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Academy Award-Winning Actress Marlee Matlin to Deliver Commencement Address

MARLEE MATLIN, an Academy Award-Winning actress, activist and author will deliver New England Institute of Technology's commencement address on Sunday, May 7, 2023, at the Amica Mutual Pavilion in Providence, Rhode Island. Matlin received worldwide recognition for her film debut in the movie *Children of a Lesser God*. At 21 years old, she was the youngest recipient of the Best Actress Oscar and the first deaf actor to ever receive the honor. She also received the Golden Globe Award for Best Actress in a Drama. In 2022 her film *CODA*, which stands for Children of Deaf Adults, won in every category it was nominated for in the Academy Awards, including Best Picture.

Matlin is a dynamic and inspiring speaker, known for her determination and her advocacy work to help others. She has earned four Emmy nominations and appeared in television shows including *Seinfeld*, *The West Wing*, *Law and Order SVU*, *The L Word*, *Switched at Birth*, *The Magicians*, and *Quantico*. She and Emmy

Award-winning actor Henry Winkler, a popular commencement speaker at New England Tech, often team up to deliver inspirational speeches about facing barriers and believing in yourself despite the way others may try to define you.

Winkler has been a mentor to Matlin since she was 12 years old and suggested her as this year's commencement speaker. They first met when Matlin was participating in a theater group for hearing and deaf children. Winkler encouraged her to follow her dream of acting regardless of advice from those close to her to choose an easier path. Eight and a half years later she was standing onstage with an Oscar in her hands.

"Henry and I kept in touch and he was there when I was at a particularly low point in my career," says Matlin. "The day after my Oscar win when the critics said I didn't deserve the Oscar, that I won out of pity, that I would never work again, I turned to him and his wife Stacy and I said, 'I'm not quite sure what to do.' They invited me to stay for the

weekend, and guess what happened? Two years later they were telling me to clean my room because I was the guest who never left, and in fact, Henry became my second father. My husband and I even got married at his house."

Matlin says many people don't have mentors in their life, and don't get a reaffirmation of their potential. She feels it's her responsibility to share her story and encouragement. Her advice to NEIT grads: "Know yourself as best as you can. Follow your passion. Don't let anyone ever tell you otherwise because you're the one who knows yourself best. It's always important to have support and that's why I think it's vital to stress the importance of having a mentor, someone who has your back, someone you can turn to."

She refuses to let others define her success. "I like to say we should focus on our abilities rather than perceived disabilities," says Matlin. "The only real handicap with being deaf is in the minds of people that want to handicap you."

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The Honorable James R. Langevin to be Recognized for Lifetime of Public Service

THE HONORABLE JAMES R. LANGEVIN, a longtime congressman, advocate, and Rhode Island community leader, will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters during New England Tech's upcoming commencement. Langevin served in the United States House of Representatives from Rhode Island's Second District from 2001 to 2023. He has been a leading voice on national security, health care reform and the environment. He is known for his work to advance opportunities for those with disabilities, and for his efforts to improve cybersecurity to better protect the United States. He has been instrumental in creating opportunities for students and advancing career and technical education.

Langevin has a longstanding relationship with NEIT and credits the university with providing students with the vital workforce skills needed by Rhode Island industry. "New England Tech is at that sweet spot of marrying the interests of young people with the skills that businesses need to fuel our economy and keep it



growing," says Langevin. "It's so important that we identify the skills and talents of tomorrow and that's what New England Tech is doing."

New England Tech has worked closely with Langevin on job training, cybersecurity, and a statewide high school robotics program. Langevin often attends the robotics competitions held at NEIT, handing out awards and encouragement to students. The Shipbuilding and Advanced Manufacturing Institute (SAMI) at NEIT which trains workers to build nuclear submarines for Electric Boat is another important touchpoint. Langevin is a big supporter of career and technical education and calls education "the great equalizer." He wants students to know that "with the right skills, right investment in yourself and your education, all things are possible."

Langevin had originally planned a career in law enforcement and served as a police cadet in the Boy Scout Explorer program at the Warwick Police Department, but a gun accident

left him paralyzed, dramatically altering his life's path. He says it was difficult to adjust to being a quadriplegic and to having his dreams ripped away from him, but family, community support and his strong faith got him through.

"No one gets through life without facing obstacles and challenges," says Langevin, "but we all have the capacity to overcome those challenges with courage, perseverance, and determination. Sometimes life will knock you off your path but it's important to get right back up and move forward."

Inspired by the way the community rallied around him and his family following the accident, Langevin looked for ways to give back. At 21 years old he was elected as a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention and helped amend and redraft Rhode Island's Constitution. That fueled his interest in politics. Two years later he was elected to the Rhode Island House of Representatives. In 1994 he became the nation's youngest Secretary of State, serving

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GMW Grad Finds His Passions

Jared Winslow graduated in September 2018 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Graphics, Multimedia and Web Design. Not knowing which career path to choose when he first began his college journey, Jared quickly found his passion once he enrolled at New England Tech, and he also discovered a hidden talent! Jared shares his experiences and success with Tech News readers.



What made you decide to attend NEIT?

Before going to NEIT, I was a bit undecided about my career path. After high school, I knew I wanted to do something that involved critical thinking...but that was about it. I took gen ed classes for a year to explore my options. About halfway through the school year, I realized that something wasn't right. I tried a few psychology courses which I was interested in, but something still wasn't right.

I was sitting in the back of class during a math lecture, daydreaming, drawing, and writing short stories. I always liked making things, but I never thought much of it. And that's when it hit me... "maybe I should be doing something creative." I was always more of a hands-on person, never really a fan of lectures, and this was the year where I finally realized that.

At the time, a friend of mine who was enrolled in NEIT's automotive program said that I should look into New England Tech because it's a much different way of learning than the traditional route. I did exactly that, and enrolled in the Graphics, Multimedia, and Web Design (GMW) program.

Why did you choose your program?

I always wanted to do something that

involved critical thinking, something that solved problems, and something where I could be creative and use my head. When looking at the programs at NEIT, the GMW program sounded exactly like that. I honestly didn't think about graphic design as an option, until reading about it on NEIT's website, and it just felt right to me.

What did you do to get started with your career?

I'm grateful to NEIT for their career services assistance because one of my practice interviews was with an animation company called RCP Learning, who was hiring at the time. Before this, I started networking and going to local events around RI and MA trying to meet people in the field and make connections. I had the opportunity to choose an internship with a design company in Providence, which I learned about at the same time as getting the job offer from RCP Learning. I chose RCP as my first position in the field as an animator.

Tell us about your current position.

I've been with RCP Learning for four years, and I now work full time, remotely from home, as an Animator and Video Editor.

Since we are a smaller company, we all get to wear multiple hats and work in different areas within production, which I enjoy. I currently do character animation, explainer videos, edit video for clients, do a mixture of the two sometimes, and sound design. I also use After Effects and Premiere Pro programs which I like as well.

