languages Honors Ceremony on April 29. Most awardees are IEP students (see photo). Earning Presidential Excellence in German was **Peter Tavarozzi**. Peter graduated this May with degrees in International Business and German



Above: Walter von Reinhart (3rd from left) with German language award recipients from left to right: Nicole Baugh, Stanley Mlyniec, Andrew Greene, Enida Halilovic, Ryan Tanner, Mr. Bellows in place of Meghan, Aaron Hebenstreit, Nika McManus. Not pictured: Sareh Rajae, Peter Tavarozzi, Brian Dowdell, and Nate Walker.

and will be off to Germany this summer to work at the *Gisela Vogel Institut für berufliche Bildung* in Bochum, where he will be teaching business English to Germans from all walks of life. The Barbara Allen Woods Scholarship went to **Brian Dowdell**, **Andrew Greene**, **Aaron Hebenstreit**, **Stanley Mlyniec**, and **Sareh Rajae**. Brian and Sareh are currently interning in Germany and



Joe O'Hearn, IEP '89, with daughter Emily

Austria. This summer Andrew will complete a research internship before beginning his semester in Braunschweig in the fall, where he will be joined by Stanley and approximately 10 other IEP students. Aaron, who studies both German and French along with mechanical engineering, will intern with ZF in Chicago this summer before beginning a semester of study abroad at the Université Laval in Québec, Canada. **Nate Walker** and **Meghan Bellows** earned the Frank L. Woods Scholarship. Nate and Meghan are both currently in Germany interning for Siemens and BASF respectively. The Otto Dornberg Scholarship was awarded to **Nika McManus** and **Ryan Tanner** to support their studies in Braunschweig beginning this September. Nika is an IEP alumna, who is now a graduate student in the Dual Degree Masters Program. She is completing her first year of graduate work in mechanical engineering at URI and will spend the second year in Braunschweig and earn degrees from both institutions. Ryan will begin his fifth year in the IEP this fall as an exchange student in Braunschweig before moving on to his 6-month internship elsewhere in Germany. Last but not least, **Nicole Baugh** earned the Sharon Wallace Award. This award was established by IEP alumni **Joseph O'Hearn** and

► The first students will be exchanged between URI and the *Université de Technologie de Compiègne* (UTC) this fall. **Jean-Philippe Shulman** and **Joseph Caldwell** will represent URI at UTC, while **Nadim Fourzoli** and **Zachary Chaumeil** from UTC will study here and live in the IEP House this fall. Stay tuned for updates from these students in the next edition of *Global Update!*

► **French Language Awards:** Congratulations to **Pascale Delaunay** and **Soanny Delgado** for receiving the French IEP Excellence Award for 2005! Pascale served as President of the student chapter of NSBE and was an NCAA track star. Soanny served as president of the student chapter of SHPE. Both graduated in May.

► **Greetings from Lyon!** *IEP student Paulo Cardoso (Chemical & French) is interning with Rhodia in Lyon, France. The following is an update from him:*

Dear fellow IEPers,

It's with great pleasure that I write this note about my experience in the city of Lyon, France. With an agglomerated population a little larger than that of the entire state of Rhode Island (about 1,4 million), Lyon is the second largest urban center of France. Nonetheless, it is still a quaint city with very rooted traditions, customs and history. I have already visited quite a few cities in France, but, besides Paris,

Barbara (Mellodge) Brusini in honor of their late classmate. Nicole will be working with Dr. Sun in the biomedical engineering laboratory on campus this summer and after graduation in December 2005 plans to pursue a career in

Lyon is still my favorite. I enjoy walking by the rivers (there are two: the Rhône and its tributary, the Saône), the parks, the breathtaking views from its hills and mountains, its people and their food (Lyon is known as the gastronomic capital of France), and so many other things.

My internship project has been quite interesting and being able to work independently with the insightful supervision of my "maître de stage"

(internship tutor) has been an invaluable experience. The people I work with are great and although I am doing the project on my own, I know I can always count on them. Soon, however, the internship will be over and I'll have to come back to our old New England. Although I won't regret coming back, since Rhode Island is my home, I will never forget my stay in Lyon. All I know is if someone gave me the choice of where I would rather stay, I would not be able to give a definite answer. But for the moment, let's go back and get done with all that school business. As for what will lie ahead, only time will tell. Can't wait to come back! See you all soon!...



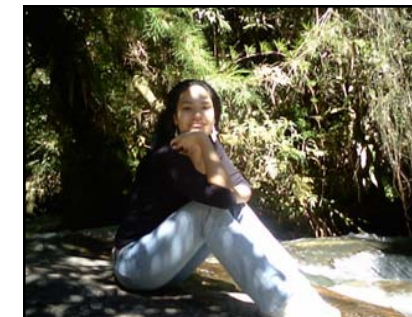
Paulo Cardoso and fellow URI student Ahleah Companie at the Fourevrière Observatory in Lyon, Spring 2005.



IEP students Hostos Monegro and Soanny Delgado in Madrid during Semana Santa, Spring 2005

adapting a product for the Latin American region, specifically for Argentina, Colombia, Venezuela and Mexico.

I am very fortunate to experience two different cultures within the same company. The structure is the same, but how everything gets done has its own "jeito" or way of happening. I am not working as an engineer (my job is usually done by



pharmacy majors), but as an engineer I know how to solve problems and the job will get done.

In the beginning it was difficult to speak in Portuguese because everyone wants to practice their English or Spanish. When meetings are held with for the Latin American region, they are in English, but all my day to day is in 100% Portuguese. In such a short time here I now can understand 90% of what I hear in Por-

R&D with Neutrogena products in the anti-aging platform. After my internship I asked J&J for *cont. from page 1* the opportunity to intern in Brazil.

With tremendous efforts from the IEP and patience, less than a year later I arrived in Brazil. I am now working in the R&D skin care platform for Neutrogena and

tuguese, but I hope to be fluent after 6 months. Brazil is a very unique country, so rich with history and diversity that I believe that I would have to live here for a couple of years to fully immerse myself in the culture. But for now I am an honorary *brasileira*.

► **Puerto Rico:** The Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program in cooperation with the URI Transportation Center and the University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez (UPRM) is providing summer internships for students from both institutions. IEP students **Sharon Ruggieri** (Mechanical & Spanish) and **Ana María Hagan** (Civil & Spanish) are headed to Puerto Rico for the summer to complete research internships in the transportation field at UPRM. In exchange, three students from UPRM will stay at the IEP House and complete similar projects at URI.

► **¡Felicidades!** Graduating senior **Carmeris Cabrera** has earned the Presidential Excellence Award for excellence in Spanish! Carmeris is graduating this May with degrees in industrial engineering and Spanish. **Sharon Ruggieri** and **Hostos Monegro** were awarded the William and Pauline Silvia Scholarship. After completing her summer research position in Puerto Rico this summer (see above), Sharon will be off to San Sebastián, Spain for a semester of study at the *Universidad de Navarra, TECNUN*, which she will follow with a 6-month internship in Spain or Mexico (to be determined). Hostos is completing his study abroad semester at the *Universidad de Cantabria* in Santander, Spain, graduating in May, and will begin full-time employment with Goldman Sachs in