The 2013 Employee Campaign is Underway

NEIT kicked off its 2013 Employee Campaign on Wednesday, September 11th on the patio of the East Greenwich campus. The Campaign will run through October 11, 2013, however, contributions to the Employee Campaign may be made anytime throughout the fiscal year (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014).

At the campaign kick-off, President Richard I. Gouse shared the vision and plan for expanding the East Greenwich campus over the next several years starting as early as 2014 with the construction of dormitories! The time has come to provide on-campus housing for students interested in enrolling at NEIT from across the country and internationally. Dorms will create a more collegiate environment as well.

Bob Theroux, Vice President of Finance and Business Administration, explained how fundraising dollars are put to use at NEIT throughout the year. With the financial climate still in a slow recovery in some areas, many students continue to struggle with the cost of a college education. NEIT has made a commitment to assist our students who are struggling financially by raising the maximum annual scholarship amount available to students from $2,500.00 to $6,000.00 per academic year. Bob stated, “During the Spring quarter of 2013, NEIT provided approximately $771,000.00 of institutional aid to students, which was a 58% increase over the 2012 Spring quarter”. Jason Aguilar, a faculty member in the IT Department and a NEIT grad, volunteered to speak at the kick-off on the importance of receiving a scholarship while he was a student here.

Everyone who participated in the kick-off was treated to a bag of “Wicked Good Kettle Corn” and an NEIT popcorn megaphone as a token of appreciation for supporting the Employee Campaign, our students and the College.

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A frequently asked question is, “Why are employees asked to give money?” An employee giving campaign is an integral part of an organization’s overall fundraising program. The reason is simple: when applying for private and public grants, most funders inquire as to the percent of giving to the organization by its leadership and its employees. The funders want to know if the employees are invested in their own organization before they will consider a funding request. For that reason, the goal of the Employee Campaign is to achieve 100% participation and all employees are invited to play a role. **The amount of the contribution is not as important as the level of participation. A single dollar per week will make a difference!**

Employees may also designate where they would like to apply their donation such as, the Building Fund for Campus Expansion, Employee Scholarship Fund (newly established for incoming students), Alumni Scholarship Fund, Student Activities, or a particular department or technology program. Individuals may choose any one of the funds listed above and have their donation applied to just one fund or divided between funds. It’s up to each employee to decide the amount and designation of the contribution.

Anyone who contributes to the Employee Campaign will be entered into the appropriate raffle(s). Everyone who contributes $10 or more per pay period has a chance to win a weekend in Newport with two nights at a bed & breakfast, a $100 Visa Gift Card, and an NEIT sweatshirt. For those employees contributing $1.00 - 9.99 per pay period ($26.00-$259.74), they have a chance to win a NEIT gift basket and a $100 Visa Gift Card. Lastly, everyone who participates has a chance to win a $50 VISA Gift Card. Prizes will be drawn at the wrap-up event which will take place in late October.

Each department is assigned to a team. Your team captain will be contacting you to answer any questions regarding the campaign program. IT – Jason Aguilar; VAP, AUX, SSS – Cheryl Booker; AUTB – Melissa Hague; ABT, CSVS, VET, MIS – Anna Kelly; RACH, ST, STA – Bob Kennedy; CMA, HIM, GMW, MASC, BK – Cheryl MacDonald; RC, HSP, EET, TLM – Mike Markarian; AST, NUR – Bill Menard; MT, HTG, FIS – Pierre Morin; BCC, CJ, LIB - Jeff Norman; REG, ELY, OTA, EST, PLB – Michele Paiva; ADMS - Leslie Peck; ASC – Rebecca Renaud; HUSS, MGT, CTI, EXEC – Joan Segerson; BUS, FAID – Carole Stiles; PTA, OTL – Sue Warthman.

For more information, contact Joan Segerson, Director of Development in the Institutional Development/Alumni Relations Office at jsegerson@neit.edu or call her at ext. 3704. Thank you for your support of this most important fundraising effort.
**STUDENT NEWS**

**It’s Scholarship Application Time**

Once again, New England Tech is offering more than 50 scholarships from approximately 16 technology programs to qualified students for the 2013-2014 academic year. These awards are available to those continuing students who have completed at least one full quarter at NEIT. The application deadline is **Friday, October 18, 2013**.

