Criminal Justice Students Win National SkillsUSA Competition

CONGRATULATIONS to Alicia Caruso, Sara Vincent, and Tamena Amini, each enrolled in the college’s Criminal Justice Technology program, for earning a gold medal in Crime Scene Investigation at the SkillsUSA National Competition held in Kansas City, Missouri, June 23-29, 2013. These three outstanding young women, who are members of New England Tech’s Post-secondary Chapter of SkillsUSA, qualified for the national competition by winning first place in the Rhode Island Chapter of Skills USA’s Criminal Justice Crime Scene Investigation competition conducted by the Rhode Island Chapter of Skills USA on March 27, 2013, at the Veterinary Technology’s Associate in Science degree program follows a six quarter curriculum designed to prepare students for a career in veterinary technology.

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New Director of Development on Board

JOAN T. SEGERSON has joined NEIT as the college’s Director of Development. She brings a wealth of philanthropy experience to the college having been employed with such well known organizations as VNA of Care New England, Cranston ARC, St. Mary’s Home for Children, Roger Williams Medical Center, AIDS Project RI, and the Providence Public Library.

Ms. Segerson’s responsibilities include establishing and overseeing a development program to include donations from corporations, individuals, and funding agencies. She will further develop New England Tech’s relationships with alumni, business partners, funding agencies, and the community as well as oversee the college’s annual alumni golf tournament and other development activities.

Ms. Segerson holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Bryant College and a Master’s degree in Business Administration from Johnson & Wales University. She may be reached at 401-739-5000, ext. 3704 or jsugerson@neit.edu

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an independent filmmaker means that you have to DO it. No one is going to hold your hand and tell you exactly what to do because there is no specific way to become a film director. That is what makes this career unique. The best and most universal thing to do is to just DO it. Be your own boss and make your own films.

Tell us about your position.

I wear many hats in my position. While I act as executive director for my own independent film production company, Root Beer Studios, I am also a writer, cinematographer, editor, location scout, and many other things within productions. To have a variety of skills is very important in this field. It can lead you to getting a lot more work.

What do you feel ultimately prepared you for your position?

In speaking in terms of NEIT I would say the best thing that prepared me was a better understanding of the business side of video production. Many people in the video field start off as some sort of freelancer and that is pretty much like running your own business.

Do you have any advice for graduates who are just beginning their job search?

When it comes to anything involving making connections and building your network the best thing you can do is to find a way to build relationships with people. By this I mean find something that you can do in your job search that is going to make you stand out among the rest of the applicants fighting for a position. Send a HANDWRITTEN thank you note. Many executives get typed letters all the time, but there is something much more personal with a handwritten note. I would also say make sure you follow up with people. If they are interested in your work but don’t have any room to hire you right now, find a way to keep them updated. Let them know that you think of them and want to keep them in the loop. The more on the radar you are in any way, the better.

What can current students do to better prepare themselves for jobs in this field?

I can speak best to the students who are looking to become film directors. I know that there is a lot of you in attendance. The best advice I can give to those students goes right back to what I said earlier: DO IT. If you have a film you want to make, make that film. No one can tell you in this day and age that your film cannot be produced. The advancement of technology in the past couple of years has put great HD and professional equipment in our reach. When it comes to the students that are not interested in film but are looking to move of the corporate side, be a freelancer. I am sure you have heard that many times in class, but of the corporate side, be a freelancer. I am sure you have heard that many times in class, but it is really one of the best things you can do.

It’s a great way to make money and build your resume as you look for the big job.

Alumni Golf Tournament

Another Sell Out!


The tournament was a sell-out again this year! Vin Rossi, an NEIT alumnus and owner and president of Rossi Electric of Cranston, RI, and Terry Regan, president of Regan Heating and Air Conditioning, located in Providence, RI, were this year’s honorary co-chairs. For the past four years, both Rossi and Regan have been the top supporters of this event. This year, Rossi Electric was the tournament’s Dinner Sponsor and Regan Heating and Air Conditioning held the Gold Sponsor title.

Many details can be controlled when planning an event, but unfortunately, the weather was not one! The day began with a steady rain. However, shortly after tee-off, the rain held off until the end of play. As one foursome described the weather, “It was golf perfect!” Planning an event of this magnitude requires a tremendous amount of organization. “The individuals who served on the Golf Committee represent everything that is NEIT,” stated Steve Kitchin, Vice President for Corporate Education and Training. “They are all about being a team, and I commend them for their commitment to working collaboratively to make the 4th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament a great success”.

Congratulations to the first place foursome from Shawmut Design and Construction: Jim Kolski, Steve Holmes, Matt Sacoccio and Dan DiLeonardo, scoring 5 under par for the day. Second place went to the Flagship Staffing foursome: Bill Golish, Greg Barker, Paul Krekorian, and Donald Krekorian. Sponsored by S.A. Davis, the NEIT student foursome of Ryan Sams, Jeremy DiSpagna, Benjamin Mikkola and Barry Rose, took the third place prize. Congratulations to all!

Through the support of our sponsors, players and raffle prize donors, as well as the hard work of the committee and volunteers, the 4th Annual New England Institute of Technology Alumni Golf Tournament raised nearly $63,000 to enhance the Alumni Scholarship Fund. It is with sincere gratitude that we acknowledge those who supported this year’s tournament. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2014. A complete list of sponsors may be found at www.neit.edu

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More than 1,100 students were awarded associate, bachelor and master’s degrees. This year’s Commencement also marked the awarding of Associate in Science degrees to NEIT’s first cohort of Veterinary Technology students. Also, three students from Electric Boat received an Associate in Science degree in Applied Technical Studies through a customized degree program developed by NEIT’s Center for Technology and Industry. On a humorous note, Abdul-Jabbar advised students to play more video games. He explained, “You’ve worked hard to get here today and you have a lot more hard work coming up as you pursue new careers. Make sure that you plan one thing to do every day that is just for you.”