What do you feel prepared you for your position?

Something I love about NEIT's programs, especially the GMW program, is how well-rounded they are. I truly feel we learned a little bit of everything, which set us up to explore any area of interest within the field of design. Because of our animation class, I found my love for animation, and because of our video editing class, I realized I liked that as well. The GMW professors do a very good job with preparing students for work in the "real world," not just training us creatively. Assignments resembled what an actual project in the field would be like, so they are very realistic.

An added bonus is that I accidentally found out that I have a passion and deep appreciation for photography which, five years later, has be-

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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT RICHARD GOUSE

Greetings to all,

Now that spring is upon us, plans are underway at New England Institute of Technology for the 2023 Commencement Ceremony which will be held on Sunday, May 7th, at 11:00 a.m. at the Amica Mutual Pavilion in Providence, RI. We are proud of the 829 students who will receive their associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

We look forward to an inspiring commencement address from Marlee Matlin, who despite her hearing impairment, has achieved great success as an award-winning actress, author, and activist. The Honorable James R. Langevin, who served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2001-2023, has been a strong community leader and advocate on major issues. They both will receive an honorary degree for their many outstanding achievements.

Our students attained great success at the 2023 Society for Advancement of Management (SAM) International Business Conference held in March. Congratulations to these dedicated students for the numerous awards they received for their academic and leadership excellence. To help those in need, several students participated in a blood drive hosted at NEIT and a food collection event to benefit Rhode Island veterans as well as gathered items donated by the NEIT community for local animal shelters. We are grateful to these students who share their time and support to improve the lives of others.

NEIT students continue to achieve academic success as they continue their educational journey. The Career Services department hosted a career fair in March where students networked with employers who continue to seek our graduates. We wish New England Tech's 2023 graduates the best of luck as they embark on their new careers.

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Matlin has many "firsts" to her credit. She broke barriers when she starred on ABC's *Dancing with the Stars*. She became the first network television director who is deaf for the Fox TV drama *Accused*. She was appointed to the Corporation for National Service by President Clinton, and joined President Obama at the White House to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. In 2022, she was elected to the Board of Governors of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, representing the Actors Branch.

"I learned that the best way to make a change is to work from inside," says Matlin. "Because you can make a lot of noise from the outside, but if you're on the inside you can actually affect that change."

Becoming a director has opened additional doors. Matlin says she loves having the ability to create a vision and fashion what viewers will see on screen. "That to me is a very satisfying and wonderful new adventure," says Matlin, who is the first deaf person in the Directors Guild of America who signs.

Working toward equity and inclusion for all has been a lifetime passion for Matlin. "I think it's important to understand that we're all connected to each other," she says. "When you can include someone who has been historically underrepresented, or help remove barriers for somebody who faces a barrier, you're not only helping them, you're helping the community as a whole. When we all move forward together, we do so much better than apart."

Change may be gradual, but it is happening. "I may have waited 35 years to get back on that Oscar stage from the time of *Children of a Lesser God* to *CODA*," says Matlin, "but that wait was well worth it, and now I was no longer standing there alone as the only deaf person with an Oscar. I was standing next to my costar, our director, and our producer who now have Oscars, so it's always good to keep trying, always good to keep striving and never give up."

Matlin released her first app, titled *Marlee Signs*, teaching American Sign language to millions of smart phone users. She has also written three novels for children and a New York Times best-selling autobiography, *I'll Scream Later*.

During commencement, New England Institute of Technology will present Marlee Matlin with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters for her work to improve life for others. The commencement ceremony begins at 11 a.m. at the Amica Mutual Pavilion which is located at 1 La Salle Square in Providence.

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two terms before being elected to Congress.

"It was a journey that started as a way to give back and little did I know it would become a lifelong commitment to public service and elected office," says Langevin. "I've given more than 30 years of my life to public service, and it's been an honor and the privilege of a lifetime."

Langevin says he is honored to have been the first quadriplegic to serve in the United States Congress. He has been a leader in the disability community, helping to open doors and bring down barriers and obstacles for people with disabilities. He has been a champion for stem cell research and worked on amendments to the Americans with Disabilities Act, helping to clarify its intent and nullify court rulings that had weakened it.

To make Congress more accessible to those with disabilities, Speaker Nancy Pelosi made the Speaker's Rostrum wheelchair accessible. On the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act she handed the gavel to Congressman Langevin, honoring him as Speaker Pro Tempore and the first person with mobility impairments to preside over the United States Congress.

Langevin has been a trailblazer in the area of cybersecurity, working to develop an overarching strategy to better protect the United States against serious cyber-attacks. "Cybersecurity is a national security challenge, and also a career opportunity for young people," says Langevin.

"More than 600-thousand cybersecurity jobs go unfilled every year and that number is expected to grow. New England Tech's work preparing people for a career in cybersecurity is critically important." Among the many pieces of cybersecurity legislation Langevin has sponsored over the years, one of the most important is the law he sponsored to create the National Cybersecurity Director position in the Executive Office of the President.

Langevin also championed the Respite Care Act to support caregivers of those with special needs and those who provide care to elderly parents. He's proud of the collective work done by Congress to pass the Affordable Care Act to provide health care coverage to millions of Americans. He served as a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee and helped pass a bipartisan amendment in the National Defense Authorization Act acknowledging for the first time that climate change is a threat to U.S. national security. The amendment requires the military to identify the most vulnerable military bases affected by climate change and evaluate how climate change will impact national security planning. He takes pride in working across the aisle to build consensus.

After decades of serving in Congress, Langevin is now working closer to home. He's a Senior Fellow at Brown University, a distinguished scholar at the University of Rhode Island, and serves on the advisory boards of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) as well as the National Security Agency (NSA). He says his new roles give him an opportunity to continue his work on cybersecurity and help educate the next generation of leaders.

"I'm optimistic about the future because I'm optimistic about our young people and the talent they have to address and solve our nation's critical challenges."

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come a very big part of my life. My first time holding a camera was in our Introduction to Photography class, and I didn't know at the time that it would blossom into something I live for. I'm very grateful to NEIT for that as well. My work can be seen at <https://www.winslowj.com> and <https://www.winslowj.com/video>.

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

I'd say, don't be afraid to get out and network. Go to different creative events and see who you can strike up a conversation with. Trust me... I know how scary it can feel. I was terrified when I went to my first event, but I met someone that night who I'm still connected with to this day. People are much friendlier than you think they may be. Providence has a beautiful creative and arts scene, so try to get involved. I highly recommend looking into DesignRI, which always has an event going on. Also, look into internships. I did one with WaterFire Providence's design team while I was still at NEIT. I learned so much from them, which turned into a beautiful relationship as well.