Scholarship awards range from $500.00 to $2000.00 each and are provided by various companies, organizations and memorial funds. Some scholarships require a minimum grade point average while others do not. Students may apply for more than one scholarship as well. All scholarships do require students to write a simple one-page essay. The Academic Skills Center can provide assistance to students in writing their essay if they so choose.

Students may apply through NEIT’s Financial Aid Office or online using the student website. Paper applications have been distributed throughout the three campuses as well. Questions should be directed to Maria Riccio, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, at ext. 3354 or by email at mriccio@neit.edu. Please encourage students to take advantage of this great opportunity.

**International Student Orientation is Coming**

Over the course of the year, NEIT hosts four orientation sessions to welcome our new international students. The largest day-long orientation occurs in the Fall and is scheduled for Friday, October 4, 2013; from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Students and accompanying family members arrive up to a month before the start of classes from all over the world. The majority of students travel from the Caribbean, but students also come from many other countries. This year we have students enrolling from India, Ghana, Nigeria, Bermuda, Bahamas, and St. Lucia to name a few.

Upon arrival, Mark Seltzer, Director of International Admissions, and Catherine Fabrizi, International Student Advisor, will welcome the group. Students can register for classes as well as learn about important academic policies and immigration regulations. Assistance is provided for housing needs and setting up bank and phone accounts, as well as shopping for such essentials as home goods and warm clothing.

Personnel from key departments are also on hand to welcome these new students: Doug Sherman, Senior Vice President and Provost; Cathy Kennedy, Vice President for Student Support; Lee Peebles, Director of Student Support Services along with the Student Advisors; Pierre Morin, Director of Student Accounts; Pat Blakemore, Director of Career Services; Ann Ricci, Director of Academic Skills; Melissa Hague, Student Activities Coordinator; and Sue Warthman, Director of the Library and Information Commons. Interactive ice-breakers are planned throughout the day led by International
Admissions Specialist, Erica McQuesten, with the help of orientation student peer leaders--Carenique Turner, Daythan Newton, and Lacie Williams-Hill.

Lunch will feature an indoor picnic in the Food Court at which time students can mingle with exhibitors that include The International House of RI, Kent County YMCA, Central R.I. Chamber of Commerce, Stop & Shop Pea Pod delivery service, RIPTA, the East Greenwich Rotary Club, as well as NEIT’s Rotaract Club and Student Activities. This event will certainly welcome our new international students to the New England Tech community.

**Vet Tech Career Fair – A Great Success**

The Career Services Office hosted the first annual Veterinary Technology Career Fair on Wednesday, September 11, 2013, at the Post Road campus. Twelve veterinary organizations were on hand to speak with upcoming graduates and current students about potential job openings as well as internship opportunities. These employers had the opportunity to tour the Veterinary Technology labs and were very impressed with our facilities and candidates! All employers are looking forward to returning to NEIT to recruit our Vet Tech students.

**Students Participate in Graduate Fellowship Program**

Tech Collective is known as Rhode Island’s Bioscience and Information Technology Industry Association. By uniting industry, government and institutions of higher learning, its mission is to inspire, engage, educate and employ a high-skill, high-wage Knowledge Economy in Rhode Island.

Offering 10-week fellowship opportunities, Tech Collective connects member companies with recent graduates. The goal of the Fellowship Program is to provide a comprehensive approach to connecting students/graduates and employers.

Peter Sadeck, an Associate in Science degree graduate in Information Technology/Software Engineering, along with Anthony Salazar, a Bachelor of Science degree grad in Game Development and Simulation Programming Technology, learned about this fellowship opportunity through NEIT’s Career Services Office. After successful interviews with their respective employers,
Peter was assigned to AIPSO, an insurance service provider in Johnston, Rhode Island, as an Assistant Programmer, while Anthony was employed as a Technical Support Representative/Developer at Alert Solutions in Cranston, Rhode Island. Because of the superior work they provided during their fellowship opportunities, both Peter and Anthony were hired after the completion of the 10 week program!

In recognition of their achievements, Peter and Anthony were invited to the 2013 Summer Fellowship Recognition Breakfast held at the Rhode Island Foundation in Providence on September 4th. The event was funded and supported by the Governor’s Workforce Board and the RI Job Development Fund. Out of the nine Tech Collective Graduate Fellowship program participants, six of the fellows have received job offers. Congratulations to both Peter and Anthony for a job well done!

