Artists from Pixar Animation Studios Will Share Their Experience at NEIT

Back in April for an encore, Pixar artists Matthew Luhn and Andrew Gordon will share their creativity and insights at a two day workshop entitled, “Story and Animation Masterclass” at New England Institute of Technology.

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New England Tech Celebrates Its 75th Anniversary

For 75 years, New England Institute of Technology has prepared its graduates for a wide range of technical careers. Founded in 1940 by Ernest G. Earle as the New England Technical Institute, the present college began as a certificate-granting trade school. The school occupied three rented rooms on the sixth floor of an office building in downtown Providence with its first graduating class of 20 students completing a radio repair course.

Mr. Earle provided students with hands-on training leading to jobs that were a cut above traditional factory positions. When soldiers returned from World War II, the trade school had already invested in a lab offering courses in plastics, an infant industry that was about to boom. Later, electronics, appliance and small engine repair programs were added. By the late 1960s, baby-boomers entered the workforce by the millions. College repair programs were added. By the late 1960s, baby-boomers entered the workforce by the millions. College Tech launched its first associate degree program in Occupational Therapy.

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New England Institute of Technology
Digital Recording Arts
Grad Hits the Big Screen

Tommy DeNucci, a 2005 graduate of NEIT’s Bachelor of Science Degree program in Digital Recording Arts Technology, is now an internationally recognized writer, actor, director and producer. A native of Cranston, Rhode Island, Tommy, at the age of 30, has a wide genre of films to his credit. In May, 2014, Tommy and his crew shot the film, “Almost Mercy”, in just 18 days at 20 different locations in the State of Rhode Island. This is one of a five-picture deal Tommy has secured with Universal Studios. In September, 2014, Tommy was featured on the cover of “Imagine” magazine, the premier information source for film, television and media professionals in the industry. Tommy’s mentor and creative partner in film production, Chad Verdi, says, “Tommy’s single most interesting character trait that I genuinely admire is his willingness to always test others and make them better.” Tommy now shares his insights with Tech News readers.

New England Tech has redesigned its Associate of Science and Bachelor of Science Degree programs in Business Management Technology (MGT) to address the management needs of the 21st century. Staying true to NEIT’s core mission and strengths, the associate and bachelor degree programs emphasize hands-on lab experiences in technical, personnel, and decision making skills. While these programs incorporate the course content and learning outcomes typically found in other collegiate business management programs, NEIT students experience a dramatically different approach to learning as all management classes have balanced lab and classroom sessions.

Utilizing unique lab learning experiences, all courses in the MGT curriculum includes hands-on, applied lab experiences, in which students practice and develop skills, including leadership, accounting and finance, marketing, effective communication, human resource processes, and team and project management. Students must demonstrate each skill at the end of the quarter while it is being taught for students to describe how to be an effective leader, it is more important to demonstrate that they can lead effectively. These labs allow students world-of-work experience as they practice how they will perform in the workplace.

One emphasis is the technology used in today’s workplace such as Microsoft Office Suite and other business software, in the labs students also practice and develop skills that include effective teamwork and team leadership, decision making, values and ethical issues, negotiation, and interpersonal skills as well as decision making techniques where students develop analytical skills through a variety of lab assignments in which they analyze and respond to workplace scenarios.

In the associate degree course, “Effective Teams and Project Management”, students simultaneously work on face-to-face and virtual teams, practicing team and related interpersonal skills. In the bachelor’s level “21st Century Leadership” course, students lead a team of peers in several different scenarios that include brainstorming and role playing, solving technical problems, and providing excellent service. Similarly, in the bachelor’s “Human Resource Management” course, students are exposed to their effective interviewing skills at the end of their quarter.

A blend of face-to-face and online learning assignments and modules is used to mimic today’s workplace. Akey learning goal of both management programs is to prepare graduates to proactively adapt to new technology. Sev- eral learning experiences require students to explore new mobile applications and software and, in some cases, teach what they’ve learned to their peers. Students also demonstrate their knowledge and skills in two capstone-like labs in both degree programs.

Another key difference in NEIT’s business management programs is the small class size. In addition, the associate degree program is designed to be completed in as little as 18 months, and the bachelor’s degree in as little as three years. Electives are used to develop deeper expertise and skills in a specific area and/or to prepare students for chosen certifications, such as Project or Contract Management. For more information on NEIT’s Business Management Technology programs, please contact the Admissions Office at 800-736-7744, 401-467-7744, or email NEITAdmissions@neit.edu. You may also visit www.neit.edu.