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

I'll say it again, network, network, network! Meeting people in the "real world" will make it feel that much more real. You never know who you may meet and may be hiring in the future. People will remember a friendly face and value your soft skills more than what you can do on paper. Personality makes such a big difference and being positive and adaptable is something that people will admire as well.

I sound like a Dad but take all your assignments seriously because I guarantee you a homework assignment will come up again as a project in your job. Speak to your professors, ask them questions, because they've done this before. They'll be happy to help and will have the information that you're looking for.

NEIT is an incredible university, and the GMW program is also one that is very powerful and realistic to what you'll see in the real world. Enjoy your time, have fun, learn everything that you can, and you'll be in good shape.

Save the Date!
Commencement 2023
 Sunday, May 7, 2023 • 11:00 am
 Amica Mutual Pavilion
 One LaSalle Square, Providence, RI
Open House
 April 29, 2023
 9:00 am-12:30 pm
 At the East Greenwich Campus
 Tour the Residence Hall and Student Center as well as the Post Road and Access Road Campuses

DEAN'S LIST
 The following students have achieved academic excellence for the term ending March 18, 2023. 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!

Mojisola Abujade.....HSA	Lauren Brissette.....RNBN
Paul Acello.....WEL	Chloe Brown.....ITSA
Nada Ait Abdelmalek.....IDA	Joelle Brown.....CJ
Alyssa Alarcon.....NUR	Naja Brown.....VDEB
Max Albion.....NUR	Zachary Brown.....PLBH
Alexis Alves.....CJ	Emily Burghardt.....VET
Brendan Amalfitano.....CYNB	Kyle Burgos.....AAUT
Jennifer Amlaw.....BSME	Nick Butti.....VDEA
Soraia Amorim.....RNBN	Ria Cabral.....BCC
Dany Andrade.....BCC	Ryan Cabral.....ITBS
Troy Angelini.....DMPB	Stacy Calabro.....ST
Mariusa Antunes.....HSA	Jaime Calore.....CJ
Ralph Apici Jr.....NUR	Richard Cantwell.....AAHP
Makayla Araujo.....IDB	Emma Capirchio.....ITSA
Noah Asstafan.....BSCS	Jakob Caramiciu.....CYNB
Matthew Baker.....HSA	Gabriel Carrillo.....ITSA
Tara Baker.....NUR	Marc Delille.....GMWA
Maneeya Barlatier.....HSA	Daniel Carvalho.....CYNB
Sean Beatty Jr.....BSME	Aidan Casey.....AAHP
Kayla Bejma.....RNBN	Quinn Cassidy.....PLBH
Autumn Belcher.....VET	Jennifer Chacon Tejada.....CAR
Ryan Bell.....GDSB	Zachary Chahed.....MGTB
Anthony Benevides.....ELY	Daniel Chandler.....BSCS
Brett Berard.....CYNB	Ryon Charette.....PLBH
Raven Bernardo.....GMWA	Alex Chase.....AAUT
Malari Bland.....RC	Emma Chase.....OTA
Maitte Boaventura.....VDEB	Garrett Chase.....CYNB
Bethany Bonofiglio.....MCTA	Tyler Chatell.....HSA
Elizabeth Botelho.....ST	Joseph Chiarella.....ABTB
Michael Braga Jr.....DMPB	Anika Clark.....CJ
Scott Brindley.....ADMT	James Coburn.....PTA

Benjamin Cohn.....CYNB	Jamaal Dublin Jr.....ITSA	Giana Hardin.....ITSA	Kayley Lafond.....ST
Cameron Collard.....AAHP	Connor Eaton.....ABTA	Connor Harrington.....BSCS	Brian LaFontaine.....ELTB
Jessenia Collazo.....ABTB	Zachary El Saddik.....CYNB	Jamison Harris.....CYNB	Kristen Laliberte.....RNBN
Trent Comolli.....VDEA	Eryn Elinson.....GMWA	Sarah Healey.....NUR	Alexandra Lamontagne.....PTA
Brian Conlon.....RACH	Connor Ellinwood.....ERDA	Michael Healy.....AAHP	Ryan Landry.....CYNB
Gabriel Connor.....AAHP	Nathan Ellison.....MCTA	Kendall Heintz.....AAHP	Brendan Langlais.....BCC
Dylan Cook.....ITBS	Dylan Cook.....ITBS	Jaimis Hernandez.....ABTB	Megan Langlois.....IDB
Alexander Cordeiro.....AAHP	Didier Ferland Haroun.....ITSA	Alexander Higgins.....ELY	Stephen LaRose.....MCTB
Erick Cordon Jr.....ITSA	Axel Fernandes Spencer.....ITSA	Raymond Ho.....CJBX	Janica Lavallee.....MGTA
Camron Correia.....ADMT	Amanda Ferreira.....DMPB	Ryan Hockemeyer.....DMPB	Melanie Lavimontagne.....NUR
Kolby Cosgrove.....GMWA	Tyler Ferro.....PLBH	Andrea Hockney.....NUR	Emily Lenihan.....ELY
Luis Cota Cisneros.....RNBN	Kashton Fielding.....DMPB	Samantha Hogan.....NUR	Alexander Leonard.....VDEA
Esteban Crespo Velazquez.....PLBH	Ricardo Figueiredo.....AAHP	Seamus Holloway.....BSCS	Matthew Lepore.....MGTA
Ronald Croteau.....ITBS	Mariah Fiscella.....ST	Benjamin Horn.....RACH	Kainan Li.....OTA
Laura Czechowicz.....VET	Anna Fontaine.....GDSB	Anne Howell.....VDEA	Dillon Lippman.....ERDA
Luigi D'Acunto Jr.....CYNB	Steven Fratus.....CJBX	Daniel Howell.....GMWB	James Lobban Jr.....AAHP
Marc D'Amore.....CMTB	Hunter Freches.....PAR	Joshua Infantino.....BSCS	Brittany Logue.....PTA
Nathan Da Silva.....ABTA	Maxfield Friedman.....CMTB	Philip Ippolito.....BSCS	Ryan Lomba.....CJB
Shedrick Daniel.....RC	Logan Frost.....AAHP	Jermain Jackson.....BSOT	Logan Long.....BSOT
Cassy Dascomb.....RNBN	Ryan Fuller.....ERDA	Destiny Jaiyeoba.....OTA	Tyler Losacano.....ADMT
Casey Davenport.....PTA	Ryan Gabelle.....CJ	Ryan Jarvis.....CYNB	Christian Lucatino.....ADMT
Keith Davidson.....NUR	Elizabeth Galan.....RC	Adriany Javier.....MGTA	Kaya Lukasek.....VET
Shantel Davis.....CJ	Brittany Gallo.....RNBN	Molly Jencks.....CYNB	Norman Maciver IV.....CJ
Tori Davis.....MGTH	Yrleri Garcia.....MGTB	Benjamin Johnson.....GMWA	Abdelahad Mahassine.....ELTB
Jack DeAngelis.....ELRE	Heather Garon.....RNBN	Lucas Johnson.....ITBS	Joshua Malaro.....ELTB
Julia DeBlasio.....GMWA	Staci Gencarella.....ST	Dylan Jordan.....BSCS	Cynthia Manzano.....MGTT
Justin Decelles.....MCTA	Finn Geoghegan.....AAUT	Ryan Kalasz.....AUB	Jack Marcotte.....ADMT
Luke Del Deo.....VGDA	Jesslin George.....BSOT	Elizabeth Kane.....RNBN	Joel Marcucilli.....ELTB
Leonardo Del Rosario.....MCTA	Corey Girard.....PLBH	Shreeja Kapshikar.....ST	Stephen Marold.....ITBS
Kassandra	Hanna Given.....CJB	Megan Kashuba.....MGTA	Kylyn Marshall.....VET
Del Valle-Robitschek.....NUR	Grace Glasko.....VET	Kelly Kean.....NUR	Ross Marshall.....MT
Marc Delille.....PTA	Christina Gold.....RC	Grace Kelley.....ST	Ryan Martin.....AAHP
Jacob DeMelo.....ELY	Bianca Gomez.....PTA	Sarah Kennedy.....RC	Joseph Martino Jr.....CYNB
DesRon deShield-Burchall.....CYNB	Katherine Gorham.....IDB	Michael Kennett.....ABTA	Alexis Mason.....GMWA
Logan DeSouza.....ELY	Paige Goulet.....WEL	Morgan Kenney.....OTA	Seth Masson.....CETB
Tyler Dewitt.....AAUT	Katherine Graney.....VET	James Keyes Jr.....BSCS	Mitchell Mathews.....CMTB
Cole Diamante.....VDVA	Amber Green.....PAR	Anita Kiernan.....ST	James Maughan.....BSCS
Jacob DiCenzo.....ABTB	Brittany Green.....NUR	William Kirtlink.....GDSB	Danielle Mazur.....PAR
Andrew DiCesare.....AAUT	Ethan Green.....ITBS	Jessica Kitchen.....NUR	Kyra Mazzilli.....IDA
Ella DiFinizio.....OTA	Jonathan Green.....AAUT	Alexander Klatt.....AAHP	Spencer McClure.....MGTA
Alexandra Dimauro.....MGTA	Jill Gummoe.....NUR	Daniel Knight.....ITSA	Denise McGovern.....MCTA
Felicia DiMuccio.....NUR	Mallory Gwynn.....VET	Tristan Knott.....ITSA	Sarah McGregor.....VET
Shelby Dodier.....OTA	Ian Hall.....MCTB	Christopher Kohlenberger.....CYNB	Skyler McClinnis.....DMPB
Eric Dollard.....BSME	Isabelle Handy.....RNBN	Tyler Kraus.....CYNB	Matthew Meehan.....AAHP
Gaylyne DosSantos.....RNBN	Colby Hanna.....VGDA	Mark Kucal.....PAR	Angela Michaels.....IDA
Lillia Downing.....CJ	Matthew Harbour.....RACH	Jennifer LaChance.....RNBN	Grace Miller.....PTA

