New England Institute of Technology Partners with the Rhode Island Cyber Foundations Competition

Warwick, RI – Seth Kurn, Executive Vice President at New England Institute of Technology, has announced that the college will be participating in the newly launched Rhode Island Cyber Foundations Competition introduced by U.S. Representative James R. Langevin. This competition has been designed to test the computer networking skills of high school students, while introducing them to the growing field of information technology. The program was developed to find hundreds of talented young people around Rhode Island that may later enter college or military programs where they can continue to develop their computer knowledge and skills and explore cyber security as a career.

New England Institute of Technology, the Rhode Island Department of Education, RI Science & Technology Advisory Council, and Tech Collective are partners in this initiative. The Rhode Island Cyber Foundations Competition will be run by the Center for Internet Security, a national non-profit organization responsible for identifying and developing potential talent for the cyber security workforce of the future.

Erin Flynn, New England Tech's Manager of Admissions Outreach and Events, has been named the Rhode Island Coordinator for this initiative. Students interested in computer courses or computer gaming are likely participants as well as individuals that like to dismantle objects to see how they work. Student registration is now open until February 18, 2011. Once registered, online tutorial programs will be available to students for an approximate two week period prior to each of the three competitions which are scheduled as follows: March 4, 2011-Networking; March 18, 2011-Operating Systems; April 8, 2011-System Administration. Full information is available through the SANS Institute website (https://www.sans.org/cyber-foundations/) or by contacting Erin Flynn at 401-739-5000 Ext. 3462 or eflynn@neit.edu.

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