**Information Literacy Class Now Being Offered**

Attention all faculty members! How would you like your students to become competent in finding, evaluating, organizing and using information? Beginning in the Fall quarter, a five week Information Literacy Class (AS011) will be offered starting on Wednesday, October 30, and will run until Wednesday, December 4. Classes will be taught by Sue Warthman, MLIS, AHIP, Director of the Library and Information Commons, and will meet in S111 from 3:30 pm to 5:10 pm.

The course is intended to complement those classes that contain a research assignment and will require an annotated list of references for the final project, which can also be submitted for other class assignments. Designed to facilitate the process of inquiry, problem solving, and critical thinking, AS011 will also identify issues related to intellectual property, copyright and fair use of copyrighted materials.

Students may register for this class online or in person at the Registrar’s Office. For more information, contact Sue Warthman at ext. 3553 or swarthman@neit.edu.

**Students vs. Faculty Golf Tournament**

Forty New England Tech students and faculty teamed up on September 6, 2013 at the East Greenwich Country Club for the exciting Sixth Annual Student vs. Faculty Golf Tournament. All players were treated to a free game of golf. It was a picture perfect golf day along with a little friendly competition. Congratulations to the NEIT students who triumphed over the faculty members. To join the New England Tech Golf Club, contact AUT instructor, Bob Kennedy at rkennedy@neit.edu.
COLLEGE UPDATE

Meet the Career Services Staff

Located right next door to the Academic Skills Center (S104), the staff of the Career Services Office is ready to assist students from the first day of class all the way through graduation and beyond. This office provides assistance to students and grads in resume writing, interviewing skills and all aspects of the job search. The staff conducts in-class presentations to discuss job seeking techniques for students during their final technical quarters. As students approach the end of their program, they may submit a resume to the Career Services Office, which will be circulated to employers as openings become available within their respective technical fields. Mock interviews can also be scheduled to help students prepare and practice for actual job interviews.

Career Services also offers assistance to students who are in need of earning extra money while they are in school through the many listings for full-time and part-time non-technical job offerings. In addition, students may meet with career advisors to discuss their specific employment needs and to prepare for job interviews.

This office provides outstanding service to NEIT students and graduates through its relationships with hundreds of employers serving as the liaison for both job and networking opportunities.

Employer Resource

Many employers use New England Tech as a primary resource when recruiting new employees. These employers receive resumes of qualified candidates within minutes of submitting a job posting. Many employers have stated that NEIT is the only college that rapidly responds to their needs. The staff prides itself for being the best resource for technical candidates and for the great personal connection it has with its network of employers.

Recruiting Events

The Career Services Offices hosts several recruiting events throughout the year for NEIT students and graduates. More than 100 employers visit the campus annually to meet prospective employees. These recruiting events offer NEIT students and graduates, from various technical degree programs, the opportunity to network with potential employers.

Graduation

Another role of the Career Services staff is to assist with the coordination of the college’s Commencement ceremony in May of each year. All graduate cap and gown and faculty regalia orders are placed through this office. The mailing of invitations to more than
1000 graduates is handled by Career Services as well as informing faculty and staff about important Commencement details.

**What’s Happening!**

The job market continues to be very active for New England Tech graduates. Here is some of the good news about recent job opportunities:

- National Refrigeration Inc. just hired its seventh NEIT grad.
- Many job requests for Medical Assistants are coming into the office every week.
- Several graduates from the Game Development and Simulation Programming Technology program were offered jobs in the Boston area and are making educational games.
- Travel Centers of America is opening a facility in West Greenwich, RI, and visited the Center for Automotive Technology on Access Road to tour the campus and interview grads. Four graduates were hired as a result of the visit.
- Sensata Technologies in Attleboro, MA, will be coming to campus to speak with students in the EST and MCT programs about current job opportunities.

Feel free to stop by the Career Services Office with any questions or to find out how the staff can assist you and your students.

**Alumni Golf Tournament Is A Hit!**

The 4th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament once again proved to be a great success. Despite the rainy start, the golfers enjoyed the day at the Swansea Country Club on July 26th. Special thanks to honorary co-chairs Terry Regan, President of Regan Heating and Air Conditioning and Vin Rossi, NEIT grad and President of Rossi Electric, for their dedication and financial support of this important event. Nearly $63,000 was raised which will be used to help students in need through the NEIT Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Congratulations to the top three winning foursomes. First place: Jim Koloski, Steve Holmes, Mark Saccoccio and Dan DiLeonardo from Shawmut Design and Construction. Second place: Bill Golish, Greg Barker, Paul Krekorian and Donald Krekorian of Flagship Staffing. Third place: NEIT students Ryan Sams, Jeremy DiSpagna, Benjamin Mikkola and Barry Rose.

