



The Annual Employee Campaign Really Does Make a Difference!

Each year, your colleagues may pose this question: “Where does my employee campaign contribution go”? Before we kick off the 2015 employee campaign, let’s answer this question. If you designated your contributions to go to a specific category (e.g., scholarships), that’s where your contribution ended up. The Employee Scholarship Fund was established in 2013 to address the financial needs of incoming students, and, in the course of just two years, the Employee Scholarship Fund has provided more than \$33,000 to our students thanks to your generosity.

As students enroll for the October quarter, many of them, even with financial aid awards, still fall short financially and may have been precluded from obtaining an education at NEIT. Due to your generosity and that of others in the community, nearly \$65,000 in scholarships has been awarded to 27 students. Contributions to the Employee Scholarship Fund, the General Scholarship Fund and the Alumni Scholarship Fund have made these awards possible. If you have participated in past Employee Campaigns and designated your contributions to any one of those funds, or participated in the Annual Alumni Golf Tournament, you have had a “direct” impact on the future of these students. And that is something of which you should be very proud.

Scholarships awarded to new students starting October, 2015

First Name	Last Name	Technology	Degree
Amaral	Eliacin	Mechanical Engineering	AS
Sam	Ulubiyo	Video & Audio Production	AS
Noah	Chace	Mechanical Engineering	BS
Christopher	Connors	Paramedic	AS
Shannon	Conroy	Architecture	BS
Gagny	Diawara	Welding Engineering	AS
John	Falvey	Cyber Security	BS
Kelsey	Figueiredo	Automotive	AS
Elmer	Fuentes Vargas	IT Software	BS
Joseph	Gemma	Elec Tech Renewable Energy/Electrical	AS
Gwendolynn	Jones	Digital Media Production	BS
Edwin	Laboy	Welding Engineering	AS
Jeremy	Larimer	Mechanical Engineering	AS
Cameo	Lobo	Mechanical Engineering	BS
Carly	McGee	Criminal Justice	BS
Teddy	Misitsakis	Electrical Engineering	BS
Terrance	Myers	Respiratory Care	AS
John	Perry	Criminal Justice	AS
Lisa	Reagan	Criminal Justice	BS
Eric	Rivera	Digital Media Production	BS
Korie	Robinson	Video Game Design	AS
Michael	Roderick	Automotive	AS
Jacob	Russo	Digital Media Design	AS
Scott	Vereen	IT Software	BS

Department-specific scholarships will be awarded to current students who apply for these scholarships during the annual scholarship application period now underway. Current students are urged to apply for the many scholarships available within their technology, as well as for a range of scholarships funded by friends of the college. Scholarship applications must be submitted to Maria Riccio in the Financial Aid Office by Friday, October 9, 2015. The date of the Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony will be announced soon.

2015 Employee Campaign Kick Off

The 2015 Employee Campaign will kick off on Friday, October 16th at 2:00 p.m. The theme of this year's campaign is:

“Sowing the seeds of success. . .one student at a time!”

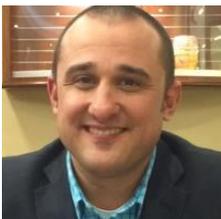
As in years past, volunteer captains will be assigned specific departments to enlist support for the campaign. Contributions can be designated to the Building Fund, Employee Scholarship, Alumni Scholarship, or Department Designated Scholarships.

Mark your calendar for Friday, October 16th for the official kickoff. The specific details of the kickoff will be circulated soon.

Alumni Association Steering Committee Establishes Board of Directors

Members of the Alumni Association Steering Committee continue their efforts to establish an active alumni association. At a meeting held on August 26, 2015, the members established the Alumni Association Board of Directors, electing Jason Albuquerque '05, President; Michelle Pope '90, Vice President; Tim Danielson '08, Treasurer; and Terri Sardelli '08, Secretary.

Other Board members include, Chris Harrington '00, Rebecca Renaud '88, Bethany Pratt '12, Bob Larrabee '06; and Gordon Briggs '83. Establishing the Association's Bylaws is the first order of business for the Board. The Board will meet on a monthly basis and all alumni are invited to attend.



