

Scholarship Update



On Friday, December 5th, 45 outstanding New England Tech students were honored at the 2014 Scholarship Awards presentation held at the East Greenwich campus. Scholarships, ranging from \$500 to \$1500, were provided to students for their academic achievements by numerous benefactors including the NEIT Alumni Association, several trade organizations as well as through memorial scholarships in honor of a friend, staff member, or faculty member of New England Tech. Congratulations to the following students:

NEIT Alumni Scholarship

Lauren Anderson	MSOT
Peter Butler	MSOT
Kyle Daun	CYBT
Adina Downing	VPM
Julie Hill	MSOT
Tracy King	MSOT
Hollie Palacio	HIM

Bob Dupuis Scholarship

Saskiah Vargas-Walton	MCTB
Arthur Mallon	MCTB

Bridgestone/Firestone Scholarship

Sunny Mistry	AAUT
Savannah Monteiro	ASM
Mychael Hart	AUT

Compass Group/Chartwells Scholarship

Nicole Cioffi	CJB
John-Michael Diosa	ITBS
Stanley Leo	DRA
Dawn Lorenz	ST
Christian Molina	ITBS
Wendy Osario	ST

East Greenwich Rotary Scholarship

Sherika Parfitt	ITBS
Tiffany Samuels	MSIT

Matthew J. Fandetti Memorial Scholarship

Daphne Kim Rodriguez	RC
Robert Smith	HIM
David Lindstrom	MT
Blake Pierce	BCC

Dr. Marcia R. Gilman Nursing Scholarship

Ernestine Vaill-Laroque NUR

Regan Heating and Air Conditioning Scholarship

Joshua Loper RACH

Dr. William H. Rizzini Interior Design Scholarship

Lindsey Leigh Maiuri IDA

Rossi Electric Scholarship

John DiVerdi ELYRE

RI Veterinary Medical Association Scholarship

Kristina DellaPosta VET

Dr. Curt Schilling Scholarship

Joshua Parker VDGA

Andrew Laychak VDEB

Joanna Donofrio GMW

Steven Seminara Scholarship

Sean Foster MCTB

Patricia Silvestre-DaSilva Memorial Scholarship

Sidney Siegel ITA

Dr. Robert Shapiro Nursing Scholarship

Heather Pion NUR

William R. Talladay Memorial Scholarship

Joshua Keyes ITB

Textron Diversity Scholarship

Sarah Boettner PTA

Laurel Cost CMA

Zbingniew Dawkins MSIT

Tara Falck MSOT

WW Grainger, Inc. HVAC Scholarship

Jeffrey Lenihan RACH

Daniel Acton RACH

John Pommenville Jr. RACH

Ryan Ortega PLBH

Shou Li Li RACH

Student Nurses Reach Out to the Military

The Student Nurses' Association at New England Tech is grateful to all who participated in the Hero Helpers of America holiday card project. Hero Helpers of America, Inc. is a non-profit organization that sponsored "**Mission: Holiday Cards**". Their goal is to send 50,000 holiday cards to U.S. troops overseas.

In total, the Student Nurses' Association collected 1700 cards signed by NEIT faculty, staff and students. A job well done to all who participated in this most worthy program.



Gearing Up for the FIRST® Tech Challenge

The 9th season of the Rhode Island FIRST® Tech Challenge hosted by NEIT is well underway. The upcoming state robotics competition is scheduled for Saturday, January 31, 2015, at the college's Center for Automotive Technology at the Access Road campus. New to this year's event are "qualifier competitions" where 45 registered middle and high school teams will try to win one of 33 coveted spots at the upcoming state tournament. Three winning teams from the state competition will travel to Pennsylvania for a chance to go to the FIRST World Championship in St. Louis in April, 2015.

Qualifier competitions were held on November 22nd and December 6th, with the final qualifier scheduled for January 3, 2015, at NEIT's East Greenwich campus. Congratulations to the following teams that will advance to the final competition:



November 22nd Tournament: Burrillville High School, Aquidneck Island Robotics-AIR, North Providence High School Tech Club, Warwick Veterans Memorial High School, Providence Career and Technical Academy, Exeter West Greenwich High School, Shea High School, Rocky Hill School, The College Crusade of RI, The Wheeler School, and East Greenwich High School.

