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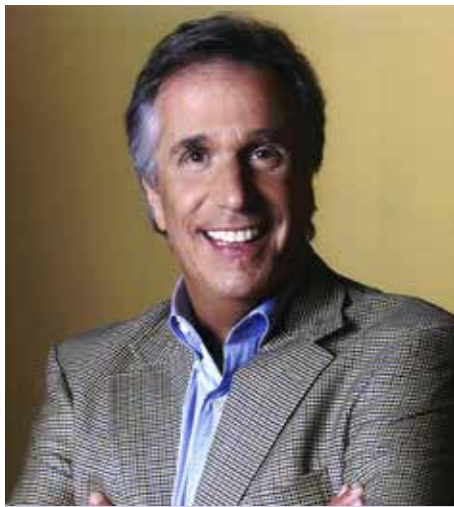
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Henry Winkler to Deliver NEIT Commencement Address

Dynamic Community Leader Liz Chace to be Honored During Commencement

Henry Winkler, an Emmy Award-winning actor, director, producer, and author will be back for an encore performance at New England Tech's commencement. Winkler is a familiar figure to the NEIT community. He delivered the 2006 commencement address and was immensely popular with students and their families. His message of hope, determination and succeeding when others doubt your abilities, resonated strongly with attendees. Commencement will be held at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence beginning at 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 1, 2022, and Winkler will be center stage.



Henry Winkler

Winkler decided he wanted to be an actor when he was only seven years old. Despite struggling with an undiagnosed learning disability, he never gave up on his dream. Dyslexia made school a challenge, but Winkler made his way through studies at Emerson College, then Yale School of Drama. His life changed dramatically when he was cast in the iconic role of Arthur "the Fonz" Fonzarelli in the popular TV series Happy Days. His portrayal of the leather jacket-wearing, big hearted, tough guy won him two Golden Globe

Awards, three Emmy nominations, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and worldwide recognition. The leather jacket and lunch box that were part of his persona as the Fonz reside in the Smithsonian Institute.

Winkler has enjoyed more than four decades of success in Hollywood. He currently co-stars as acting teacher Gene Cousineau on the hit HBO dark comedy Barry alongside Bill Hader. The role earned him an Emmy Award in 2018. The series returns for a third season this spring.

Winkler has starred in numerous movies including Family Squares, The French Dispatch, Night Shift, The Waterboy, Click, Here Comes the Boom, The Lords of Flatbush, Heroes, Holes, Scream, and in the CBS sitcom,

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Entrepreneur, community leader, and noted philanthropist Liz Chace will be honored during New England Tech's 2022 commencement. She will receive a doctor of humane letters, honoris causa, for a lifetime of work that is woven into the history of New England. Chace's good works are evident in improved neighborhoods, increased access to critical services for women, children and families, her continuing support for women's athletics at Brown University, and access to education, technology, and music for under-resourced children.



Liz Chace

Chace balanced education with family commitments, finishing her college degree while raising her young children. She then looked for ways to lift up lives and make a difference. She helped to bring services to impoverished Boston neighborhoods in the 1960's and worked to organize neighborhoods and individuals to improve life for themselves.

"I was really concerned about the inner-city urban schools and needs of families," she said. "I worked as a family services volunteer. I would go to family's homes and check on them and make sure the children were okay, and I saw some things that would make your hair curl. I just kept going and felt that was somewhere I could make a difference. That's what drove me."

Chace is a first-generation Swiss immigrant.

Her mother came from a family with strong ties to her small mountain community and was very involved in caring about people, a characteristic she instilled in her children.

"When I was growing up, few women had much power," said Chace who grew up in New Hampshire and first attended school in a one-room schoolhouse with eight grades. "My mother was a big pusher for women's rights. She was president of the YWCA of New Hampshire. As I watched women in the '60s, I could see a real need to get out there and do and say something."

And that's exactly what she did. She launched a successful real estate business as co-founder of Residential Properties Ltd., now

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Occupational Therapy Doctorate Grad is a Leader in Her Field

Dr. Amy Wheadon, OT, OTD, OTR, CPT, YES, is a 2020 graduate of New England Tech's Post-Professional Doctorate of Occupational Therapy program. In December 2021, Dr. Wheadon presented her capstone research project and novel program to a national audience of Occupational Therapists and Certified Occupational Therapist Assistants at the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Children and Youth Conference in Orlando, Florida. Dr. Wheadon's research at NEIT focused on the program she founded and developed: The EXERSHINEkids POWER Bootcamp Program. She is also a private practice owner of a pediatric outpatient occupational therapy clinic, KidSHINE LLC. Dr. Wheadon shares her insights and career success.

What made you decide to attend NEIT?

The Post-Professional Doctorate of Occupational Therapy (PP-OTD) program is 100% online, which offered me the versatility to work full-time while attending the program.

Why did you choose your program?

I have been an occupational therapist for 22 years. I created a children's OT program that was strengthened through research and continued development that was fostered at NEIT. The PP-OTD program enabled me to conduct research on my program and enhance my practice to ensure that it was evidence-based and reflective.

What did you do to start your career?

When I applied to NEIT, I was at a pivotal point in my career. I had been in practice for 20 years already, but I had started my own

private practice and infused my passion into this venture. Additional education and advancement have helped me to shift to becoming a leader in my practice. I am now able to influence, support, and mentor other practitioners who have similar goals.

Tell us about your current position.