The success of this event is the result of the collaborative efforts by Joan Segerson, Director of Development and the members of the golf committee Bob Theroux, Doug Sherman, Mike Hayes, Pat Tracey, Phil Marks, Bob Kennedy, Steve Kitchin, Cathy Kennedy, Melissa Hague, Cheryl Booker, Leslie Peck, Bill Menard, and Bob Goulet, as well as volunteers Caitlin Beagan, Cheryl MacDonald, Kathleen Dohoney, Anne Ryan, Ann Ricci, Carole Stiles, and Linda Dionne.

Our gratitude also goes to the generous sponsors and raffle prize donors who played a major role in making this tournament both enjoyable and financially successful. For a complete list or donors, please visit [www.neit.edu](http://www.neit.edu).
In Memoriam

With great sadness, we announce that Sam Holtzman passed away on Saturday, August 17, 2013, at his home. Sam was an adjunct professor in NEIT’s Math and Science departments since 1986. More than a great educator, Sam was a colleague and friend to faculty, staff, and students alike. Besides his wife Marilyn, Sam is survived by his three daughters, Laura, Jessica, and Samantha.

Sam also leaves a number of family members associated with NEIT. He was the brother-in-law of Carol Brawn, Marie McCleod, Pat Almonte and Elaine McKeever-Merolla, and uncle to Elaine May, Eva Merolla, Sharon Ryan, Meghan Scheffield and Kerrie Walsh. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Sam’s family during this difficult time. He will be truly missed.

Fire Apparatus Show - A Great Success

The Rhode Island Antique Fire Apparatus Society (RIAFAS) held its 9th Annual Antique Fire Apparatus and Equipment Show on Sunday, June 16, 2013, at the East Greenwich campus. RIAFAS was founded in 2004 by 11 people including Founding Member/RIAFAS Secretary, Paul Salvas, who also serves as NEIT’s head of security. Beginning with nine fire trucks, today’s membership has grown to more than 150 members with approximately 90 trucks.

Paul also served as the 2013 Show Chairman. At the RIAFAS monthly meeting in August, Paul presented Steve Kitchin, Vice President for Corporate Education and Training at NEIT, with a certificate of appreciation and other RIAFAS memorabilia for his assistance in coordinating the show on campus. The event, which showcased 53 pieces of antique fire apparatus, was deemed a huge success!

A Visit from Bill Ferrante

William “Bill” Ferrante, retired Associate Provost, stopped in to visit his former New England Tech colleagues on September 20. Here Bill is pictured with Ann Ricci, Director of Academic Skills.
FIRST Robotics Is Back

Saturday, September 7th, was the official kick-off for the 2013-2014 FIRST Tech Challenge scheduled for Saturday, February 8, 2014, at NEIT’s Center for Automotive Technology. On hand to welcome the participating RI high school teams were (from left): Erin Flynn, NEIT’s Manager of Admissions Outreach and Events; Adam Bessette from the Providence Engineering Society; Helen Greathouse – Head Judge and representing the Society of Manufacturing Engineers; and Congressman Jim Langevin.

ABT Students Visit Boston

Faculty and students in the Architectural Building Engineering Technology (ABT) program took the semi-annual Boston architectural walking tour. Beginning at the Back Bay train station, they visited the Boston Public Library, Christian Science Center, Harvard University, MIT, Boston Commons, City Hall Plaza and the Rose Kennedy Greenway as well as the waterfront and other significant architectural features of Boston and Cambridge. ABT Associate Professor Eric Kirton and Assistant Professor Paul Satas have coordinated tours of Boston and New York City since 2001.

UPCOMING EVENTS
AT NEW ENGLAND TECH

HEALTH CARE EMPLOYMENT FAIR
Thursday, October 24, 2013
East Greenwich Campus
3rd Floor, Tech Way
8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

TECH NITES
Tuesday, November 5, 2013
Tuesday, February 4, 2014
Tuesday, April 8, 2014