

## COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Eight colleges and universities have campuses in the Providence/Warwick area, making an indelible impact on the region's intellectual, cultural and social life.

**Brown University** is a leading Ivy League institution with a distinctive undergraduate academic program, a world-class faculty, outstanding graduate and medical students and a tradition of innovative and rigorous multidisciplinary study. A commitment to diversity and intellectual freedom has remained a hallmark of the University since its establishment. Founded in 1764 in Warren, RI, Brown moved to Providence's East Side in 1770 and has been a dynamic force in the community ever since. Notable alumni include John F. Kennedy, Jr., actress Laura Linney, author Lois Lowry and philanthropist John D. Rockefeller, Jr. For more information, please visit [www.brown.edu](http://www.brown.edu).

**Johnson & Wales University (J&W)** offers its students a unique blend of hands-on experience and classic academic instruction. The Downtown Campus, in the heart of the downtown area, houses the Hospitality College and the College of Business, while the Harborside Campus, on the edge of the city, is home to the College of Culinary Arts. J&W was founded in 1914 and continues to leave its mark on the city, most notably through its impact on the critically acclaimed restaurant scene. Notable alumni include Celebrity Chefs Emeril Lagasse, Tyler Florence and Anna Olson, as well as two *Hell's Kitchen* winners and one *Top Chef* winner. For more information, please visit [www.jwu.edu/providence](http://www.jwu.edu/providence).

The **Rhode Island School of Design (RISD)** is one of the country's leading visual arts, design, architecture and art education institutions. Founded in 1877, RISD infuses Providence's College Hill neighborhood with vibrancy and color. It is an eclectic community of artists and designers that includes 2,200 students from around the world. RISD Museum's Chace Center was designed by Spain's Pritzker Prize-winning architect José Rafael Moneo and features the premiere exhibition space for RISD students on campus. Notable alumni include film director Gus Van Sant, "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane, "Simpsons" animator Lance Wilder, glassblowing artist Dale Chihuly, graphic artist Shepard Fairey, and *Project Runway* contestants Diana Eng and Katherine Gerdes. For more information, please visit [www.risd.edu](http://www.risd.edu).

**Providence College (PC)** is primarily an undergraduate, liberal arts, Catholic institution of higher education. Traditionally recognized for its academic programs, PC is also known for its Division I sports program which has included several nationally ranked men's and women's basketball teams who compete in the local Dunkin' Donuts Center. Founded in 1917, PC makes its home in the city's North End. Providence College competes at the Division I level in eight men's and 11 women's varsity sports and holds membership in the NCAA, the Big East Conference, the HOCKEY EAST Association and the Eastern Collegiate Atlantic Conference. These athletes also maintain a graduation rate of 94 percent, one of the highest in the nation amongst Division I schools. Notable alumni include NBA Hall of Fame Player and Coach Lenny Wilkins and NBC News Correspondent Mike Leonard. For more information, please visit [www.providence.edu](http://www.providence.edu).

Nestled in Providence's Mount Pleasant neighborhood, **Rhode Island College (RIC)** is a public institution of higher education whose primary mission is to offer a quality, affordable education to all Rhode Islanders. Founded in 1854, RIC offers undergraduate programs in the liberal arts and sciences and in a variety of professional fields. Its performing arts program is highly regarded and draws large audiences to its theater productions. Oscar nominated actress Viola Davis is an alumna. For more information, please visit [www.ric.edu](http://www.ric.edu).

While its main campus is in the seaside community of Bristol, RI, **Roger Williams University (RWU)** maintains a strong presence in Providence with a satellite campus in the downtown area. One of the fastest growing liberal arts universities in the country, RWU offers undergraduate and graduate programs and is home to Rhode Island's only law school. Founded in 1956, the University is perhaps best known for its stellar architecture and art preservation programs. For more information please visit [www.rwu.edu](http://www.rwu.edu).

From its modest beginning with 325 students in 1964, the **Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI)** has grown to its present enrollment of more than 16,000 students. CCRI provides academic transfer programs, career-oriented training and student support services to a diverse population of students at campuses across Rhode Island, including one in Providence and one in Warwick. For more information, please visit [www.ccri.edu](http://www.ccri.edu).

The **University of Rhode Island's** (URI) flagship campus is located in Kingston, RI, but has a satellite campus in Providence's downtown. URI offers degree programs at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral level, and is a highly regarded research institution. It was founded in 1888 as the state's agricultural school and has developed into a world-class institution. Notable alumni include CNN International Correspondent Christiane Amanpour and Titanic Discoverer Robert Ballard. For more information, please visit [www.uri.edu](http://www.uri.edu).

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