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New England Tech Announces Three New Bachelor of Science Degree Programs

Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering Programs Will Begin in the Fall of 2024

These programs strengthen NEIT's leadership in expanding the computer science, engineering, and advanced manufacturing industries in Rhode Island and throughout New England.



Bachelor of Science Degree in Artificial Intelligence

ACCORDING TO Precedence Research, a Canada/India based company and one of the leading providers of strategic market insights, the global artificial intelligence market size is expected to reach more than \$2.5 trillion by 2032. Artificial Intelligence (AI) will become increasingly embedded in our daily lives and is evolving to include robust new capabilities. Major investments in AI-assisted industries are being created by the country's tech giants, manufacturing leaders, logistics suppliers, health institutions, and energy producers. These industry leaders require tech savvy talent. NEIT is committed to properly equip students with the technical skills necessary to thrive in a rapidly changing workplace fueled by AI.

AI is not a new concept at NEIT and has already been embedded across curricula in courses such as machine learning, big data, and business management. According to Dr. Henry Young, Assistant Provost at NEIT, "Years ago, we recognized the disruption that AI would cause in the national economy and began to incorporate AI concepts within our academic programs. The extent to which AI displaces human presence in the workforce remains to be seen. However, with more certainty, we can predict that employees in information technology-based industries who understand how to utilize AI will displace those that do not. As a technology-focused university, we must be on guard and responsive to such paradigm shifts."

In 2023, academic programs majoring in AI are surprisingly limited. According to Young, at present, university programs are mostly offered at the graduate-level, intending to upskill an existing workforce. However, NEIT sees the need for an undergraduate program that will create an entire next-generation computer science professional possessing a deep understanding of the design, operation, and ethical application of AI.

Subsequently, NEIT's new Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence will train undergraduate students to harness the power of AI to improve the quality of people's lives and to advance business, medical, and institutional goals through creative and innovative applications.

NEIT's Artificial Intelligence program will also prepare students to protect enterprises from the potential risks inherent in the new technologies. New England Tech's AI graduates are expected to work in an extraordinarily wide variety of industries including healthcare, banking, software development, logistics management, infrastructure operations, and education. ■



Bachelor of Science Degree in Cybersecurity Engineering

IN A RECENT STUDY conducted by Gartner, Inc., an advisory organization headquartered in Stamford, CT, that provides market and financial guidance to more than 15,000 clients in 90 countries, "By 2025, lack of talent will be responsible for more than half of significant cyber incidents." New England Tech intends to address that specific skills gap head on.

With a focus on applied engineering design and robust workplace experience, NEIT's new Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity Engineering will prepare a new generation of cyber professionals to defend our existing industries, institutions, and government against AI-enabled cyber-attacks. NEIT has offered cybersecurity degree programs at both the undergraduate and graduate level for several years. The new Cybersecurity Engineering program is differentiated by a heavy emphasis on the engineering design of cyber defense systems (Cyber Informed Engineering) for planned critical infrastructure that enhance their agility and effectiveness when deployed. Graduates will also be trained to assess the cyber vulnerabilities of existing digital information and control systems and design enhanced cyber defense measures to mitigate risk.

Standards of quality are a hallmark of any engineering program, and the NEIT Cybersecurity Engineering program intends to set a new standard in New England. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the National Security Agency both have already designated New England Tech as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education (CAE-CDE).

In addition to traditional engineering studies, students will apply knowledge and skills on NEIT's new CyberBit range. Associate Professor Salvatore Gelsomino, Information Technology Assistant Department Chair, stated "By order of magnitude, NEIT's cyber range is the most powerful cybersecurity training platform in the State of Rhode Island. New England Tech's substantial investment with CyberBit advances the university to the forefront in cybersecurity training and education in Rhode Island." ■



Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering

IN THE FALL OF 2024, New England Tech will offer a new Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. In addition to traditional coursework in engineering design, testing, and production, NEIT's Mechanical Engineering curriculum will be comprised of state-of-the-art courses in advanced manufacturing, artificial intelligence, digital instrumentation and measurement, and industrial control systems.

Students in both the Mechanical Engineering and Cybersecurity Engineering bachelor's degree programs will apply their knowledge and skills as they prepare for a paid, multi-term cooperative education (co-op) experience. Assisted by the NEIT Career Services Office, students are expected to participate in a co-op program in a professional workplace environment as part of their educational experience. The combination of learning environments will fully prepare students to be successful in their profession. Mechanical Engineering co-op students may work alongside mechanical engineers, scientists, and multi-disciplinary teams across a broad spectrum of industries. Cybersecurity Engineering co-op students may work in collaboration with software engineers, cybersecurity professionals, or on multi-disciplinary engineering teams developing cyber defense systems for existing and proposed infrastructure.

According to NEIT Senior Vice President and Provost, Dr. Douglas Sherman, "The co-op is an important extension to the university's tradition of hands-on learning. This takes our experiential learning approach to the highest level. The student benefit of actual field employment while still in school is a game-changer."

Further, both the Mechanical Engineering and the Cybersecurity Engineering programs are being developed using the criteria of the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). Application for a Readiness Review by ABET will be submitted with the intent of seeking accreditation for these programs. ABET EAC accreditation ensures programs meet or exceed the highest national standard of engineering education. ■

Commitment to the Regional Economy

NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY'S commitment to the advancement of artificial intelligence, cybersecurity engineering, and mechanical engineering will increase Rhode Island and New England's talent pool, expand the state's existing industrial base, attract new industry to the state, and improve the quality of life for the region and our graduates.

Applications are now being accepted for the Fall 2024 term. For more information on any of the new bachelor of science degree programs, please contact the Admissions Office at 800-736-7744 or by email at admissions@neit.edu.



FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT RICHARD GOUSE

Greetings to all,
Our East Greenwich and Warwick campuses have been busy this Fall as the NEIT community welcomed students back to campus with the start of classes on October 2nd. We wish the new students, as well as our returning students, a successful Fall term.

It has been New England Tech’s mission for more than 80 years to provide our students with the technical knowledge and professional skills needed to meet the demands of today’s employers. Because of the ever-changing needs of the labor market, we are proud to announce that three new bachelor of science degree programs in Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering will be launched in the Fall of 2024. Today’s employers face many challenges as AI continues to grow along with cybersecurity threats. Through challenging curricula taught by our expert faculty, our graduates will answer the need for highly-skilled professionals for an ever-growing number of exciting career opportunities.

In other program news, New England Tech will offer a new graduate-level program – the **Post-Master’s Certificate in Nursing Education, in the Fall of 2024**. This is a fully online specialty certification for future nurse educators to help meet a nursing faculty shortage across the United States. In addition, NEIT’s Master of Public Health (MPH) program was granted a five-year accreditation in June by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) ensuring that this program meets the highest standards set in public health education and training.

We welcomed many high school students during the past few months as they toured our state-of-the-art classrooms and labs. Eligible seniors may now enroll in NEIT’s **Early College Program, a dual enrollment program for students to earn college credits while still in high school**.

The NEIT community continues to give back to others through various programs sponsored by New England Tech’s Feinstein Enriching America program. Whether it is a blood drive for patients in need or a food collection to assist Rhode Island’s veterans, the outpouring of donations is impressive and appreciated.

As 2023 will soon come to a close, I am grateful for the many accomplishments that our students, faculty and staff have achieved this year. I look forward to continued success for all in the year ahead.

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.

Two Automotive Degrees = Four Midas Shops



What made you decide to attend NEIT?

I was looking for an education in automotive technology and one in business management. NEIT was only miles from my hometown of Exeter, RI and had some of the best ratings for the field of study I was interested in.

Why did you choose your program?