Jason Albuquerque
President



Michelle Pope
Vice President



Tim Danielson
Treasurer



Terri Sardelli
Secretary

SAMI Turns Two!



The Shipbuilding and Advanced Manufacturing Institute (SAMI) will celebrate its second birthday on Friday, November 13, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the college's Post Road campus. Join members of the SAMI faculty and staff, along with the Rhode Island Congressional delegation and other invited guests, for this special occasion. The SAMI program has trained more than 260 individuals in the fields of welding and advanced manufacturing and has assisted in finding employment for 90% of the program's graduates.

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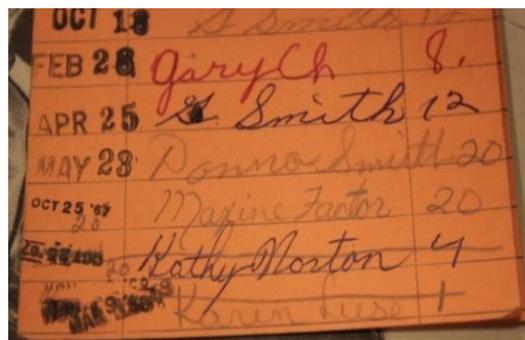
Library Book “Returned” After 48 Years

Maxine Factor is NEIT’s mail and records coordinator. Cynthia Pankiewicz is one of the college’s librarians. They regularly would pass each other on campus and exchange hellos. That was the extent of their relationship until the day Cynthia left a book with an interesting history in Maxine’s mailbox titled, “Horses around the World” by Jean Slaughter.

Maxine has a love for horses, having owned her first horse at the age of 17, and having raised nearly 13 horses since. Many of the librarians knew about Maxine’s passion for horses but she was not aware that Cynthia did as well. Cynthia had been cleaning out her Mom’s attic recently when she discovered a box of old books. While combing through the box, Cynthia found a children’s book about horses and thought it may be one that Maxine would enjoy. Cynthia brought the book to work and left it in Maxine’s mailbox.



(From left): Cynthia Pankiewicz and Maxine Factor



As Maxine perused the book, she thought it looked somewhat familiar. Upon opening the book, she saw that the book was stamped “Ezekiel Holliman Elementary School” which was her old school. She then flipped to the back of the book where students signed their name to borrow the book. When she scanned the list, she saw the name of an old friend and was then surprised to see her own name! Maxine had borrowed this very same book when she was in the fifth grade. She said it was a very

emotional moment bringing back happy childhood memories from more than 48 years ago.

Maxine was so appreciative of Cynthia’s kindness to give her the book not only because of her love of horses but because of the happy memories. The book also created a new friendship between Maxine and Cynthia.

Congratulations Karen Morgenstein!



Anyone who has worked with Karen Morgenstein, lab assistant in the Occupational Therapy (OT) department, knows of her passion for the OT field. As a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) for 37 years, Karen always speaks very highly of her profession and her experiences. Karen is an amazing role model for New England Tech students. She demonstrates the importance of her role as a COTA, recently being re-elected as President of the Rhode Island Occupational Therapy Association (RIOTA). Congratulations to Karen for being elected President of the RIOTA for a second term.

2015 Feinsein Service Award Nominations

Do you know someone who deserves a little recognition? If so, please nominate a colleague for the annual Feinsein Enriching America Community Service Award. This award will be presented to a member of NEIT's faculty or staff in recognition of contributions to the community through volunteerism at either a singular outstanding event or by continuous volunteerism.

Types of community service may include: pro bono work in a professional field, services on a town council, school committee, PTA, or other civic associations, volunteerism with a nonprofit organization, serving on the Board of Directors of a nonprofit, volunteerism trips, and many other possibilities! Nominations of a colleague, student or self-nominations are also welcomed.

Let's recognize the good efforts of our NEIT community. Please email Katie Jourdenais (kjourdenais@neit.edu) for a nomination form. For consideration by the Feinsein Enriching America Award committee, nominations must be submitted by Thursday, October 8, 2015. Awards will be presented at a ceremony in November.