I am a private practice owner of a pediatric outpatient occupational therapy clinic, KidSHINE LLC, with two locations on the north shore of Massachusetts. I also founded, designed, researched, and refined the evidence-based and evidence-informed EXERSHINEkids POWER Bootcamp Program, (POWER stands for Performance and Occupation Based Workouts for Exercise and Regulation) www.exershinekids.com, which employs high-intensity exercise as a change agent for enhancing sensory

processing, teaching regulation tools, and improving functional outcomes in children with sensory differences.

This program is intertwined with our eclectic treatment style at KidSHINE, and I am currently an AOTA Approved Provider to train and certify Occupational Therapists in the EXERSHINEkids program. I also recently co-wrote the first book in a children's series about self-advocacy and empowerment for children with sensory differences entitled, *King's Day Out: The Car Wash*.

What do you feel ultimately prepared you for your position?

I believe the combination of experience and advanced training fostered my confidence, which I gained through the PP-OTD program. This program prepared me to continuously evaluate/re-evaluate my goals and to stay

the course towards my projected outcomes.

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

Find your passion and do what you love! When you are in a career that you are excited about, it won't feel like "work," and you will feel empowered to unleash your creativity and grow within your position and field.

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

Choose the right fieldwork and internships. Work hard and dedicate your time to learn everything you possibly can from your mentors. Position yourself to be in a supportive work environment so that you can feel confident to grow and develop with guidance and gradual shifts toward independence.

Meet Ben Fortier, NEIT Student, Veteran and Accomplished Poet



FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT RICHARD GOUSE

Greetings to All,

Excitement is building on campus as we look forward to our first in-person commencement ceremony in two years, having been held virtually as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. On May 1, 2022, nearly 900 graduates will receive their well-deserved degrees from New England Institute of Technology at the Dunkin Donuts Center in Providence. The Class of 2022, along with their families and NEIT's administration, faculty, and staff, will have the pleasure of hearing an inspirational message from our commencement speaker, Henry Winkler, a well-known actor, director, author, and philanthropist serving the educational needs of children. NEIT has the privilege of bestowing an honorary degree upon Elizabeth Z. Chace, a prominent Rhode Island community leader and entrepreneur, who has spent decades improving the lives of women, children, and families through her commitment and generosity.

Over the past few months, we have been pleased to welcome high school students back to our campus as many activities hosted by New England Tech have resumed their usual schedules. My thanks to the faculty and staff for their tireless efforts in hosting the 12th Annual FIRST® Tech Challenge with 28 Rhode Island high schools competing in this exciting robotics contest. Rhode Island's SkillsUSA competition brought more than 130 students to campus as they displayed their technical skills in one of eleven technologies. NEIT provides a wide selection of free college courses to high school students through the Rhode Island Department of Education's All Course Network (ACN) program. Also, many high school students will be on campus this spring to tour our classrooms and labs and learn from faculty and staff how a New England Tech degree can enhance their future career prospects.

As we move forward in the coming months, our mission is to continue to provide our students with outstanding experiential learning opportunities to help shape a bright and successful future. To the Class of 2022, the NEIT community extends its sincere congratulations for a job well-done and wishes each graduate all the best as they continue their educational journey or embark on an exciting new career.

BENJAMIN "BEN" FORTIER has an interesting and inspirational story to tell about his experience as a U.S. Marine, his educational journey at NEIT, and his success as a poet.

While a student at Burrillville High School in Rhode Island, Ben decided to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves. Ten days after graduation, Ben was stationed at Parris Island, South Carolina for basic training. He served from 2005-2009 in the 1st Battalion, 25th Marines based at Fort Devens in Massachusetts. In 2006, he was deployed to Fallujah, Iraq where he spent seven months with his unit.

Ben enrolled at New England Tech and earned an Associate in Science degree in Video and Audio Production in the Fall of 2008. He later continued his studies in NEIT's Digital Recording Arts program and was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in the Fall of 2012. Ben did freelance work as a camera operator at professional sporting events and as an assistant video editor at Hasbro's Cake Mix Studios. He was also employed in public access TV from 2015-2020.

Deciding to change career paths, Ben re-enrolled at NEIT in the summer of 2020 in the Network Engineering/Cybersecurity program. He just completed his Associate in Science degree in March of this year and will continue to work towards earning his Bachelor of Science degree.

Ben has written poetry and fiction throughout most of his life. His love of writing poetry began as a young boy in elementary school, and it continued to evolve as the years passed. In 2005, he was recognized as his high school's Class Poet. His passion for poetry grew stronger, so from his teen years to his early 20s, Ben composed a collection of poems which he self-published. In 2012, *The Silent*

Whispers of Omens was published, poems that take readers from Iraq's battlefield to the desolate forests of anywhere. From 2008-2018, Ben composed the *Stones of the Wooded Valley* which he published in 2019, and it includes poems of war and combat, mental illness, grief, loss, and suffering coupled with thoughts of gratitude, love, and finding purpose in life. These books may be found at the NEIT library or at <https://www.amazon.com/author/benjaminfortier>.



Benjamin "Ben" Fortier

Ben is working on his third poetry book entitled *Phantoms*, which focuses on his personal narratives of war. This book will be published by Dead Reckoning Collective, a veteran-owned publishing company. This is the first time Ben is working with a literary agency, and *Phantoms* is scheduled for publication later this year.

Ben continues his commitment to the Marine Corps by serving as Vice President of the 1st Battalion, 25th Marines Association, comprised of active and veteran service men and women, www.125marineassociation.com. Ben enjoys playing the guitar and does music reviews via YouTube. Visit <https://www.benjaminfortier.com/> to learn more about Ben's interests and talents.

