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October 16, 2014**



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Scholarships**

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Building New Dorms



Remember the Kettle Corn?

**Watch your e-mail for
further details!**

It's Scholarship Application Time

More than 50 scholarships are available to eligible New England Tech students who will be attending classes during the January, 2015, quarter. Scholarship awards are a minimum of \$500 each and are provided by various companies, organizations or in memory of a faculty member or friend of the college. Some scholarships require a minimum grade point average, while others do not. Students may apply for more than one scholarship as well. Scholarships may 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.



Please encourage students to apply through NEIT's Financial Aid Office or online utilizing the student website.

Application forms may also be obtained from the following locations: Student Support Services, Student Accounts, the Academic Skills Center, and the Registrar's Office. The application deadline is Friday, October 17, 2014.

For more information, contact Maria Riccio, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, at ext. 3354 or by email at mriccio@neit.edu.

NEIT's Nursing Department Educates Health Sciences Professionals

The Nursing Department at New England Tech hosted a lecture on September 11, 2014, featuring internationally known nurse educator, Kathie Lasater, Ed.D, RN, ANEF, who presented her insights on the topic, "Thinking like a Nurse: Bridging the Clinical Judgment Gap". Individuals in the health sciences field such as nurses, nurse educators, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and respiratory therapists, along with NEIT faculty and students, had the opportunity to hear Dr. Lasater's presentation relating to clinical reasoning when making bedside patient assessments. Dr. Lasater also made a special presentation to NEIT's nursing faculty which was videotaped for future use for training nursing faculty.

Dr. Lasater has served as an academic nurse educator and staff development/quality improvement specialist in practice. She holds a Doctor of Education Degree in Educational Leadership (Postsecondary). Currently, she is a professor at the Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) School of Nursing and served as the University's Interim Statewide Director of Simulation Learning from 2007 to 2008. She is best known for the creation of the evidence-based Lasater Clinical Judgment Rubric, an assessment instrument widely used in simulation as well as clinical settings in academe and practice.



Dr. DelPrato (left) with Dr. Lasater

Dr. Lasater is a frequent presenter and has been published in numerous peer-reviewed journals on the topics of clinical judgment and the use of simulation in healthcare education. She is Assistant Editor of *Nurse Education Today* and a regular reviewer for several other journals. In addition, Dr. Lasater has worked on numerous grant projects serving in several capacities.

Special thanks to Dr. Darlene DelPrato, Professor and Director of Nursing, for inviting Dr. Lasater to NEIT to share her wealth of knowledge with the health sciences community.

In Memoriam



Sadly, our colleague Steven V. Seminara passed away at home on August 20, 2014. Steve most recently served as an Assistant Professor in the Mechanical Engineering Technology Department. He began teaching at New England Tech in 1996 and served as the Department Chair. Previously, Steve worked for General Electric and Electric Boat before he began teaching at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI). He received a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master of Science Degree from RPI in Mechanical Engineering. He was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and the American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE).

Steve's dedication and commitment to New England Tech students will be truly missed. Contributions in Steve's memory may be made to the college's Mechanical Engineering Technology Department, c/o Joan Segerson, NEIT's Director of Development and Alumni Relations. For more information, email Joan at jsegerson@neit.edu or call ext. 3704.

Respiratory Care Students Become Advocates

New England Tech Respiratory Care (RC) students recently completed a capstone project focusing on advocating for the Medicare Respiratory Therapist Reimbursement Act—HR 2619. RC students met with Congressmen James Langevin and David Cicilline and presented their views on the importance of the HR 2619 Act. At the conclusion of each presentation, both Congressmen agreed to co-sponsor HR 2619. This capstone project will be submitted as a “Best Practices” model for Respiratory Care advocacy to the American Association of Respiratory Care.

This project was a great example of how these students used the knowledge they gained in the classroom to the betterment of their profession and the treatment of patients.



From left: Stephanie Green, Danielle Mahoney, Michelle Smith, Rachel Hill, Congressman David Cicilline, Assistant Professor Paul Mangino, David Pietraszka, Jonathan Contreras, Joney Norris, and Melissa Nordstrom

ACE Rhode Island Returns to NEIT



The ACE (Architecture, Construction, Engineering) Mentor Program offers high school students the opportunity to develop their interest and abilities in these fields into exciting and rewarding careers. The ACE program is a free 16 week after school program hosted in part at NEIT's Architectural Building Engineering Technology (ABT) Department. Along with the college's ABT faculty, mentors from local construction and engineering firms will also be on-hand to work with these dedicated students. Classes will begin October, 2014. Visit <http://acementoringri.org/> for more details.

NEIT'S QUALITY SERVICE STATEMENT - Quality Service, for students, employees, and customers at New England Institute of Technology, is knowledgeable and informed employees working as a team to provide more assistance and information than expected, in a caring and professional manner, in order to empower the students to achieve their goals.

Faculty and Staff Update

Chris Arsenault Assistant Professor, Information Technology

Chris has been an adjunct instructor in Information Technology teaching programming for game development since 2009, including game persistence and game architecture at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels.

