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NEIT STUDENTS RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

GMW Graduate Authors Engaging Children's Book

JASMINE HENDRICKSON earned an associate in science degree in 2015 from NEIT's Graphics, Multimedia and Web Design program. She studied Graphic Design at Bermuda College before enrolling at NEIT. A native of Bermuda, Jasmine put her creativity to work and authored a children's pop-up book entitled, *Let's Go to the Aquarium – A Pop Up Adventure*. <https://bernews.com/2020/11/young-bermudian-publishes-childrens-pop-book/>

Jasmine's book uses visual pop-up artwork for children to embark on a journey through the Bermuda Aquarium, Museum and Zoo (BAMZ). Readers learn about the animals living at the facility such as flamingos, fish and lemurs using pop-up artwork. Jasmine chose to write about the BAMZ since it plays a cultural and historical part of life in Bermuda.

"One day, the Bermuda Aquarium came to mind as something that would be such an interesting topic for pop-up designs," stated Jasmine. "After that, the words just came to me and then transpired into an extensive creative thought! I have always loved pop-up books, and always thought of learning more about them and creating my own. I love illustration and design, not just as a one-dimensional form of art. Pop-up books are one of the greatest ways to portray this multi-dimensional side of arts and crafts. The artists and readers then have a way of seeing flat illustrations come to life, with



Author Jasmine Hendrickson with Premier David Burt, Bermuda's national leader. PHOTO COURTESY OF BERNEWS.

movement and drawings literally popping up off the page. Everything is by hand, and so, precision becomes like second nature to avoid disappointment. I genuinely enjoy the process, despite the challenges, and will continue to create pop-up books for as long as I can."

Let's Go to the Aquarium – A Pop Up Adventure is available in the BAMZ shop and all proceeds support the Bermuda Zoological

Society's education programs.

"Creating this book has literally been the adventure of my life, and an experience I will never forget," stated Jasmine. "Creating something with just your own two hands and a dream...it just teaches you that you can accomplish anything. All you need is a goal followed by perseverance, determination and love in your heart."

Automotive Student Finds Comfort in Restoring Antique Cars

JESSICA "CHRIS" KENYON has a great story to tell. She is a fourth term student in NEIT's associate in science degree program in Advanced Automotive with High Performance and maintains an exceptional 4.0 GPA. Chris is also an Army veteran who served overseas as an Apache helicopter crew chief and was honorably discharged after an injury. She intended to return to military life, but during recovery she worked with other current and former service members and later decided to take a different road and serve in a veteran services capacity. Dealing with PTSD, a history nerd and wanting a project to work on while earning her degree, Chris searched for something to help her through her challenges. She found it in a 1951 Chrysler Windsor Deluxe which she is proudly restoring.

Chris purchased the car in late August and began work almost immediately. She stated, "I've been steadily cleaning it and uncovering any issues. So far there are very few problems that I didn't know about. The only aftermarket part on it is a fuel pump which I'll be replacing, returning it to its original state or to a working pump that's era appropriate. The car is getting slowly disassembled and cleaned. I've been lucky to find mostly functioning and solid parts. I had the wheels sandblasted, painted them and found clean original hubcaps. I'm replacing the fuel filter and rebuilding the carburetor this term in my Fuels and Ignition class. I have been very lucky that Mr. (Bob) Kennedy, Department Chair of the Transportation Technology program, and many other instructors have allowed me the freedom and space in the automotive lab to work on the car as long as my class work is done."

There is still more work to be completed but the car does run. Chris views refurbishing it as a labor of love. She plans to seek assistance from students and faculty to help her restore as much as they can in their areas of expertise. The interior, the chrome and paint may have to be outsourced, but that is yet to be determined. Chris stated, "When it's 'done'

it could be sold but I'm inclined to use it to raise awareness for veteran service needs. Maybe I'll take it to shows, not to impress anyone, but I do hope it catches people's eyes for that reason. Honestly it may never be 'done enough' for me, and I'll always be tinkering with something on it."

Chris feels a sense of accomplishment, a measurable result of the work done, even if it is fixing a simple part, cleaning the vehicle or improving its overall appearance and functionality. "These things for me, make a difference on dark days. Even looking forward to the next portion of the project, researching and finding parts...it's all helpful and distracts from the demons, most of the time. It's also nice to see something come back from the edge of a junkyard, not that this one was quite there. To bring it back to life is a nice reminder that maybe even I can recover too and eventually help others in the process."

Chris plans to pursue her Bachelor of Science in Business Management once she completes her associate degree. She plans to start her career as an automotive technician and work her way up to a managerial position. Chris would like to combine her passions of working with veterans and restoring more



Jessica "Chris" Kenyon and her 1951 Chrysler project car

antique cars.

