




The Honorary David E. Sweet Leadership Award



As described in [A Colorful Quilt: The Community Leadership Story](#), Rhode Island College's connection to LRI extends back to the design phase. David E. Sweet, then President of Rhode Island College, chaired the committee that developed LRI's first curriculum. "So inspiring was the good humored and quietly effective leadership style of David Sweet that since his death, an alumnus has been selected each year to receive an award in his name. He sought no personal credit or recognition for his work, and the reputation of that high ideal by community leaders is in many ways his legacy." (p. 51)

President Nazarian is proud of the College's long relationship with LRI, and has huge personal affection and esteem for President Sweet's memory. President Nazarian also understands and believes in the LRI mission, and shows this with his personal and institutional support of LRI's programs. This has created a win-win partnership between both organizations, fulfilling the vision of President Sweet almost 30 years ago.

This Honorary David E. Sweet Leadership Award is presented as a unique special recognition of President Nazarian's impact. His dedication to Rhode Island College, the Rhode Island community, and Leadership Rhode Island are best recognized this year in the spirit in which the David E. Sweet Award was instituted 23 years ago.