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.



SAM Breakfast from left: Lee Lewis, Junior Achievement of RI, Non-Profit of the Year Award Recipient; Ryan Farias, Adriany Javier, Justin Decelles, who all coordinated the event; and Erika Sinesi, Leadership and Service Award recipient.

Feinstein *Enriching America* Program hosts Winter 2023 Blood Drive!



COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT students Ryan Landry, pictured, Shelby Dodier, Gabriel Alvarez, Ella DiFinizio, and Mallory Alves provided community enrichment hours as blood donor ambassadors for the recent drive. With 7 first-time donors, 30 units of blood were collected which helped 90 people. Currently, Rhode Island is under a blood shortage emergency with only a 1-to-2-day supply of blood. Along with the blood drive, a “Be the Match” Bone Marrow Drive was held. To date, 28 people have registered and 2 participants have miraculously matched patients waiting on the transplant list!

Students interested in giving back through the Community Enrichment Program should contact Carolyn Taylor, Coordinator/Instructor at ctaylor@neit.edu or 401-739-5000 ext. 3352. This is a one-credit, tuition-free course that can be utilized to help keep students at full-time status. Scholarship applications are available every term to students in the CE 101/CE 301 courses. All associate and bachelor’s degree, and certificate program students are encouraged to consider this worthwhile program.

SAVE THE DATES: We are looking forward to seeing NEIT students, faculty, and staff at the next Blood Drive and subsequent drives on April 11th, August 9th, and October 25th, in the Hall of Fame Room on NEIT’s East Greenwich campus.

Business Management Students Host Awards Breakfast

STUDENTS IN NEIT’S Business Management course, *MGM 288 Project Planning*, received an assignment to produce an event of their choice. Together, they coordinated the second annual RI Advancement of Management Awards breakfast and recognition ceremony for more than 50 guests held at NEIT’s East Greenwich campus on March 2nd. Since they were preparing to participate in the national Society for Advancement of Management (SAM) competitions in mid-March, they collaborated with the SAM RI Professional Chapter, comprised mostly of NEIT alumni, for their input.

Individuals who have furthered management efforts over the past year were recognized. The first award was

presented to Erika Sinesi, a 2019 graduate of NEIT’s Bachelor of Science in Business Management program, who won two previous national SAM business case competitions. Erika gave a brief keynote presentation and 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, Erika has helped mentor each SAM competitive team and has been a guest speaker in several management classes. Additionally, Erika serves on the SAM National Competition Committee.

Junior Achievement (JA) of Rhode Island was the recipient of the Non-Profit of the Year Award, which was accepted by

Lee Lewis, the organization’s President. Junior Achievement was selected for its work in preparing young people to succeed in an ever-changing global economy. JA has been transforming lives for more than 100 years through its innovative, hands-on financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship programs in classroom and after-school settings taught by volunteers, some of which include SAM Club members.

Lastly, the students honored Shelby Perry who served as NEIT’s SAM Chapter President for the past two years and will be graduating this year. The students appointed her as President Emeritus. Shelby received a plaque commemorating the honor.

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



The Career Services Office held a Spring Recruitment Expo for IT and Engineering majors on March 1, 2023. Representatives from local and national employers as well as government agencies were on campus to speak with students and upcoming graduates about potential employment opportunities. Many NEIT alumni were back representing their companies at the employer tables. Some spring graduates secured interviews on the spot.

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.