"I want to thank my friends, my classmates, all the instructors and staff who have been a huge asset to my success throughout my experience so far," stated Chris. "I appreciate their assistance in every aspect of my studies here. I have been very lucky to have their support."



Mya Mosher

Interior Design Student Places First at International Competition

MYA MOSHER, a recent bachelor of science degree graduate of NEIT's Interior Design program, won first place at the virtual ceremony of the 13th Annual International Interior Design Association (IIDA) New England Chapter. IIDA is the commercial interior design association that supports educators, students, design professionals, industry affiliates, firms and their clients through its 15,000+ members across 58 countries.

The virtual ceremony featured winning designs from 14 categories. The student competition consisted of entries from various colleges and universities throughout New England. The criteria included submission of a project within the last year that included floor plans, reflected ceiling plans, finishes and materials, furniture selection, and renderings

Mya's project titled, "The Sterling Hotel" was inspired by Providence's rich history of jewelry manufacturing and silversmithing. The hotel concept is seven stories high and features a grand lobby, event space, restaurant and more than 300 guest rooms. Each space in the hotel was inspired by a different product from Gorham Silver Manufacturing Company, a staple of Providence's manufacturing history.

"What makes me so passionate about interior design is the ability to tell a story and evoke feelings through the overall atmosphere of the space," stated Mya. "I have experienced a handful of spaces that gave me such a memorable and magical feeling when I walked into them, and I strive to recreate those feelings in my designs."

For winning first place, Mya was awarded a cash prize, free membership to IIDA for one year, and a trip to Chicago to attend NeoCon June 14-16, 2021. NeoCon is the world's leading platform and most important event for the commercial interior design industry. She will compete in a group design competition with other students from around the country. The NEIT community congratulates Mya for her well-deserved recognition.

For more information regarding NEIT's associate in science and bachelor of science Interior Design programs, please contact the Admissions Office at 800-736-7744 or by email at admissions@neit.edu. Visit www.neit.edu for complete program details.

Mya Mosher's Sterling Hotel



Graphic Design Grad Follows His Passion for Creativity



FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT RICHARD GOUSE

Greetings to All,
THE YEAR 2020 will be remembered as one of the most challenging and unprecedented times in history. The COVID-19 pandemic has forced people from all walks of life and from every corner of the world to witness the devastating effects this virus has had on so many aspects of our lives. Yet, the NEIT community has banded together to find new ways to overcome the many obstacles presented to us so that our students may continue to follow their educational journey.

I would like to sincerely thank New England Tech's administration, faculty and staff for their unwavering dedication as we continue to provide our students with innovative and engaging experiential learning opportunities either in a virtual format or on-campus instruction. To all NEIT students, I thank you for rising to the occasion and continuing on your path to earning your degree regardless of the changes in the delivery of your courses. It has been NEIT's commitment since the beginning of the pandemic in March to provide the safest environment possible while keeping true to our mission to provide our students with the cutting-edge technical education for which NEIT is known.

To witness the perseverance of every member of the NEIT community during these trying times makes me so proud to lead this great university. My wish to each of you is to stay healthy and to continue to strive to do your best every day. May this holiday season and the new year ahead bring you and your family good health, happiness, prosperity and peace.

JUSTIN PLANTE RECEIVED his bachelor of science degree from NEIT's Graphics, Multimedia and Web Design program in the summer of 2019. With a passion for design since he was a young boy, Justin has used the technical knowledge and skills learned at NEIT to build his portfolio and his career as a UI/UX Analyst at Delta Dental of Rhode Island. Charged with the responsibility of creating user-friendly interfaces so individuals can understand the use of technical products, Justin shares his journey with Tech News readers.

What made you decide to attend NEIT?

I toured New England Tech with my graphics class before I graduated from high school. I had visited a few schools in Rhode Island but NEIT stood out the most to me. The program for graphic design seemed to be broad and it really caught my eye. With the courses that were offered such as photography, motion graphics and design, I felt that it was a great fit for me.

Why did you choose your program?

I have always been someone who likes art and design. Ever since I was a child, I would always try to draw new things and improve upon my skill set and creativity. As I got older, I learned more about graphic design and participated in the vocational program at my high school. That decision grew into my desire and passion to do graphic design as my career path, so I chose the Graphics, Multimedia, and Web Design program at NEIT.

What did you do to get started with your career?

To get started in my career, I found a part-time job working with a company designing signage for conventions. This challenged me to not only think about designs looking attractive but being functional as well. These signs were presented to millions of people including high-end doctors and CEOs. Although it may have been a bit scary, I persevered and found that I enjoyed designing this way.

