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## **New England Institute of Technology and SkillsRI Announce 2023 High School Summer Internship**

***The program will promote academic career development and assist in developing high school student digital technology expertise.***

East Greenwich, RI. - New England Institute of Technology (NEIT) and Skills for Rhode Island's Future (SkillsRI) have collaborated on a new summer internship program for rising high school seniors. Together, SkillsRI and NEIT have developed the *High School Student Career Education Program*, a six-week program where student participants will help to improve people's lives through the creation of games and utilizing gamification strategies that promote socially forward themes, such as healthcare and wellness, while building a talent pipeline in the digital media and information technology industries.

This exciting initiative will provide career education opportunities through the development of work readiness skills and workplace expectations for student participants. Through game design studio experiences, students will engage in and explore careers in computer science, cybersecurity, digital game design, "gamification," IT, networking, and more. Themes will be engaging and will encourage collaboration, teamwork, and social interaction between players.

SkillsRI identified, screened, and assessed candidates who met its Internship Eligibility Criteria as well as New England Tech's requirements. Those individuals identified were presented to NEIT and based on program admission criteria, 16 students were selected for the program which will be conducted July 10, 2023 to August 18, 2023. Sessions will run Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. New England Tech will provide classrooms, lab space, and computer technology as well as the faculty required to conduct the program. The curriculum includes information gathering, brainstorming and conceptualizing, design and prototype, playtest, iteration, the business of gaming, and final presentation requirements.

Working in teams of two, eight unique games will be created. After completion of the on-campus summer program, students will refine their games during the fall high school semester through periodic virtual mentoring, coaching, and technical assistance with the goal of producing publishable games. Students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their games to faculty, students, industry experts, community leaders, and family members in early 2024.

“New England Tech is excited to welcome an outstanding group of rising senior high school students to the 2023 Summer Internship Program hosted in affiliation with Skills for Rhode Island’s Future”, said Alan Resnick, Vice President for Strategic Planning at New England Tech. “Interns will learn how to make engaging digital games that improve the quality of health and wellbeing for the people of Rhode Island. The interns will also learn many STEAM skills and will form the foundation for a vibrant digital college learning experience and a robust digital industry in Rhode Island.”

For further information regarding this innovative internship program, please contact Alan Resnick, Vice President for Strategic Planning at New England Tech, at 401-739-5000 or by email at [aresnick@neit.edu](mailto:aresnick@neit.edu).

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Under the leadership of President Richard I. Gouse, New England Institute of Technology is a private, not-for-profit technical and professional university and is accredited by the New England Commission on Higher Education. Founded in 1940, the university offers more than 50 undergraduate and graduate degree programs focusing on a proven combination of technical expertise coupled with experiential learning. Visit [www.neit.edu](http://www.neit.edu) and follow news of the university on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

### **About SkillsRI**

Skills for Rhode Island’s Future (SkillsRI) is a nonprofit organization that breaks down barriers to economic opportunity by connecting unemployed and underemployed Rhode Islanders to jobs with socially responsible, civic-minded employers. A statewide, demand-driven workforce intermediary, SkillsRI works to close the workforce skills gap in RI, drive business growth, and move unemployed/underemployed Rhode Islanders into open positions.

### **About New England Institute of Technology**

New England Institute of Technology is a private, not-for-profit, technical and professional university whose mission is to provide undergraduate and graduate degree programs for students from diverse educational backgrounds and with differing levels of ability. The university’s mission evolved from the principle that all persons, regardless of age, gender, disability, socioeconomic circumstances, religious, racial, or ethnic background, should have access to career opportunities through a quality technical and professional education.