

## FIRST® Tech Challenge Is Coming Soon



On Saturday, February 8, 2014, all are invited to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual

Rhode Island *FIRST®* Tech Challenge. More than 30 outstanding Rhode Island high school robotics teams will test their skill as they work to maneuver their custom-designed robots in the competition field based on this year's theme, "Block Party."

The competition will be held at NEIT's Center for Automotive Technology at the Access Road campus from 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information or to volunteer at this event, contact Erin Flynn at [eflynn@neit.edu](mailto:eflynn@neit.edu) or call ext. 3462.

## Thank You, Thank You

Through the tireless efforts of Joan Segerson, NEIT's Director of Development, along with the 2013 Employee Campaign team captains, this year's fundraising event was deemed a huge success. Very special thanks to the New England Tech employees whose generosity helped raise more than \$33,000. With an employee participation rate of 60%, this campaign overwhelmingly surpassed last year's figures.



Sincere appreciation goes to team captains Jason Aguiar, Cheryl Booker, Melissa Hague, Anna Kelly, Bob Kennedy, Cheryl MacDonald, Mike Markarian, Bill Menard, Pierre Morin, Jeff Norman, Michelle Paiva, Leslie Peck, Rebecca Renaud, Joan Segerson, Carole Stiles and Susan Warthman. Teams achieving 100% participation were Information Technology with team captain Jason Aguiar, and the Office of Teaching and Learning and Physical Therapist Assistant Technology with team captain Susan Warthman. Other departments achieving 100% participation were: Auxiliary Services, Aviation Technology, Building Construction Technology, the Center for Technology and Industry, the Executive Offices, and Plumbing Technology.

President Richard I. Gouse thanked those individuals who attended the Employee Campaign closing ceremony held on Tuesday, November 19, for their generosity and commitment to NEIT's mission. Bob Theroux, Vice President of Finance and Business Administration, shared how some of the funds raised will be used for student scholarships.

Raffle prizes were awarded to individuals who participated in the campaign. Congratulations to Top Prize Winner: John Mycroft, Math Department Chair, who was awarded a weekend in Newport plus a \$100 Visa gift card. Second Prize Winner: Toni Ann Grimley from the Library, who received a NEIT gift backpack and a \$100 Visa gift card. Third Prize Winner: Mike Hayes, ABT Associate Department Chair, who won a \$50 VISA gift card.

Contributions may be made to the Employee Campaign throughout the year. Any interested employee may contact Joan Segerson at ext. 3704.

## COLLEGE NEWS

### New GMW Technology Program on the Horizon

New England Tech will offer a Bachelor of Science degree program in Graphics, Multimedia and Web Design (GMW) Technology. Beginning in April, 2014, this program will complement the existing Associate in Science degree program in Graphics, Multimedia and Web Design Technology.



The new GMW bachelor degree program will build upon the core design and technical skills developed in the Graphics, Multimedia and Web Design Technology's associate degree program. The bachelor's program is designed to prepare students for employment in a wide variety of emerging new media careers. Students will develop interdisciplinary skills combining web content management systems, ePublishing, branding, packaging design, search engine optimization, web video, and social media marketing. Cross-platform delivery via ePub and mobile devices will be emphasized. Creative content development, media literacy, marketing, writing, and UI/UX design, will support each student's "branded" portfolio and personalized career path.

For more information on the Bachelor of Science degree in Graphics, Multimedia and Web Design Technology, contact the Admissions office at ext. 3357.

### Tuition Freeze is Back



For the 31st consecutive year, New England Tech is again offering a tuition freeze to all individuals who enroll at the college by December 31, 2013. For those individuals who register for any one of our associate or bachelor degree programs and remain continuously enrolled in their chosen program until graduation, their tuition will remain the same for their entire course of study at NEIT.

Since New England Tech has the lowest tuition of any private college in Rhode Island, we are proud to continue our tradition of providing high quality, hands-on technical education at the most reasonable tuition.

### Technical Advisory Committees Convene

The 2013 Technical Advisory Committee Appreciation Dinner and Meeting were held on November 13. This annual event offers New England Tech faculty and administration the opportunity to thank the many committee members for sharing their expertise and support throughout the year. Douglas H. Sherman,



Senior Vice President and Provost, presented an overview of new faculty and staff appointments, program updates, and initiatives. He also announced that the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. awarded NEIT with a prestigious ten-year accreditation.

The guest speaker was Kevin M. Flynn, Associate Director of the State of Rhode Island Division of Planning since 2005. Mr. Flynn presented the state's new project, RhodeMapRI, which began earlier this year. Over the next two years, this program will provide the state with the opportunity to collaborate with public and community leaders to answer basic questions about the future needs of Rhode Island.

