

# Roger Williams University and Acopia Harvest International Launch Hydroponics Educational Program

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PROVIDENCE and CENTRAL FALLS, R.I., Dec. 13, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Acopia Harvest International, member of Irving A. Backman & Associates, LLC and University College at Roger Williams University are partnering to create hydroponics education and training programs for students, military personnel, senior citizens, homemakers and career-chasers.

The new program provides opportunities for students to receive an education enabling them to join one of the fastest-growing industries worldwide. Programs begin in summer 2019.

Hydroponics, the art and science of growing plants in water, is an effective learning tool stimulating students of all ages by allowing them to engage in and explore all areas of STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and Manufacturing). Students develop transferable skills in water management, plumbing, electricity, agriculture, nutrition, sustainability, marketing, business management and economics.

According to Ameth Alzate, Acopia International Founder, "Hydroponics is a rapidly-developing industry providing year-round plant growth. Delivering fresh, locally grown produce at all times of the year is a key strategy for growing food in parts of the world with harsh environments and/or limited growing seasons."

Jamie E. Scurry, RWU's Vice President of University College said, "University College is pleased to partner with Acopia because hydroponics technology provides knowledge and training to pursue this proven method of cultivation."

### **About Acopia International**

Acopia Harvest International, based Central Falls, R.I., is part of a group of scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs dedicated to the preservation and continuance of our planet. Irving A. Backman, champion of sustainable technologies, provides vision and leadership.

### **About Roger Williams University**

With campuses on the coast of Bristol and in the heart of Providence, R.I., Roger Williams University is a forward-thinking private university committed to strengthening society through engaged teaching and learning. Roger Williams is leading the way in American higher education, confronting the most pressing issues facing students and families – increasing costs, rising debt and job readiness.

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