The New England Tech community thanks Ben for his years of service to our country and wishes him much success as he continues his studies at NEIT as well as his poetic journey.

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Out of Practice. He continues to be in demand as an actor, writer and director and has made appearances in numerous series including *Medical Police*, *Arrested Development*, *Children's Hospital*, *Royal Pains*, *New Girl*, *Parks and Recreation*, and *Law and Order: SVU*. He is a sought-after voice actor and has lent his talent to shows including *Rugrats*, *Monsters at Work*, *American Dad*, *Guardians of the Galaxy*, *All Hail King Julien*, *South Park*, *King of the Hill*, *Family Guy*, *The Simpsons* and *Clifford: The Puppy Years* for which he received a Daytime Emmy Award.

Behind the scenes, Winkler has worked for decades as an award-winning producer and director of TV series and specials. He executive produced the series *MacGyver* which ran a total of 13 years. He has also directed movies. His commitment to quality children's television is evident in the many specials he's produced for young audiences.

Winkler is also a New York Times best-selling author. Drawing from his own experience as a child struggling to learn, Winkler and his co-author Lin Oliver wrote a series of books based on the character Hank Zipzer: *The World's Greatest Under-Achiever*. Together they have published 37 children's novels which have sold millions of copies and inspired children around the world. Their newest trilogy, *Alien Superstar*, became an instant New York Times best seller.

Winkler has always believed in helping others, and is associated with many charitable and educational groups, especially those that assist children. He and his wife Stacey teamed up with families in the entertainment business to create *The Children's Action Network* to highlight and address issues affecting children. Winkler has done extensive work

to educate others about the needs of children with educational issues. He's been recognized for his efforts by numerous organizations including B'nai Brith, and the United Nations. He received the Chevallier de l'Ordre des Artes et Lettres, the French government's highest honor, and was awarded the Honorary Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire from the Queen of England in recognition of his service to children with dyslexia and special education needs.

Henry Winkler received an honorary doctor of humane letters from New England Institute of Technology in 2006 in recognition of his extensive humanitarian work and commitment to the betterment of society.

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Rhode Island's largest and most successful independent real estate company, and she continued to look for ways to make life better for others. Through her work with Providence's John Hope Settlement House and Federal Hill House, Chace helped create programs that expanded educational opportunities for children and ensured that women had access to quality childcare, enabling them to work. She helped double the size of the daycare at John Hope House, establish a school there for children in kindergarten through third grade, and create comprehensive programs to assist families in crisis. Through *Community Music Works* she was instrumental in developing opportunities for under-resourced children to access quality music education and the confidence and hope it instills.

"There's a great deal of satisfaction in watching someone grow," says Chace. "I've followed some of the kids as they've

developed, where they wouldn't have had that opportunity otherwise."

Chace was often one of the first women to serve on boards and in positions of influence in Rhode Island, creating opportunities for other women to join her. She served on the Rhode Island Foundation's Board of Directors and was one of the first women active on the board of Trinity Repertory Company. She created job training opportunities for women and childcare to support them. She worked to improve the lives of families by facilitating access to the tools and services that would help them thrive.

Colleagues credit Chace with being the first to step up when there was a community need to be met, and for gathering like-minded people to support the effort. She and her husband, Malcolm "Kim" Chace, became known for their generosity and philanthropy, but for Liz, the focus was simply on making things better for others.

A member of Brown University's class of 1959, Chace served on the Brown Board of Trustees, was elected as a member of the Trustee Board of Fellows and served as Vice-President of the Brown Sports Foundation. She traveled the world to raise money and advance opportunities at the University. She is an active supporter of women's athletics at Brown. She founded the Women's Athletics Golf Invitational, and she and her husband endowed the women's basketball head coaching position.

As New England Tech grads step toward new careers and opportunities, Chace encourages them to take chances. "Don't grab the first thing that comes your way, and if the first thing doesn't work, make a change. Don't stick with something that makes you miserable."

