

# COLLEGE OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND LIFE SCIENCES

## Mission Statement

Our mission is to study and to help others learn about:

- the patterns, processes, and temporal changes affecting terrestrial, coastal and marine environments;
- the interrelationships between and among living organisms and their environment, including the relationship between the natural and built environment;
- the social structures, policies and procedures for effective management of these environments and ecosystems and their relationship to scientific understanding of the environment;
- the relationship between natural and anthropogenic activities in the environment and the implications for our quality of life and our land use; and
- the distribution, development and use of natural resources and their consequences.

We will address matters of global importance, also placing strong emphasis on environmental and applied life science problems relevant to Rhode Island and southern New England. We will place high value on scholarly research, graduate student training, experientially-based undergraduate education and outreach. We will link the research excellence of the University of Rhode Island environmental programs with University education and scholarship, and provide a framework through which our internationally-known environmental programs can interact with those who request and require our expertise.