



## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary All Class Reunion

On Saturday, June 6, 2015, more than 300 alumni and guests attended New England Tech's first All Class Reunion marking the college's 75th Anniversary. There were many fun-filled activities enjoyed by adults and children alike that included mini-golf, face painting, balloon creations, and sand art. Also included was a wonderful puppet show presented by NEIT's own, Erin Flynn. *The Hit Your Grad Year Dart Game* was developed by Bob Larrabee, New England Tech CTI account executive and grad. Players who hit their graduation year target won an alumni T-shirt with donated proceeds going to the Alumni Fund.



Hit Your Grad Year Magnetic Dart Game!

Music and entertainment encompassed three different music genres: The Vegas Lords, with Information Technology Associate Professor Tim Culhane on guitar; The Electronics featuring Dean Plowman, Department Chair, Electronics, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Technologies on guitar; Electronics System Technology Professor Mike Recorvitz on the keyboard; and adjunct faculty member Justin Capaldi on the drums; as well as The Harrison Songolo Band. Great food which was enjoyed by all was provided by Pranzi Catering.



Sherry Clukey staffing the sale of alumni merchandise

The success of this event is attributed to the many people committed to the establishment of an active Alumni Association. Kudos to those alumni who stepped forward in the spring of 2014 to participate in the initial "conversations" regarding the direction of the Alumni Association. As a result of these "conversations", the Alumni Association Steering Committee was formed and a new vision for the New England Tech Alumni Association was developed. The committee recommended the



college host an All Class Reunion as a family event. Special thanks to the Steering Committee for bringing this event from concept to completion. The All Class Reunion is the first of many alumni events to come.

Michelle Pope, '90, is an ardent supporter of the college and was instrumental in the planning and execution of the reunion. Michelle shared her post-event thoughts with *Tech Talk*. "I have been involved in coordinating many events within my career from small to 800 plus attendees, and the NEIT First Annual All Class Reunion was one of the most carefully planned, coordinated, and executed events that I have been involved in to date. The excitement throughout the day could be felt from the volunteers to the guests and their families. The bands were amazing as was the balloon artist." As one member of the Steering Committee said, "June 6, 2015, will forever be remembered as a day that New England Tech history was made."

Many thanks go to the dedicated members of the Alumni Association Steering Committee who made the event such a great success: Gordon Briggs '99, Scott Conley '12, Courtney Crone '12, Tim Danielson '08, Lucy Garcia '12, Chris Harrington '00, Bob Larrabee '06, Cheryl MacDonald '13, Michelle Pope '90, Bethany Pratt '12, Rebecca Renaud '98, Regina Roberts '14, Terri Sardelli '08, Carole Stiles '94, and Rick Tobin '10. During the planning and development process, several individuals reached out to the Steering Committee to offer their assistance with the event. Many thanks go to Anna Martinelli, Auxiliary Services; Sherry Clukey and Kathy DaSilva, Business Office; Jason Albuquerque, Atrion Networking Corporation; John Gauthier, Academic Skills Center; Caitlin Beagan, Career Services; adjunct faculty member, Leslie DiManna, as well as the bookstore staff, Michelle Paiva, Sue Tucker, Jayne Kopic, and Michelle Holbrook.

The musical entertainment kept the day lively thanks to our musical experts Nancy Starr, Music Club Advisor, who was instrumental in recruiting the musical talent; Frank Hyde, sound engineer; and DJ Judah, who kept the music flowing and the atmosphere entertaining.

Special thanks to Bob Goulet and the Auxiliary Services staff for their assistance. The following photos provide a snapshot of the day's activities from set up to breakdown. The All Class Reunion was truly a team effort!

## ***Every Picture Tells a Story!***

The day began with 25 volunteers setting up!



### The Vegas Lords



Top (l-r) Tim Culhane, Sal Barone and Jeff LeMay.

Below: Sal Barone on vocals, Tim Culhane on guitar



Frank Hyde  
Sound Engineer

### Harrison Songolo Band



Harrison on vocals

### The Electronics



Mike Recorvitz, keyboard; Justin Capaldi, drums; Dean Plowman, guitar



Terri and  
Avery Noe  
kick up  
their heels!



DJ Judah



Face Painting by Laurea



Ron Sargent delighted everyone with his amazing balloon creations.



Puppet show presented by Puppeteer Erin Flynn



Alumni merchandise is now available for sale through the Development/Alumni Relations Office. Contact Joan at ext. 3704. Proceeds from the sale of alumni merchandise benefit the Alumni Fund.



Men's t-shirt



Heavy weight extremely soft hooded sweatshirt



Women's t-shirt



Heavy gauge plastic Alumni mock "solo" cup

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual New England Tech Scholarship Golf Tournament Sells Out For the Second Year!!

We are just one week away from the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual New England Tech Scholarship Golf Tournament to be held on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at Alpine Country Club!

Each year the college hosts a golf tournament to raise money for student scholarships. For the second year, the tournament is being held at Alpine, and once again, the demand to play in the tournament has been overwhelming. The tournament is completely sold out with 144 players.

