

## SAMI Makes a Splash!



Student Philip DeLuca

The Official Launch of New England Tech's Shipbuilding/Marine Trades and Advanced Manufacturing Institute (SAMI) was nothing short of a great success. Held on Monday, July 21, 2014, at the Post Road campus, NEIT's administration, faculty and staff were joined by Rhode Island's congressional delegation, SAMI industry partners, and other invited guests. SAMI is funded in part by a \$2.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, a \$440,000 grant from the RI Governor's Workforce Board, and a \$50,000 award from the Rhode Island Foundation.

SAMI was established to provide Rhode Island employers with a pipeline of skilled workers in the shipbuilding and advanced manufacturing industries. NEIT staff worked closely with employers to develop evaluation curricula, training programs, and laboratories designed to provide eligible unemployed Rhode Island residents with the skills needed to enter the workforce. To date, 90% of the program completers are working in jobs with the following employers: General Dynamics/Electric Boat, Blount Boats, Senesco Marine, Aerotek Staffing Agency, Guill Manufacturing, R.I. Carbide Tool, Pilgrim Screw Company, Maro Display Company, Swissline Precision and Porter Machine.



Instructor Todd Sposato (left) with student David Luccier



Student Edward Vazquez (left) with Congressman David Cicilline

Steve Kitchin, New England Tech's Vice President for Corporate Education and Training, served as the Master of Ceremonies. Guest speakers included Senator Jack Reed; Senator Sheldon Whitehouse; Congressman James Langevin; Congressman David Cicilline; Warwick Mayor Scott Avedisian; Sean Davies, Facility Manager at Electric Boat; and SAMI graduate, Donnie Daniel, Jr. Before closing the program, a submarine prototype built



by SAMI students was christened by NEIT's Senior Vice President, Cheryl Connors (pictured right). SAMI facility tours were also conducted.

Since the SAMI launch, more than 100 individuals have inquired about the training programs. For more information, visit [www.SAMIRI.org](http://www.SAMIRI.org) or call ext. 3700.

## COLLEGE NEWS

### A Win-Win Situation



1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners Flagship Staffing

On Monday, July 14, 2014, 146 players headed to the links at the Alpine Country Club in Cranston for the 5th Annual New England Tech Alumni Golf Tournament. Thanks to the support and dedication of the golf sponsors, players, committee members, and volunteers, proceeds from the tournament to benefit the NEIT Scholarship Fund exceeded its goal.

Special thanks to the tournament's Honorary Co-Chairs for the second consecutive year, Terry Regan, President of Regan Heating and Air Conditioning, and Vin Rossi, NEIT graduate and President of Rossi Electric. The financial support of the many sponsors and raffle prize donors greatly contributed to the financial success of this tournament. A complete list of sponsors and donors may be found on the NEIT blog.



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winners Shawmut Design and Construction

According to Joan Segerson, NEIT's Director of Development and Alumni Relations, the tournament raised nearly \$85,000. Joan stated, "Because of the success of this event, we are all so thrilled to contribute the net proceeds to the NEIT Scholarship Fund. The generosity of the many people involved with this tournament will offer our students in financial need the opportunity to continue with their studies."



3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners Saccoccio & Associates

Many New England Tech faculty and staff volunteered their time and talent to help ensure the success of this most important event. Thanks to the 2014 Golf Committee members: Cheryl Booker, Bob Goulet, Melissa Hague, Michael Hayes, Bob Kennedy, Cathy Kennedy, Steve Kitchin, Phil Marks, Bill Menard, Leslie Peck, Joan Segerson, Doug Sherman, and Bob Theroux. Tournament day ran smoothly with the additional help of the 2014 volunteers: Karen Arnold, Caitlin Beagan, Pat Blakemore, Roberta Hayes, Cheryl MacDonald, Michelle Paiva, Anne Ryan, and Carole Stiles.

As Steve Kitchin stated, "Because the tournament has grown over the years, our move to the Alpine Country Club proved to be a positive one on all fronts. The players and sponsors had nothing but praise for the quality of this tournament. Many thanks to Joan Segerson, the golf committee, and volunteers for their support in making the 2014 Alumni Golf Tournament such a great success."

## SkillsUSA Students Bring Home the Gold and More!



Amanda Balch

Kansas City, Missouri, was the setting for the annual SkillsUSA National Championships held June 24-27, 2014. SkillsUSA is a national organization serving more than 300,000 high school and college students, as well as professional members, enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled, and service occupations, including health occupations. The Rhode Island chapter of SkillsUSA is the state's largest career and technical student organization with more than 6,100 students and teacher members.

