

SAVE THE DATE



Michael Fine, MD, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health since July 2011, will be on campus Thursday, February 27 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to speak about his books. Dr. Fine is the coauthor, with James W. Peters, of *The Nature of Health* (Radcliffe, 2007), a study of healthcare services, human rights, society, technology, and industry. He is also the author of *The Zero Calorie Diet* (Red House Press, 2010), which takes a look at the culture of excess through the lens of fasting.

Dr. Fine will speak in the Media Presentation Theater at the East Greenwich campus. This event is open to all NEIT faculty, staff and students as well as the public.

For more information, contact Susan Warthman, Director of the Library and Information Commons, at swarthman@neit.edu.

New Alpha Chi Honor Society Inductees



The Third Annual Induction Ceremony of the college's Rhode Island Gamma Chapter of the Alpha Chi Honor Society was held on Thursday, December 12, 2013. This prestigious honor society was established at New England Tech in April, 2012. Eligible students include the top 10% of baccalaureate and graduate students in all academic disciplines.

The procession of inductees was led by Dr. Robin Schutt, Faculty Advisor, with Douglas Sherman, Senior Vice President and Provost, welcoming the students and guests. The induction ceremony was presented by Dr. Schutt along with Karen Arnold Schultz, Assistant Provost.

Alpha Chi Honor Society was founded in 1922 when representatives from five Texas colleges and universities met to organize a society to honor high academic achievement among students. By 1926 the organization had spread to adjacent states, and in 1934 adopted the name Alpha Chi and expanded into a national honor society. With more than 300,000 members and 300 chapters located in 45 states and Puerto Rico, the Alpha Chi Honor Society inducts approximately 11,000 new members each year.

Congratulations to the following Alpha Chi Honor Society Inductees:

Brendan Almeida	CYBT	Martha Liebler	MSOT
Rafael Arroyo	ITBS	Joseph Lombardi	ITB
Darren Bathgate	MSIT	Christina Martinelli	MGTB
Ryan Bishop	GDSB	Patrick McCafferty	ELTB
Ryan Beaulieu	ITB	Michael Medeiros	ITBS
Thomas Brindamour	ITBN	Saffiyah Nelson	MGTB
Kevin Brizida	ITBS	Andrew Niedfeldt	ELTB
Carols Campos	ITB	Ryan O'Connell	MGTB
Andy Cole	ABTB	Stephen Petrarca	ELTB
Christopher Consiglio	CMTB	Thomas Prenda	ELT
Laura Crowley	ABTB	Joeie Roberts	ASM
Deshawn Donovan	ITBN	Kristen Rohde	ITBN
Alena Duffy	MSOT	Hugh Salami-Kohan	ABT
Kimberly Ferguson	GDSB	Tiffany Samuels	ITBN
David Fonseca	ITB	Jonathon Stadler	MSOT
Byron Geoffrey	CYBT	Christopher Sylvester	MSIT
Chad Gladue	MSIT	Anthony Tassinari	CMTB
Seth Golbitz	ABTB	Gilson Timas	ITB
Erin Griffin	ITBN	Darrell Wengler	ASMB
Jennifer Hall	MSOT	William White	ITBS
Jonathon Lenzi	ABTB	Stephen Wilkicki	ITBS
Jessica LeVasseur	CJB	Brian Young	MCTB

Scholarships Abound

On Friday, December 6, 2013, 65 outstanding NEIT students were awarded scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$3000 in recognition of their academic achievements. These scholarships were provided by the NEIT Alumni Association as well as in memory of a friend, staff member, or faculty member. Various trade organizations also generously supported our students in their educational pursuits. Congratulations to the following students:



NEIT Alumni Scholarship

Kayade Adebayo	IT
Tami Brothers	NUR
Deborah Castelli	ST
Colleen Johnson	HIM
Jessica Lapre	IT
Kristie Leftridge	OT
Tracy Letourneau	OT
Wendy Osorio	ST
Kerry Potenza	NUR
Holly Santiago	NUR
Lisa Wotring	PTA

Bridgestone/Firestone Scholarship

Alden Falcone	AUB
Kyle Kus	AUB
Hanesh Nandwani	AAUT
Rupertico Sevenino Salas	AAHP
Jenna Thibodeau	AUB