### Employers Visit NEIT



Three local employers joined the annual fall cookout at the Access Road campus on October 17. **Geico, AutoZone, and The Home Depot** networked with Transportation Technology students to recruit for current part-time openings and future job opportunities. AutoZone is very committed to hiring veterans and students who are passionate about the automotive field.

Geico's goal was to network with students about the need within the insurance industry for employees with automotive knowledge. The Home Depot was hiring specifically for part-time tool technicians for small engine repair. These positions could be a great match for students seeking a job that is flexible with their school schedule. All three employers enjoyed sharing their company information while the students were surprised to learn how their technical skills tie in with these varied job opportunities.

**FM Global** conducted interviews on November 1 for its IT co-op openings that will begin in January, 2014. FM Global interviewed students from Network and Software Engineering Technology as well as Game Development and Simulation Programming Technology. The company has had a strong partnership with NEIT's Information Technology department for over eight years and has hired numerous graduates who have participated in the co-op program.

**Sensata Technologies** was on campus for a student presentation on Thursday, November 14. The representatives were interested in speaking with students and graduates from various technologies that included ESTA/EETB, ELTB, MCTA, and MCTB about current opportunities that exist at their Attleboro, MA facility. They have also established a student co-op/internship opportunity for currently enrolled students to gain valuable work experience.

## Soccer Star!

Tony Monteiro, an Administrative Assistant in Student Accounts, has a passion for soccer. He has been a soccer referee since 1980 officiating high school, college, club teams and professional soccer games. He has served as a coach for eight years at the Fox Point Boys & Girls Club as well as for local teams. Tony also played soccer during high school, college and on community leagues. Because of his dedication to this sport for many years, Tony was inducted into the Fox Point Soccer Hall of Fame this past October. Congratulations, Tony!



## **Student Corner**

### OTA Students On the Move

Students in the college's Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Technology program put their knowledge and skills to work within the mental health community. Melissa Hartley and Kate Wennerberg spent their first 10 week field placement at the Harbor House in Providence. The facility provides individuals recovering from mental illness a place to find a sense of community, opportunity and growth through its "clubhouse". Each Thursday, these students lead the house members in creative teambuilding activities and group interaction providing both Melissa and Kate with their first professional exposure to mental illness.



Hillsgrove House in Warwick was fortunate to have five OTA students spend each Friday of their ten week internship assisting its clubhouse members. Rachel Recchia, Jackie Angelone, Holly Mann, Taylor Hodgson, and Leslie Giroux had the opportunity to put their OT skills to work in a mental health setting by running activity groups. All students were impressed with the family type atmosphere and sense of community evident at Hillsgrove House.

Both facilities were very impressed with the professionalism of these seven OTA students. Kudos to them along with NEIT's Sheri Lough OTR/L, Faculty Fieldwork Educator in the Occupational Therapy Department, for a job well done. Sheri summed it up by saying, "I feel very blessed to have been a part of the students' learning experience over the last ten weeks."

## Faculty Awards for Excellence in Design



The Department of Design and Architectural Building Technology recently held the “Faculty Awards for Excellence in Design” for the Spring Quarter, 2013. The award is in recognition of students who have excelled in design studio work for the previous quarter. At the end of each quarter, the faculty nominates students whose work demonstrates superior creativity, imagination, sensitivity and technical competency. The nominees for the Spring Quarter were: Lindsey-Leigh Maiuri, Interior Design, Residential Studio, and Andrew Miele, Architectural Building Technology, High Rise Studio with Andrew Miele selected as the winner. His project was Rig Sail Towers located in Providence, RI.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

### **HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT THE NEIT BOOKSTORE**

**Check out the many great holiday gift ideas!**

**All employees receive a 20% discount\* and all purchases are tax free!**

Buy for family, friends and co-workers on your shopping list.

Name brand clothing by Champion, Nike, Hurley, and Gear for Sports T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Shorts, and Sweatpants starting as low as \$15!

Many gift items under \$20 like Nike caps and NEIT golf umbrellas

Great selection of diploma frames, glassware, license plate frames and more.

Engraving is available on some items.

Special orders for books and software\*  
(Employee discount does not apply)

*Happy Shopping!*



***December 6, 2013***

**Annual Scholarship Presentation  
Food Court  
2:00 p.m.**

***December 12, 2013***

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Alpha Chi Honor Society  
Induction Ceremony  
Hall of Fame Room  
4:00 p.m.**

***December 15, 2013***

**Registration Day  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
(Greeters report at 8:30 a.m.)**