As I learned more in my program and gained additional experience, I became progressively confident in my skillset enough so as to start doing freelance projects. Working as a freelancer gave me the ability to work at my job while gaining more experience doing web design and other design work. Plus, I earned some extra income which was great.

Tell us about your current position.

I currently work as a UI/UX Analyst at Delta Dental of Rhode Island. As a UI/UX designer, the goal is to create user-focused experiences that align with the goals of the project. I use my knowledge of user experience design and the Adobe Creative Cloud to create prototypes for new concepts that would further enhance

user friendliness. I also get to collaborate with project managers and developers to determine the project needs and goals. I'm getting great experience and I really enjoy the work that I do.

What do you feel ultimately prepared you for your position?

I feel that my New England Tech education prepared me for my position at Delta Dental. Without the Graphics, Multimedia and Web Design program, I'm not sure where my career path would have gone. NEIT provided me with the necessary classes to gain knowledge in areas of design that I could have taken to any design job. As I learned more throughout my education and field experience, I started to really hone in on what I wanted to do for my career. After taking classes such as UI/UX Design, Web Design and Mobile Design, I made it my goal to pursue a career in UI/UX.

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

For graduates who are just beginning their job search, I would say that owning your skillset and having confidence in yourself is something you should have. Searching for jobs can be very daunting and intimidating in the beginning, but as you apply and interview a few times, it will get easier and you will get better at it. My advice would be to always have confidence that you are educated in your field and you have the knowledge to be in that position.



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

For students to better prepare themselves for the field of graphic design, there are two big things that they should try to do. One is to get some experience in the field that can be used to boost your portfolio to the next level. Choose a project you completed and make a case study out of it. Show the thinking process you developed to arrive at your final product. Employers want to see that you know how to create something, but you should also provide a glimpse into the thought process you used during the creation of your piece.

Another big thing is making sure your portfolio stands out. Using real experience, take some time to make your portfolio the best it can be. Put yourself in an employer's shoes and consider how they may view your portfolio.

NEIT Receives High Marks from U.S. News & World Report and LendEDU

U.S. News & World Report has favorably ranked NEIT in several categories in its 2021 Best Regional Colleges (North) survey. Placing #15 out of more than 50 colleges located in the northern part of the United States, NEIT also earned the following designations: #5 Best College for Economic Diversity; #7 Best College for Veterans; #13 Best College for Social Mobility and #23 for Best College with Least Debt.

Now in its 36th year, *U.S. News & World Report* assessed 1,452 U.S. bachelor's degree-granting institutions on 17 measures of academic quality. Details on the ranking methodologies may be found at: <https://www.usnews.com/media/pr/education/2021BC-overall-methodology>. In addition, LendEDU recognized NEIT as having one of the lowest student loan default rates not only in Rhode Island but across the country. According to LendEDU, the loan default rate at NEIT is 2.2% according to recent data obtained from the Department of Education. NEIT's default rate ranked #4 in Rhode Island and in the top 10% of colleges and universities reviewed in the U.S. Visit <https://lendedu.com/blog/student-loan-default-rates-by-school-state-2020/> for additional details.

The combination of these important rankings demonstrates NEIT's mission to provide an affordable, high-quality technical and professional education for its students. By working together with NEIT's dedicated faculty and staff, students acquire the knowledge and technical skills they need to achieve their academic and career goals without accumulating extensive college debt. These rankings demonstrate NEIT's commitment to its students.

DEAN'S LIST

The following students have achieved academic excellence for the term ending Sept. 26, 2020. These full-time students have been placed on the Dean's List for achieving a GPA of 3.6 or higher on a maximum scale of 4.0. Congratulations to all!