I chose my program because I had grown a love for cars, trucks, and anything with an engine. I was originally going to school for aerospace engineering, but after one year of general studies, I decided I needed something more hands-on. At a young age, I decided that if I was going to enter the automotive industry, I not only wanted to be a technician, but I also wanted to own a shop.

What did you do to get started with your career?

While I was attending NEIT in 2006 for the start of my Advanced Automotive Technology program, I obtained a position at Hertz in the maintenance garage. I worked there for more than three years. After that I worked at an independent garage for a year, a dealership for a few months, and Pep Boys for a year all

Matthew Wall earned an Associate in Science degree in Advanced Automotive Technology from NEIT in the Spring of 2008. Knowing he wanted to one day own an automotive shop, he completed the Bachelor of Science degree in Automotive Service Management in the Spring of 2012. Through hard work and his passion for the automotive industry, Matthew is now the proud owner of four Midas facilities located in Dartmouth, Fairhaven and Wareham, Massachusetts as well as one in Warwick, RI. Matthew shares his successful career with Tech News readers.

while obtaining my ASE Certifications and the Master Certification title.

I went to work for Midas of Wakefield in May 2012 as a diagnostic technician. I then moved up to manage that store for almost three years and designed and operated another Midas facility for the same owner in Franklin, MA. At that time, those experiences led me to see what it would take to own a Midas store. I had learned to love the brand.

In March 2018, that dream became a reality when I bought my first Midas location in Dartmouth, MA, building sales from \$640K the year prior to more than \$1 million in gross sales in less than nine months. The following year, we took this location to \$1.4 million, and then \$1.6 million in 2020 during the pandemic. In November 2020, I acquired my second location in Warwick, RI and took that store from \$740k to \$1.3 million in our first year. I then opened my third store on June 1, 2021, in Fairhaven, MA and then acquired my fourth store in Wareham in October 2022.

Tell us about your current position.

Currently I own and oversee four Midas locations with hopefully more in the future. I have 26 employees and I consider every one of them part of my family. I try to be very competitive in my hiring process and offer my employees great benefits. I also offer training for entry-level employees and tool earning programs.

What do you feel ultimately prepared you for your position?

I believe the technical knowledge I received

from my Advanced Automotive Technology program led me to the success I had as a tech. All my instructors – and one in particular – Dan Perry, who taught an electrical course, always taught me “you will only get out of this what you put into it!” That stuck with me the rest of my academic life. In my Automotive Service Management bachelor’s degree program, Ray Stevens was a great instructor! He helped me gain the administrative knowledge needed in the automotive industry. We still talk today from time to time!

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

My one word of advice would be to work hard and take advantage of the knowledge you can acquire from the experienced technicians retiring from this industry. A good portion of my knowledge was gained at New England Tech, but the other portion was from my own experiences and the individuals I have worked with. Also, I would tell any automotive graduate, you can write your own paycheck right now in this industry. There is a great shortage of technicians currently coming out of school compared to when I entered the industry. It was much harder back then to get positions than it is now.

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

Have an open mind! Understand that what you know about automotive technology now is nothing compared to what you will know in a few years of being in the industry. Prepare to be a sponge and learn as much as you can from whoever you can!

NEIT is Addressing the National Nursing Faculty Shortage

NEW ENGLAND TECH will offer a new graduate-level program in the Fall of 2024. The **Post-Master’s Certificate in Nursing Education (PM CNE)** serves as a specialty certification for future nurse educators who currently hold an MSN, DNP, or PhD in a nursing program with a non-education focus. This fully online Nursing Education Certificate Program includes 24 credit hours, meeting eligibility requirements for the National League for Nursing (NLN) Certified Nurse Educator (CNE®) examination.

The nursing faculty shortage is a growing

concern across the country. The American Association of Colleges of Nurses (AACN) and other leading authorities have identified that one of the underlying causes of the nursing shortage is the lack of prepared nursing faculty. The PM CNE program aims to address these national challenges by developing leaders in nurse education who can close the trending gaps in such areas as educational outcomes, content development, teaching strategies, assessment, and accreditation standards.

NEIT’s Post-Master’s Certificate in Nursing Education program will allow nurses to

obtain the formal preparation necessary to be successful in the academic nurse educator role. Graduates of the program will be qualified to serve as full-time or part-time nursing faculty, nursing clinical instructors, nursing education administrators, hospital nurse educators, and educational leadership roles.

Nursing professionals who wish to take their career to a new level may contact NEIT’s Admissions Office at 800-736-7744 or by email at admissions@neit.edu. Please visit <https://www.neit.edu/academics/graduate-degrees/nursing-pmcne> for more information.

DEAN’S LIST

The following students have achieved academic excellence for the term ending September 23, 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!

Alexis Alves.....CJ	Amanda Best.....ABTA
Brendan Amalfitano.....CYNB	Maitte Boaventura.....VDEB
Jennifer Amlaw.....BSME	Rachelle Bojela.....HSA
Soraia Amorim.....RNBN	Bethany Bonofiglio.....MCTB
Dany Andrade.....BCM	Johnmichael Boucher.....AAUT
Troy Angelini.....DMPB	Trevor Bowman.....AAHP
Marissa Antunes.....HSA	Michael Braga Jr.....DMPB
Ralph Apici Jr.....NUR	William Brennan.....CMT
Makayla Araujo.....IDB	Scott Brindley.....ADMT
Cameron Arbo.....CYNB	Joelle Brown.....CJ
Eric Archambault.....PTA	Naja Brown.....VDEB
Luz Arroyo.....HSA	Seth Brown.....DMPA
Thomas Arsenault Jr.....CJB	Jayma Brunelle.....NUR
Noah Asstafan.....BSCS	Ria Cabral.....BCC
Tanna Avella.....BSOT	Stacy Calabro.....ST
Matthew Baker.....PTA	James Callaghan.....ABTA
Lauren Baribault.....ST	Jaime Calore.....CJ
Maneeya Barlatier.....HSA	Madison Camper.....VET
Jody Barna.....GMWA	Jakob Caramicui.....CYNB
Jahkoi Barry.....ELY	Andrew Carello.....PLBH
Miguel Batz Salas.....PLBH	Daniel Carvalho.....CYNB
Sean Beatty Jr.....BSME	Aidan Casey.....AAHP
Eli Beegle.....AAHP	Holly Cayouette.....BSOT
Kayla Bejma.....RNBN	Sophia Cerky.....MGTH
Ryan Bell.....GDSB	Zachary Chahed.....MGTB
Anthony Benevides.....ELY	Catherine Chambliss.....RNBN
Brett Berard.....CYNB	Daniel Chandler.....BSCS
Raven Bernardo.....GMWB	Alex Chase.....AAUT
Aden Berthiaume.....VDEB	Emma Chase.....OTA