December 6th Tournament: Bishop Hendricken High School, Coventry High School, Mt. Hope High School, Pilgrim High School, Samuel Slater Jr. High School, Troop 1 Arnold Mills and Woonsocket High School TSA Club. The following schools each had two winning teams: Cranston High School East, Mt. Hope High School, North Kingstown High School, and Scituate High School.

Teams were also recognized by the judges for a variety of FIRST® tournament awards that included the Motivate Award, Connect Award, Innovate Award, PTC Design Award, Think Award and the Inspire Award.

Erin Flynn, NEIT's Manager of Admissions Outreach and Events, is looking for interested faculty, staff, alumni, and students to volunteer at this high energy robotics competition on January 31. She may be reached at ext. 3462 or eflynn@neit.edu.

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Vet Tech Students Learn About Dentistry

On Thursday, December 4, 2014, Quarter 5 Veterinary Technology students attended the 2014 Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association Scientific Seminar at the Hyatt Regency in Newport, Rhode Island. These students participated in an all day Veterinary Technician program in dentistry which included dental charting for veterinary patients, intraoral radiography, anesthesia and the small animal dental patient, and client communications. This seminar provided students the opportunity to network with more than 450 veterinarians, technicians and practice managers. New England Tech is proud to offer Rhode Island's only American Veterinary Medical Association accredited Veterinary Technology program.



Helping Those in Need

The 8th Annual Feinstein Enriching America Awards were held on November 19, 2014, at NEIT's East Greenwich campus. Alan Shawn Feinstein, founder of the Feinstein 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. In addition, faculty, staff and students from the Automotive Technology program were also recognized for their contributions to a new on-campus program established with Rhode Island Special Olympics.

Congratulations to the following individuals for sharing their time and talent with so many worthy organizations.

David Cranmer, Professor and Assistant Department Chair

Dav has dedicated over 60 years of community service both in this country and in Africa ranging from scouting to church activities including extensive volunteer work with church choirs. Dav currently serves as the treasurer and executive committee member of the Northeast Region Two Year College English Association. He is a board member of the New England Association of Teachers of English and is involved with the International Institute of RI. Dav is also secretary of the RI Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Sherika Parfitt, Information Technology, Bachelor of Science

Sherika is a very active member of NEIT's Rotaract Club and participates in several on-campus and off-campus activities. She has volunteered at several NEIT events including the Technology Career Expo, Health Care Career Fair, the Transportation Technology/Marine Technology Career Fair, and the annual fall cookout. Sherika served as the student representative on the First Dormitory Committee. In addition to sharing her time and talent for New England Tech activities, Sherika also volunteers for the South Providence Neighborhood Ministries, Kent County YMCA, Church of the Master, and numerous food drives and soup kitchens.

Matthew Speidel, Information Technology, Bachelor of Science

Matthew is extremely active as a World War II re-enactor. He serves as a unit clerk and is responsible for all communications between the re-enactors and the community including arranging performances as well as tracking participants, equipment, personnel records and historical documents. Matt plays the role of an American soldier in the 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment, as well as that of a German 6th SS Mountain Division soldier. He also participates in parades, living history performances, public re-enactments, and tactical events.

Keith Doherty, Physical Therapy Assistant Technology, Associate in Science

Keith shares his talents at Generations Rehabilitation Center assisting with the rehabilitation of individuals who have suffered traumatic brain injuries. He also works with adjudicated teenage boys at Ocean Tides, a Lasallian school and residential program that is committed to providing a challenging, safe and healthy learning environment for its residents. For more than 10 years, Keith has taught martial arts self-defense techniques to local law enforcement as well as military personnel through the Modern Army Combative Program.

Aaron White, Veterinary Technology, Associate in Science

Aaron is an active participant with the Rehoboth Historical Society. Each year, he honors all veterans at a cemetery in Rehoboth by placing a new flag on each grave. He also helps maintain the Historical Rehoboth Liberty Tree. Aaron is a volunteer at the Sylvan Animal Clinic in Fall River, MA, and participates in the Alan Shawn Feinstein Campaign Against Hunger. Aaron is president of NEIT's Vet Tech Club.