Irina Abdraboh..... CJ	Justin Borchardt..... ITN
Nathan Ackles..... GMWA	Sarah Borges..... RNBN
Michael Adams..... CMTB	Anthony Boyd..... ST
Zachary Adams..... ABTB	Samantha Boyd..... RC
Jacob Agnew..... NUR	Shannon Brassil..... RNBN
Bismark Aguocha..... ELRE	Scott Briggs..... CYNB
Christopher Aldo..... DMPB	Garrett Broadley..... AAUT
Leila Almarawi..... MAA	Andrew Brousseau..... ST
Ahmed Alsasa..... ITBS	Mackenzie Brown..... CJB
Ryan Alves..... ITBS	Laura Buchler..... ST
Michael Amaral..... AAHP	Melissa Buhagiar..... RNBN
Connor Appleby..... DMPA	Breanna Buker..... RNBN
Gary Armstrong..... AAHP	Mackenzie Burns..... RNBN
Brendan Arruda..... ABTB	Keith Burt Jr..... GMWA
Michael Aspinall..... GDSB	Alexander Cabral..... CYNA
Anne Augustin..... MGTH	Shane Caldwell..... BCD
Nate Augusto..... MCTB	Kevin Camacho..... RNBN
John Aviles..... ITN	Francis Campbell..... BCD
Christina Babcock..... NUR	Madison Camper..... CJ
Reese Babington..... ITA	Lisa Candido..... ST
Russell Bailey..... CYNB	Antonio Capozzo..... CYNB
Christell Bairos..... GMWA	Braeden Carcier..... NUR
Isaiah Baker..... CYNA	Carlos Cardenas..... BCD
Gianna Baldino..... GMWB	Belys Carias-Flores..... CJ
Devin Barber..... GDSB	Jackelyn Carmichael..... ST
Jade Beausoleil..... CYNA	Jesse Carreiro..... CYNB
Kayla Bejima..... NUR	Quinn Carroll..... MCTB
Jarod Bennet..... DMPA	Brandon Bennett..... CYNB
Kurtis Bennett..... VDVA	Jillian Carter..... DMPA
Sarrah Berkery..... MGTB	Jacob Carvalho..... DMPB
Alyson Bettencourt..... IDB	Jeffrey Caswell..... CYNB
Adam Bevilacqua..... MGTB	Sergio Chacon..... CYNB
Michael Beyer..... MT	Chong Chang..... NUR
Courtney Blais..... PTA	Ryan Charette..... MGTB
Harrison Blakely..... ITN	Zacharie Chretien..... ITBS
Brianna Blinkhorn..... OTA	Spencer Clarke..... GMWB
Shane'l Blount..... ST	Scott Clohecy..... BCD
Roberto Bonilla-Reyes..... VGDA	Nicolas Cloutier..... DMPB
John Bonin Jr..... ELY	Amanda Coler..... VDEB