Sarah Blanchette, NUR, 9/22, Nursing, is employed by Southcoast Hospital Groups

Leon Bolle, RACH, 3/22, Refrigeration/AC/Heating & Gas Technology, is employed by Quality Mechanical Services

Michael Braga Jr., DMP, 3/22, Digital Media Production, is employed by Woodhaven Media

Baylee Cassone, ST, 9/22, Surgical Technology, is employed by Windham Hospital

Cristian da Anunciacao, AAHP, 6/22, Automotive Technology with High Performance, is employed by Cox Automotive Inc

Jessica Davis, VET, 3/22, Veterinary Technology, is employed by Ferguson Animal Hospital

Jacob Dicenso, ABT, 6/22, Architectural Building Engineering Technology, is employed by NEMD Architects

Jonathan Doolittle, ITS, 9/22, Software Engineering & Web Development, is employed by Aipso

Benjamin Fogell, AAHP, 6/22, Automotive Technology with High Performance, is employed by Mikes Automotive

Olivia Forst, VGD, 9/21, Video Game Development and Design, is employed by RI Riddle Room

Antonio Gomes, RACH, 9/22, Refrigeration/AC/Heating & Gas Technology, is employed by Lincoln Energy Mechanical

Deon Gomes, OTA, 6/21, Occupational Therapy Assistant, is employed by Butler Hospital

Mark Horvath, PLBH, 3/22, Plumbing/Heating & Gas Technology, is employed by Iron Pipes Plumbing

Christian Jolon, ELY, 7/21, Electrical Technology, is employed by Crescent Alarms

Matthew Kenyon, MCT, 9/22, Mechanical Engineering Technology, is employed by Woodard & Curran

Christopher LaFrance, CYN, 9/22, Cyber Security and Network Engineering, is employed by FM Global

Keith Linkous, CET, 3/22, Civil Engineering Technology, is employed by Middlesex Corp.

Bryce Mitchell, CMT, 9/22, Construction Management, is employed by Bentley Builders

Jacqueline Pinheiro, ST, 9/22, Surgical Technology, is employed by Our Lady of Fatima Hospital

Daniel Portofee, PLBH, 3/22, Plumbing/Heating & Gas Technology, is employed by Buttermore Plumbing

Julie Raposo, NUR, 6/22, Nursing, is employed by Complete VNA

Viviana Rivera, CYN, 3/21, Cyber Security and Network Engineering, is employed by Riptide Technologies

Asmin Rosario Peralta, CMT, 9/22, Construction Management, is employed by JP Cementworks Inc

Alicia Short, NUR, 9/22, Nursing, is employed by South County Health

Griffin Smylie, ELT, 9/22, Electrical Engineering Technology, is employed by Heidelberg Engineering

Liam Sullivan, DMP, 3/21, Digital Media Production, is employed by Rhode Island PBS Foundation

David Swaney, ITS, 9/22, Software Engineering & Web Development, is employed by IGT

Kirlos Syfien, ABT, 3/22, Architectural Building Engineering Technology, is employed by Haynes Group

Collin Taylor, ELY, 9/22, Electrical Technology, is employed by Piping System Inc

Eryn Tormey, VET, 3/22, Veterinary Technology, is employed by Angell at Nashoba

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Alexandra Mochetti.....NUR	Cindy Pena.....VET	Stephen Rogers.....MCTB	James Taubman.....VDEA
Adam Moniz.....NUR	Sage Perez.....ST	Brenda Roia.....RNBN	Christopher Tebo.....DMPA
Savanah Moniz.....VET	Adam Perry.....BCD	Megan Romano.....VET	Gia Tenuta.....ELRE
Oscar Monroy Soto.....CYNB	Catherine Perry.....VET	Spencer Roucoulet.....ITSA	Rebecca Tester.....VGDA
Matthew Moreau.....PLBH	Davina Phan.....VGDA	William Roy.....GDSB	Xavier Thibault.....ABTA
Nicholas Morel.....ST	Carlos Piano.....MT	Samuel Rubin.....GDSB	James Thomas.....MCTB
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Luke Moulin.....AAHP	Lucas Porter.....GDSB	Benjamin Russomanno.....MGTB	Ava Tolliver.....AAUT
Sarah Mount.....BSOT	Gabriel Posillo.....CYNB	Meghan Salley.....GMWB	Ian Tolosky.....MGTT
Abigail Muir.....CJ	Tanner Powell.....ELRE	Miriam Sasa.....OTA	Katelyn Tondreau.....IDA
Shannon Mullen.....HSA	Tristan Powell.....AAHP	Nadya Sasa.....VET	Joshua Tonucci.....DMPB
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Congratulations



Checkmate! NEIT Hosts Chess Tournament

FRANK DELBONIS, an adjunct faculty member in the HU/SS Department teaches a course, *HU 291 Critical Thinking and Chess*. He decided to host a free chess tournament at New England Tech not only for the college community but for the general public as well. The event was held on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at the East Greenwich campus and was deemed a huge success!

There were 94 participants in all and included NEIT students and alumni as well as children, teenagers, and adults. The tournament ran from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The matches were challenging, and everyone enjoyed the excitement of the day. The visitors were impressed with the campus and the Dining Center. A good time was had by all.

Chess medals and trophies were awarded to students and adults in each category section, which were determined by ability. Congratulations to the following tournament winners:

1st place: Joseph Sherry, NEIT student

2nd place: Cameron Quinn, NEIT student

3rd place: Jessica Yuettner, NEIT graduate

Mr. DelBonis also hosted a scholastic Ocean State Student Chess Championship in March and is coordinating an adult championship at NEIT in honor of WWII veteran and R.I. chess player Louis Giarusso, who will celebrate his 100th birthday in May. The NEIT community and general public are invited to participate.

Special thanks to Mr. DelBonis and Jessica Yuettner for organizing this well-received, exciting competition.



From left: Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice students Maia Robert (Term 7) and Brittany Voyer (Term 11) share information about the program.

Safety Awareness Day is a Great Success

ON JANUARY 12, 2023, New England Tech's Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the NEIT Criminal Justice Club, hosted its first-ever Safety Awareness Day in the Regan Lounge at the East Greenwich campus. The Rhode Island State Police, the Warwick, Cranston and East Greenwich Police Departments, the Rhode Island Department of Corrections, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the State Fire Marshal's Office, the Emergency Management Agency (EMA), Salve Regina University Department of Public Safety's Community Relations Officer, and NEIT Department of Public Safety Officers were all on hand to speak with students about general ways to stay safe.

Members of the NEIT Criminal Justice Club showcased all of the vital aspects of the Criminal Justice program. Canine, drone, and DUI/goggle demonstrations were held while the Fire Marshal kept everyone engaged with safety tips on how to prevent fires.

The Safety Awareness Day was very well received by the NEIT community and hopefully will become an annual event.



Congratulations to NEIT's two new licensed drone pilots. Lucas Sutton (left) and Joel Marcucilli both are seniors in the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering program. They have both successfully completed the FAA 107 UAS Remote Pilots License. Both students have taught drones courses in the Electronics, Robotics and Drones program at NEIT.