The Rhode Island SkillsUSA team, boasting 82 high school and college students, were ready to demonstrate their knowledge and skills amongst their peers. More than 6,000 students competed in 99 occupational and leadership skill competition areas. These industry-driven events were modeled after the Olympics where the top three individual/teams received gold, silver, and bronze medals. Earlier this year, several New England Tech students qualified for the national event by winning first place in their respective competitions conducted by the Rhode Island chapter of SkillsUSA. New England Tech students traveled to the national competition with Amanda Metzger, New England Tech's Special Events Coordinator, and Criminal Justice faculty member, Mike Pezzullo.



Peter Huckins



Rachael Calder

The NEIT community congratulates the following six students who earned several prestigious medals at the national competition. Gold Medal Winner, Amanda Balch, a Building Construction Technology student, won the Prepared Speech event. New England Tech's Criminal Justice Technology students, Kristine Gillespie, Bindi Patel and Raven Staplins, won the Gold Medal in Crime Scene Investigation for the second year in a row! Congratulations to

Rachel Calder who earned a Bronze Medal in the Architectural Drafting competition, and Peter Huckins who placed sixth in the country out of 47 competitors in the Automotive Service event.



From left: Raven Staplins, Kristine Gillespie and Bindi Patel

## FACULTY AND STAFF UPDATE

### In Memoriam



Dr. William "Bill" Ferrante, a well-respected member of the Office of Teaching and Learning, recently passed away. Bill served as Assistant Provost and Acting Provost at NEIT from 2000 until his retirement in 2012. He came to New England Tech after a 40 year career at the University of Rhode Island serving as acting president on two occasions and as vice president for academic affairs from 1972 to 1988. He will be remembered for his commitment to NEIT, his kind manner and his friendly demeanor.

### RISTE Applauds Admissions Staff

The Rhode Island Society of Technology Educators (RISTE) presented Partnership Awards to NEIT's Erin Flynn, Manager of Admissions Outreach and Events, and Amanda Metzger, Special Events Coordinator, at its monthly member meeting held at New England Institute of Technology.

RISTE's mission is to promote excellence in education through the integration of existing and emerging technologies. Through its various workshops, member meetings, speakers, vendor presentations, and other events, the organization works to keep educators current in their knowledge of technology integration in our schools.



Erin Flynn (left front) and Amanda Metzger (right front) with RISTE's staff

New England Tech has supported RISTE for many years by providing meeting and training space for its activities. Erin and Amanda have been instrumental in this support and have gone out of their way to accommodate the group's needs. Great job!

### Lisa Reed Earns Professional Recognition



Surgical Technology Professor and Department Chair Lisa S. Reed, CST, RN, MS, CNOR, CPEHR, CPHIT, has been recognized by the Fellows of the Association of Surgical Technologists (F.A.S.T.). The Association of Surgical Technologists (AST) awards this recognition only to those surgical technologists whose professional activities have been devoted to the practice of surgical technology, and who abide by the AST Code of Ethics

and standards of practice. Individuals awarded the F.A.S.T. commit and adhere to these ethics and standards of practice.

The F.A.S.T. began in 2006 as an opportunity to recognize surgical technologists who have achieved the highest professional standards. Congratulations to Lisa for her continued commitment to the field of surgical technology.

## OT Faculty Earn Doctorates

Associate Professor Randall Fedoruk and Assistant Professor Joanne Jones of the Occupational Therapy Department recently earned their Doctorates of Occupational Therapy. They attended the Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions, located in Provo, Utah. Dr. Fedoruk specialized in pediatrics, while Dr. Jones pursued the general track. Both are committed to promote evidence-based and occupation-based practice within the OTA and MSOT programs at NEIT. Congratulations to Dr. Fedoruk and Dr. Jones for this outstanding accomplishment.



## Mechanical Engineering Technology Joins HTEC



Many thanks to Associate Professor Donald O'Keefe of the Mechanical Engineering Technology (MCT) Department for becoming a Haas Technical Educator Council Member (HTEC). Since Donald wanted to establish closer relationships within the industry and because the MCT Department utilizes Haas equipment in its curriculum, he obtained this designation to benefit the students in the MCT program.

As part of the HTEC network of schools, HTEC members have access to a wide variety of contacts, benefits, and services that include equipment discounts, training conferences, teacher training, educational and online training software, and many HTEC Technology Partners. HTEC members can contact, collaborate, and network with over 1450 schools, colleges and universities throughout North, South and Central America.

### **UPCOMING TECH NITES**

**Tuesday, August 5, 2014**  
**Wednesday, November 5, 2014**  
**Tuesday, February 3, 2015**