Business Management Programs Offer Hands-on Learning

Dr. David H. Joseph has joined New England Tech as an Assistant Provost and Director of Nursing bringing extensive experience in the areas of nursing education and nursing administration. For more than 35 years, Dr. Joseph was employed at the University of Rhode Island first serving as an instructor and later holding positions as Associate Professor, Assistant Dean, Associate Professor, Interim Dean, Dean and most recently as a Professor. She holds a Doctor of Education Degree in Humanistic Education from Boston University; a Master of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of Rhode Island; a Master of Education Degree in Counseling and a Bachelor of Science Degree in School/Nurse Education both from Rhode Island College; and a nursing diploma from Rhode Island Hospital Nursing School. Dr. Joseph has authored three books and more than twenty articles, presented her work at several nursing conferences, and conducted extensive diabetes research. She has received numerous awards and honors for her research and outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the nursing field.

NEIT offers an Associate in Science Degree program in Nursing as well as a fully on-line RN to BSN program designed for registered nurses to earn a Bachelor of Science degree. For more information, call the Admissions Office at 401-467-7744, 800-736-7744 or visit www.neit.edu.

Call NEIT’s Quality Service Statement
Quality Service for students, employees and customers at New England Institute of Technology is a recognizable hallmark of educational employees working as a team to maintain and deliver more assistance and information than expected, in a caring and professional manner, in order to empower the students to achieve their goals.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events

TECH NITE OPEN HOUSES
- Tuesday, April 14, 2015
- Tuesday, June 2, 2015
- Tuesday, August 4, 2015
- Tuesday, November 3, 2015
All Tech Nites begin at the East Greenwich campus and run from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

TECH NITE CAREER EXPO ’15
Thursday, March 5, 2015
9:30 am to 12:30 pm
East Greenwich campus

TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS DAY
Tuesday, March 10, 2015
9:30 am to 12:00 noon
Access Road campus

COMMENCEMENT 2015
Sunday, May 3, 2015
11:00 am
RI Convention Center, Providence, RI

Calling all artists! Students! Faculty! Staff!
Please submit your Fine and Applied Art to the Library before March 21st
Submission forms are available in the Library and at the Library website
For more information call or e-mail:
Sue Wathman: 401-728-5000, ext. 3553, swathman@neit.edu
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Everyone is an artist
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The Champlin Foundations has awarded a grant to New England Institute of Technology (NEIT) for its higher education and MIS and IS degree programs. The grant allows NEIT to train 80 long-term unemployed Rhode Islanders in welding. The funding for this program is provided through a United States Department of Labor National Emergency Grant (NEG). NEIT was awarded $640,000 to train 80 individuals over a two-year period. The program will consist of 12 weeks of math remediation and work readiness activities plus 20 hours of occupational skills training in the SAMI welding lab each week. Since the current SAMI program, which has already prepared more than 75 individuals for careers in the welding industry, is utilizing the SAMI welding lab at NEIT’s Post Road campus for its daytime program, this new phase of training will be offered in the afternoon/evening. The math remediation and work readiness activities will take place from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily in a classroom setting and work readiness activities will be held in the SAMI welding lab from 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. daily. The training cycle is 12 weeks with 10 participants per cycle. SAMI staff will work with the R.I. Department of Labor and Training on the referral process for interested applicants and will also provide the necessary evaluation activities including diagnostic testing and hands-on evaluation prior to individuals entering the program. This new welding program is scheduled to begin in March, 2015. For more information, contact the SAMI office at 401-739-5000, ext. 3700 or visit www.SAMIRI.org.

On October 22nd, New England Tech kicked off its 14th Employee Campaign, the first event commemorating the college’s 75th Anniversary. NEIT President Richard Gouge addressed faculty and staff sharing his vision for the future of the college. He explained how the college has reached a pivotal point in its evolution from its early beginnings in 1940 with the construction of its first 400-bed residence hall on the East Greenwich campus.

In honor of New England Tech’s 75th Anniversary, a goal was set to achieve 75% employee participation in the Campaign. It was truly an aggressive goal. However, with the passion, persistence, and excitement of the Campaign Captains and the genuineness of faculty and staff, the 75% participation goal was achieved! The Campaign raised nearly $39,000 to support scholarships, the Building Fund, and a variety of specific technology programs.

In the words of Henry Ford, “Doing together is a beginning, keeping together is progress; working together is success.” Recognition must go to those individuals responsible for making the Campaign such a great success, the Campaign Team Captains: Cheryl Brooker, Sherry Dukay, Tim Culhane, Kathy Daliva, Melissa Hague, Anna Kelly, Bob Kennedy, Cheryl Macdonald, Mike Markarian, Aria Mattieff, Bill Menard, Rebecca Rossaud, Gerald Stiles, Susan Warthman, and Pam Wilkinson. They came together as Campaign Captains, stayed together, and worked together to achieve success.