DEAN'S LIST

The following students have achieved academic excellence for the term ending March 19, 2022. 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 A Abdrabboh..... CJB	John J Bonin Jr CMTB	Giavana Giolfi OTA	Kelly E Desjarlais OTA	John M Gabelle CJ	Mark P Horvath Jr PLBH	Christopher M LaFrance .. CYNB	Nicholas A Martino MCTB
Paul S Acello WEL	Bethany C Bonofiglio MCTA	Anika L Clark CJ	Tyler M Dewitt AAUT	Deborah Ganit AUB	Kim H Hout ABTA	Madelaine R Lahai NUR	Joseph D Martino Jr..... CYNB
Kendall M Albanese CMTB	Peyton S Bonura WEL	Benjamin Cohn CYNB	Jacob D DiCenzo ABTB	Ashlie M Gardiner ST	Anne R Howell VGDA	Nolan Laman CYNB	David B Martins MCTB
Abraham M Allmall RC	Trevor P Bowman AAHP	Andrew J Coish CYNB	Jacquelyn R DiNardi NUR	Brandon M Gendreau ELY	Daniel A Howell GMWA	Christopher R Lambert ERDA	Adam E Masnyk GMWA
Jacquelyn K Altieri HSA	Kristen R Boyd RNBN	Jessena L Collazo ABTA	Anton S Dingus CYNB	Jeremy B Gentry NUR	Deanna I Ianiero NUR	Zachary Lambert DMPB	Seth D Masson CETB
Bryan E Anderson NUR	Michael E Braga Jr..... DMPA	Liam C Collins MGTT	Darian B DiVozzi RNBN	Finn R Geoghegan AAHP	Andrea L Jackson NUR	Alexandra M Lamorte IDB	Sean W Masterson NUR
Maeve E Anderson BSOT	Meghan A Brayman VGDA	Trent C Comolli VGDA	Jonathan J Doolittle ITBS	Devin Gifford IDB	Fadjani Jackson BSOT	Megan Langlois IDA	Mitchell Mathews ABTA
Troy A Angelini DMPA	Nathaniel W Bromage VGDA	Andrew R Condon ELY	Douglas J Dorsey RACH	Lila Giguere NUR	Kathryn Jackson VET	Stephen N LaRose MCTA	Daniel K Mathis WEL
Jacob Baker IDA	Owen Brophy AUB	Ryan C Consentino GDSB	Oliver P Dotson DMPA	Alyssa Gill VET	Daryl Jamieson DMPB	Noah J LaValley ABTA	Eva Maxis RNBN
Connor Archambault DMPA	Naja S Brown VDEA	Dylan Cook ITSA	Makayla M Doubleday PTA	Lauren Giordano NUR	Ismail Jaouad MGTB	Dylan R Laviniere GDSB	Julie A Maxwell BSOT
Olivia J Arena CYNB	Preston Butler ADMT	Camron A Correia MT	Miles G Dunfee VGDA	Corey J Girard PLBH	Ryan Jarvis CYNB	Timothy D LeBrun ITBS	Sabrina McFarland CYNB
Christina A Babcock RNBN	Nick Butti VGDA	Ryan C Cosgrove VDEB	Kayla M Durkin RNBN	Easton S Goldman VGDA	Bradley Jencks OTA	Sandje M Lee ERDA	Daniel P McGee ITBS
Reese J Babington CYNB	Gavin W Cafiero AAHP	Daniel W Couillard AAUT	Stephen J Earl MGTB	Kyla M Gomez NUR	Nicholas B Jennings PTA	Erika Y Lemus-Rivera MGTA	Andrea McGorman BSOT
Erika S Baez HSA	Stacy Calabro HSA	Meghan E Crawley IDA	Jessie Ehbodaghe HSA	Davian L Goncalves NUR	Benjamin S Johnson GMWA	Lance J Lespinasse ITSA	John B McInnis CJB
Isaiah A Baker CYNB	Shane M Caldwell CMTB	Ronald R Grotteau ITSA	Lauren A Egbert BSOT	Luiza A Goncalves ST	Lucas Johnson ITSA	Leticia Levesque NUR	Catherine H McKenzie RNBN
Chelsea A Baker RACH	Victoria E Cunningham HSA	Victoria E Cunningham HSA	Nathaniel C Eisel CYNB	Katrina V Gonzalez RNBN	Natalie Johnson PAR	Kevin J Lewis PLBH	Shorena McLane BSOT
Liam Baker DMPA	Francis D Campbell CMTB	Laura Czechowicz VET	Stephen-Lawrence K Ellis AAHP	Alexis I Gordon MCTB	Timothy R Jones NUR	Kainan Li PTA	Chase McMurray PLBH
Sara M Bakken BSOT	Victoria L Campbell NUR	Luigi G D'Acunto Jr CYNB	Elissa R Eppley OTA	Katherine E Gorham IDA	Gregory A Jones Jr VGDA	Keith W Linkous CETB	Kaitlyn E McNally NUR
Hailey L Ballou VET	John L D'Alfonso Jr ST	Marc D D'Amore ABTA	Brady R Erickson MCTB	Paige M Goulet WEL	Ryan D Kalasz AUB	Brandon J Lloyd GMWA	Katelyn M McNulty VET
Briana L Baptista PTA	Carlos E Cardenas Beraud CMTB	Nathan B Da Silva CYNB	Adna Feliciano NUR	Luke A Grant CMTB	Samuel R Kalmr AAHP	James Lobban Jr AAHP	Stephen T Meade CYNB
Sophia A Bassick ABTB	Da Tona Cardone ST	Julian O Dalomba BCC	Axel N Fernandes-Spencer CYNB	Amber Green PAR	Tyler J Kay BCD	Brittany T Lomba BCD	Chelsea L Medeiros ST
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Joseph P Bombassei ITSA	Joseph Chiarella ABTA	Heather L Desjarlais VET		Kayla L Harris DMPB	Kylyn Marshall VET	Kyle M Kreyssig CYNB	Brandon R Morris ITBS
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				Daniel Knight ITSA	Lisette M Martell HSA	Alyssa M Kuhn HSA	Abigail L Muir CYNB
				Mac Hengari VDEA	James E Martin WEL	Aidan L'Heureux VGDA	Sean T Myrick CYNB
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From left: BTVI's President, Dr. Robert W. Robertson; The Bahamas State Minister of Education, Zane Lightbourne; NEIT's Assistant Provost, Dr. Henry Young and NEIT's Information Technology Department Chair, Erik van Renselaar.

NEIT and The Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute Enhance Learning Opportunities

IN FEBRUARY 2022, New England Institute of Technology and The Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute (BTVI) signed a comprehensive set of articulation agreements that reflect new and expanded academic programs at both institutions to facilitate a seamless transition for students to transfer from BTVI to NEIT.

Dr. Henry Young, NEIT Assistant Provost, and the Department Chair of Information Technology and Director of Institutional Research, Erik van Renselaar, traveled to The Bahamas to sign the agreements with Dr. Robert Robertson, BTVI's President, with faculty and staff in attendance. The team later had the opportunity to meet with The Bahamas State Minister of Education and Technical and Vocational Training, Zane Lightbourne.

