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Volunteerism at Its Finest

The 7th Annual Feinstein Enriching America Awards presentation was held on October 30, 2013, honoring three outstanding members of the NEIT community: Alan Shawn Feinstein, Founder of The Feinstein Foundation, was on hand to commend the recipients for giving their time and talent for the betterment of those in need. Arlene Potvin, Coordinator for the Feinstein Enriching America program at NEIT, presented awards to the following individuals:

Robin Schutt, Ph.D., is an Assistant Provost. Her volunteer activity spans almost two decades. Her dedication to Special Olympics, primarily the Penguin Plunge, has yielded more than $10,000 in donations directly to her efforts. For the 2013 Plunge, she was one of two people selected as excoleader with the role of coordinating that year’s event. Together they raised over $78,000 in donations. In her work with Greyhound Rescue and Adoption, Dr. Schutt has assisted in finding homes for retired dogs, as well as being part of cross-country and Canadian transports to move greyhounds to new homes, thus ensuring that dogs are able to live out their lives in loving homes. In past years, Dr. Schutt has served the Military Family Readiness Program of the RI Air National Guard as Treasurer and President of a local base and assisted families when personnel are deployed.

Jennifer Adamek is a Bachelor of Science degree student in Information Technology with a concentration in Cyber Security. Ms. Adamek shares her time and talents with military families relocating to new duty stations and opens her home to military personnel providing holiday dinners and gifts for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. She has participated in various food drives, clothing drives, animal rescue efforts and fundraising activities for youth organizations including Boys and Girls Scouts and the East Lyme, CT, high school wrestling team and crew team.

Kelly LaFontaine, an Associate in Science degree student in the Physical Therapist Assistant Technology program, has been volunteering for 15 years with the Waterman School in Cranston, RI. Ms. LaFontaine has directed and coordinated all aspects of the Waterman Dance Program, which provides 40 to 60 girls a safe, after school activity in which they learn the art of dance.

NEW ENGLAND TECH will offer a new Associate in Science degree program in Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) beginning in March of 2014. Students will learn the skills needed for entry-level medical laboratory technician positions. This specialized group of techni-
cians utilizes basic and specialized laboratory skills, computer technology, and knowledge of the human body in order to provide accurate and precise labora-
tory results requested by a physician to diagnose, treat, and monitor disease. Medical laboratory technicians must also demonstrate ethical and moral attitudes and principles as they relate to patient confidentiality.

The six quarter MLT program will offer academic courses in basic sciences (biology, chemistry, anatomy and physiology), mathematics, social sciences, and the humanities as well as both didactic (including student laboratories) and clinical experience courses in the areas of hematology, coagulation, microbiology, immunohematology, chemistry, parasitology, immunology, and urinalysis.

Upon completion of the Medical Laboratory Technology program, students will be eligible to sit for a national certification exam, such as the American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Board of Certification. An individual must pass this examination to be eligible for state licensure. The Medical Laboratory Technology program is seeking initial accreditation from the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science (NAACLS).

For more information on this new program, contact NEIT’s Admissions office at 1-800-736-7744 or 401-467-7744, ext. 3352.
am very hands-on and believe in personal contact and individualized service. I enjoy assisting my clients by learning their business priorities and helping them understand technology in simple, non-jargon, easy-to-understand terms.

**What do you feel ultimately prepared you for your position?**

I think that the great education I received at NEIT provided me with the skill sets needed to face the challenges of IT and be innovative. The instructors taught not only from a technical perspective, but also offered guidance with writing and research. My research class really helped me think outside the box and helped me learn how to generate and write good documentation including “how to” documents. I learned to think critically, which continues to help me deliver proposals and assessments to my clients in a format that is easy to understand, thorough and precise. My programming class taught me skills that I still use today and how to automate a variety of redundant tasks, saving my clients time and money.

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

Never lose sight of your ultimate goal. Be prepared to handle all the challenges that will come within your career. Never think that you know it all—be a good listener and life-long learner. When you don’t know something, it’s okay to ask for help; use the resources available to you. You may think that you won’t use some of the classes that you take, but once you step into real world, the foundation that is now being built during your schooling at NEIT will become more clear to you as it plays out in the real world with real challenges that you will find you can successfully solve.