Joseph Chiarella.....ABTB	Ella DiFinizio.....OTA
Anika Clark.....CJB	Alexandra Dimauro.....MGTA
Coral Clements.....VGDA	Eric Dollard.....BSME
Katie Clifford.....OTA	Jessica Draper.....PTA
Benjamin Cohn.....CYNB	Abby Durand.....RNBN
Cameron Collard.....AAHP	Connor Eaton.....CMTB
Trent Comolli.....VDEA	Jason Edwards.....ELRE
Brian Conlon.....RACH	Nathaniel Eisel.....CYNB
Gabriel Connor.....AAHP	Zachary El Saddik.....CYNB
Dylan Cook.....ITBS	Eryn Elinson.....GMWA
Bradley Coppinger.....BSCS	Connor Ellinwood.....ERDA
Sean Corcoran.....CYNB	Maryann Elliott.....CJB
Erick Cordon Jr.....ITSA	Stephen-Lawrence Ellis.....AAHP
Nikita Correa.....HSA	Keara Enos.....CJBX
Camron Correia.....ADMT	Dawson Enright.....CYNB
Kolby Cosgrove.....GMWA	Ashley Escobar.....CJ
Amber Coski.....RC	Victoria Eugenio.....NUR
Luis Cota Cisneros.....RNBN	Didier Ferland Haroun.....ITSA
Kara Cournoyer.....RC	Amanda Ferreira.....RNBN
Ronald Croteau.....ITBS	Kashton Fielding.....DMPB
Brandon Cruz Guevara.....GDSB	Ricardo Figueiredo.....AAUT
Omwale Cumberbatch.....RNBN	Mariah Fiscella.....ST
Abbie Cupid.....BSOT	Jake Fontaine.....GDSB
Rocco Cuscuna III.....ABTA	Benjamin Fortier.....CYNB
Luigi D’Acunto Jr.....CYNB	Amber Friedland.....RNBN
Marc D’Amore.....CMTB	Maxfield Friedman.....CMTB
Kristin Danelson.....ST	John Gabelle.....CJB
Savannah daSilva.....NUR	Jacob Gale.....ELRE
Casey Davenport.....PTA	Brittany Gallo.....RNBN
Tori Davis.....MGTH	Arianna Garcia.....BSOT
Jack DeAngelis.....ELRE	Heather Garon.....RNBN
Cody DeBoer.....CYNB	Staci Gencarella.....ST
Justin Decelles.....MCTB	Jesslin George.....BSOT
Dylan DeFalco.....AAHP	Phoenix Glaza.....PTA
Luke Del Deo.....VDVA	Jeizy Gomes Semedo.....NUR
Leonardo Del Rosario.....MCTB	Bianca Gomez.....PTA
Kassandra Del Valle-Robitschek.....NUR	Katherine Gorham.....IDB
Daniel DeLuca.....CYNB	Almon Grabbert.....BSOT
Jacob DeMelo.....ELY	Katherine Graney.....VET
Rachel DeRotto.....RNBN	Jaclyn Greene.....IDA
Alyssa DeSilva.....RNBN	Jill Gummo.....NUR
Logan DeSousa.....ELY	Samantha Hafner.....MCTB
Tyler Dewitt.....AAUT	Ian Hall.....MCTB

Matthew Harbour.....RACH	Kayley Lafond.....ST
Giana Hardin.....ITSA	Brian LaFontaine.....ELTB
Samantha Harland.....RNBN	Kristen Laliberte.....RNBN
Connor Harrington.....BSCS	Alexandra Lamontagne.....PTA
Kendall Heintz.....AAHP	Ryan Landry.....CYNB
Alexander Helm.....GDSB	Brendan Langlais.....BCM
Jainis Hernandez.....ABTB	Stephen LaRose.....MCTB
Jeremy Heyder.....ELTB	Jordan Lebrun.....CYNB
Andrea Hockney.....NUR	Alexander Leonard.....VDEA
Tyrone Hopkins.....CYNB	Ashley Leone.....NUR
Benjamin Horn.....RACH	Matthew Lepore.....MGTA
Anne Howell.....VDEA	Zahynde Lightbourne-Cann.....MT
Daniel Howell.....GMWB	Layhuoth Lim.....ELRE
Sarah Iannone.....CYNB	Keith Linkous.....CETB
Joshua Infantino.....BSCS	Joshua Liotta.....MGTT
Philip Ippolito.....BSCS	Brandon Lloyd.....GMWB
Jermain Jackson.....BSOT	Logan Long.....BSOT
Melina Jalette.....VET	Christian Lucatino.....ADMT
Molly Jencks.....CYNB	Kaya Lukasek.....VET
Logan Joerres.....MGTA	Richard Lutz II.....PAR
Benjamin Johnson.....GMWB	Norman Maciver IV.....CJB
Dennis Johnson.....BSCS	Josue Madera.....CYNB
Lucas Johnson.....ITBS	Abdelahad Mahassine.....ELTB
Christopher Jones.....AAHP	Joshua Malaro.....ELTB
Xavier Joseph.....ST	Jack Marcotte.....ADMT
Tristen Jussaume.....ITSA	Joel Maruccilli.....ELTB
Elizabeth Kane.....RNBN	Ryan Martin.....AAHP
Shreeja Kapshikar.....ST	Alexis Mason.....GMWA
Megan Kashuba.....MGTA	Joshua Mason.....ITSA
Morgan Kenney.....OTA	Seth Masson.....CETB
James Keyes Jr.....BSCS	Daniel Mathis.....AAHP
Anita Kiernan.....ST	Ashley Matteau.....CJ
William Kirtlink.....GDSB	Joel Mayorga.....ITSA
Jessica Kitchen.....NUR	Kyra Mazzilli.....IDB
Alexander Klatt.....AAHP	Spencer McClure.....MGTA
Kelley Klotz.....RC	Michelle Mclaney.....ST
Daniel Knight.....ITSA	Denis McGovern.....MCTA
Kelly Knight.....ST	Sarah McGregor.....VET
Tristan Knott.....ITSA	Skylar McInnis.....DMPB
Christopher Kohlenberger.....CYNB	Andrew Meacham.....CETB
Tyler Kraus.....CYNB	Matthew Meehan.....AAHP
Naiya Krom.....DMPA	Cody Mendes.....MCTB
Jennifer LaChance.....RNBN	Kevin Mendez.....AAHP



Fred Santaniello, NEIT Director of Workforce Development Grants and Programs, accepts an award presented to New England Institute of Technology by The Governor's Workforce Board of Rhode Island on June 8, 2023. This Career Pathways Advancement Award was presented in recognition of NEIT's leadership in the design and implementation of career pathways into the automotive industry. NEIT conducted Auto Body Technician and Auto Mechanic Technician programs in coordination with the Auto Body Association of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Automobile Dealers Association using REAL JOBS Rhode Island funding. From left: Jeff Cartee, Executive Vice President of Junior Achievement of RI; Lee Lewis, President and CEO of Junior Achievement of RI; Fred Santaniello; Shannon Carroll, Executive Director of the Genesis Center; Alyssa Alvarado, Executive Director of The Governors Workforce Board of Rhode Island; Mike Grey, Chairman of The Governors Workforce Board of Rhode Island.

High School Seniors Can Earn College Credits

THE EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM@New England Tech is a dual enrollment program for high school seniors who have demonstrated the academic achievement and maturity necessary to enroll in college courses during their senior year. Seniors who wish to study at New England Institute of Technology (NEIT) full-time (enrollment for a minimum of 12 credit hours for the fall, winter and spring terms), may be eligible to simultaneously earn college credits as well as credit toward high school graduation.

NEIT offers nine available career-ready areas of study that include Nursing and Health Sciences, Engineering Technology, Digital Media and Graphic Design, Business Management, Criminal Justice, Automotive and Marine Technology, Cybersecurity and Information Technology, Construction Management, and Video Game Development and Design.

High school students who enroll in the Early College Program will enjoy in-person courses and earn college credits while finishing their senior year. Small class sizes enhance the experiential learning methods taught by faculty who are industry leaders. Students will be assigned an academic advisor and will have access to tutors, if needed, both in-person and online. Representatives from Financial Aid, Career Services, and Student Support Services stand ready to assist students who pursue this option. All students may experience the benefits of NEIT campus life by participating in exciting student activities as well as utilizing the fitness center, dining center, and the state-of-the art Esports Center.

High school juniors, guidance counselors, or school administrators interested in learning more about NEIT's Early College Program may contact Amy Grzybowski, Vice President of Community Relations, at 401-780-4180 or by email at agrzybowski@neit.edu. Please visit <https://www.neit.edu/earlycollege> for additional information.