NEIT degree programs contained in the articulation agreements include cybersecurity and network engineering, software engineering, construction management, electrical technology, and business management.

"We look forward to expanding our partnership with BTVI to improve career and skills training for young Bahamians," stated Dr. Young. "On a national level, graduates from these types of degree programs help to close the skills gap in the United States and can have the same impact in The Bahamas. For the individual student, they lead to solid, well-paying careers in high-demand fields."

The NEIT community welcomes students from The Bahamas and wishes them much success in their educational journey.

Game Design Program Makes the Princeton Review's Top 50 List

NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE of Technology has been named one of the Top 50 Undergraduate Schools to Study Game Design for 2022 by The Princeton Review, one of America's best-known education services companies. Since 2010, The Princeton Review has recognized both undergraduate and graduate schools with the best programs in game design. Rankings may be found at: <https://www.princetonreview.com/college-rankings/game-design>.

The data collected was based on a survey that The Princeton Review conducted in the Fall of 2021 of administrators at 150 colleges and universities in the United States, Canada and abroad offering both undergraduate and graduate game design courses, majors, or degree programs. The 50-question survey collected information on topics from course offerings to the starting salaries of graduates. The selection and ranking of schools were based on criteria that included the quality

of the curriculum, faculty credentials, facilities, technology, and graduates' career achievements.

"We are proud to receive this distinction from The Princeton Review," stated Dr. Douglas H. Sherman, NEIT's Senior Vice President and Provost. "Our faculty work closely with industry experts to ensure our curriculum incorporates the technical skills sought after by today's employers. With our experiential approach to learning coupled with high-tech gaming labs, expert faculty and engaging on-campus gaming events, NEIT students are well prepared to enter this exciting industry."

For more information regarding NEIT's Associate in Science and Bachelor of Science degree programs in Video Game Development and Design, 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.

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Ryan J NixonITBS	David J PodzouVDEB	Meghan SalleyGMWA	Xavier R ThibaultABTA
Sean NolanABTA	Michael P PontarelliDMPB	Kyle A SangilloVGDA	James M ThomasMCTB
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Natalie A ParrilloHSA	Michael M RinfretteELRE	Kayla M SorrentiGMWA	Heather VickersRNBN
Ashtyn A PaschoalRC	Arianna A RitchotteVET	Lindsey A SousaGMWA	Cody A WylieITBS
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Orianna M PerryCJB	William H RoyVDVA	Nathaniel M SuskoVDVA	Cody A WylieCUNA
Cameron R PetroccioneVDEB	Samuel M RubinVDVA	Lucas J SuttonERDA	Adrian M YanezELY
Griffin T PillaCMTB	Aiden S RunkCUNA	David SwansayITBS	Brian F YangCUNA
Fabiana V PimentelBSOT	Wayne RussellCJTB	Dylan M SwettCJ	Aimee M YerkesBSOT
Jacqueline PinheiroST	Allison J RussoBSOT	Carmen SylvaMLTA	Vincent H ZammelloVDEA
Samantha J PinoNUR	Erik S Ryfa SrGMWB	Brandon L TalbotCUNA	



Robert Amaral from the East Providence Career and Technical Center competes in the Carpentry Contest.

NEIT Hosts 2022 SkillsUSA High School Competition

SKILLSUSA IS a partnership of students, teachers, and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA serves more than 333,500 middle-school, high-school and college/postsecondary students preparing for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations. Including students, instructors, and alumni, SkillsUSA has served nearly 14 million members since 1965.

On March 11, New England Tech hosted the annual SkillsUSA competition with nearly 130 students from Rhode Island's career and technical high schools on hand showcasing their skills in a myriad of technologies that included Automotive Service, Cabinetmaking, Carpentry, Computer Programming, Crime Scene Investigation, Criminal Justice, Interactive Application and Game Design, Marine

Technology, Technical Computer Applications, Technical Drafting, and Welding.

For the first time this year, the Carpentry competition was held at NEIT due to a change in venue caused by the pandemic. Dan Ducharme, Department Chair of the Building Construction Technology program, offered to host this contest along with the Cabinetmaking competition which has been held at NEIT for several years.

Congratulations to the winners of this year's competition which may be found at www.skillsusa.org.

Special thanks to Dan Ducharme, Amanda Metzger, NEIT's Admissions Office Manager, and the Rhode Island SkillsUSA organization for their continued commitment to produce a successful competition each year for these talented students.

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.

Jason Gallagher, AAHP, 3/21, Automotive Technology with High Performance, is employed by Tarbox Toyota

Elias Rosado Jr., ABTB, 12/21, Architectural Building Engineering Technology, is employed by Aharonian & Associates

Brendan Arruda, ABTB, 12/21, Architectural Building Engineering Technology, is employed by The Green Company

Alec Montaquila, BCC, 3/22, Building Construction & Cabinetmaking Technology, is employed by Bowse Builders

Hope Kelley-Clark, CJ, 3/20, Criminal Justice, is employed by Allied Universal Security

Liam Jakubielski, CMTB, 9/20, Construction Management, is employed by D.C. Construction

Braeden Santos, CYNB, 9/19, Cybersecurity and Network Engineering, is employed by Secure Works

Gino Chick, ELRE, 6/21, Electrical Technology with Renewable Energy Systems, is employed by Robert A. Young Electrical Contractor

Richard Belton Jr., ELTB, 9/21, Electrical Engineering Technology, is employed by Parkinson Technologies

