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New England Institute of Technology Announces Faculty Appointments

East Greenwich, RI – Dr. Thomas F. Wylie, Senior Vice President and Provost, at New England Institute of Technology (NEIT), announced the following appointments.

Darlene Jones, DVM

Darlene Jones, DVM, of Wakefield, RI, has been appointed Associate Professor and Department Chair of New England Tech's new Associate in Science degree program in Veterinary Technology. Jones developed this program, which is the only one of its kind in Rhode Island that prepares students to sit for the national certification exam. Prior to joining NEIT, Jones practiced veterinary medicine in South County for several years before joining the faculty of the Department of Fisheries, Animal and Veterinary Science at the University of Rhode Island in 2006.

Jones received a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology from Louisiana State University (LSU) in Baton Rouge, and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. In 2010, Jones was honored with the URI College of the Environment and Life Sciences Teaching Excellence Award. She is an active member of the Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association, having served as a member of the Board of Directors from 2009-2011 and currently serves as Treasurer.

Amy Butzier, M.Ed., CVT, VTS (EVN)

Amy Butzier of Coventry, RI, has joined the faculty at New England Tech as an Associate Professor in the Veterinary Technology program. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Butzier is the faculty advisor for the NEIT student chapter of the National Association of Vet Techs in America (NAVTA). Butzier served as a faculty member at Mount Ida College

A graduate of the Mount Ida College Veterinary Technology program in Newton Centre, MA, Butzier completed both her Associate in Science degree and Bachelor of Science degree in Veterinary Technology. She also earned a Master of Science degree in Education from the American Intercontinental University.

Butzier was a recipient of the Veterinary Technology Excellence Award and was nominated as the Rhode Island Veterinary Technician of the Year in 2010. She was recognized as a Veterinary Technician Specialist in Equine Veterinary Nursing by the Academy of Equine Veterinary Nursing Technicians. Butzier received the Teaching Excellence Award by the Alpha Chi Honor Society and the Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award at Mount Ida College.

Butzier served as President of NAVTA in 2006 and was the national chairperson on veterinary technician specialties from 2007-2010. She has published many articles and has been a featured presenter at several national veterinary conferences.

Mary Brinson, OTD, OTR/L, FAOTA

Mary Brinson of Cranston, RI, has been appointed an Assistant Professor in the Occupational Therapy Department at New England Tech. She served as Director of the Occupational Therapy Department at Butler Hospital during which time the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) named the *Butler OT Fieldwork Program* as one of the top 25 model fieldwork programs in the country. Brinson served as President of the Rhode Island Occupational Therapy Association and was a member of the AOTA Commission on Practice. She was Chair of the Mental Health Service Delivery Guidelines Task Force for the AOTA Commission on Practice.

Brinson received a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy from Indiana University. She also holds a Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy and a Doctor of Occupational Therapy, both of which are from Boston University. Brinson was awarded the Fieldwork Education Award of Excellence by the New England Occupational Therapy Education Council and named to the Roster of Fellows by AOTA.

Under the leadership of President Richard I. Gouse, New England Institute of Technology is a private, non-profit technical college with an enrollment of more than 3,000 students. The college offers over 35 associate, bachelor and master's degree programs and is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. For more information on NEIT, please visit www.neit.edu or follow news of the college on Facebook, Twitter and You Tube.

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