Brian Mendoza Feliz.....PTA	Jennifer Perez.....RNBN	Emily Russell.....ABTB	Jessica Thacker.....BSOT
Jack Miceli.....DMPB	Sage Perez.....ST	Andrew Russomanno.....MGTB	Mathew Thomas.....ELY
Hillary Mielbye.....RNBN	Zachary Perretty.....DMPB	Benjamin Russomanno.....MGTB	Thomas Thompson.....ADMT
Jackson Miesen.....MGTT	Adam Perry.....CMTB	Meghan Salley.....GMWB	Brian Thornton.....ADMT
Stuart Miller II.....ELY	Carlos Piano.....MT	Sokphal Sam.....CJ	Taylor Thurell.....BSOT
Alexandra Mochetti.....NUR	Nicholas Pietrzyk.....ABTA	Kyle Sangillo.....VDEB	Eric Tiff.....CMTB
Abigail Moitza.....NUR	Ryan Plante.....ITBS	Anthony Saporito.....ITSA	Ava Tolliver.....AAUT
Sabrina Mongelli.....NUR	Lucas Porter.....GDSB	Miriam Sasa.....OTA	Katelyn Tondreau.....IDA
Savanah Moniz.....VET	Gabriel Posillo.....CYNB	Matthew Satterfield.....VDVA	Joshua Tonucci.....DMPB
Oscar Monroy Soto.....CYNB	Amelie Poulin.....PTA	Colleen Schaefer.....NUR	Teagan Tor.....ADMT
Joel Morales Sr.....PLBH	Tanner Powell.....ELRE	Adian Stanbury.....RNBN	Jake Torrac.....DMPA
Matthew Moreau.....PLBH	Tristan Powell.....AAHP	David Shah.....AAHP	Alexander Turcotte.....BSCS
Emily Moreira.....VET	Keegan Preston.....ITSA	Kaila Shepard.....ST	Nicholas Valletta.....ELTB
Nicholas Morel.....ST	Asia Price.....NUR	Dylan Shine.....VDVA	Julia Vandini.....PTA
Dominic Morgado.....CYNA	Matthew Procaccini.....GMWB	Alicia Short.....RNBN	Katherine Vargas.....HSA
Benjamin Moseley.....GMWA	Tzipporah Prottas.....NUR	Jacob Silvia.....CYNB	Lillian Vasseur.....VDEA
Luke Moulin.....AAHP	Jessica Ramirez.....HSA	Kathryn Simnett.....WEL	Michael Vengoechea.....VDEA
Sarah Mount.....BSOT	Elizabeth Rash.....BSOT	Miguel Simoes.....RC	Anthony Venuti Jr.....CJ
Shannon Mullen.....HSA	Silas Rauch.....AAUT	Christian Smith.....MGTB	Deven Vinagre.....ELY
Suraya Munna.....GMWA	Coartney Reid.....RNBN	Cory Smith.....VGDA	Brittany Voyer.....CJB
Emma Nault-Tate.....IDB	Shane Renfree.....ELRE	Olivia Sontag.....GMWA	Cameron Wade.....DMPB
Benjamin Newbury.....MCTB	Gianna Renzi.....HSA	Kayla Sorrenti.....GMWB	Caroline Warner.....ITSA
Kyle Nicolas.....CJB	Aliza Richard.....ST	Leynadh Sosa Ortiz.....ITSA	Skye Whelpley.....GMWA
Sean Nolan.....CMTB	Sydney Rickey.....HSA	Krysta Soulliere.....RNBN	Jared Whittaker.....BSCS
Ciera Norman.....HSA	Melanie Rios.....MGTH	Robert Sousa Jr.....GMWA	Michael Wilkie Jr.....ELY
Catherine Nova.....VDVA	Lisange Rivera.....PTA	Adian Stanbury.....CMTB	Zoe Williams.....ST
Anna O'Neil.....NUR	Rori Roderick.....HSA	Eric Stevens.....MCTB	Randy Williamson.....VDEA
Jaden Oliveira.....ST	Ryan Roberts.....MCTA	Gavin Stoddard.....BSCS	Kevin Wilson.....BSME
Alexir Orlando.....AAUT	Andrew Rockwell.....ITSA	Jillian Stone.....BSOT	Kaitlyn Winterson.....HSA
Josue Ortiz.....ST	Rori Roderick.....HSA	Blake Story.....ELY	Jordan Wolf.....VGDA
Raymond Ottiano.....CYNA	Tony Rodriguez.....RC	Owen Strobel.....PLBH	Randy Woodhead.....PLBH
Katelyn Paine.....CJ	Stephen Rogers.....CYNB	Keegan Sullivan.....GDSB	Jimmie Woodmoore.....BSCS
Savannah Paiva.....DMPB	Brenda Roia.....RNBN	Lucas Sutton.....ELTB	Zachary Wyeth.....ITSA
Sage Palmer.....MT	Megan Romano.....VET	Ryan Swan.....MT	Cody Wylie.....CYNB
Victoria Parella.....HSA	Megan Rondano.....NUR	William Swicki.....VDVA	Ivy Xiong I.....DA
Samuel Parks.....WEL	Benjamin Roseberry.....BSCS	Tyler Synott.....VDVA	Brian Yang.....CYNB
Natalie Parrillo.....ST	Jay Rossi.....VGDA	Brandon Talbot.....CYNB	Dayonna Young.....NUR
Courtney Patterson.....DMPB	Spencer Roucoulet.....ITBS	Nathan Tandon.....ITBS	Joshua Yumbala.....AAHP
Jucado Paul Sr.....AAUT	Bentley Royce.....NUR	David Tardiff.....PLBH	Vincent Zammiglio.....VDEB
Daniel Paulsen.....GMWA	Samuel Rubin.....GDSB	James Taubman.....VDEA	
Alexander Pela.....ITSA		Christopher Tebo.....DMPA	
James Peloquin.....VDEB		Makenzie Teixeira.....RC	
Sabrina Pereira.....PTA		Rebecca Tester.....VDVA	

Congratulations



Rossi Electric has served as the NEIT Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament's Platinum Sponsor for several years. Pictured from left: John McDonough, PM/Estimator at Rossi Electric; Mike McDonough, President/Owner at Focus Forward Media; Doug Sherman, NEIT Senior Vice President and Provost; and Vincent Rossi, Rossi Electric Chairman and NEIT alum.

Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament was a Great Success

THE ALPINE COUNTRY CLUB in Cranston, RI was the setting for NEIT's 13th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament, held on July 31, 2023. With picture-perfect weather throughout the day, the tournament was a great success. Thanks to the generosity of the players, sponsors, and donors, they together raised more than \$90,000 to benefit deserving NEIT students as they continue their educational journey. For a complete list of tournament sponsors and donors, please visit <https://www.neit.edu/about/alumni-friends/scholarship-golf-tournament>.

Special thanks to this year's golf committee and volunteers who worked diligently to ensure the success of the tournament.

Since the inception of the scholarship golf tournament in 2010, more than three-quarters of a million dollars has been raised for NEIT students in need of financial assistance. The NEIT community is forever grateful to everyone who contributed in some way to make this possible. To continue this important work to benefit New England Tech students, the 14th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 29, 2024.

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.