Sophie Exil..... RNBN	Stephanie Harrison..... NUR	Nicholas Laudati..... CMTB	Rosdom Mkrtshjan..... ABTB	Nathan Rafael..... CYNB
Evantz Fabre..... RC	Liam Hartz..... MCTB	Evan Lawrence..... CJ	Kenneth Moden..... DMPB	Joseph Rapoza..... MCTA
Norman Fay..... AAUT	Harold Hazard III..... AAUT	Matthew Leary..... DMPB	Ross Molzahn..... GDSB	Sara Rattey..... RNBN
Alan Ferla..... OTA	Josiah Hein..... VDEB	Sandra LeClair..... MITA	Adam Moniz..... ITS	Angelica Rayment..... AAUT
Destiny Fernandez..... CJ	Alexander Hejina-Luque..... CYNB	Emily Ledoux..... GMWA	Sean Moore..... AAHP	Shawn Ready..... PLBH
George Ferraria..... CYNB	Brooke Hendrick..... RNBN	Sandje Lee..... ERDA	Jacob Moravec..... WEL	Madison Rego..... NUR
Katmarie Finneran..... IDA	Eric Hervieux..... DMPA	Sarah Levitt..... NUR	Brandon Morris..... ITSA	Glen Reichard..... CYNB
Kyle Fonseca..... MGTT	Erik Hildebrand..... ELY	Robert Lewis Jr..... CYNB	Edward Morrisette..... MCTA	Jennifer Renzi..... MAA
Steven Footman..... DMPA	Cameron Hodges..... CJ	James Light..... ELRE	Gregory Morse..... CYNB	Peter Revinski..... MCTB
Kelsey Forcier..... MGTB	Alyson Hogan..... GMWA	Chelsea Litty..... MITA	Mya Mosher..... IDB	Justin Reyes-Lantigua..... CYNB
Jill Foreman..... NUR	Melissa Hogle..... ST	Kevin Lofgren..... MCTA	Joseph Mucerinio..... CYNB	Sarah Reynolds..... RNBN
Allannah Forman..... MCTA	Andrew Holdsworth..... CYNB	Michael Lonardo..... VDEA	Amelia Murallo..... ST	Renee Richard..... ST
Olivia Forst..... VDEB	Taura Holley..... NUR	Patrick MacCarthy..... VDEB	Jake Murallo..... ST	Benjamin Richtarik..... CJB
Roger Forsythe..... CJB	Cory Holzworth..... CYNB	Abby Macchio..... CJ	Samantha Murray..... RNBN	Lori Riendeau..... NUR
Benjamin Fortier..... CYNA	Mark Horvath Jr..... PLBH	Paige MacKinnon..... ST	Stephanie Nagel..... CYNA	Viviana Rivera..... CYNA
Nathan Fox..... GMWB	Aliza Huckins..... ABTA	Patrick Maguire..... ITS	Danielle Nelson..... NUR	Jonathan Rodriguez..... ST
Paula Frenette..... RNBN	Nicholas Huntley..... CYNB	Marco Malena..... ITN	Wayne Ng..... AAHP	Asmin Rosario Peralta Jr..... ABTA
Bridget Gaccione..... NUR	Graham Hurley..... ST	Sara Mallon..... DMPB	Calvin Nguyen..... ABTB	Daniela Roy..... ST
Danielle Gallup..... RNBN	Yalia Iannucilli..... ITBS	Christina Malloy..... ST	Saimer Nieves..... ITS	Brittany Ruggieri..... DMPA
Leticia Garcia..... ITS	Kevin Jamieson..... GDSB	Jason Mandras..... ITSA	Sain Nieves..... MCTA	Glenn Rumas..... CYNB
Stephanie Garcia..... DMPB	Jennifer Jarvis..... OTA	Alexis Manning..... MAA	Ryan Nixon..... ITSA	Jacob Russ..... AAHP
Heather DeCorte..... NUR	Brooke Jewett..... PAR	Cynthia Manzano..... AAUT	Sean Nolan..... ABTA	Molly Russell..... OTA
Mathew Gavin..... RNBN	Anders Johnson..... CYNB	Melissa Maples..... MAA	Tyler Normandin..... PAR	Sean Ryan..... DMPB
Gabrielle Geter..... MGTA	Peyton Johnson..... ELTB	Ethan Markham..... ITS	Alexander Norton..... MCTA	George Saban Jr..... ITSA
Meridith Ghizzoni..... RC	Brittany Jordan..... NUR	Evan Markley..... ELTB	Paul O'Coin..... ABTA	Jason Sadlier..... AAUT
Alicia Gifford..... IDB	Keith Josephson..... AAUT	Joshua Martin..... AAHP	Donna O'Donohoe..... MGTA	Jesika Salisbury..... MAA
Devin Gifford..... IDA	Michaela Kelley..... RNBN	Maja Mazierkowska..... MITA	Tarah Okolowicz..... NUR	Jose Samayoa Juarez..... ABTA
Jacob Giguere..... GMWB	Daniel Kent..... ITBS	Beth McAdams..... RNBN	Jonathan Olarte..... RNBN	Hailey Sango..... CYNB
Kevin Giron..... VDVA	Jessica Kenyon..... AAHP	Maile McCloskey..... HSA	Daniel Olsen..... CYNB	David Santamaria..... CYNB
Brenna Giroux..... ITS	Alex Killen..... CYNA	Kevin McCue..... VDVA	Mikaela Pare..... GMWB	Juan Santos..... VDEB
Lukasz Glowacki..... MCTB	Michael Kinne..... ABTB	Joseph McDonough..... MGTT	Edward Parent Jr..... PLBH	Julia Scott..... NUR
Alex Gomes..... RC	Andrew Kirk..... ABTA	Daniel McGee..... ITS	Danton Parlato..... DMPA	Meghan Sears..... NUR
Caroline Gonsalves..... MGTA	Kenneth Kirkup..... DMPA	Maria McGilivray..... MCTA	Alexander Parrillo..... DMPA	Isaiah Sebastian..... GMWB
Brett Gonzalez..... ABTB	William Kirtlink..... VGDA	Jeremy McGuire..... CYNB	Devin Patton..... CETA	Jessica Semidey..... MAA
Anderson Gonzalez Sanchez..... ITBS	Jason Kozin..... GDSB	Shannon McGuirk..... ST	Riley Patton..... RNBN	Zachary Sheehan..... CYNA
Ryan Goolsky..... CYNB	Brandon LaBrake..... GDSB	John McInnis..... CJ	Dominique Pellegrino..... MGTA	Infinity Sheppard..... RC
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Wesley Grady..... CYNB	Christopher LaFrance..... CYNA	Evan Pennacchia..... MCTB	Evan Pennacchia..... MCTB	Rachel Shulterbron..... CJ
Taylor Grillo..... DMPA	Zachary Lambert..... DMPA	Kristina Perona..... OTA	Kristina Perona..... OTA	Tracy Sibley..... RNBN
Austin Guertaduria..... PLBH	Alexandra Lamorte..... IDA	Alexander Perry..... ELRE	Alexander Perry..... ELRE	Ashley Silva..... NUR
Keith Guerri..... PLBH	Craig Lamoureux..... DMPA	Cameron Petteccione..... VDEA	Cameron Petteccione..... VDEA	Jessica Silva..... CYNA
Gabriel Guerra-Mondragon..... RNBN	Megan Langevin..... RNBN	Griffin Pilla..... ABTA	Griffin Pilla..... ABTA	Kerri Silva..... NUR
Alex Haggert..... DMPB	Molly Lanoie..... IDB	Drew Prosser..... CYNA	Drew Prosser..... CYNA	Brian Simanski..... IDB
Caitlin Hammond..... RNBN	Paul Laprade..... GMWB	Juan Puello-Martinez..... MGTT	Juan Puello-Martinez..... MGTT	Adam Simao..... RACH
Joel Hanson..... GDSB	Sebastian Lara..... ITBS	Suzanne Pynn..... ST	Suzanne Pynn..... ST	James Simmons..... VET
Sean Harrington..... ABTB	Brittany Larkham..... WEL	Justin Rabideau..... AAHP	Justin Rabideau..... AAHP	Jason Skillman..... GDSB
Kayla Harris..... DMPA	John Latour..... WEL	Eric Raboin..... GDSB	Eric Raboin..... GDSB	Benjamin Smith..... VET