SAMI Receives Additional Funding

THE CHAMPLIN FOUNDATIONS Award

The Champlin Foundations has awarded the New England Institute of Technology a grant for approximately $155,000 to purchase laboratory equipment for NEIT’s Medical Laboratory Technology and Electrical Engineering Technology programs. Established in 1932, the Champlin Foundations has distributed almost 500 million dollars in grants to various non-profits, most in Rhode Island, focusing on hands-on equipment and facilities. The Champlin Foundations has awarded New England Tech with 18 grants over the past 14 years.

“This grant will allow New England Tech to further enhance our high-tech laboratories giving students the opportunity to learn the technical skills required in their field of study utilizing cutting edge equipment,” stated Douglas H. Sherman, Senior Vice President and Provost. “We are very grateful to The Champlin Foundations for its continued generosity in supporting our mission of providing students with a quality hands-on technical collegiate education.”

New Chief Information Officer at NEIT

Jacques N. Lafamme has been appointed Chief Information Officer at New England Tech bringing 25 years of MIS experience in higher education and business. Prior to joining NEIT, Lafamme served as Director of Network Services at Harvard University. His business experience includes positions with Thompson Financial, State Street Corporation, and Fidelity Investments, all located in Boston, MA.

Lafamme has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Operations Technology/MIS and an Associate in Science Degree in Telecommunications from Northeastern University in Boston, MA. He has participated in the Harvard Business School Executive Education Program and has earned several IT certifications.

BMW to Train NEIT Automotive Grads

Four Impressive Automotive Technology students have earned a coveted spot in the BMW Metro Service Technician Education Program known as the STEP BMW Program, in partnership with the National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters (NABOB), identifies highly motivated individuals who show a desire to become BMW Service Technicians to provide BMW drivers the level of service excellence they have come to expect.

Congratulations to Brendan Hadfield, a June 2014 graduate of New England Tech’s Advanced Automotive Technology program in New Jersey where they will be paired with a local BMW dealer to receive mentor-on-the-job training. Upon successful completion of the program, these individuals will work full-time at the BMW Center, making a professional living as a BMW service technician, body and paint specialists, service advisors, and service managers.

New England Tech offers a wide range of automotive-related Associate in Science and Bachelor of Science degree programs that include: Automotive Technology, Advanced Automotive Technology, Automotive Technology with Heavy Duty, Automotive Collision Repair Technology as well as a bachelor’s degree program in Automotive Service Management. Each program incorporates the latest industry service and repair standards, utilizes many of the same tools and diagnostic equipment used in the current programs, adheres to the curriculum standards established by the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). For more information on any of NEIT’s programs, contact the Admissions Office at 401-467-7744, 800-736-7744, or visit www.neit.edu. Details regarding the BMW training program, may be found at www.bmwstep.com.

From left: Instructors Steve Russo, Jennifer Hurley, and Annie Unger; Students Steven Gagne, Sarah Berthiaume, Alexandrea Pimentel, Vishnu Hararuni, Gregory Pickering; Department Chair Dean Ploumen.

The term “Yellow Belt” has taken on a new meaning from the world of karate at New England Tech. On January 21, 2015, 13 Mechanical Engineering Technology students earned the Six Sigma DMAIC (Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve and Control) Yellow Belt certification. The certification from Industry 4.0’s Automation and Process Control classes, these outstanding students learned the quality control skills and methodology necessary to prepare them for process excellence.

Six Sigma certification is a confirmation of an individual’s capabilities with respect to specific quality control competencies. Similar to other quality certifications, Six Sigma students must learn the appropriate subject matter, pass a written proficiency test, and display competency in a hands-on environment. There are several different bodies of knowledge and preparation time for each Six Sigma level (White Belt, Yellow Belt, Green Belt, Black Belt, and Master Black Belt).

Utilization of Six Sigma implementation leads to reduced costs, increased revenues, improved process speed and higher quality levels. Students learn to solve problems methodically and thoroughly, evaluate a measurement system, and close significant projects. Emphasis is placed on the process steps required to ensure successful completion of challenging projects and deliver bottom-line results.

Special thanks to Sensata Technologies of Attleboro, Massachusetts, for providing technical expertise to NEIT to incorporate Six Sigma DMAIC certification into its Mechanical Engineering Technology curriculum. This certification is recognized by today’s engineering and automation industries giving NEIT graduates a competitive edge when seeking employment.

