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Scholarship Winner UPDATE... Caitlin Studley

Bristol, RI- Caitlin Studley, one of RIICA’s Scholarship recipients recently wrote “*RIICA News*” thanking the association for their support and wanted to give an update on her progress. She is currently a double major at Roger Williams University in English Literature and Political Science, with a core concentration in Spanish. She reports that with the scholarship she was able to purchase necessary supplies to help her with school work making the Dean’s List in her first semester with a GPA of 3.8! She has promised to continue to strive for high academic achievement making all of us here at RIICA extremely proud!.....Who knows maybe a future legislator with RIICA roots?

**CONGRATULATIONS and GOOD LUCK
Caitlin!**

LEGISLATIVE FIGHT CONTINUES AT STATE HOUSE

Providence, RI- The legislative battle continues at the State House as RIICA and UCARI legislative committees testified at most recently at the Senate Corporations Committee on RIICA’s Underground Utility Contractors License Bill S 0476. Testifying on behalf of RIICA were the bill’s sponsor Senator William Walaska, Steve Gianlorenzo, RIICA President; Dave Burnham RIICA Past President; UCARI President Ron Nunes and Tony Raposo, UCARI Board Member in addition to Terry Martiesian, RIICA and UCARI Lobbyist. The only opposition was from the Construction Industries of RI’s (CIRI) lobbyist who preferred their bill which was simple but more importantly of significant concern, lacked the enormous expense that contractors absorb each time they obtain a license and permit for each municipality. If a contractor were to obtain all 37 licenses along with the required bond, the expense would exceed \$ 12,000. The RIICA UUC bill would reduce that cost down to a reasonable cost of between \$ 500 and \$ 750...a significant savings to contractors. The House version, H 5602 sponsored by Rep. Tim Williamson will be heard be the time of this printing. In addition, UCARI’s Dig Safe bill, S 0464 sponsored by Senator John Tassoni, worked on jointly and supported by RIICA is due for Senate hearing on March 26th with the House version, H 5458, sponsored by Representative William San Bento is expected to be heard in the coming weeks. “ We need everyone’s help by calling their senators and representatives and asking them for their support of both bills”, Steve Gianlorenzo stressed. The UUC Bill is a “no-brainer” bill that needs to be passed now, especially during these tough economic times” Gianlorenzo said.

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TRUCKING DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 1 - IFTA Fuel Decals**
- March 31- Commercial & trailer plate registrations**
- March 31- Overweight Permits**
- May 31- Apportioned Plate Registrations**
- June 30- Trailer Inspections**
- July 31- Form 2290 Highway Tax**

RIICA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

We anticipate the delivery of the RIICA Directory sometime by May 1st!...If you want to be included in the book, PLEASE get your dues paid ASAP!.....If you want to advertise in the directory, contact the RIICA OFFICE Today!

The 2009 Neil Sullivan Memorial Scholarship Award applications will be available on the RIICA website in the next few weeks!

Should you have any questions, feel free to call the RIICA Office at 401-785-1830!

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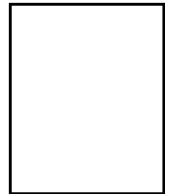
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SAFETY NEWS.... Why Take a Chance?

It only takes seconds to decide to break a safety rule, yet those seconds could change your life forever. If you think you are saving time or impressing your foreman, you're not. You are just setting yourself or somebody else up for an accident. If you think, on the basis of your knowledge or experience, that you can control the outcome, you can't. An accident, by definition, is an unplanned, unwanted event. If you're counting on luck, the odds are against you if you make a habit of deliberately putting yourself in danger. One day your luck will run out and you will suffer a serious injury or die. Take a moment to review your work habits and safety behavior.

Here's what you should focus on:

- **Thinking before acting**— Remember that the odds are against you when you habitually break safety rules.
- **Identifying the hazards**—Identify the existing or potential hazards, unsafe conditions and unsafe work practices associated with each step/operation of the job you're about to perform.
- * **Identifying safe practices**—Identify the relevant safety rules and procedures in order to eliminate or control those hazards.
- **Applying the safety rules and procedures**—Make every effort to become thoroughly familiar with your company's safety policies and procedures to the point where you instinctively recognize an unsafe act or situation and act in accordance with safe practices.

REMEMBER.....The reward for always working safely is that you get to go home to your loved ones uninjured at the end of the work day.

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