Special Olympics Automotive Program

With guidance from faculty and staff, Automotive Technology students became "coaches" as they taught groups of Rhode Island Special Olympians basic automotive skills during a six week program with sessions running two hours each week. This innovative program was developed by Mike Isabella, Assistant Professor in Automotive Technology. To date, there have been three groups of participants completing the program with more sessions scheduled in 2015. The program has been so successful that one of the Special Olympians has been hired by NEIT to work part time in the automotive lab.

Many thanks to the Automotive Technology team who participated in this unique program. Faculty and Staff: Donald Champigny, Edwin Egge, Herbert Gowdey, Michael Isabella, Derek Martel, Norman Messinger, Daniel Perry, and Dr. Robin Schutt. Students: Zachary Casper, Daniel Champagne, Jake Gelacek, Michael Hogan, Tom Rawlinson, Derick Silva, Wayne Turley, and Joseph Zingg.



Front row from left: Dr. Robin Schutt, Norman Messinger, Wayne Turley, Donald Champigny, and Dennis DeJesus from RI Special Olympics. **Back row from left:** Derick Silva, Daniel Champagne, Tom Rawlinson, and Herbert Gowdey.

Faculty and Staff Update

Paul Harden **Director of Transportation Technologies**



Paul comes to NEIT with many years of experience in both the public and private sectors. He served the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation (RIEDC) in various roles. Most recently, he was the Manager of Workforce Development and Business Services & Sector Lead for Marine Trades, where he assisted companies with workforce development, addressed operational and regulatory challenges, and developed training programs. In addition, Paul implemented over \$15 million in workforce development grants for both large and small companies for training of new hires and the retraining of existing employees.

Prior to his position at RIEDC, Paul coordinated the state's responsibilities for the America's Cup World Series, overseeing public safety, logistics, transportation, and security for the event with over 30 public and private entities. Paul is also a partner in a Ford dealership in Camden, NY, where his company won Ford's President's Award for customer service and sales in 2010 and 2012.

Paul earned a MBA from Boston University and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Hobart College. He serves on numerous boards and committees, including the Workforce Partnership of Greater R.I., the R.I. Marine Trades Association, the Northeast Economic Developers Association, the R.I. Hospitality Education Foundation, the Governor's Commission on Disabilities Employment Committee, and the R.I. Disability Business Enterprise Committee.

Liz Robberson **Student Advisor**

Liz joins NEIT's Office of Student Support Services with an extensive background in career counseling. She previously served as the School to Career Coordinator at William M. Davies, Jr. Career and Technical High School as well as the Senior Career Educator and Communications and Marketing Project Coordinator at Johnson & Wales University.



Liz's educational background includes a Master's Degree in Education in Teaching and Learning from Johnson & Wales University and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English/Secondary Education from Rhode Island College.

She will be assisting students enrolled in the following technologies: Architectural Building, Civil Engineering, Construction Management, Cyber Security, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, Electronic Systems Engineering, Information Technology (Bachelor's and Master's level), Interior Design and Respiratory Care.

Denise DeBlasio
Academic Skills Center
Administrative Assistant



Denise joins the Academic Skills Center staff with a wealth of expertise in administration, sales and customer service. Recently, she was Operations Clerk at the Cranston Police Department where she performed a wide variety of support services to the Patrol and Detective Divisions. Prior to this position, she served as a Transcriptionist/Records Clerk for the department. Denise held several positions at ETCO, a precision manufacturing company in Warwick, RI, as a Sales Coordinator, Customer Service Representative, and Office Manager.

Denise has an Associate in Science degree in Business Management from the Community College of Rhode Island and a Certificate of Completion/Quality Improvement Process Management from the Quality Improvement Process Management College in Brunswick, New Jersey.

Mark Your Calendar

Global Game Jam

January 23-25, 2015

48 hour international gaming event
East Greenwich Campus

RI Blood Center

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Food Court
East Greenwich Campus

Transportation Technologies Career Fair

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Access Rd. Campus

Technology Career Expo '15

Thursday, March 5, 2015

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
East Greenwich Campus

UPCOMING TECH NITES

Tuesday, February 3, 2015

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