Matthew Legere, ELY, 9/16, Electrical Technology, is employed by CEM Corporation

Brianna Hoyle, IDB, 9/13, Interior Design, is employed by Moody Nolan

Morgan Wilkos, ITBS, 9/19, Information Technology/Software Engineering, is employed by Sonalysts Incorporated

Vielka Pichardo Garcia, ITN, 6/21, Information Technology/Network Engineering, is employed by IGT

Jesika Salisbury, MAA, 9/20, Medical Assisting & Administration, is employed by Midland Medical

Liam Hartz, MCTB, 9/21, Mechanical Engineering Technology, is employed by Russ Electric

Anne Augustin, MGTH, 3/21, Healthcare Management, is employed by Coastal Medical

Michael Mante, MLTA, 3/20, Medical Laboratory Technology, is employed by Care New England

Bruna Rossetti, MSCM, 9/20, Construction Management, is employed by North America Development

George Meliodossian Jr., MSEM, 9/19, Engineering Management, is employed by RIDE Inc.

Zick Konte, MSEM, 12/19, Engineering Management, is employed by REXA

Alexandra Pereira, NUR, 3/21, Nursing, is employed by Roger Williams Medical Center

Danielle Roth, OTA, 12/20, Occupational Therapy Assistant, is employed by Groden Network

Clive Wright, PLBH, 3/20, Plumbing/Heating/Gas Technology, is employed by G.W. Wagner Plumbing

Marissa Vitale, PTA, 3/21, Physical Therapist Assistant, is employed by Advantage Physical Therapy

Giuseppe DeCaro, RACH, 12/20, Refrigeration/AC Heating/Gas Technology, is employed by D & V Mechanical

Erin Donnelly, RC, 9/20, Respiratory Care, is employed by Rhode Island Hospital

Breanna Buker, RNBN, 9/21, Nursing, is employed by Riverview Healthcare Community

Latisha Chamberlain, ST, 9/19, Surgical Technology, is employed by William Backus Hospital

Kurtis Bennett, VDVA, 3/21, Game Development & Simulation Programming, is employed by Granite Telecommunications

Alessandra Elliot, VET, 3/21, Veterinary Technology, is employed by Wolf Rock Animal Health Center

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.



NEIT's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is Recognized

ESTABLISHED IN 1918, the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society is the oldest, largest, and most respected honor society serving associate degree students. PTK recognizes and encourages academic excellence and provides students opportunities for growth and development through honors, leadership, and service. The Beta Xi Phi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa was chartered at NEIT in 2006.

To be eligible for membership in Phi Theta Kappa, students must complete at least 24 quarter credit hours of coursework leading to an associate degree and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.80.

NEIT's Phi Theta Kappa Chapter has been named a 2022 REACH Chapter. REACH, which is an acronym for Recognizing Excellence in Acceptance and Completion with Honors, is a program that recognizes and rewards PTK chapters that excel in increasing membership and encouraging students to receive the benefits of membership, including scholarships.

As part of this recognition, New England Tech will receive Phi Theta Kappa graduation stoles for members of the honor society to wear at NEIT's commencement ceremony and to preserve as keepsakes.

Congratulations to those NEIT students who are dedicated to their studies and have earned membership in the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.



Nursing Student Competes on Jeopardy!

LOUIS DELLAPERUTA, a fourth term nursing student at NEIT and a critical transport technician for Lifespan, realized the dream of a lifetime. Louis, who has been an avid fan of Jeopardy! since he was a young boy, made his debut as a contestant on March 3, 2022. "I've been a fan of Jeopardy! forever," he said. "I've been watching since I was seven years old. I didn't care who I was with or what we were doing, they were going to watch Jeopardy! with me." To this day, Louis is a faithful Jeopardy! fan.

Louis grew up in New York, and every year his high school would host a tournament to try out for the show. He tried each time but was never successful.

"Once I moved to Rhode Island, the process changed because of COVID-19, and everything was on Zoom," Louis explained. "I went to their

website, filled out the application, took the test, and out of the clear blue sky, they reached out to me." He completed the interview process in August, 2021 and was notified in December that he would be a Jeopardy! contestant. His dream came true!

Louis describes himself as "an insufferable know-it-all and a lover of trivia" which served him well on the show. He earned the second-place spot after going all-in on Final Jeopardy! Louis couldn't be happier with his long-awaited Jeopardy! experience.

"Jeopardy! host, Ken Jennings, is a wonderful man," Louis stated. "He's so kind, and generous, and never minimized the fact that this is your dream. My professors watched, my friends and families watched. ... I really enjoyed the experience."

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.

COMMENCEMENT 2022

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022
AT 11:00 A.M.
DUNKIN DONUTS CENTER
PROVIDENCE

NEIT's Public Health Students Coordinate Health Equity Webinar

New England Tech's Master of Public Health students recognize that using the health equity lens in their work can improve health outcomes, especially for low-income families. With that in mind, NEIT's Public Health Student Club invited a researcher from the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) to discuss the findings of a study that examined engagement of family physicians in the social determinants of health.

This informative webinar,
**"USING DATA TO CLOSE THE
HEALTH EQUITY GAP"**

by Kevin Kovach, DrPH,
will be held on
Friday, April 29, 2022,
at 11:00 a.m. EST.

Space is limited, so please email
mangeloni@neit.edu
for registration information.