ON FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023, NEIT hosted approximately 200 students at the annual SkillsUSA state competitions. SkillsUSA is a national organization serving more than 264,500 high school and college students and professional members enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled, service and health occupations. SkillsUSA programs include local, state, and national competitions in which students demonstrate occupational and leadership skills. SkillsUSA programs also help to establish industry standards for job skill training in the classroom.

NEIT is a postsecondary chapter of SkillsUSA. This year's competitions included automotive, crime scene investigation and criminal justice, marine, welding, computer programming, interactive application and game design, drafting, robotics,

cabinetmaking, and construction.

On April 4, 2023, SkillsUSA held its 47th Annual Awards and Recognition Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence, RI. New England Tech is proud to announce that two students won Gold Medals! Congratulations to Tyler DeWitt (Automotive) and Bismark Aguocha (Industrial Motor Controls) who will travel to the SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference in Atlanta, GA, on June 19-23, 2023. More than 4,500 students will compete in 80 occupational and leadership skill areas. Best of luck to these outstanding students!

Special thanks to Amanda Metzger, NEIT's Assistant Registrar, for her continued commitment to all of these talented students as well as to NEIT faculty and staff who assisted in coordinating this exciting competition.



The 55th Surgical Technology pinning ceremony was held on Monday, March 6, 2023, with friends and family present. Congratulations to all. From Left, Back Row: ST lab assistant Kaitlyn Glazier, ST Department Chair Lisa Reed, Beatrice Uwagie Ero, K Janik, Anna Ming Holden, Luiza Goncalves, Anne Augustin, Clinical Site Director, Megan Treloar. From Left, Front Row: Jasmine Franco, Jacqueline Solis, Ashlie Gardiner, Ashlee Larkin, Mckenzy Barselou, Jessica Russo, ST Instructor Melissa Campbell.

NEIT Launches Cybersecurity Training and Simulation Range

STUDENTS ENROLLED in New England Tech's associate, bachelor's, and master's degree cybersecurity programs will experience the university's exciting new state-of-the-art cybersecurity training range. This simulation platform guides students through exercises that are virtually identical to the technically complex and



high-pressure situations they will encounter in the real world. The new cybersecurity range was launched through a collaboration between NEIT and Cyberbit, the market-leader in cyber skills development.

A cyber range enables students to apply essential cyber skills towards real scenarios and respond to simulated cyberattacks as a team. This technology offers students the opportunity to experience the most realistic examples of cyberattacks and prepares them for the positions they will hold in this demanding and ever-changing field.

According to Cyberbit, recent employer surveys indicated that 95% of cybersecurity professionals believe new employees lack the skills and practical experience to be productive upon entering the workforce, resulting in the need for additional skill-building. By incorporating the

cyber range into New England Institute of Technology's programs, graduates will be better qualified and "hit the ground running" in their challenging careers.

"Simulated cyber range instruction is widely considered to be the most advanced form of cybersecurity skills development available today," said Timothy Henry, Ph.D., PMP, Professor, and NEIT's Cybersecurity Center Director. "A cyber range of this caliber, right here at NEIT, will ensure students have hundreds of hours of experiential, practical cybersecurity training."

Cybersecurity professionals can also benefit from advanced cyber range training through programs developed by NEIT's Center for Technology and Industry (CTI). CTI stands ready to assist employers in upskilling their workforce with the latest in cybersecurity technology. For more information contact Steve Kitchin, Vice President, Corporate Education and Training, at 401-739-5000 or by email at skitchin@neit.edu.

The cyber range is now being utilized by students in their coursework and will continue to be integrated into the college community. For more information regarding NEIT's cybersecurity degree programs, please visit www.neit.edu or contact the Admissions Office at 800-736-7744 or by email at admissions@neit.edu.



Kerry Walsh, left, RI Vet Tech of the Year! Kerry Walsh, BS, CVT, joined NEIT in 2019 as a Laboratory Assistant in the Veterinary Technology department and serves as the university's Vet Tech Club Advisor. She has been a Certified Veterinary Technician (CVT) in RI since 2013 and has more than 15 years of experience working with animals. Because of her dedication and passion to the field of veterinary medicine, Kerry received the RI Vet Tech of the Year award in December 2022 at the RI Veterinary Medical Association (RIVTA) Conference in Newport, RI. Award recipients are nominated by any member of RIVTA. The nomination details the achievements of the nominee, and then the RIVTA Board Members vote to make the final decision. Congratulations to Kerry for her well-deserved recognition. Pictured with Kerry is Cat Holly, President of the RI Vet Tech Association.



Congratulations to the Winter 2023 Veterinary Technology Associate in Science degree graduates as they join the veterinary community as trained professionals, ready to take the Vet Tech National Exam this summer! From left: Kelyn Marshall, Catherine Perry, Mallory Gwynn, Arianna Ritchotte, Danielle Martineau, Hayleigh Nichols, Nadya Sasa, Vellmarie Vazques, Brianna Ward, and Laura Czechowicz. Additionally, Catherine Perry is receiving the NEIT Best of Tech Award, and Nadya Sasa is receiving the American Association of Veterinary State Boards, Veterinary Technician National Examination (AAVSB VTNE) scholarship.



From left: Co-Star Nick Pasqual; Co-Executive Producer, Susan Pasqual; Director, Sean Michael Beyer; Co-Writer, Producer and Lead Actor, Adam Carbone; and Co-Executive Producer, H. Paul Pasqual

NEIT Grad Adam Carbone Hits the Big Screen

AWARD-WINNING ACTOR, producer, comedian, and 2012 NEIT Video and Audio Production grad Adam Carbone debuted his latest film *Poor Paul* on March 5, 2023, at the CW Theaters in Lincoln, RI. Described as a self-aware, action-adventure, romantic comedy, Adam produced, co-wrote, and stars in the title role. This full-length movie was filmed on an iPhone during the summer of 2021. Despite the movie taking place in Germany, England, Italy and Iraq, everything was filmed in Rhode Island – including an office scene shot at NEIT’s East Greenwich campus!

Paul, played by Adam, is a socially awkward college student in his 20s who lives vicariously through his hero fantasies to escape reality in moments of stress and peril.

His mother passed away, so he inherits her 500,000 frequent flyer miles and decides to take his two roommates on a trip around the world. There, they find themselves hostages of a delusional mob boss who insists that his daughter marry an American who, of course, is Paul. From there, chaos ensues!

The Red Carpet Premiere included a meet and greet before the film screening followed by a Q&A with the director and cast members. Adam stated, “The premiere was a great success in every way. Our distributor will determine which platform our film ultimately ends up living on which will be revealed in the coming months. We would like to thank the New England Tech staff who graciously assisted us in filming some scenes on campus. It’s always great to be back at NEIT.”