- Michael Braga Jr**, DMPB, 9/23, Digital Media Production, is employed by Woodhaven Media

Aidan Casey, AAHP, 6/23, Automotive Technology, is employed by Mauro Motors of Bridgeport

Crystal Colon, NUR, 9/23, Nursing, is employed by Nursing Placement

Jennifer Contreras, NUR, 9/23, Nursing, is employed by South County Hospital/Health

Tori Davis, MGTH, 9/23, Business Management/Health Care, is employed by Prime Wound Care Solutions

Diana Ortiz, NUR, 9/23, Nursing, is employed by Lakeland Regional Medical Center

Emily Resendes, CPN, 9/23, Certificate, Practical Nurse, is employed by VNA Of Care New England

Andrew Russomanno, RACH, 3/22, Heating/Ventilation/AC Technology, is employed by Jennings Oil and Propane

Joshua Tonucci, DMPB, 9/23, Digital Media Production, is employed by Providence College

Sydney Berube, ABTA, 09/21, Construction Management, is employed by JB Cote Construction

Danielle Charron, DMPA, 04/22, Digital Media Production, is employed by Rhode Island PBS

Marc D'Amore, ABTA, 03/22, Architectural Engineering Building Technology, is employed by Kirby-Perkins Construction

Steven Fratus, CJBX, 06/23, Crimal Justice, is employed by West Warwick Police Department

Katherine Gorham, IDA, 03/22, Interior Design, is employed by DiStefano Brothers Construction

Brian LaFontaine, ERDA, 03/17, Electronic/Robotic/Drone Technology, is employed by Schneider Electric /Invensys Process Systems

Megan Langlois, IDA, 03/22, Interior Design, is employed by McGeorge Architecture Interiors

Joshua Malaro, ELY, 03/22, Electrical Technology, is employed by General Dynamics-Electric Boat

Jermaine Martinez De Los Santos, ERDA, 03/22, Electronic/Robotic/Drone Technology, is employed by AstroNova
- Mitchell Minogue**, ELTB, 09/22, Electrical Engineering Technology, is employed by Kinchuck

Jessica Morrissey, NUR, 12/14, Nursing, is employed by Accanto Health

Sean Nolan, ABTA, 03/22, Architectural Engineering Building Technology, is employed by DiPrete Engineering

Maia Rinker, IDA, 03/22, Interior Design, is employed by Taylor Interior Design

William Roy, VDVA, 03/22, Game Development & Simulation Programming, is employed by Brown University

Adian Stanbury, ELY, 03/23, Electrical Technology, is employed by Yushin America

Nicholas Valletta, ERDA, 03/23, Electronic/Robotic/Drone Technology, is employed by Applied Physical Sciences

Alex Higgins, ELY, 03/23, Electrical Technology, is employed by RT Engineering

Kyle Thibault, ABTB, 09/22, Architectural Engineering Building Technology, is employed by Genuine Cable Group

Matthew Stanton, GDSB, 09/22, Game Development & Simulation Programming, is employed by Seacorp

Emily Ledoux, GMWB, 09/22, Graphics, Multimedia and Web Design, is employed by PMC Media Group

Makayla Araujo, ID, 09/22, Interior Design BS, is employed by Ruggieri Carpet One

Sheena Sampson, MAA, 03/21, Medical Assisting and Administration, is employed by Lifespan Physician Group Inc

Gabriel Dias, MCT, 06/23, Mechanical Engineering Technology, is employed by Guill Tool and Engineering

Katharine Truchon, MSIT, 03/23, Information Technology, is employed by New England Institute of Technology

Isabella Olmstead, MSOT, 03/23, Occupational Therapy, is employed by HealthPRO Heritage

Victoria Wood, NUR, 03/23, Nursing, is employed by Hasbro Children's Hospital

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High School Students Enjoy Tech Camp

MORE THAN two dozen high school students from Pawtucket, RI spent four weeks at NEIT’s Tech Camp. The camp, coordinated by New England Tech’s Center for Technology and Industry and sponsored by the Pawtucket School Department, is now in its second year. Demand for the openings in the camp was extremely high as more than 100 students expressed interest in attending, so the school district conducted a lottery to select the participants.

The campers explored many of the 50+ undergraduate degree programs offered at the university. Students were engaged in many of the Health Sciences programs that included nursing, respiratory care, physical therapy, and occupational therapy, while a few campers served as surgical technologists in the operating room lab. The campers soon realized there are several unique specialties that comprise the world of healthcare and how New England Tech can serve as a resource in launching their careers.

Sessions were also held in criminal justice, automotive, digital photography, esports, engineering, robotics, and digital media, to name a few. Campers also participated in Junior Achievement’s JA Company Program – Pop-Up, which teaches students how to plan, launch, and operate their own business venture within a structured, guided experience.

Daily lunch in the Dining Center allowed time for campers to wind down. Chartwells, who manages NEIT’s dining services, conducted Healthy Kitchen sessions where campers learned proper food prep and how to maintain sanitary kitchen conditions. After lunch, several friendships were formed as the campers enjoyed the game area, playing air hockey and challenging faculty to games of pool.

The Tech Camp concluded with a “Shark Tank” session for campers to demonstrate what they learned by presenting a product to a panel of “sharks” utilizing the principles of the Junior Achievement classes combined with student-produced graphics and videos. Nine campers received NEIT water bottles in recognition of their perfect attendance. Special thanks to the more than 20 New England Tech faculty and staff who collaborated to make this Tech Camp a huge success.

Feinstein Enriching America Program Hosts Spring 2023 Blood Drive!

NEIT students and Feinstein Community Enrichment participants Rosa Batz, Brandon Cruz, and Alexis Lemoi, provided several hours as ambassadors for the recent blood drive. The drive garnered 22 units of blood which helped save 66 lives, and there were 10 first-time donors. Along with the blood drive, a “Be the Match” Bone Marrow Drive was conducted. To date, there are 28 people registered and two of the participants have miraculously matched patients waiting on the transplant list!

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

SAVE THE DATE: New England Tech’s next Blood Drive will be held on October 25, 2023, in the Hall of Fame Room on the East Greenwich Campus.



2023 Best of Tech Awards

THE 26TH ANNUAL BEST OF TECH AWARDS ceremony was held on May 5th at the East Greenwich campus to honor 50 outstanding students for their academic and personal achievements. Each year, NEIT’s Office of Teaching and Learning recognizes exceptional students from each program of study at the associate, bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degree levels. Students are nominated by their respective department chairs during the Winter term. The nominees must be eligible to graduate in May and possess outstanding academic achievement and Grade Point Average (GPA), participate in extracurricular activities, overcome obstacles, volunteer in the community, and serve as a role model to all past, present, and future NEIT students.

Best of Tech award recipients are selected by a committee comprised of NEIT administrators, faculty, and staff. The recipients are also invited to apply for one of the five prestigious Tech Scholar Awards. A complete list of Best of Tech, Tech Scholar and Best of Humanities and Social Sciences recipients along with their degree and field of study is listed below.

Special thanks to Associate Professor Sharon Ryan, Mathematics & Science Department Chair and Best of Tech Committee Chair along with members of the committee for their support of these outstanding students. Congratulations to all.