All students in NEIT'S Master of Public Health program are employed full-time, so they chose to enroll in this program because of its fully online curriculum, allowing them to complete their degree remotely. Classes begin twice a year in March and October. For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at 800-736-7744 or by email at admissions@neit.edu. Complete program details may be found at www.neit.edu/mph.



FIRST® Tech Challenge was held at NEIT's Center for Automotive Technology

FIRST® Robotics is Back!

After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, New England Tech served as the host site for the 16th season of the FIRST® Tech Challenge. Founded in 1989 by accomplished inventor, Dean Kamen, FIRST® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), was designed to inspire an appreciation of science and technology in students by using robotics.

THIS YEAR, 28 Rhode Island high school robotics teams showcased their STEM skills as they competed in Freight Frenzy® presented by Raytheon Technologies. Using a sports model and guided by adult coaches and mentors, each team designed, built, programmed, and operated its robot to play a floor game in an alliance format. Students have access to tens of millions of dollars in college scholarships through FIRST®.

After a full day of high-energy competition, congratulations go to the winning alliance comprised of the Electric Quahogs from the Wheeler School in Providence and the Bucket Bots and the Raiderbots from Shea High School in Pawtucket. Numerous awards were also presented to several outstanding teams: The Design Award and Innovate Award, North Kingstown High School; Motivate Award, Prout School, Wakefield; Control

Award and Connect Award, Mt. Hope High School, Bristol; and Inspire Award, Shoreline Robotics, Westerly.

FIRST® creates accessible, innovative programs to help students build self-confidence, knowledge and life skills while motivating students to pursue careers in STEM disciplines.

For more information, please visit www.firstinspires.org.



Ally Dolan (NEIT class of 2017), Kerri Warren (President-elect of the RI-PHA), and Liz Hoch, Former NEIT Business Management Department Chair.

Business Management Students Hold Awards Ceremony

STUDENTS IN NEIT'S Business Management course, MGM 288 Project Planning, received an assignment to produce an event of their choice. Since they were preparing to participate in the national Society for Advancement of Management (SAM) competitions in early April, they collaborated with the SAM RI Professional Chapter, comprised of NEIT alumni, for their input. SAM RI members suggested the students host an awards program and offered to assist in selecting the recipients.

The students coordinated the first annual RI Advancement of Management Awards breakfast and recognition ceremony for 45 guests at NEIT's East Greenwich campus on March 9th. Awards were presented to those who have furthered management efforts during the pandemic.

The first award was presented to Allyson "Ally" Dolan, a 2017 graduate of NEIT's Bachelor of Science degree program in Business Management, who was instrumental in establishing the first collegiate SAM chapter at NEIT. Ally gave a brief keynote presentation. She received the Leadership and Service Award for her community service, for raising money for the NEIT SAM Chapter, and for her continued leadership. Since graduating

from NEIT, Ally has helped mentor each SAM competitive team and has been a guest speaker in several management classes. Ally has assisted several NEIT students with seeking employment the Hilb Group where she works as a Large Group Account Manager. Additionally, Ally serves on the SAM National Competition Committee.

The Rhode Island Public Health Association (RIPHA), established in 1996, was the recipient of the Non-Profit of the Year Award, which was accepted by Kerri Warren, PhD, who serves as the organization's President-elect. RIPHA was selected for its work in helping to contain COVID-19 in Rhode Island during the pandemic.

Lastly, the students honored Liz Hoch who served as NEIT's Department Chair and faculty member in the Business Management program for 32 years. Liz retired in December 2021, and knowing she would shy away from the recognition, the students convinced her to attend the breakfast. They presented Liz with an award for her more than three decades of outstanding service to New England Tech and its students.

Congratulations to the Project Planning class and all award recipients for a job well done!

Free College Courses for High School Students

New England Institute of Technology has provided Rhode Island high school students the opportunity to experience college by taking courses sponsored by the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) in the All Course Network (ACN) program. ACN

students have participated in various classes such as health care, engineering, video game design, audio design, digital photography, criminal justice, financial literacy, and automotive technology.

Each year, NEIT offers a new cluster of courses to RIDE for consideration. One popular class currently being offered at NEIT's Access Road campus is welding. The photo shown here is an example of the skills that the welding students have learned after only four weeks of instruction. The class instructor, Michael Sorrentino, said recently, "The students are doing extremely well."



Roses were made from a single piece of sheet metal.

For more information regarding the ACN program at NEIT, please contact Douglas Leigh, NEIT's Training and Workforce Development Manager, at 401-739-5000 ext. 3355 or by email at dleigh@neit.edu. Registration for Fall 2022 classes will begin in May.

NEIT Grad is Committed to Honor His Heritage

CHARLES B. SMITH, JR. graduated from NEIT in 2009 with an Associate in Science degree in Refrigeration/Air Conditioning/Heating Technology. Charles is a tribal chief of the Seaconke Wampanoag Tribal Nation and is devoting his time to a project very dear to his heart – the creation of a Native American Veterans' Monument at the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Exeter, Rhode Island. Charles works as a cemetery specialist and has walked the grounds of the cemetery many, many times. He realized there were numerous Indigenous veterans buried there who have served in every branch of the military. Charles spoke to cemetery officials about erecting an Indigenous monument which they quickly approved. Charles spearheaded the Intertribal Monument Project to pay tribute to the Native American heritage.

"Every nationality in the Rhode Island Veteran Cemetery has a memorial marker stone to commemorate their service because they gave their all for this country," stated Smith. "Native Americans are the only group that does not have a memorial marker stone. This is the reason why I founded The Intertribal Monument Project. I



believe Native American Veterans should be honored with a memorial at the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery because of all the nationalities, they have fought in every war this country has ever been in including the Revolutionary War. My father Charles B. Smith, Sr. fought in three wars -- World War II, Korea, and Vietnam."