Compass Group Scholarship

Jennifer Arraial	NUR
Carolyn Cruz	CJB
Penelope Donahue	PTA
Robin-Ann Houle	HIM
Robert Icaza	OTA
Kelly LaFontaine	PTA

Matthew J. Fandetti Memorial Scholarship

Franklin Barbeau	RACH
Andrew Nitschke	PLBH
Dylan Rayhill	RACH

Mustang Car Club of New England Scholarship

Christopher Macari	AAHP
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Gerard R. Pincince Memorial Scholarship

Richard Tapalian	ITS
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Regan Heating and Air Conditioning Scholarship

Ronald Robin	RACH
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Rossi Electric Scholarship

Stephen Koester	ELY
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RI Builders Association/DAGATA Scholarship

Christopher Bonneville	BCD
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RI Radio Hall of Fame Scholarship

Alexander Kohler	DRA
Francisco Marquez	DRA

RI Veterinary Medical Association

Lynne Asselin	VET
Meghan McClain	VET
Beharik Minassian	VET

Dr. Curt Schilling Scholarship

Ruben Alonzo	GDSA
Kelsey Emmett	VGDB
Chelsey Johnson	VGDB
Christopher Bray	GDSA

TACO/The White Family Foundation Scholarship

Mark Bardol	ELTB
Edmund Jacinto	ELTB
Patrick McCafferty	ELTB
Stephen Petrarca	ELTB
Thomas Prenda	ELTB
Benjamin Sias	ELTB

William R. Talladay Memorial Scholarship

Sidney Seigel	IT
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Textron Diversity Scholarship

Sara Boettner	PTA
Andy Cole	ABTB
Sarah DeStefano	OTA
Sebastian Lara	ITA
Melissa Raposa	NUR

WW Grainger, Inc. HVAC Scholarship

Danilo Alves	RACH
Andy Chea	PLBH
Maurice Jones	PLBH
Scott May	PLBH
James Paiva	RACH
Dario Smith	RACH

Geoffrey Thorp Memorial Scholarship

Mark Wieland	BCC
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Sam Holtzman Memorial Scholarship

Brett Carrano	MCTB
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Patricia Silvestre-DaSilva Memorial Scholarship

Christopher Collins	ITA
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NEIT Employee Scholarship

Lori Foster	RC
David Lindstrom	MT

East Greenwich Rotary Scholarship

Lacie Williams-Hill	NUR
Casey Cartwright	MT
Antonio Adderley	MT

Faculty and Staff Update

Melissa Fricot, CST Certified Surgical Technologist Laboratory Assistant

Melissa, a graduate of NEIT's Surgical Technology program, has been hired as a full-time Laboratory Assistant in this department. She has worked as a Surgical Technologist in Labor and Delivery at the Newton-Wellesley Hospital as a member of the surgical team responsible for providing intra-operative care to obstetrical surgical patients. Melissa has had fieldwork experience at Rhode Island Hospital in the main operating room, the Hasbro Children's Hospital, and the Ambulatory Surgical Center. She also taught a Clinical Skill course at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, instructing medical students on correct procedures for sterile gowning and gloving prior to entering an operating room.



Melissa has an Associate in Science degree in Surgical Technology from NEIT and an Associate in Arts degree in General Studies from the Community College of Rhode Island.

Donald P. O'Keefe, Associate Professor Mechanical Engineering Technology

Donald comes to New England Tech with a wealth of teaching, research and industrial experience. Most recently, he was an Assistant Professor in the Architecture and Construction Management Department at Farmingdale State College (NY), where he developed the Advanced Project Management and Planning course, taught core courses and enhanced additional courses in the program by integrating project management and energy analysis applications into instruction. He has also developed courses and taught mechanical engineering at the New York Institute of Technology and Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology (East Elmhurst, NY).

For several summers, Donald did research in the NASA Summer Faculty Research Opportunity program, Sikorsky Product Integrity Project, and the Industrial Associates Program at the Northrop Grumman Corporation. He has published many papers and has presented on the research done in these programs. In addition to his teaching, research, and publication experience, he has also held such positions in the industry as a CAD operator, chief drafter/draftsperson/estimator, drafter/draftsperson, AutoCAD drafter/draftsperson, space planner/drafter/draftsperson, and land surveyor.