STUDENTS PARTICIPATING in the Feinstein Enriching America Program teamed up with Chartwells during the month of November to collect nonperishable food and personal hygiene items for Operation Stand Down’s “Restock the Pantry” event. Pictured is Alexandra Lamontagne who was an instrumental student volunteer in the logistics of this event. NEIT students, staff, and faculty collected more than 300 pounds of food and personal items for our Rhode Island veterans which were delivered to the Operation Stand Down Johnston, RI facility. Any Rhode Island veteran may utilize the food pantry or other services and may call 401-383-4730 for more information.




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NEIT's SAM Chapter Wins Big Again!

THE 2023 SOCIETY for Advancement of Management (SAM) International Business Conference was offered as a hybrid event with the virtual competition taking place on March 13-15 and the in-person segment held on March 16-18 in Nashville, TN. This year's conference offered three competitive divisions: online, undergraduate, and open (MBA Division). This is the sixth consecutive year that New England Tech has participated in this exciting International Business Skills competition.

VIRTUAL TEAM

NEIT's online team consisted of Spencer McClure, Adriany Javier, Ryan Farias, Wilma Rizal-Bilton, and Megan Kashuba as Team Captain. Mostly comprised of associate in science degree students, the team won the overall competition, which was a great achievement.

Wilma Rizal-Bilton, a student in the Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy program, was enrolled in one of NEIT's *Entrepreneurship* classes. She developed a great business idea and agreed to present it at the competition just two days before the event. She won the overall Business Pitch competition against several MBA and entrepreneurship students and received extensive feedback from the judges regarding patenting her idea!

This young, ambitious team finished second in the Written Case competition and third in the

Case competition which is noteworthy since the top two teams consisted of MBA students. In the Knowledge Bowl competition, Spencer McClure finished second and Ryan Farias and Megan Kashuba tied for third place. Spencer also finished third in the Extemporaneous Speech competition.

In the individual overall competition, Spencer McClure finished first in the country by competing in every event which is an outstanding accomplishment. This is the second year in a row NEIT has won top student honors in the entire country!

UNDERGRADUATE IN-PERSON TEAM

This team consisted of students from NEIT's Business Management (with an Automotive Service/Transportation Management Concentration) program, Ian Tolosky, Jessica "Chris" Kenyon, and Cynthia Manzano. The team placed third in the Written Case Competition in an incredibly crowded field.

OPEN (MBA) IN-PERSON TEAM

Raven Bernardo, Angie Escobar, Zach Chahed, Jennifer Carpenter, Megan Kashuba, and Shelby Perry, as Team Captain, won several rounds of Knowledge Bowl but lost in the semi-finals. They were able to refocus and move forward finishing in a tie for third place which was an

impressive victory. Shelby Perry won third place in the individual overall competition.

INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITIONS

Angie Escobar and Chris Kenyon were selected as Regional Outstanding Students for their academic work and dedication to the team. Angie was also selected Best of Tech in NEIT's Business Management program.

For the first time in NEIT's SAM chapter history, one of our students won the Collegiate Member of the Year award. This is the highest honor any student can receive and only one student is selected worldwide each year. Shelby Perry was chosen as this year's recipient—a well-deserved recognition! During the past year, Shelby has created videos featuring local RI small businesses to promote SAM and the Business Management program at NEIT. She was honored for her extensive academic research and her exceptional SAM chapter leadership. NEIT had the largest contingent of students in attendance which is a direct testimony to Shelby's leadership, commitment, and dedication. Shelby also started all New England Tech SAM social media channels which lead her to being offered a position at SAM headquarters.

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Shelby Perry and Associate Professor and Busi-



Shelby Perry

ness Management Department Chair, Hank Johnson, presented their research: "*Human Trafficking Training Modalities in University Allied Health Programs and Social Determinants of Health and Business.*"

Mr. Johnson was also a presenter on the panel: "*Challenges and Innovations in Learning, Instruction, and Research in Departments within Business Schools after the COVID-19 Pandemic.*" He was the moderator of a panel discussion that featured Bob Kennedy, NEIT's Transportation Technology Department Chair, and automotive student, Jessica "Chris" Kenyon, on "*The Future of the Auto Industry: Innovation and Sustainability.*" All presenters received high praise from SAM conference leadership and attendees.

Congratulations go to Hank Johnson on receiving the SAM National Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award, the Silver Leadership Medal, and a Presidential Citation for exemplary service. He will serve as Vice President and Conference Chair of the national SAM organization.

Mr. Johnson has served as the New England Tech SAM Club Advisor and Team Coach for seven years and has guided students to six SAM championships. He will continue to serve as the SAM Club Advisor but will pass the torch to Ally Dolan, a 2017 NEIT Business Management Bachelor of Science degree graduate and adjunct professor, who will now coach the team. Ally started NEIT's SAM chapter seven years ago. Each year students have achieved remarkable success at the annual SAM competitions and have made New England Tech proud!

Congratulations to all faculty and students involved with the SAM program for their continued hard work and dedication.



SAM Award Recipients from left: Raven Bernardo, Zach Chahed, Angie Escobar, Megan Kashuba, Jennifer Carpenter, Shelby Perry, Department Chair Associate Professor Hank Johnson and Susan Elkins, SAM President.



Students in NEIT'S Business Management course, MGM 288 Project Planning, received an assignment to produce an event. The students collaborated with the NEIT SAM Chapter to present a guest lecture with Dr. Michael Fine on February 27, 2023. Dr. Fine, a writer, community organizer, and family physician, is the chief health strategist for the City of Central Falls, RI, and

a former Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health. Dr. Fine's lecture reflected on his latest work *On Medicine as Colonialism*. Pictured from left: Cynthia Manzano, Department Chair Associate Professor Hank Johnson, Angie Escobar, Ryan Farias, Dr. Michael Fine, Shelby Perry, Zach Chahed, Spencer McClure, Ian Tolosky, and Jessica Kenyon.

Save the Date!

Monday, July 31, 2023

You are invited to participate in
NEIT's 13th 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. Your participation will help to support scholarships offered to NEIT students in need of financial assistance.

WHERE: Alpine Country Club
251 Pippin Orchard Road
Cranston, RI 02921

DATE: Monday, July 31, 2023

TIME: Breakfast will be served at 7:30 am. Shotgun starts at 8:30 am. Lunch and awards ceremony at 1:30 pm

Please visit <https://www.neit.edu/about/alumni-friends/scholarship-golf-tournament>

for tournament details and sponsorship opportunities.

For additional information please contact Steve Kitchin, Vice President for Corporate Education and Training, at 401-739-5000 or by email at skitchin@neit.edu.

NEIT College Readiness Initiative: Inspiring Young Students and Changing Lives Through Education

LAUNCHED LAST YEAR, the NEIT College Readiness Initiative is moving forward on several fronts. The initiative is designed to make an NEIT education more accessible to traditional students and adult learners and to elevate the educational attainment level for residents of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. To accomplish these goals, NEIT, in affiliation with the City of Pawtucket, the Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket, PCF Development, and others, have established programs to do two things simultaneously - help potential students enroll at NEIT and inspire pre-college age students to be prepared for college.