Advanced Automotive	Tyler M. Dewitt, AS	Interior Design	Alexandra M. Lamorte, BS
Automotive Collision Repair	Ryan D. Kalasz, AS	Mechanical Engineering	Bethany C. Bonofiglio, AS
Advanced Marine	Cameron Correia, AS	Mechanical Engineering	David B. Martins, BS
Architectural Building Engineering	Emily N. Russell, AS	Nursing	Shelisa R. Gauvin, AS
Architectural Building Engineering	Sophia A. Bassick, BS	Nursing	Kristen R. Thurber, BSN
Building Construction	Christopher D. Medeiros, Jr., AS	Nursing	Claudia S. Borges, MSN
Business Management	Adriany M. Javier, AS	Occupational Therapy Assistant	Johnna K. Wilson, AS
Business Management, Healthcare Management Concentration	Angie Escobar, BS	Occupational Therapy	Rachel E. DePasqual, MS
Construction Management	Paul R. O’Coin, BS	* Occupational Therapy	Wilma Rizal Bilton, Doctorate
Construction Management	Danielle A. Rezendes, MS	Physical Therapist Assistant	Makayla M. Doubleday, AS
* Criminal Justice	Maia E. Robert, AS	Plumbing/Heating/Gas	Corey J. Girard, AS
Criminal Justice	Brigid S. White, BS	Practical Nurse	Nayaliz A. Albizu, Certificate
Criminal Justice	Steven M. Fratus Flex, BS	Public Health	Courtney E. Bucci, MS
Cybersecurity and Network Engineering	Brett D. Berard, AS	Refrigeration/Air Conditioning/Heating	Jacob Baker, AS
* Cybersecurity and Network Engineering	Christopher M. LaFrance, BS	* Respiratory Care	Marissa R. Caramello, AS
Digital Media Production	Courtney R. Patterson, AS	Software Engineering and Web Development	Ronald R. Croteau, AS
Digital Media Production	Yakim C. Parker, BS	Software Engineering	George A. Saban, Jr., BS
Electrical Technology	Alexander R. Higgins, AS	Surgical Technology	Torie P. Thomas, AS
Electronics, Robotics and Drones Technology	Dillon J. Lippman, AS	Veterinary Technology	Catherine I. Perry, AS
Electrical Engineering	Peyton A. Johnson, BS	Video Game Design	Naja S. Brown, AS
* Engineering Management	Tyler J. Rapson, MS	Video Game Design	Michael Lonardo, BS
Game Development & Simulation Programming	Roberto Bonilla-Reyes, AS	Welding Engineering Technology	Patrick H. Morris, AS
Game Development & Simulation Programming	Matthew M. Stanton, BS	Best of Humanities and Social Science – Outstanding Achievement in	
Graphics, Multimedia and Web Design	Benjamin S. Johnson, AS	Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences	Ryan M. Cabral, ITSBS
Graphics, Multimedia and Web Design	Emily R. Ledoux, BS	• Tech Scholars	
Information Technology	John D. Vota, MS		
Interior Design	Madison J. Famolle, AS		



From left: Senior Vice President and Provost Doug Sherman with Tech Scholars Tyler Rapson, Marissa Caramello, Christopher LaFrance, Wilma Rizal Bilton, and Maia Robert



Congratulations to New England Tech's most recent Associate in Science in Nursing graduates at a ceremony held on September 22 at the East Greenwich campus. From back left corner to the front: David Richards Jr., Kaitlyn Melfi, Madeline Rousseau, Jayma Brunelle, Jennifer Contreras. Row 2: John Defley, Ariana Cosme, Ryenn Hart, Andersyn Costa, Bianca King. Row 3: Crystal Colon, Victoria Cunningham, Celina Carreiro, Tara Green. Row 4: Ruth Eugene, Diana Ortiz. Row 5: Gicelle Nava, Danielle Dionne, Nicole Mackay, Taylor Donnelly.

NEIT Hosts Career and Technical Educators

APPROXIMATELY 90 Career and Technical Educators (CTEs) from Rhode Island participated in the Rhode Island Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) 2023 Conference on August 11, 2023. This conference, hosted for the first time by New England Tech, was also the first CTE Conference held since the pandemic. Amy Grzybowski, NEIT's Vice President of Community Relations, welcomed the attendees along with Ayana Desimone, CTE graduate, and Mike Grey, Rhode Island Board of Education Chairperson.

Three sessions were held from 9:15 am-12:00 noon which included ten workshops led by various Rhode Island CTE leaders along with several New England Tech administrators, faculty, and staff. Some of the topics included writing Perkins Grants, early college and dual enrollment opportunities, developing high quality CTE programs, working with industry, and strengthening building trades pathways.

Attendees had the opportunity to tour NEIT's East Greenwich campus which included Health Sciences simulation lab demonstrations. The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) offered the attendees an opportunity to hear about the new secondary CTE regulations in Rhode Island. Representatives from Johnson & Wales University and Roger Williams University along with NEIT's Amy Grzybowski participated in a college panel discussion regarding Building Bridges Between Secondary and Post Secondary Institutions.

Many thanks to the NEIT team who participated in the CTE conference which included Assistant Provost Henry Young; Assistant Professor and Director of Nursing Elizabeth Raposa; Training and Workforce Development Manager Douglas Leigh; Director of Enrollment Management Outreach and Events Erin Flynn, as well as several members of the Health Sciences departments.

Master of Public Health Program Receives Accreditation

NEW ENGLAND TECH'S MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH) program has been granted a five-year accreditation by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) at its June 2023 meeting. The CEPH is an independent agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to accredit programs and schools of public health at the undergraduate and graduate levels. CEPH assures quality in public health education and training to achieve excellence in practice, research, and service.

The MPH flexible online program can be completed in less than two years. This multidisciplinary program includes public health science with management courses to build the skills needed to oversee, plan, evaluate and improve population health programs and initiatives.

For more information regarding the Master of Public Health program, please visit <https://www.neit.edu/academics/graduate-degrees/public-health-ms> or contact NEIT's Admissions Office at 800-736-7744 or by email at admissions@neit.edu.



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NEIT Hosts New Summer Internship Program



Standing: Chukwuemeka (Konny) Ezeama, Smithfield High School; Left: Assistant Professor Jordan Dubriel, NEIT Video Game Design Department; Right: Jacob Damiano, Ponaganset High School.

NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (NEIT), Rhode Island Digital Games Institute (RIDigi), and Skills for Rhode Island's Future (SkillsRI) PrepareRI program all collaborated on a summer internship program for Rhode Island high school rising seniors. Together, NEIT, SkillsRI, and RIDigi developed the High School Student Career Education Program, a six-week internship that provided student interns with the opportunity to make digital games using elements such as creative storytelling, digital art, music, and coding. Each of the games were created to improve people's lives in the areas of healthcare and wellness while building a talent pipeline in the digital media and information technology industries.

This exciting new initiative provided career education opportunities, the development of work readiness skills, and an understanding of real workplace expectations. Students explored careers in a wide variety of areas, including computer science, cybersecurity, digital game design, "gamification," IT, and networking.

SkillsRI identified, screened, and assessed program candidates who met its Internship Eligibility Criteria as well as NEIT/RIDigi requirements. Sixteen students were selected for the program, which was held from July 10, 2023 to August 18, 2023. NEIT/RIDigi provided classrooms, lab space, and computer technology as well as the faculty required to conduct the program. The curriculum included information gathering, brainstorming, and conceptualizing as well as design and prototype, playtest, iteration, the business of gaming, and final presentation requirements.

Working in teams, the participants created ten unique games. With completion of the on-campus summer program, the student interns presented their games and business strategies at the PrepareRI Demo Night hosted by Venture Café in Providence, RI. Student interns will now have the opportunity to refine their games and funding strategies during the fall high school semester through periodic virtual mentoring, coaching, and technical assistance with the goal of producing publishable games. Once completed, the students will demonstrate their games to faculty, students, industry experts, community leaders, elected officials, and family members in January 2024.

Hornblower Marine Donates Equipment to NEIT



From left: Lidio Santos, Marine Propulsion Coordinator, Hornblower Marine Propulsion; Christian Lucatino, NEIT Advanced Marine Technology student and intern at Hornblower Marine Propulsion; Ted Chamberlin, Assistant Professor, Marine Technology Department.

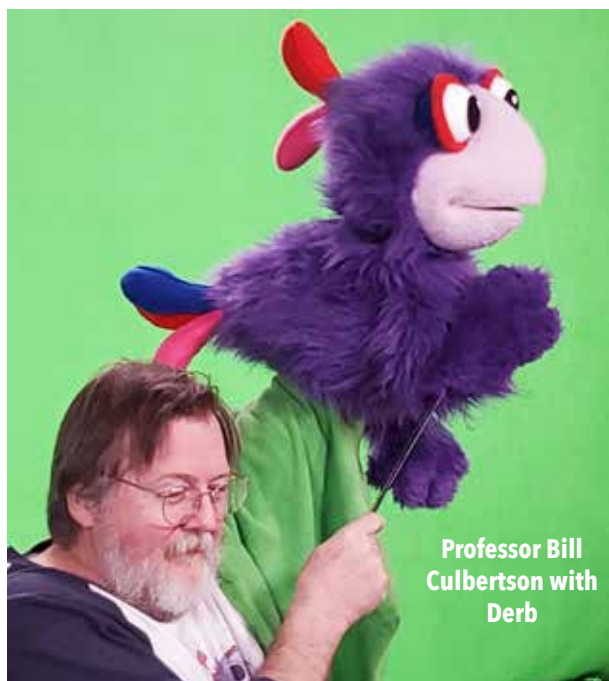
SPECIAL THANKS to Hornblower Marine of Bridgeport, CT for the donation of an Onan 20KW generator which was delivered to NEIT's Marine Technology Department on October 3, 2023.