Donald holds a Master of Science degree in Construction Management and a Master of Science degree in Facilities Management from the Pratt Institute (Brooklyn, NY) and a Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural Technology from the New York Institute of Technology. He is currently a PhD candidate at the Stevens Institute of Technology, Charles V. Schaefer, Jr. School of Engineering at Castle Point on Hudson in Hoboken, NJ. He is a member of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE), American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), CATIA Operators Exchange (COE), Fiatech, International Facility Management Association (IFMA), National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS), Facility Maintenance and Operations Committee (FMOC), the National Council of Governments on Building Codes and Standards, and the Society of Building Science Educators (SBSE).

Arts Award



Sharon Charette, Assistant to the Provost, has been a supporter of the arts through a variety of organizations over the past 30 years. On November 21, 2013, at the annual board meeting of the Northern Rhode Island Council of the Arts (NRICA), Sharon was presented with an award in appreciation of her dedication to the arts community. In addition to being NRICA's webmaster, Sharon volunteers for the annual Mardi Gras as program designer and site coordinator, serves as program designer for the Mardi Gras Queen's Coronation, and works at the French Heritage Festival in the food service area. For many years, Sharon has served as a webmaster for several performers and non-profit organizations and

has designed costumes for The Players at Barker Playhouse and Kaleidoscope Children's Theatre.

For the past 13 years, Sharon has been the resident costume and puppet designer for Theatre Works. Since 2005, this work has led to frequent presentations on costume and puppet design for Elaine Hargraves' "AR-204 Introduction to Theatre" course. Congratulations to Sharon for her dedication to the arts community.

College News

A Visit to the 9/11 Memorial



On Friday, November 1, 2013, thirty-two Criminal Justice Technology students and graduates, as well as four faculty members, traveled to New York City to visit the 9/11 Memorial at the World Trade Center. The trip was organized by Assistant Professor Robin Winslow who arranged for a guided tour by Lt. Quentin Demarco, a Port Authority Police Officer, who was on duty the day of the tragedy. He gave a first-hand account of the combined efforts of the Port Authority, NYPD, and NYFD (and many other agencies) to protect and rescue citizens and maintain order in the midst of chaos. It was evident in his presentation that the memories of that tragic day are still fresh and painful for him.

The Memorial Plaza features the two waterfalls and reflecting pools that indicate the footprint of the original buildings. Bronze panels surrounding the memorial pools include the nearly 3,000 names of those individuals who lost their lives on that day in New York, those on the four aircraft used in the attacks, individuals at the Pentagon, as well as the

victims of the initial attack in 1993. Currently, the space is fenced in with controlled access; when the Memorial Museum opens in the spring, the entire plaza will have unrestricted access.

After the visit to the Memorial, half of the group visited the New York City Police Museum while the others rode the Staten Island Ferry. The Museum includes exhibits that depict the history of the NYPD with artifacts and multi-media accounts of the challenges that face such a large force. Permanent exhibits include 9/11 Remembered, Policing a Changed City, and the Hall of Heroes, an exhibit that memorializes all of the officers who have given their lives in the line of duty. The Staten Island Ferry tour gave students the opportunity to view Manhattan from the Hudson River and learn about an evacuation of the area by water.

Special thanks to faculty members Robin Winslow, Jon Chirnside, Michael Gates, and Peter Souza for giving these students the opportunity to witness an unforgettable part of history.

FIRST Tech Challenge is Off and Running



New this year to the 35 Rhode Island high school teams and the first-ever middle school team competing in the FIRST Tech Challenge is the introduction of qualifying rounds. Because of the large number of teams nationwide, qualifying rounds as well as new Super Regional competitions are being implemented by the FIRST organization. Qualifying rounds give students the opportunity to better prepare for the final competition since they can see in advance how their robot stacks up to the competition. Teams can make any needed adjustments to their robots while sharpening those skills needed to make their robot perform according to the game rules. It also gives the referees the opportunity to see how the game is played in advance of the final competition.