In Memory of Assistant Professor Ted Egge

From left: NEIT Automotive Technology faculty members Dan Perry, Bob Kennedy, Ted Egge and Derek Martel at the 2010 New England Tech Annual Scholarship Tournament held at the Swansea Country Club.

EDWIN M. "TED" EGGE, an Assistant Professor in NEIT's Automotive Technology Department, passed away unexpectedly on July 2, 2020. Ted taught engine repair courses for 15 years at NEIT and was well respected by colleagues and students alike. Shortly after his passing, several automotive students approached Transportation Technology Department Chair, Bob Kennedy, to see what options were available to memorialize their beloved instructor.

To honor Ted, the Automotive Engine Repair Lab AC103 was dedicated in his memory. "Ted fostered an inviting environment in the classroom that broke the barriers between teacher and student, making him a great instructor, most notably with new students," stated Kennedy.

Ted also was an avid golfer and participated in the annual NEIT scholarship tournament, the student vs. faculty tournament, and he played every Friday with the New England Tech student golf club.

"Ted and I were very close friends," Kennedy shared. "He was the kind of person that would drop everything and come and help when asked. That attribute made him a great teacher!"

The NEIT community will truly miss Ted – a wonderful instructor, colleague and friend.



On October 28, 2020 representatives from several automotive dealerships were on hand at NEIT's Center for Automotive Technology to speak with students about job opportunities. Tasca Ford/RI brought a customized \$100K Platinum F-150 truck. Pictured from left: Wilfredo Burgos, automotive student; Tim Mitchel, Tasca Truck Center; Bert Maher, Tasca Ford; Erin Roark, Ford Regional Technical Talent Placement Specialist; and Mackenzie McGovern, automotive student.

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Cybersecurity Instructor Assists the R.I. Board of Elections

MIKE TETREULT, a faculty member in NEIT's master of science degree program in Cybersecurity Defense, is also a U.S. Army Colonel and serves as a high-ranking technology expert with the Rhode Island National Guard. Mike, along with a team of cyber specialists, has played a major role for the past three years with the Rhode Island Board of Elections to protect election technology from cyberattacks.



Col. Mike Tetreault

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Since the election in 2016, there have been increased threats across the United States of election interference from foreign entities. Rhode Island elections are no exception.

"We have no political affiliation, no political aspirations, no financial aspirations," stated Mike. "It is literally to just be that citizen soldier and improve things for the good of everybody, and that is our only purpose for being there."

Mike began his military career as a reservist when he entered the National Guard's officer corps over 30 years ago, arriving in the artillery. From primarily weekend duty at the outset of his career, Mike's responsibilities expanded to full-time management of information technology systems and cybersecurity training scenarios for the Rhode Island National Guard.

The Defensive Cyberspace Operations Element, or DCOE, is the team that Mike oversees. The DCOE consists of six specialists who are trained to spot cyber attackers who try to hack into local Department of Defense networks.

Mike and the DCOE team began their security assessment with the Rhode Island Board of Elections in 2017 as they reviewed the election process, current technology and staffing using policies set forth by the Department of Defense and the President. Working in conjunction with the Rhode Island Division of Information Technology, the team's role was to identify strengths and weaknesses but not to directly implement the recommendations themselves.

The state of Rhode Island received \$3 million in federal funding in 2019 which was used to overhaul the voting system. "They took it down and built a new system," reported Mike, "with the latest software, the latest patches."

Next month Mike will be transitioning full-time employment from the Department of Defense to the Department of Homeland Security, Critical Infrastructure and Cybersecurity Agency (CISA) as the first Cyber Security Advisor for Rhode Island.

The NEIT community is proud to have Mike as a valued instructor as he shares his information technology and military expertise with cybersecurity students.