The equipment, which was recovered from a vessel serviced at Hornblower Marine, will enhance hands-on learning for students enrolled in NEIT's Marine Technology associate in science degree program.

"The generator will be incorporated into the MT 217 *Diesel Engine Service and Maintenance* course," stated Assistant Professor Ted Chamberlin of the Marine Technology Department. "Some of the lab activities will include fuel system service and injection pump timing procedures, coolant system service, lubrication service and testing, compression testing, and sound guard removal and installation procedures. Furthermore, it will be an excellent addition to our MT 120 *Advanced Marine Electricity & Electronics Installation* course for teaching generator installations and wiring procedures for 240/120-volt vessel systems."

Christian Lucatino, a current NEIT Marine Technology student and a participant in Hornblower Marine's internship program, stated, "The combined experience of an NEIT education and Hornblower Marine training has been pivotal to establishing a roadmap for success in the maritime industry. When the opportunity to connect both worlds presented itself, I knew that it would offer students like me a new experience to further my training and career."

"New England Institute of Technology is committed to finding new ways to challenge our students and offer them real-life experience that prepares them for successful careers across a variety of industries," said Dr. Douglas Sherman, Senior Vice President and Provost. "We're proud to be associated with Hornblower Marine and able to expand our hands-on training opportunities. We thank Hornblower for their shared commitment to creating a successful career pipeline across Connecticut."



Professor Bill Culbertson with Derby

From Video Game to TV Series—Gaming Students Learn New Lessons

PROFESSOR BILL CULBERTSON, a faculty member in NEIT's Video Game Development and Design Department, not only brings his creativity and years of experience to New England Tech students, but he also engages inquisitive preschoolers. Bill has created and produced Pollywog Pond, an exciting video game for young children that teaches social and emotional skills. The game was launched in 2017 and became a great success...so great that the Rhode Island Public Broadcasting Service (RIPBS) asked Bill to bring his puppets to life for their young audience in 2020. Since that time, Bill has created a series of three half-hour episodes with a focus on community and the environment which began airing in July 2023 and can be seen at <http://www.williamculbertson.com/pollywog-pond-show-episodes.html>. Additional programming is in the works.

Bill shares the experience he gained over the years from working at Hasbro, Disney, Nickelodeon, Mattel, The Jim Henson Company, and Sesame Street with his students. When not in the classroom, Bill put his sculpting skills to work and created the four stars of Pollywog Pond, Derby, Berb, Waddle and Weep in his production studio, Whooplah, LLC. This video game is different from other games because the puppets are live vs. animated. In 2019, it was one of three games nominated for Best New Game at the Kidscreen Awards. The game may be accessed for free at www.PollywogPond.com. In addition to writing all the scripts, Bill used his mom's old sewing machine and designed the adorable puppets himself, which he brings to life along with two other puppeteers.

"Creating a large-scale game portal from concept to published was a massive undertaking for a two-person team. We learned so much about every aspect of the game-creating process which I have been able to utilize in my classes. Now, having gone through the process of expanding from the video game category into the broadcast branch of the entertainment industry, I see projects more as transmedia, and the challenges that need to be met. Just like preparing a game for cross-platform distribution, there are requirements for the various broadcast platforms, over-the-air, streaming platforms, and others. The experience definitely trickles into classroom lessons benefiting our students – not only from a gaming perspective but also as an entrepreneurial opportunity."



Ally Dolan with Professor Hank Johnson

New England Tech's Business Management Team Earns International Recognition

AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING this past June, the Society for Advancement of Management (SAM) announced that Associate Professor Hank Johnson, Business Management Department Chair at New England Tech, has been elected as the International Vice President of SAM. Alongside this accomplishment, Ally Dolan, a New England Tech alumna and adjunct faculty member, has been elected as the International Board Secretary of SAM.

Johnson's new position as International Vice President is a true testament to his outstanding leadership skills and dedication to the field of business management. With more than two decades of experience in leadership development, he has been committed to nurturing and honing the skills of future business leaders and has played a pivotal role in shaping the educational landscape and ensuring the success of his students. During the past five years, Johnson has assisted students in achieving remarkable success at the annual SAM International Business Skills Championship, a highly competitive global event.

Dolan's election to the prestigious position of International Board Secretary is a testament to her exceptional skills and contributions to the field of management. Her experience as the President of the SAM Rhode Island Chapter showcases her commitment to advancing management principles at both the local and international levels while sharing her knowledge and expertise with NEIT students.

The NEIT community extends its warmest congratulations to Hank Johnson and Ally Dolan on their well-deserved recognition. Their achievements reflect the caliber of talent and commitment to excellence that define the New England Institute of Technology.



The GoBabyGo RI team at New England Tech presented a ride-on car donation to Remi and his amazing family on May 30. New England Tech serves as the RI Chapter of GoBabyGo, an organization that modifies remote-control, ride-on cars for children with mobility limitations. Assistant Professor Chris Vasconcelos of the Mechanical Engineering Department led the project, along with NEIT students from programs including Occupational Therapy, Electronics, Robotics and Drones Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology, and Automotive Technology to create an outstanding partnership with the GoBabyGo grassroots organization. Thank you to all students, faculty, staff, and families for making a difference in children's lives!



New England Institute of Technology Trustee, Mr. Phillip Kydd and University College of the Cayman Islands President, Dr. Robert W. Robertson

Welcome Cayman Islands Delegation!

MR. PHILLIP KYDD, New England Institute of Technology (NEIT) Trustee and Dr. Henry Young, NEIT Assistant Provost, travelled to the Cayman Islands in May to participate in the Caribbean Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) Resilience, Sustainable Energy and Marine Biodiversity Programme (RESEMBID) symposium held at the University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI). Funded through the European Union, RESEMBID supports the sustainable human development efforts of participating countries and territories, with specific focus on resilience, sustainable energy, and marine biodiversity.

Dr. Young served on a panel focused on strategies to close skills gaps critical to economic and environmental sustainability both in the United States and the Cayman Islands. On behalf of NEIT President Richard Gouse and the NEIT Board of Trustees, Mr. Kydd executed a Memorandum of Understanding that establishes a partnership between New England Institute of Technology and the University College of the Cayman Islands to promote and advance vocational training in the Cayman Islands. Three articulation agreements for UCCI students were also signed, enabling them to continue their education at NEIT in construction management, electrical engineering technology, and cybersecurity.

Dr. Robert W. Robertson, President of UCCI, commented, "This unique partnership offers UCCI students the opportunity to complete their career education and provides students the chance to get amazing life experiences and build a stateside network of friends, colleagues, and peers."

In September 2023, NEIT hosted a delegation from the Cayman Islands, headed by the Honourable Deputy Premier, Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, officials from the Cayman Islands Ministry of Education, and UCCI President, Dr. Robert W. Robertson. The NEIT community was proud to welcome the Cayman Islands delegation.



From left: Melanie Rios, Tori Davis, Zach Chahed, Ben Russomano, Christian Smith, Andrew Russomano, and Hank Johnson



From left: Melanie Rios, Jennifer Carpenter, Shelby Perry, Ben Russomanno, Christian Smith, Andrew Russomanno, and Zach Chahed

Lights, Camera...Crisis Management!