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

I would encourage young people to keep current with the ever changing technology, but more importantly, to focus on one area of expertise and to refrain from trying to learn everything at once. I have never believed in the saying, “Jack of all trades and master of none,” because in IT you need to be proficient in at least one area.

Become a volunteer in your community. This will bring a sense of satisfaction and open doors and at the same time afford you the opportunity to use the skills learned at NEIT. Like the saying goes, “if you don’t use it, you’ll lose it.”

**The 2013 Employee Campaign**

NEW ENGLAND TECH recently completed its Second Annual Employee Campaign. At the campaign kick-off held in September, President Richard Gouse shared the vision and plan for expanding the college’s East Greenwich campus over the next several years beginning with the construction of dormitories. The time has come to provide on-campus housing to attract students interested in enrolling at NEIT from across the country as well as internationally. Current students requiring housing now live off campus.

Why are employees asked to contribute money? An employee giving campaign is an integral part of an organization’s overall fundraising program. When applying for public and private grants, most funders inquire as to the percent of giving to the organization by the Board of Directors and/or Trustees and its employees. The amount of the contribution is not as important as the level of participation. A single dollar per week will make a difference!

Employees had the option to designate where they would like to apply their donation such as, career services, Employee Scholarship Fund (newly established for incoming students), Alumni Scholarship Fund, Student Activities, or a particular department or technology program. The 2013 Employee Campaign was deemed a great success with several departments reaching 100% participation.
Power Game Day 2013

Videogaming faculty, students, and industry leaders gathered at NEIT on October 24, 2013, for a day dedicated to learning about the latest and greatest in gaming software and technology now being used in the video game development and design industry. A record-breaking number of students attended the morning speaking program as well as the afternoon game expo.

Representatives from Sonalyst Studios, Chrysler Academy, Microsoft, Defective Studios, Boston Dynamics and DiscoPixel covered topics ranging from the newest applications and gaming tools to ways for students to gain employment in the exciting and challenging game development and design industry. Students learned about one of the newest gaming and design industry. Students learned about one of the newest gaming applications and industries known as Modeling and Simulation (M&S), which is used as a means for safely training personnel working in dangerous environments.

A new component to Power Game Day was event for this event scheduled for January 24-26, 2014. Global Game Jam’s (GGJ) open to all individuals over 18 years of age. To register, visit www.GlobalGameJam.org, login/create login and then find us in “Locations.” Then click on the “Join this Site” button. Also, please register at NEIT’s site at http://globalgamejam.neit.edu/GlobalGameJam.htm.

Vet Tech Program News

The second pinning ceremony for NEIT’s Veterinary Technology program was held on September 26, 2013, at the college’s Post Road campus. A reception followed the ceremony for the graduates and their guests. Dr. Darlene Jones, Department Chair, delivered greetings and the presentation of Veterinary Technician pins to the graduates. Leading the graduates in the Veterinary Technician’s Oath was faculty member, Mela- nie Domachick, CVT, with closing remarks presented by Dr. Robin Schutt, Assistant Provost.

The following students earned their Associate in Science degree in Veterinary Technology: Ryan Anderson, Katrina Evans, Lara Fillio, Kimberly McDougal, Kimberly Narciso, Matthew Pochebit, Tiffany Sammartino, Samantha Sinclair, Samantha Wildenheim, and Michael Ward.

The Career Services Office hosted the first annual Veterinary Technology Career Fair on September 11, 2013, at the Post Road campus. Twelve veterinary organizations were on hand to speak with graduates and current students about potential job openings as well as internship opportunities. These employers had the opportunity to tour the Veterinary Technology labs.

Nicole Jones, RDH, a Registered Dental Hygienist (for people) was a recent guest lecturer for quarter 5 Veterinary Technology students. Ms. Jones discussed and demon- strated proper dental instrumentation since dental prophylaxis is an important job skill for these students to master.