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| Krysta Soulliere.....NUR | Wilemanuel Velazquez.....CJ |
| William Spahr.....CJ | Casey Viens.....ITSA |
| Matthew St. Germain.....MCTB | Tiffany Waldron.....RNBN |
| Matthew Stanton.....VDVA | Charles Warren-Koumis.....CYNA |
| Matthew Stevens.....AAUT | Linda Watts.....ST |
| Brianna Stillson.....MGTH | Isabella Weikman.....VDEB |
| Amanda Stringer.....NUR | Korie Whalen.....RNBN |
| Michael Stubbs.....DMPA | Cheyenne Wheeler.....MAA |
| David Swansy.....ITSA | Nathaniel Wheeler.....WEL |
| James Thomas.....MCTA | Brigid White.....CJ |
| Brian Thornton.....AAUT | Riley Wicks.....DMPB |
| Sean Thornton.....AAHP | Damon Wilson Jr.....CYNB |
| Brendon Todd.....NUR | Jillian Wojnowski.....NUR |
| Ian Tolosky.....AAHP | Cara Woloohojian.....NUR |
| Hunter Tomick.....MCTB | Brittany Wood.....RNBN |
| Leland Topham.....AAHP | Randy Woodhead.....AAHP |
| Anthony Torres.....AAHP | Lara Young.....RNBN |
| Joseph Tortorelli.....ITSA | George Zapata.....CYNA |
| Heather Traibman.....ST | Josue Zelaya.....ABTB |
| Brandon Trumpold.....ITB | |
| Kody Twomey.....GMWB | |
| Charles Underwood III.....MGTT | |
| Anthony Vargas.....PTA | |
| Nicholas Vartabedian.....ABTA | |
| Alexander Velasquez.....CYNA | |

Congratulations

Where your former classmates are

The Career Services Office can attest to the fact that they are working in very exciting jobs! We wish them continued success in their careers and all of their future endeavors.

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| Joe Roethel , ACR, 3/20, Automotive Collision Repair Technology, is employed by Big Power Racing | Patrick Silva , GDSB, 3/20, Game Development & Simulation Programming, is employed by Focus Vision Media |
| Zachary Phillips , AUT, 6/20, Automotive Technology, is employed by Flood Ford of East Greenwich | Justin Plante , GMWB, 9/19, Graphics Multimedia & Web Design, is employed by Delta Dental of Rhode Island |
| Michael Kinne , ABTA, 3/20, Architectural Building Engineering Technology, is employed by General Dynamics/EB | Brianna Chace , IDB, 9/19, Interior Design, is employed by Blakely Interior Design |
| Joseph Peter McConaghy II , CJB, 3/20, Criminal Justice, is employed by West Warwick Police Department | John Lougee , ITBS, 9/19, Information Technology/Software Engineering, is employed by Kentico Software |
| Joel Rodriguez Alicea , CETA, 12/19, Civil Engineering Technology, is employed by Connecticut Consulting Engineers | Valliammai Veerappan , MSIT, 6/18, Information Technology, is employed by Lifespan Corporate Services |
| Andre Girard , BCC, 3/20, Building Construction Technology, is employed by Sweenor Builders Inc. | Nicolas Ochoa , MCTA, 3/19, Mechanical Engineering Technology, is employed by QuickFitting |
| Michelle Frias , DMPB, 9/19, Digital Media Production, is employed by ABC 6 | Alexander Caruso , MCTB, 9/19, Mechanical Engineering Technology, is employed by Tech Research Group |
| Giddel Mirabal , CYNB, 9/19, Cybersecurity and Network Engineering, is employed by General Dynamics Mission Systems | Damina Soares , MSPH, 3/20, Masters in Public Health, is employed by Commonwealth Community Care |
| Brandon MacKenzie , CMTB, 9/19, Construction Management, is employed by East Coast Interiors | Anna Maria Di Palma , MGTA, 3/20, Business Management, is employed by Hilb Group |
| Catherine Peralta , MAA, 9/19, Medical Assisting and Administration, is employed by Compass Care Company | Samantha Murray , NUR, 9/19, Nursing, is employed by Bradley Hospital |
| Brittany Burlingame , MAA, 9/19, Medical Assisting and Administration, is employed by Harrington Physician Services | Shandi DiVirgilio , OTA, 12/18, Occupational Therapy Assistant, is employed by Care One at Newton |
| William Pereira , ELTB, 9/19, Electrical Engineering Technology, is employed by Mahr Inc. | Alexander Parrillo , PLBH, 6/14, Plumbing Heating & Gas Technology, is employed by Dave Parrillo Plumbing/Heating LLC |
| Christopher Deneault , ELTB, 9/19, Electrical Engineering Technology, is employed by Phoenix Electrical Corp. | Stanna Freeman , ST, 3/20, Surgical Technology, is employed by Mass General Hospital |
| Cara Cappelano , ELY, 3/20, Electrical Technology, is employed by Ocean State Job Lot - Utilities | Ella Calderone , VET, 3/20, Veterinary Technology, is employed by Ocean State Veterinary Services |
| Felix Aben , MSEM, 3/20, Engineering Management, is employed by National Grid Electric | Patrick Rice , VDVA, 9/19, Video Game Development/Design, is employed by Embrace Home Loans |
| | Nathaniel Wheeler , WEL, 9/20, Welding Engineering Technology, is employed by Artisan Industries |

Many NEIT graduates employ NEIT graduates. If you have an opening within your company or know of an opening that would be best filled by an NEIT graduate, please contact Pat Blakemore, Director of Career Services, at 800-736-7744 or 401-739-5000. There is no fee for any referrals.