NEW ENGLAND TECH sets its students apart by preparing them for the real world. This was showcased by Business Management students in the *MGM 450 Career Leadership* class, who participated in a 24-hour crisis simulation, culminating in a press conference. Some students portrayed management representatives for a fictitious airline, “Providence Air,” based on a real-world United Airlines scenario. Other students played the role of reporters, asking tough questions and putting management in the “hot seat.”

Students in NEIT’s Digital Media Production program assisted with the project by providing lighting, cameras, and sound equipment, as well as editing the live footage to make the event as realistic as possible. The collaboration across NEIT departments led to a rich, exciting and practical experience for all students.

Associate Professor Hank Johnson, Business Management Department Chair, stated, “The 24-hour crisis simulation event is not just an exercise; it’s a crucible of learning, a forge for leadership, and a canvas for innovation. It embodies the essence of what the Business

Management department hopes our students achieve—the ability to navigate complex challenges, collaborate under pressure, and emerge as more capable, resilient leaders.”

The project was a meaningful experience for the students. Melanie Rios, a September 2023 Business Management-Healthcare Management graduate, acted as Chief Legal Counsel. She stated, “The 24-hour crisis simulation was an incredible journey of self-discovery and teamwork. It pushed me beyond my comfort zone. This experience was a defining moment in my education.”

NEIT’s interdisciplinary approach to learning is key to student collaboration. “At New England Tech, the 24-hour crisis simulation was more than just a learning experience. It was a testament to our university’s unique approach to education,” stated Professor Tom Strolla, Digital Media Production Department Chair. “The collaboration between the two departments was a groundbreaking fusion of business acumen and creative innovation where interdisciplinary collaboration is not just encouraged; it’s celebrated.”

Frank DelBonis, a New England Tech adjunct instructor, is a member of the Ocean State Chess Association. On May 13, 2023, Frank hosted a very special chess tournament to honor a very special gentleman, Louis Giarusso, at NEIT’s East Greenwich campus. Louis, a WW II Army Veteran, who has been an avid chess player since 1962, turned 100 years old on May 11. He is a Guinness World Record holder for the oldest chess player to compete. To commemorate his 100th birthday and his love of chess, Frank organized The Louis Giarusso Centennial Celebration Cup, which drew more than 100 tournament participants including a five-year old child. Congratulations to Louis for his lifetime of achievements and many thanks to Frank for organizing this momentous event at NEIT.



NEIT Steps Up to Assist Operation Stand Down

NEW ENGLAND TECH’S Feinstein Enriching America Program teamed up with Chartwells Dining Services during the month of May to collect nonperishable food and personal hygiene items for Operation Stand Down’s “Restock the Pantry Event.” Together, NEIT students, staff, and faculty collected 150 pounds of food and personal items for our Rhode Island Veterans which were delivered to the Stand Down Johnston, RI facility during the week of May 15, 2023.

An extra special “thank you” goes to the members of the Chartwells team who went above and beyond to make this important drive a big success! Any Rhode Island Veteran is able to utilize the food pantry or other services at the 1010 Hartford Ave., Johnston, RI location. Please contact Amanda Dean or Tyrone Smith of Operation Stand Down at 401-383-4730 for more information on how you can either donate or request help.

Business Management Students Learn a Lesson in Social Entrepreneurship

A GROUP OF NEIT Business Management Bachelor of Science degree students had the incredible opportunity to visit Social Enterprise Greenhouse (SEG) located in Providence, RI as part of their final class project. SEG accelerates impact by providing inclusive support and networks for entrepreneurs and businesses committed to positive societal and economic change, which the students witnessed firsthand.

Students explored the diverse array of social ventures housed within SEG. They met and heard about inspiring entrepreneurs who were not only driven by profit but also by a deep desire to create a meaningful impact in their communities by addressing pressing social and environmental challenges through innovative business models. From sustainable clothing and education initiatives to healthcare solutions, the students witnessed the immense power of entrepreneurship to effect positive change.

The NEIT students also shared their business projects, asked questions, and exchanged ideas on how they could turn their projects into reality. They gained valuable insights into the process of starting and scaling a social enterprise, as well as the importance of collaboration and community support.

Some NEIT students shared their thoughts.

“The tour of Social Enterprise Greenhouse opened my eyes to the incredible potential of combining business and social impact,” said Melanie Rios. “It showed me that, as a respiratory therapist, I have the power to make a difference in the lives of my patients through entrepreneurship and innovation.” Zach Chahed added, “The feedback I received from the SEG team was invaluable. They helped me see new possibilities, refine my business model, and challenged me to think beyond profit maximization. Their guidance has not only improved my venture but also inspired me to help the community.”

Many thanks to the Social Enterprise Greenhouse team for their warm hospitality and for providing the students with an unforgettable experience. It is through partnerships like these that NEIT prepares the leaders of tomorrow, equipped with both the technical skills and the social consciousness to drive sustainable change.

NEIT students who have earned an associate in science degree regardless of program may enroll in New England Tech’s Business Management Bachelor of Science degree program and learn how to create their own business as well. Contact the Admissions Office at admissions@neit.edu for more information.



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SOME PAST EVENTS:

MOONLIGHT BREAKFAST

A Moonlight Breakfast was served in the Meltzer Residence Hall on Monday night of mid-terms week. Students also made stuffed tigers.



CHARTWELLS HIGHER ED, TEACHING KITCHEN

NEIT Student Leaders and Chartwells Higher Ed provided another wonderful Teaching Kitchen opportunity for NEIT students to learn more about cooking and preparing foods. Chartwell's Executive Chef, Austin Graham, and Sous Chef, Matthew Rapoza, instructed students on how to make Gnocchi from scratch. Be on the lookout for Teaching Kitchen events throughout the year.



FUN FEST

Summer term was kicked off with Fun Fest. The dunk tank was a hit, as always!



PET THERAPY

Paws From the Heart visited and, of course, put a smile on our students' faces!

STUDENT LEADERS

NEIT welcomed a new freshman class into Meltzer Hall on Move-In Weekend which was a great success due to NEIT's fabulous student leaders. Thank you to all our Orientation Leaders, Resident Assistants, and Student Activities Leaders.



ESPORTS LEAGUES!

SMASH TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

NEIT's Esports Spring 2023 Season was a busy one! The Rocket League and Valorant teams, as well as five of the Super Smash Bros. players, advanced to the National Esports Collegiate Conference (NECC) playoffs. The Rocket League team had a strong showing but lost in their semifinal match against the University of New Hampshire Chargers. Super Smash Bros. players were invited to the in-person playoffs hosted by All Systems Go Esports Facility in Worcester, MA, where gamer Nazier Lacy took home a fourth-place finish. The Valorant team exceeded expectations, going into the playoffs as the fifth seed, defeating first seed Bryant University Gold in the semifinals, and second seed UMass Lowell Black in the grand final match. Valorant brought home our second division championship, with Rocket League winning in the Fall 2022 season.

New England Tech's esports teams currently compete in the National Esports Collegiate Conference (NECC) and will be joining the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) in the Fall. The goal is to build strong teams in the most popular Esports titles and compete with the best teams and players from across the nation. The fall season varsity teams include Valorant, Super Smash Bros, Overwatch 2, Rocket League, Madden 24, and NBA 2K24.

NEIT's Tech Tigers practice and compete in the Esports Center at the East Greenwich campus. 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.

For more information about NEIT's esports program, please contact the Esports Coordinator, Brandon Eigenbrode, at beigenbrode@neit.edu or on discord: [adeptqt](#).



From left: Esports Coordinator Brandon Eigenbrode, Jackie Chan, Jamaal Dublin Jr., Nick Danaher, Connor Lofgren, and Tyler Uttley