The success of the tournament is marked by the support that the college receives from its benefactors in the community. Again this year, our past sponsors and players have renewed their support.

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge that the event would not be successful without the NEIT staff members who volunteer to make sure that our participants enjoy their day.

If you would like to support the event you can still participate by sponsoring a hole, donating a raffle or auction prize, or by simply making a monetary donation. Contact Joan Segerson Director of Development and Alumni Relations at ext. 3704 or [jsegerson@neit.edu](mailto:jsegerson@neit.edu).

For more tournament information, visit [www.neit.edu/About-Us/Alumni-Association/Alumni-Golf-Tournament](http://www.neit.edu/About-Us/Alumni-Association/Alumni-Golf-Tournament).



2014 Tournament  
ABT Foursome



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### Congratulations Dr. Sherman!



The New England Tech community extends sincere congratulations to Douglas H. Sherman, Ed.D., Senior Vice President and Provost. Doug recently earned his doctorate degree in education from Northeastern University. Previously, he received both a Master of Science degree as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Rhode Island. We wish him continued success as he carries out his duties leading the Office of Teaching and Learning.

## STAFF UPDATE

The New England Tech community congratulates the following individuals in their new positions.



**Anne Ryan** has been appointed to the position of the Director of the Academic Skills Center (ASC). Anne has worked in the ASC for the past eight years as the Coordinator of Reading, Writing, and Study Skills. She has been affiliated with New England Tech for approximately 20 years in various capacities including adjunct faculty member, English tutor, Assessment & Placement Advisor and Coordinator. She has a Master's

degree in Education from Elmira College, New York, as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from SUNY at Cortland in upstate New York. In her new role, Anne will oversee the day-to-day operations of the Academic Skills Center to assist NEIT students in reaching their goal of earning a college degree.



**Deborah Faith** now serves as the Administrative Assistant in the Office of Teaching and Learning. She brings more than ten years of administrative experience to this position, most recently working in NEIT's Academic Skills Center, the Registrar's Office, and the Office of Teaching and Learning. Deborah has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from St. Anselm College and a certificate in Human Resource Management.

**Gavin Estey** has joined the Office of Student Support Services as a Student Advisor. He previously held several positions at Mount Ida College including Counselor in the Student Transition and Retention Services program, Learning Specialist in the Learning Opportunities Program, and Resident Director in the Office of Residence Life. Gavin has a Master of Science degree in Higher Education Administration from Bay Path University, a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of New Hampshire and an Associate in Arts degree in History from Dean College. Gavin will work with students in the AVM/VPM, BCC, GMW, PLBH, RACH and VET programs.





## Happy Retirement!

Best wishes to **Arlene Potvin** who retired from New England Tech on June 30, 2015. Since 2001, Arlene has served as the Office of Teaching and Learning's Program Coordinator for the Feinstein Enriching America Program.

Arlene has worn many hats during her time at NEIT. First, she was a student in what was then called the Computerized Business Management Technology program earning her Associate in Science degree and membership in the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Arlene continued her studies in Business Management Technology while working as a lab assistant. In 2000 she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management Technology, also receiving the "Best of Tech" award. Arlene served as an adjunct faculty member teaching Accounting I, PowerPoint and Word Processing.

The NEIT community extends its thanks to Arlene for her years of dedicated service to the college as well as to this most worthwhile program, and wishes her good health and happiness.

## COLLEGE NEWS

### A Salute to Marine Technology and Maritime History

The Steamship Historical Society of America (SSHSA), located in NEIT's former library building on the Post Road campus, has created a fascinating display of artifacts and posters located at New England Tech's library on the East Greenwich campus. SSHSA is the world's leading organization dedicated to recording, preserving and disseminating the history of engine-powered vessels.



The SSHSA holds a collection of hundreds of thousands of images, artifacts, periodicals, artwork, official records, and memorabilia, archived in more than 100 collections and devoted exclusively to the history of engine-powered vessels, their passengers and crew. Individuals interested in the history and development of steam navigation, both past and present, may stop by the SSHSA museum or visit [www.sshsa.org](http://www.sshsa.org).

In addition to the library's maritime display, Eric Goetz, the Chief Technology Officer at Goetz Boats in Bristol, Rhode Island, will speak about the development and history of composite boats on Wednesday, July 29, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Presentation Theater. The presentation is free and open to the public.

The library display was established to bring attention to NEIT's Marine Technology program and maritime activities. Stop by the library to see the exhibit. For more information, visit <https://library.neit.edu>.

### A Job Well Done

Students from the SAMI Advanced Manufacturing program wanted to express their appreciation to Steve Kitchin, Vice President for Corporate Education and Training, for his continued support and endorsement of the SAMI program. Together, the students built a miniature functioning steam engine, accompanied by a thank you plaque, and presented it to Steve. From the left are student Brittany Neville; Steve Kitchin; Todd Sposato, Coordinator of the SAMI Machinist Program; and students Jason Barbrie, Justin Carsetti, Dave Lewis, and Dave Place.



## Mark Your Calendar

### UPCOMING TECH NITES

Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

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