Chris holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Studio Art with a Computer Science minor from Rhode Island College and has put both his artistic and technical talents to use in a variety of occupations. As a self-employed producer/photographer/artist, he has produced high quality bridal, family, and event photography as well as media production, slide shows, presentations, videos and websites. In addition, he has been a software engineer and the architect of an extendable screensaver framework, which served as the primary product foundation for a software development/new media company.



As an independent author/developer, he worked on improving multimedia authoring tools, 2D animation systems, and plug-ins to provide end users with very rapid multimedia design software. Chris has also done instructional design at GTECH, creating and teaching a course for lottery systems operation that was modular and adaptable to customized instruction. At Rhode Island College, he was Development Manager for *Project Clio*, producing a computer-based introductory Western Civilization course, used at more than ten colleges and universities nationwide.

Matthew James Instructor, Nursing



Matthew joins the faculty full-time after having taught as an adjunct Clinical Nursing instructor at NEIT since 2013 and at the University of Rhode Island from 2013-2014. In those positions, he worked with nursing students in clinical, classroom, and laboratory settings. He also helped to improve syllabi and curricula for both programs.

In addition to teaching, Matthew served as an RN in the Emergency Department at Kent Hospital and Miriam Hospital providing patient care and triage. He has assisted physicians in a wide range of procedures.

Matthew was the Emergency Department Nurse Manager for three years while at Kent Hospital.

Matthew has a Master of Science Degree from the University of Rhode Island, a Bachelor of Science Degree from Rhode Island College, and an Associate in Science Degree from the Community College of Rhode Island, all in Nursing. He is certified in Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, and Pediatric Advanced Life Support. He is a member of the Rhode Island Nurse Practitioner Association, the Emergency Nurses Association, the National League of Nursing, and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society.

Vinny Ritoli **Instructor, Information Technology**

Vinny has worked as an adjunct instructor at NEIT since 2007 teaching courses in Design, GUI Design, Flash, Javascript, HTML 5, XHTML, CSS, Digital Audio, and Digital Editing. He has developed courses for both the Information Technology and Graphic, Multimedia and Web Design departments.



As a freelance designer and developer, Vinny is the founder of Imagery Studio, which specializes in web animation and interactive website design. He has developed projects for a wide range of clients in diverse fields including 20th Century Fox, the Hospital Association of Rhode Island, First Look Pictures, and Biowater Technology. He has also worked on the website designs for NEIT's Library and Center for Technology and Industry. In addition to web design, he also designs for print (logos, letterhead, business cards) and marketing (advertisements, brochures). Previous to developing his own company, Vinny worked for SilverLight Productions as a multimedia designer.

Vinny has a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Visual Communications from American Intercontinental University and an Associate in Science Degree in Multimedia Design from NEIT.

Kathleen Devine **Vice President of Enrollment Management**



Kathleen joined NEIT in August, 2014. In this new position, Kathleen will oversee the Admissions and Financial Aid Departments. Kathleen brings more than 20 years of direct experience in admissions, financial aid, and campus operations. She began her career as an admissions representative and over the years has assumed greater responsibility by managing several admissions departments; serving as a campus director; and overseeing the operation of several campuses.

Kathleen is a graduate of South University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

Evelyn Dennis **Registration Coordinator, Registrar's Office**

Evelyn comes to the Registrar's Office after having worked as an Administrative Assistant in the Academic Skills Center since 2011. Previous to working at NEIT, she was the Administrative Assistant for a design firm where she assisted with bookkeeping, invoicing, billing, and maintaining records. As Document Control Administrator at JFK International Airport, she managed a system database for correspondence, organized documents, prepared regular reports, and generated a procedure manual. As the Accounts Receivable Clerk at Central Texas College, Evelyn worked with Pell Grants and scholarship funds and maintained student accounts and files.



Evelyn has an Associate in Science Degree in Accounting from Plaza College in New York and is pursuing an Associate in Science Degree in Business Administration from CCRI.

Susan Pilkington
Administrative Assistant, Nursing

Susan comes to NEIT with skills she developed working in a wide variety of fields. Most recently, she was the manager of a restaurant performing fiscal duties, hiring, scheduling, and maintaining the website and social media sites. Previous to that position, she worked as a legal secretary. While attending college, she held positions in a variety of offices for the State of Rhode Island, including the Department of Transportation in the Audit Section, Director's Office, Chief Engineer's Office, Assistant Director's Office, and Legal Office as well as in the RI Attorney General's Office, Environmental Unit.



Susan has Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from Bryant College.

COMING TO THE MEDIA PRESENTATION THEATER

The Library Presents:

Vampirism in New England ... The Dark Ages of Medical Science

Featuring: **"The Tillinghast Nightmare"**

October 30, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.
Media Presentation Theater
New England Institute of Technology
One New England Tech Blvd.
East Greenwich, RI



The evening will include the screening of "The Tillinghast Nightmare" followed by a discussion with Historical Haunts Executive Producer and Director, Alec Asten and author, Chris Rondina.

Chris Rondina will be available to autograph your **pre-purchased** * copy of "*Vampires of New England*."



A private reception with Alec and Chris for alumni will be held in the Library immediately following.

Admission is \$10.00 per person. For more information contact Anthony Loffredio at 739-5000 ext. 3578 <https://library.neit.edu/>

"The Tillinghast Nightmare" is a production of Historical Haunts and Firesite Films.

*"Vampires of New England" will not be available for sale at the event.