Calling All FIRST® Volunteers

The 10th season of the Rhode Island FIRST® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Tech Challenge hosted by New England Tech is underway. NEIT is looking for technical professionals, educators, parents and all others interested in volunteering. Each season approximately 45 Rhode Island middle and high school robotic teams design, build and compete in the RI FIRST® Tech Challenge.

Adult volunteers are assigned key roles to keep the qualifiers and state tournament on schedule. There is no need to be an expert in robotics or engineering, just a willingness to support Rhode Island students interested in technology.

Please volunteer at a qualifier tournament. Teams in Rhode Island advance to the state tournament by participating in a qualifier tournament. The dates for the qualifiers are November 14, December 5, December 19, and January 9. Qualifiers are conducted from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the East Greenwich campus. The work is fun and lunch is provided!

You may also volunteer at the state tournament. From the qualifier tournaments, 32 of the 48 teams will be selected to advance to the state competition. The state tournament will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2016, at NEIT's Center for Automotive Technology at the Access Road campus. Volunteers for the state tournament must have volunteered at one of the qualifier tournaments. If you are interested in volunteering at these high energy competitions, contact Erin Flynn at ext. 3462 or eflynn@neit.edu. You will then need to register with the FIRST® organization at https://my.usfirst.org/FIRSTPortal/Login/VIMS_login.aspx.



Staff Update

Admissions Officers at New England Tech play a key role as they serve as the first point of contact for individuals interested in learning about the many programs offered at our college. Once an individual enrolls at NEIT, the Admissions Officer then coordinates all enrollment-related activities such as academic testing and financial aid processing. Admissions Officers may conduct campus tours as well as visit high schools, college fairs, and community colleges for recruiting purposes. We welcome the following individuals to the New England Tech community and wish them the best of luck in their new positions.

Welcome New Admission and High School Representatives

Maria DeCristoforo



Before joining the Admissions team at NEIT, Maria served as an Admissions Representative for The Salter School and ITT Technical Institute. She also was employed at several media companies serving as a producer for Channel 12, a freelance writer for local, national and international publications, and a talk show radio producer for the WHJJ Helen Glover Show. Maria also served as a modeling/television instructor as well as a sales specialist for two top modeling agencies. She is a graduate of Boston University with a degree in Broadcast Journalism.

Lucy Fernandez



Lucy joins New England Tech with twelve years of experience working in technical education. Most recently she served as the Executive Director of Empire Beauty School in Boston. Lucy has extensive management experience in retail/visual merchandising ranging from Chess King to Gucci Boston USA in Copley Place. She also managed Bob the Chefs (restaurant with jazz venue) in Boston and started its catering division. Lucy also attended Northeastern University.

Laurence Spitz



Laurence will serve as the High School Representative covering the Long Island, New York area. He comes to NEIT with a wealth of experience in admissions and sales in addition to serving as founder and president of his own retail memorabilia/collectibles company. He served as the Executive Advisor/Student Acquisition at DeVry College of New York/DeVry University for more than eleven years. Laurence earned an MBA from the Keller School of Management and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Wagner College.

Taryn Aldrich **Coordinator of the Writing Center**



Taryn has been named Coordinator of the Writing Center in the Academic Skills Center. For the past year, she has been teaching the AS 044 Reading for Technology class and has also worked in the Writing Center as a tutor.

Taryn has a Master's degree in Human Development & Family Studies from the University of Rhode Island and a Master's degree in Professional Writing from Kennesaw State University. Taryn's teaching and tutoring experience gives her a wealth of knowledge that will benefit the students at NEIT.

Taryn is looking forward to expanding the services of the Writing Center and reaching a greater portion of our student population. She hopes to accomplish this by increasing Writing Center publicity via social media, enhancing the Writing Center website, and integrating virtual and peer-to-peer tutoring services as New England Tech continues to grow. She also looks forward to collaborating with faculty to identify and address students' needs when they visit the Writing Center.

Sarah Bosworth **Assistant Registrar**



Sarah has joined NEIT as the Assistant Registrar and is responsible for assisting with all Registrar functions including scheduling, grade changes, term setup and maintenance of the student information system. She brings more than ten years of work experience in higher education.