Financial Planning for Alumni

DOES JUST HEARING the words, "financial planning," cause you to suffer major anxiety? For many it does. Whether you are planning for retirement or just want to manage your finances better, as you get closer to moving out on your own, you’ll need to have a solid grasp on your financial plan. This spring, Pioneer Financial Group will conduct a seminar called "Planning for Retirement," to help you plan for the future. New England Tech prepared you well for your future career. Now let the New England Tech Alumni Association help you prepare for the rest of your life, starting with a critical element your parents may not have taught you: knowing your options and choices regarding your paycheck and employee benefits! Have you set goals for your income? Are you aware of the key elements of money management and financial planning techniques? Are you prepared for upcoming life events? Get started on the path to financial success by taking the Financial Basics seminar sponsored by the NEIT Alumni Association. Discuss the key elements of money management and preparing for your future in a free, fast-paced course designed for recent graduates to move forward smartly. Financial Basics will be held on June 9, 2015, at New England Tech’s East Greenwich Campus from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Are you ready for retirement? Do you have the financial tools you’ll need to do it comfortably throughout retirement? Passport to Retirement will show you how to define and create your retirement, assess the costs, evaluate the sources of income you can invest to fund your retirement, protect your health and wealth, receive funds from retirement plans, and manage your estate during retirement. Retirement should be a stress-free and enjoyable life. Be prepared by attending one of the two available programs, each offering information focused on your specific retirement stage. Get answers to the questions you are afraid to ask. The program fee for both programs is $59. Passport to Retirement will be held on May 7 and May 14, 2015 at 6:30 pm at New England Tech’s East Greenwich Campus from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. To register, contact Joan Segerson, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, at 401-739-5000 ext. 3734 or e-mail at jsegerson@neit.edu.
The 9th Season of the Rhode Island FIRST® Tech Challenge was held on Saturday, January 31, 2015, at New England Tech’s Center for Automotive Technology in Warwick, RI. Three “qualification competitions” were conducted this year for the first time due to the large number of teams. Forty-eight registered middle and high school teams vied for a coveted spot in the state challenge conducted on the 31st. The three winning teams from the January 31st competition will soon travel to Scranton, Pennsylvania for the Eastern Super Regional competition scheduled for March. All regional winners will later compete at the FIRST® World Championship in St. Louis, Missouri, April 2015.

Congratulations to the top three teams advancing to the Super Regionals: Aquidneck Island Robotics, Burrillville High School, and Mt. Hope High School. Special recognition also goes to Warwick Veterans High School, The Fellowship (Foster, RI), and a second team for Mt. Hope High School.

A variety of awards were also presented to the competitors based on criteria utilized throughout the process of building their custom designed robots. Congratulations to Aquidneck Island Robotics, winners of the Inspire Award; Warwick Veterans Memorial High School, winners of the Think Award; North Kingstown High School, winners of the Connect Award; Burrillville High School, winners of the Rockwell Collins Innovate Award; North Providence High School, winners of the PTC Design Award; and The Fellowship, winners of the Motivate Award. For more information on the FIRST® Tech Challenge or programs at New England Tech, contact Erin Flynn at erin.flynn@net.edu or 401-739-5000.

Helping Those in Need

The 5th Annual Feinstein Enriching America Awards ceremony was held on November 19, 2014, at NEIT’s East Greenwich campus. Among the award recipients from the Foundation, was on hand to congratulate several outstanding individuals for their service to the community. Awards were presented to two associate degree candidates and two bachelor degree candidates along with a faculty member.

Congratulations to the following individuals for sharing their time and talent with so many worthy organizations: Dr. David Cramner, Professor and Assistant Department Chair for Humanities and Social Sciences; Sherika Parfit and Matthew Speidel, Information Technology, Bachelor of Science students; Keith Doherty, Physical Therapy Assistant Technology, Associate in Science student; and Aaron White, Veterinary Technology, Associate in Science student.

In addition, faculty, staff, and students from the Automotive Technology program were recognized for their contributions to a new on-campus initiative established with Rhode Island Special Olympics. The automotive students were “coaches” as they taught groups of Special Olympics basic automotive skills during a six-week program with sessions running two hours each. This innovative program was developed by Mike Isabella, Automotive Technology Assistant Professor. Special thanks go to faculty and staff: Donald Champion, Edwin Egge, Herbert Gowdy, Michael Isabella, Derek Martel, Norman Messinger, Daniel Perry, and Dr. Robin Schutt.

The students who participated were: Zachary Casper, Daniel Chapmagne, Jake Gelack, Michael Hogan, Tom Rawlinson, Derek Silva, Wayne Turley, and Joseph Zingg.
Vet Tech Club students visited the Mystic Aquarium in Connecticut and were given a behind-the-scenes tour. The staff are encouraged to play!

This club offers students the opportunity to interact in areas of music and promote musical growth through peer-to-peer mentoring. Any students interested in joining should attend the sessions listed below or contact the club's advisor Nancy Star, mstar@neit.edu. Open to all NEIT students, no skills are required, and extra instruments available.

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