NEIT Earns LEED® Certification

New England Tech has been awarded the prestigious LEED® Green Building Certification for its environmentally friendly design of its East Greenwich, RI campus. LEED® is the na- tion’s premier program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. LEED® Certification was established by the U.S. Green Building Coun- cil and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute.

NEIT achieved LEED® certification by incorporating energy use, lighting, water, material use, and a variety of other sustainable strategies into its East Greenwich facility when the college redesigned and remodeled what was once a 265,000 sq. ft. office building. By using less energy and water, a LEED® certified building saves money for families, businesses and taxpayers; reduces greenhouse gas emissions; and contributes to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the larger community. LEED® certification of the East Greenwich campus was based on a number of green design and construction features. Over 100,000 projects currently participate in the LEED rating systems, compris- ing over 8 billion square feet of construction space in all 50 states and 114 countries. New England Tech is proud to be among them.
**Robotics Competition Returns to NEIT**

For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST®) Tech Challenge is scheduled for Saturday, February 8, 2014. More than 100 outstanding Rhode Island high school robotics teams will test their creativity and skill in trying to maneuver their custom-designed robots in the competition field. Students have the opportunity to design, build and program their robots based on this year’s theme, ‘Block Party.’

These young competitors have the opportunity to apply real-world math and science concepts while developing problem-solving, organizational and team building skills. Winners of the local competition are eligible to compete in the FIRST® regional competition to be held in Pennsylvania and will also qualify for $51 million in college scholarships.

The FIRST® Tech Challenge will be held at NEIT’s Center for Automotive Technology located at 101 Access Road, Warwick, RI, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

As the event sponsor, New England Tech will serve as the central point of contact for all participating high schools as well as offering robotic teams.

For more information on the FIRST® Tech Challenge, contact Erin Flynn, Manager of Admissions Outreach and Events at NEIT 401-739-5000, ext. 3462 or eflynn@neit.edu. To learn more about the FIRST® organization, please visit www.first.org.
Attention Alumni!

ALL ALUMNI are automatically regis-
tered members of the NEIT Alumni Asso-
ciation. We value our graduates’ ideas regarding events, workshops, and benefits that may be made available to all alumni. Look forward to hearing from you and your classmates! Please consider making a donation to the MSIS department that explains the various on-line tools available to them. These students and alumni had the opportunity to meet with members of the Career Services and Student Activities staff to round out a successful day.

The Career Services Office can attest to the fact that they have an opening that would be best filled by an NEIT graduate, or know of an opening that would be best filled by a graduate of New England Institute of Technology or New England Institute of Technology. Please consider contacting Pat Blakemore, Director of Career Services. From left: Shirl Gerlach, NEIT Career Services; Peter Sadeck, IT Student Fellow; Lynda McCoy, AIPSQ; Anthony Salazar, GDS; and Melissa McCarthy, Alert Solutions.

TECH COLLECTIVE is Rhode Island’s Biosci-
ence and Information Technology Industry Asso-
ciation. 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 op-
portunities, 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 with the matches best suited to their needs.

Peter Sadeck, an Associate in Science degree graduate in Information Technology, Software Engineering, along with Anthony Salazar, a Bachelor of Science degree graduate 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 AIPSQ, an insurance service provider in Johnston, RI, as an Assist-
tant Programmer while Anthony served as a Technical Support Representative Developer at Alert Solutions in Cranston, RI. 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 4. The event was funded and sup-
ported 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!

The Granger Community Grant program has once again donated a $5,000 scholarship to NEIT through The Granger Foundation. This independent, private foundation based in Lake Forest, Illinois, was established in 1949 by William W. Granger, founder of W.W. Granger, Inc. The donation was presented by Jim Crowley, Branch Manager of W.W. Granger, Inc. of Warwick, Rhode Island, to Bob Theroux, Vice President of Finance and Business Administration at NEIT.

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IT Students Participate in Graduate Fellowship Program

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Meet new people! Learn new things! Check out the list of student activities...

For information about any of these activities, events, or starting a new club on campus, please contact Melissa Hague, Student Activities Coordinator, at 739-5000 extension 3565, by email at mhague@NEIT.edu, or stop by her office on the EG Campus at the far end of the Food Court.