The initiative removes potential barriers to attaining an NEIT degree by providing financial assistance to Pawtucket students and offering free shuttle service from downtown Pawtucket to the NEIT campuses. The NEIT University Resource Center at 2 Bayley Street serves as a place for potential students, their parents and family members to meet with NEIT admissions and financial aid officers to learn about potential careers and the ways in which NEIT can help students overcome challenges and enroll at the university.

At the same time, NEIT and the Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket have designed monthly Activity Days that take place either at the club or at NEIT to engage middle and high school students in the joy of learning and future career opportunities. All sessions are hands-on and are guided by NEIT faculty and teaching assistants. Activity days have included flying drones, operating robots, and crime scene investigation. In addition, the club members have made multiple visits to the Dare to Dream Ranch in Foster, RI where they learned how to plant vegetables, follow a healthy diet, and care for farm animals. Upcoming activity days include an introduction to entrepreneurship and various healthcare careers.

Cherima Folston, Director of Operations for the Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket offers, "As a result of these programs, our youth see the purpose of post high school education and the need for gaining work-related experiences. This program will help future youth gain access to quality education, opening doors to successful careers."



Dillon Lippman, an Electrical Engineering Bachelor of Science degree student and a lab assistant/peer tutor, demonstrates to a Pawtucket student how to use a programming pendant to move/program the FANUC robotic arm which can move items/products from one place to another as well as paint, weld, and assemble them.



FIRST® Tech Challenge is Back

NEW ENGLAND TECH hosted the 17th season of the Rhode Island FIRST® Tech Challenge held on March 4, 2023, at the university's Center for Automotive Technology in Warwick, RI. Founded in 1989 by accomplished inventor, Dean Kamen, FIRST® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), was designed to inspire students with an appreciation of science and technology using robotics.

The season began with 43 Rhode Island high school teams. With only 24 spots available at the state championship, three qualifying tournaments were held in January to determine which teams would advance. Rhode Island is awarded two spots at the world FIRST® Championship in Houston, TX to be held on April 19-23, 2023.

This year's game, entitled PowerPlay, was presented by Raytheon Technologies. Each team must build and program their robot to accomplish specific game tasks and score points. There are two Alliances (red and blue) made up of two robots each. Qualifying matches are played in a round robin format with the top teams competing in the final rounds.

The first team selected to compete in the world championship was the Inspire Award Winner, which is the highest award selected by the judges. Team "Free WiFi" of Shoreline Robotics, an after-school team, from Westerly/Pawcatuck will travel to Houston. Also, the second team to advance included the Captain of the Winning Alliance, which was Occam's Razor Clams from the Wheeler School in Providence.

Thanks to NEIT faculty, staff, and alumni, as well as community volunteers from Washington Trust and the Providence Engineering Society, for their continued support of these outstanding students. Special thanks to Erin Flynn, M.Ed., Director, Enrollment Management Outreach and Events at NEIT, for her tireless efforts in making this high-energy event such a great success.



The Mechanical Engineering Department (MCT) recently installed 12 Flashforge Adventurer 3 V2 3D Printers to make 3D printing more accessible and more "self-service" oriented to engineering students. Previously, MCT had two industrial printers and 3D printing required assistance from faculty that at times caused a backlog of printing. Now the students can complete

their 3D designs on any lab computer and send their print job directly to the new printers which have a built-in, hi-resolution camera that allows students to watch the printing in real time. The printers are set-up with nine different colors allowing students to select an individual printer for the color they desire. From left: Justin Decelles and Ian Hall.



Employees of General Dynamics Electric Boat (GDEB) watch and listen as Associate Professor and Business Management Department Chair, Hank Johnson, recaps frequency distribution as part of a customized training program developed by New England Tech's Center for Technology and

Industry (CTI). The training utilizes the educational resources within the university to provide the base skills needed for the participants to start their careers as planners. CTI worked with GDEB to identify the skills needed and provide a solution resulting in customized in-person training.



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Student Activities

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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, 739-5000 ext. 3565, or email mhague@neit.edu.

Hannah Trautz, Student Activities Coordinator, 739-5000 ext. 3418, or email htrautz@neit.edu

SOME PAST EVENTS:



CHARTWELLS HIGHER ED TEACHING KITCHEN

We are excited to have Chartwells Higher Ed provide NEIT students the opportunity to participate in their interactive Teaching Kitchen to learn more about cooking and preparing foods. Chartwell's Executive Chef, Austin Graham, kicked off the first event of the year with an "All About Eggs" event. Be on the lookout for the Teaching Kitchen events throughout the year. This spring term events are creating your own charcuterie board and making personal pizzas.



PET THERAPY

Visits from local pet therapy groups are always enjoyed by all!



MODEL CAR NIGHT

Students enjoyed a night of building model cars and sipping on root beer floats!



VET TECH CLUB

The Vet Tech Club would like to thank everyone that helped contribute to the Club's Shelter Drive.



TERRARIUMS

Students create their own terrariums with air plants!



MOONLIGHT BREAKFAST

A Moonlight Breakfast was served in the Meltzer Residence Hall on Monday night of mid-terms week.

JOIN OUR ESPORTS LEAGUES!

For more information about NEIT's Esports, please contact the Esports Coordinator, Brandon Eigenbrode, at beigenbrode@neit.edu, or on discord: Adeptqt#0001.

The Esports Center is open daily for team practices, leagues and free play, and provides students with an exciting space in which to play a number of games on leading edge equipment, interact with other students and build camaraderie between peers.

New England Tech's Esports teams compete in the National Esports Collegiate Conference. Our goal is to build strong teams in the most popular collegiate game titles and compete with the best across the nation. NEIT's Tech Tigers practice and compete in the Esports Center on the East Greenwich campus.

Current Varsity Teams: Valorant, Super Smash Bros., Overwatch 2 and Rocket League



OVERWATCH 2

NEIT's Overwatch 2 team having a quick meal before their weekly match. Follow NEIT's Twitch Channel NETechTigers to see this Overwatch 2 team in action.



From left to right: Nathaniel Susko, Jordan Barlow, Vannak Pan, Esports Coordinator Brandon Eigenbrode, Esports Coach Jacob Barrios, Ehtashuan Nazar, Joshua Bholan

SMASH TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Five of the NEIT's Varsity Super Smash Bros. players competed in the Eastern College Athletic Conference Invitational Tournament on Saturday, March 11 hosted at Post University. This tournament was a great opportunity for NEIT's Super Smash Bros. players to attend an off-campus tournament with an audience. NEIT's Smash team recently gained coaching assistance from an extremely experienced coach (Jacob Barrios, NEIT '16) who helped quickly guide them in the past couple of weeks. The Smash players took home 3rd place and prize money too.

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

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