The 36 Rhode Island teams have been divided into three groups for the qualifying rounds. The first round was held on December 7th at the East Greenwich campus with the final two rounds scheduled for January 4th and January 18th. Every team must participate in a qualifying match in order to compete in the February 8, 2014, final competition which will be held at NEIT's Center for Automotive Technology from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Those teams who win the competition to be held on February 8th will then compete in the Northeast Super Regional competition in York, Pennsylvania, in April. Any Rhode Island team that wins in the regional competition will advance to the FIRST World Championship in St. Louis, Missouri later that month.

Erin Flynn, NEIT's Manager of Outreach and Events and the FIRST Tech Challenge State Coordinator stated, "We are using this year's competition as a transitioning year to introduce the students to the concept of qualifying rounds. No teams will be eliminated for the 2014 competition, but it is a conditioning year for them. FIRST is raising the bar so we are working with our Rhode Island teams to get them ready for some serious competition."

Anyone interested in volunteering for the qualifying rounds or final competition may contact Erin Flynn at ext. 3462 or eflynn@neit.edu.

New International Articulation Agreements

New England Tech has recently signed its first articulation agreement with the University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI). This agreement will admit graduating associate degree level engineering students from UCCI into NEIT's Bachelor of Science degree program in Mechanical Engineering Technology.

The Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute (BTVI) and New England Tech have also signed two new articulation agreements--one in Information Technology Cyber Security and the other in Information Technology Network Engineering. These agreements facilitate BTVI's students' matriculation from the Information Technology Management Associate in Science degree program into these two Bachelor of Science degree technologies.

New England Tech's long standing association with UCCI and BTVI has given many students from the Cayman Islands and the Bahamas the opportunity to continue their technical education at NEIT.

NEIT is Recognized by the R.I. Hospitality Association

For the past 24 years, the RI Hospitality Association and the RI Hospitality Education Foundation have presented the "Stars of the Industry" awards. Individuals and organizations that have showed the true meaning of partnership in helping the foundation achieve its mission to develop, support, and promote career growth opportunities within the hospitality industry to benefit students, organizations, and the economy, are recognized at an annual meeting and awards dinner.

Through the efforts of Steve Kitchin, Vice President for Corporate Education and Training at NEIT, the college has offered classroom space for the foundation to host hospitality industry certification training for incumbent workers and industry trends seminars for local business owners and managers throughout the year. Because NEIT was always ready to offer meeting space for hospitality training classes or seminars, the college was recognized as the "Education Partnership of the Year". Thanks to Steve for his continuous efforts in uniting education and industry.



From left to right are: Dale J. Venturini, President/CEO of the RI Hospitality Association and the RI Hospitality Education Foundation; Bob Bacon, owner of Gregg's Restaurants & Pubs and 2014 Chairman of the RI Hospitality Association; Seth Kurn, NEIT's Executive Vice President; and David DePetrillo, Chairman of the RI Hospitality Education Foundation.

Mark Your Calendar

Coffee Hour



The Career Services offices will be hosting a Coffee Hour on **Thursday, January 9, 2014**, from **8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** in the AC Building, Student Lounge, Access Road campus. Students are encouraged to stop by to meet their Career Services Advisor.

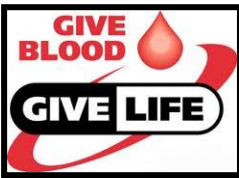
Transportation Technologies Career Fair

Thursday, January 23, 2014 (week 3)
10 am – 12 noon, AC building, Access Rd. Campus

Students from all quarters are invited to meet with local and regional employers to discuss full and part-time job opportunities. Employers from the Automotive, Collision Repair, Service Management and Marine industries will be on hand to talk with students and graduates about potential opportunities.



Blood Drive Coming Soon



The Rhode Island Blood Bank will hold a blood drive on Tuesday, January 28, 2014. Please remember to donate. One pint of blood saves three lives!

Access Road Campus: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. The Bloodmobile will be located in the automotive parking lot.

East Greenwich Campus: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm in the Food Court.

UPCOMING TECH NITES

Tuesday, February 4, 2014

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Tuesday, June 3, 2014