Charles is a member of the Honoring Indigenous Veterans Committee. This project is part of Tomaquag Museum's Indigenous Empowerment Network. This organization strives to eradicate poverty in Rhode Island's Indigenous community through education, job training, employment, small business incubation, cultural competency, addressing social justice and building equity through the museum and its partners. This project furthers the museum's mission to educate the public and promote conversations regarding Indigenous history, culture, arts, and Mother Earth, which the Turtle Island logo symbolizes.

The committee includes Indigenous veterans, educators, artists, advocates, and allies. The plan is to hire a local Native American mason to create the monument to represent all tribal nations of veterans interred at the cemetery. Pavers will be placed around the monument for veterans' names to be engraved.

The NEIT community wishes Charles much success on the completion of this most important project to memorialize the sacrifices Indigenous people have made for our country. Detailed information and a rendering of the monument may be found at <https://www.honoringindigenoustvets.org/>

Register for the

12th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING DAY of golf and enjoy the camaraderie among NEIT faculty, staff, alumni, colleagues and business leaders at the 12th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on Monday, August 22, 2022, at the Alpine Country Club in Cranston, RI. Proceeds from the tournament will help to support scholarships and textbook purchases for deserving NEIT students in need of financial assistance.

The day will begin with a buffet breakfast at 7:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Lunch and an awards ceremony will take place at 1:30 p.m. Please visit <https://www.neit.edu/about/alumni-friends/scholarship-golf-tournament> for tournament details, player information and sponsorship opportunities.

We hope you can participate in this year's tournament as a player and/or sponsor as we come together to support NEIT students as they continue their educational journey. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Kitchin, Vice President of Corporate Education and Training, at 401-739-5000 or by email at skitchin@neit.edu.

AutoCAD Training at NEIT



NEIT's Center for Technology and Industry is offering a training program in Autodesk AutoCAD 2021 Fundamentals. New England Tech is the only Authorized Autodesk Training Center in Rhode Island and has provided a variety of informative classes since 1985.

The AutoCAD 2021 Fundamentals training program includes 32 hours of training. Participants will gain an understanding of the AutoCAD workspace and user interface utilizing basic drawing, editing, and viewing tools. Upon completion of the program, participants will be proficient in creating a basic 2D drawing, organizing drawing objects on layers, adding text and basic dimensions, and preparing to plot.

To register for this training program or to obtain a detailed course outline, please contact Douglas Leigh, NEIT's Training and Workforce Development Manager, at 401-739-5000 ext. 3355 or by email at dleigh@neit.edu



NEW ENGLAND TECH

Student Activities

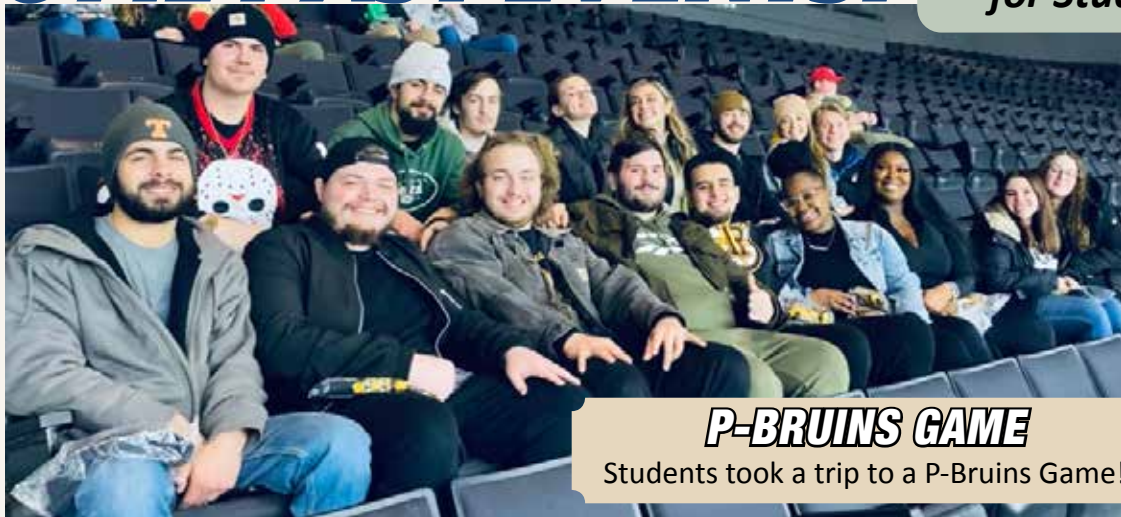
Meet new people! Learn new things!

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

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 **Megan Driscoll**, Student Activities Coordinator, at 739-5000 ext. 3418, or email mdriscoll@neit.edu.

SOME PAST EVENTS:

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



P-BRUINS GAME

Students took a trip to a P-Bruins Game!



MODEL CAR NIGHT

Model car night is always a hit with our students.



GRAD PARTY

We celebrated our soon-to-be grads with a party for all!



WILD WEST BINGO

BINGO gets a new spin! Welcome to the Wild West!



KARAOKE

Students singing some of their favorite tunes!

VIDEO GAMES

Students relaxed during finals week with some retro gaming.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

For more information on upcoming activities, please contact **Megan Driscoll**, Student Activities Coordinator, mdriscoll@neit.edu or check the NEIT Student Website.

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