An honorary doctor of humane letters was awarded to business leader and community activist, John Hazen White, Jr., President of Taco, Inc. located in Cranston, RI. He was honored for his tireless efforts in serving many Rhode Island non-profit organizations, promoting the arts and education in the state, and his dedication to his employees in bettering their lives.

As Abdul-Jabbar reminded the graduates, “NEIT has taught and trained you to go out into the world and become successful at whatever you choose. Knowledge is power and you now have the power to dramatically improve your lives. That’s a terrific goal. Find a way to use your knowledge and skills to make a difference in the lives of others, and it will make a difference in your life.”

**The Best of New England Tech!**

The Best of Tech Award recipients were honored at the 16th annual Best of Tech ceremony held April 26, 2013, at the East Greenwich campus. Each year New England Tech’s Office of Teaching and Learning recognizes exceptional students for their academic and personal achievements. Students are nominated by the department chair of their respective technology program. Best of Tech nominees must be eligible to participate in the college’s annual Commencement ceremony as well as maintain outstanding academic achievement and GPA. These students must also participate in extracurricular activities, volunteer in the community and serve as role models to all NEIT students. We salute the following students:

Daniel V. Almeida
Michael J. Amaral
Rafael Arroyo
Kathleen Bennett
Ryan D. Bishop
Joshua R. Brock
Deborah A. Burbank
Jonathan J. Caligiore
Tristan M. Case
Corey M. Clark
David A. Cruz
Marc T. deWolf
Sarah K. Gray
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Christopher T. Keeffe
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Scott M. Masterson
Jason T. McNeely
Phillip D. Morell
Stephen G. Morrison
Michelle J. Pietrzyk
David R. Pignone
Alexis D. Quinones
Alyssa R. Richards
Gene P. Rosati
Victor M. Santiago
Kristen M. Schroder
Carole A. Sherman
Hayle C. Silva
Teche E. Smith
Daniel D. Sopel
Lauren N. Tankle
Brian T. Young
Toby Zheng

In addition to the Best of Tech Awards, five students were presented with the prestigious Tech Scholar Award. This year, five outstanding women were chosen by a panel of faculty and administrative staff who evaluated each of the award applications. Congratulations to Michelle J. Pietrzyk, Hayle C. Silva, Sarah K. Gray, Deborah A. Burbank, and Lauren N. Tankle for demonstrating exemplary work in accordance with award program criteria.
NET was recently awarded a $2.5 million grant by the US Department of Labor. These funds, along with grants from the Governor’s Workforce Board and the Rhode Island Foundation, have been dedicated for the development of NET’s Shipbuilding/ Marine and Manufacturing Technology Program known as SMII. Approximately 400 unemployed individuals over the three year life of the grant will be served. Interested individuals have the opportunity to enter NET and receive job information and educational services along with necessary foundational and hands on laboratory experiences. They will then be referred to pre-employment training programs, on-the-job training positions, or job opportunities in the shipbuilding/marine and advanced manufacturing industries. As of July 15, 2013, certificates were awarded to NET’s first class of participants to complete the SMII program as a result of a unique collaboration between NET and Blount Boats located in Warren, RI. Blount Boats designs and builds steel and aluminum vessels including nonzero and very fast ferries, fast patrol boats, dive excursion boats, small cruise ships, bunkering tankers, tugs, and commerical vessels. Blount expressed an immediate need for skilled welders and NET responded.

“Every student is a potential grad” is the mantra of every staff member in the Office of Student Support Services. No matter what a student’s question or issue may be, Lee Peebles, Director of Student Life, along with the Student Advisors and support staff are on hand to assist.

Student Advisors are the primary point of contact for all New England Tech students. With Student Advisors assigned to each academic program, they are well versed in the requirements of their programs and meeting regularly with the students to make sure they are on track. Student Advisors are always on hand to meet with students and their families. These advisors or college-wide coaches work to keep students on a successful path to earning a degree by working closely with Academic Skills, Career Services, admissions, financial aid, and the Business Office. Communication is essential between the Student Advisor, the student, family members, faculty, and staff to find solutions and work towards a positive outcome.

For further information on the many services available at NET, the student should contact Student Support at 401-739-5000, ext. 3441 or email lpeebles@net.edu.

First Class Completes New England Tech’s SAMI Program

Blount Boats Hires First Seven SAMI Graduates

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Author Andrea Perron Will Share Her Ghostly Story

Before there was Amityville, there was Harrisville, RI. Based on the true life story of the Perron family, CBS and Panorama Productions, who own rights to the legend of “The Grady Family” play starring Scott William Winters and Marnette Patterson will present a history-making encore screening of the film that recently played in local movie theaters, tells the tale of how world renowned paranormal investigators, Ed and Lorraine Warren, met the Grady family while assisting the family terrorized by a dark presence in a secluded farmhouse in Harrisville, RI. James Wan, director of “The Conjuring” and “Dead Silence”, has brought the Perron family’s experience to the big screen with “The Conjuring”.

New England Institute of Technology’s library cordially invites you to meet Andrea Perron, who will “Haunt” NEIT’s library at the college on Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Presentation Theater at the Pond Campus. She will discuss her family’s experiences living in the house for ten years during the 1970’s, as well as share the making of the film, along with some movie clips. There will be a question and answer period.

Perron has written two books on the haunting entitled, “House of Darkens House of Light” with a third sequel scheduled for future publication. A book signing and promotion materials will be available in the NEIT library after the presentation. The public is invited to attend free of charge.
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Summer Quarter Activities

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