Graduates of New England Institute of Technology or New England Technical Institute are automatically members of the NEIT Alumni Association. Your participation in the Alumni Association is critical to its success. Please consider becoming an active member of this important organization, and the best news of all: there is no fee for membership. To join please call 401-739-5000, ext. 3704.

The 2020 Fall Term

ALONG WITH NUMEROUS COLLEGES and universities across the country, New England Institute of Technology had to revamp many of its policies and procedures to help keep the NEIT community as safe as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. For the Fall 2020 cohort, New England Tech received more than 3000 applications from students across the nation and around the globe. The top five states represented within this class of students are Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. The top five academic clusters chosen by this cohort include Cybersecurity/Network Engineering, Nursing, Advanced Automotive/High Performance, Health Sciences and Video Game Design. Despite the challenges that the pandemic presented, more than 600 new students chose to enroll at NEIT in Fall 2020 to begin their path to a new career.

The 2020 Fall Term began on October 5th. New residential students were welcomed to campus on September 24th and 25th while returning students moved back on September 27th. All students were invited to enjoy a variety of fun activities during move-in days that included virtual trivia night and bingo, outdoor movie night and lawn games

while showing their creativity with chalk the walk and tie-dye NEIT t-shirts. Students enjoyed food truck treats from Spike's Junk Yard Dogs.

NEIT also had to find innovative ways to introduce potential new students to all that the university has to offer. The challenge was met this past year by delivering virtual information sessions and virtual tours so individuals could see themselves in cutting edge labs and classrooms without stepping foot on campus.

Tim Reardon, NEIT's Vice President for Enrollment and Marketing, joined the university in June 2020. Overseeing admissions, financial aid and marketing, he will help create a strategic enrollment management plan. Impressed with NEIT's experiential approach to learning, despite pandemic restrictions, Reardon believes that NEIT is well-positioned to continue to attract qualified candidates. He stated, "With more than 50 academic degree programs, New England Tech students are well prepared for the most in-demand careers. Whether it be in cybersecurity, health care, construction and many others, students aren't taught what to think; they're taught how to think and how to act."



From left: Justice Torkornoo, student; Zachary Machado, NEIT Compliance Enforcement Officer; Kathleen Simpson, Residence Hall Director; and Brandon Eigenbrode, Resident Assistant.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to challenge the world in unprecedented ways, NEIT stands committed to offering its students an engaging experiential learning environment following official safety policies and protocols. "Approaching students who want to immerse themselves in their learning, who want to accelerate themselves to a valuable career and learn from industry professionals

are key to NEIT's continued success," stated Reardon. "While the challenges are real, the opportunities are even greater."

To learn more about any of NEIT's associate, bachelor's, master's, doctoral and online degree programs, contact the Admissions Office at 800-736-7744 or by email at admissions@neit.edu. Complete program descriptions may be found at www.neit.edu.



NEW ENGLAND TECH STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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

For information about any of these activities or events, please contact:

Melissa Hague, Student Activities Director, at 739-5000 ext. 3565, or email mhague@neit.edu, or Abigail Hancock, Student Activities Coordinator, at 739-5000 ext. 3418, or email ahancock@neit.edu.

Stop by the Student Activities Suite on the EG Campus, S119-S120B.



PAST EVENTS:

Move-in weekend activities consisted of virtual bingo and trivia nights with fabulous prizes, outside movie night and a Sunday Funday outside with tie-dye and more.

And below, check out some of the fall festive activities that took place on campus... pumpkin painting and carving, paint nights, costume contest, building night and more.



PUMPKIN PAINTING



BUILDING NIGHT



COSTUME CONTEST



PAINT NIGHT

WHAT'S HAPPENING? STUDENT CLUBS

There are student clubs on campus. Get involved, meet new people, have fun, and have something to add to your resume.

Check out the student website at <http://students.neit.edu> for more information.

Are you interested in starting a new club on campus? Contact Melissa Hague, Student Activities Director, mhague@neit.edu

Check your NEIT student email and the online calendar on the Student Website for Student Activities announcements.