**University of Rhode Island (URI)**

1. 76 nations represented
2. 16:1 student to faculty ratio
3. 90+ majors
4. 700+ study abroad opportunities in over 80 countries
5. 85% of faculty members have doctorates or terminal degrees
6. 14,687 undergraduates
7. 3,277 first-year students
8. Students from 48 US states and territories
9. 53% Rhode Island students
10. 47% out-of-state
11. Southern Rhode Island beaches 10-15 minutes from campus
12. Rhode Island’s agricultural and Land Grant institution
13. Formal gardens were created at URI over 50 years ago
    1. Now known as the URI Botanical Gardens,
    2. which started in 1991
    3. The Botanical Gardens are 4.5 acres
    4. The Gardens are a valuable teaching and resource tool,
    5. and a model of sustainable landscaping
14. In 1988, the 140-acre Oliver Watson Farm was purchased
    1. as the site for the Agricultural Experiment Station
    2. and State Agricultural School
15. The Hatch Act of 1887,
    1. which offered $5,000 annually to each state
    2. for agricultural research,
    3. partially funded the purchase of the farm.
16. The first building constructed on campus:
    1. Agricultural Experiment Station Building
       1. (later renamed Taft Hall)
17. In 1890 the State Agricultural School opened
18. The first class held 26 students:
    1. 24 men and 2 women
19. In 1892, the State Agricultural School changed its name
    1. to the Rhode Island College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts
20. The college offered 4 year programs
    1. in agriculture and mechanics
21. To celebrate the occasion,
    1. students borrowed a cannon from a local Kingston resident.
22. Unfortunately, the last round of powder lit by the students
    1. was too much for the cannon.
23. The powder blew a hole
    1. in the side of Old Ben Butler.
24. Today the cannon sits
    1. On the southwest corner of the Kingston campus Quadrangle
25. Notable alumni include:
    1. Christiane Amanpour (journalist)
    2. Ann Hood (novelist)
    3. Jim O’Connor (Food Network host)
26. Hachiko: A Dog’s Story,
    1. a film starring Richard Gere,
    2. shot pivotal scenes at URI in:
       1. Edwards Auditorium,
       2. Green Hall,
       3. And the Fine Arts Center

Source: https://www.uri.edu/about/facts/