Sarah has a Master of Science degree in Human Development and Family Studies with a concentration in College Student Personnel and a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Studies from the University of Rhode Island (URI). While at URI, she worked in Residential Life, the Center for Academic Support, and tutored students.

After leaving URI, Sarah worked as a career counselor at an alternative high school and later returned to higher education where she spent the next ten years at Johnson & Wales University in Experiential Education and Career Services, Student Academic Services-SAS (also known as the Registrar's office) and in the School for Online & Continuing Education.

Kerrin Cano **International Admissions Specialist**



Kerrin will serve as NEIT's International Admissions Specialist. In her new role, Kerrin is responsible for all aspects of the international admissions process, including interacting with international students and agents in person, via email, and by telephone.

She also collaborates with Student Accounts and Student Support Services to facilitate the student's successful arrival on campus. Kerrin educates and advises students on rules and regulations pertaining to F-1 VISA and assists with the International Student Orientation.

Prior to joining NEIT, Kerrin served as an Outreach Coordinator at Lincoln Technical Institute. Kerrin is currently a student at the University of Rhode Island and will soon complete a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development and Family Studies with a minor in Psychology.

Katie Jourdenais Feinstein Enriching America Program Coordinator



Katie will oversee the annual Feinstein Enriching America Awards program, as well as the quarterly Feinstein Enriching America Scholarship program. She will promote the Community Enrichment course amongst the student body by presenting to all English 102/331 classes each quarter. Katie will also instruct the Community Enrichment courses CE101/CE301. She will organize quarterly on-campus donation drives as part of the Feinstein Hunger Initiative. Prior to joining NEIT, Katie coordinated service-learning and volunteerism programs at Johnson & Wales University since 2005. She served as an AmeriCorps VISTA from 2004-2005. Katie holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public and Community Service Studies from Providence College.

Mark Your Calendar

Employee Service Awards

The 24th annual Employee Service Reception will be held on Friday, October 23, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Hall of Fame Room at the East Greenwich Campus. Those employees who have completed ten, twenty and thirty years of service to the college will be honored with a 2015 Employee Service Award. Please stop by to share in this joyous occasion with your fellow colleagues.

Alumni Association Sponsored Workshop

 <p>2 FREE WORKSHOPS SPONSORED BY NEW ENGLAND TECH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION</p>	<p>How to Start and Run a Small Business October 14th and October 20th 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM</p> <p>October 14: How to Start, Run and Grow a Small Business</p> <p>October 20: How to Write a Business Plan & How to Raise Money</p> <p>What will you learn? The unknown formula to earning substantially higher profits; 10 hottest businesses; how to finance a business; how to start with very little cash; how to price a product/ service; strategic marketing planning; 10 website basics; 10 SEO tips; small business vs. traditional marketing & advertising; how to slash hundreds off your taxes; 20 biggest "pitfalls" in starting and running a small business.</p>	<p>Starting and Running a Construction Company October 27th 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM</p> <p>October 27: How to Start, Run and Grow a Construction Company</p> <p>What will you learn? In this two hour workshop all the aspects of starting a construction company, as well as, how to increase profits in an existing one will be discussed. Concepts to be covered include: Niche marketing; strategy & profits; bonding; unions; business planning; finances; cash flow; costing; project management; financial statements; percent of completion; overhead; personnel; operations; and entity choice.</p>
<p>How to Start and Run a Small Business & Starting and Running a Construction Company</p>	<p>Presenters</p> <p>David J. Lucier, CPA, CGMA, Tax CEA, Small Business Specialist David is one of Rhode Island's leading small business speakers on small business finance, management, marketing, business plans, and starting and growing a small business. He co-authored "The Six Steps to Small Business Success" and has worked with small businesses for over 30 years.</p> <p>Anthony W. Bucci, Jr., CPCU, AIS Tony is an independent insurance broker that founded Bucci Insurance Group in 1981. He focuses on working with the small business market educating and resolving risk management and employee benefit issues.</p> <p>To register for one or all go to: www.neit.edu/About-Us/Alumni-Association</p>	
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