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Rita Moreno, Famed Actress, Activist and Author, to Deliver NEIT Commencement Address

LEGENDARY ACTRESS Rita Moreno will deliver New England Institute of Technology's commencement address on Sunday, May 5, 2024, at the Amica Mutual Pavilion in Providence, Rhode Island. During a career that has spanned 80 years, the actress, dancer and singer has won every major award in show business. She is one of the few performers to earn the coveted "EGOT" by winning Emmys, a Grammy, an Oscar, and a Tony. She is the first and only Latina woman to do so. At the age of 92, she's not slowing down. She recently starred in the blockbuster films *80 for Brady* and *Fast X*. She currently stars in the newly released comedy-horror film *The Prank* and the Netflix film *Family Switch*.

Born in Puerto Rico, Moreno was dancing by the time she was five years old. She made her Broadway debut when she was 13. Her early work included roles in the classic musical films *Singin' in the Rain* and *The King and I*, before her breakout role as Anita in *West Side Story* which earned her the Oscar for best supporting actress.

"After I won the Oscar and the Golden Globe for *West Side Story*, I couldn't get a movie to save my life," says Moreno. "It was really awful, and I didn't know what the heck to do. I had played the definitive Hispanic character, and nobody was offering anything within that genre."

Moreno was told by a prominent agent that she simply didn't have what it takes. It was seven years before she made another movie. Her advice to New England Tech Grads: "You have to find a way to recreate yourself. You must learn to just stand up, deal with it, and get on with your life," she says. "You get these blows and how you deal with them is how you're going to deal with your life."

Moreno faced blatant discrimination during her early career, but her perseverance and versatility eventually allowed her to break free

from stereotypes. She broke racial and gender barriers and became a beacon of inspiration to other Latina actresses. She is a true Hollywood and Broadway legend, recognized for her critically acclaimed performances. She has acted in more than 70 feature films, appeared in numerous television shows, and starred in theaters on Broadway and in the world-famous West End of London. She also worked in children's television, winning a Grammy for the Best Children's Album for *The Electric Company* and a Primetime Emmy on *The Muppet Show*.

She is cherished for her talent and her ability to create memorable characters. In recent years she played the feisty Abuelita (grandmother) on the popular Latinx reimagining of the TV sitcom *One Day at a Time* and the high maintenance character on *Modern Family*.
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Kevin M. Graney to be honored during Commencement

GENERAL DYNAMICS Electric Boat President, Kevin Graney, will receive an honorary degree during New England Institute of Technology's upcoming commencement. Electric Boat is the single largest manufacturing employer in Rhode Island and plays a pivotal role in national security. With Graney at the helm, Electric Boat is experiencing a once in a generation expansion, hiring thousands of people to build the submarines that serve as a first line of defense for the United States. With a focus on teamwork, he is known for uncompromising dedication to quality and safety.

Graney has spent more than three decades working in and around submarines. Early on, he was captivated by the cutting-edge technology essential in building the ships. He earned a degree in marine engineering, was commissioned as a naval officer, and served aboard submarines. He began his shipbuilding career with General Dynamics in 1995 as a senior engineer. He advanced to supervisory roles and managed teams of designers and engineers work-



ing on next generation systems. He worked with Newport News Shipbuilding on next-generation aircraft carriers before moving to San Diego to build ships for General Dynamics' National Steel and Shipbuilding Company, NASSCO, where he directed quality assurance and oversaw programs and engineering, before being named president in 2017. He returned to Electric Boat as president in 2019.

"There is a tremendous amount of pride in shipbuilding," says Graney. "It is a great honor to be a part of a team as dedicated to a mission as the people of NASSCO and Electric Boat."

New England Tech works closely with Graney to train entry-level welders, shipfitters, machinists, and production planners for jobs at Electric Boat through the university's Shipbuilding and Advanced Manufacturing Institute (SAMI). NEIT's relationship with

General Dynamics spans 30 years and has included numerous training programs both in classrooms and on the manufacturing floor at Electric Boat.

Steven Kitchin, NEIT Vice President Corporate Education and Training, says, "New England Institute of Technology values its relationship with General Dynamics. The company's role is critically important to our country's national security. We understand the necessity to train these workers to the absolute best of our ability because our nation's defense, the safety and security of our citizens, and the lives of our sailors depend on the quality of the work they do."

Graney says he values NEIT's flexibility in constantly adapting to the needs of industry and cites his work with the university to increase

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Three NEIT Degrees = Great Success

Benjamin Robin, a student from the British Virgin Islands, began his educational journey at New England Tech when he earned an Associate in Science degree with honors in Architectural Building Engineering Technology in 2018. To expand his knowledge, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in Architectural Building Engineering Technology in 2020. Ben continued his studies and received a Master of Science degree in Construction Management in 2022. Combining his education and extensive work experience, Ben shares his success with Tech News readers.

What made you decide to attend NEIT?

A few friends attended New England Tech and told me how good their experience was. They explained the hands-on approach to learning which was what I was looking for.

Why did you choose your program?

I had been drafting and designing for years without a college degree until my wife finally pushed me to fill out the NEIT application. It was one of the best decisions that changed my life.

What did you do to get started with your career?

Several things helped me get my career going. I worked alongside a New England Tech Construction Management alum for many years at his company designing/drafting which helped me while I was in school. For about four months I also worked as a general contractor doing residential remodeling. In that short time, I got real-world experience managing and working with sub-contractors to complete jobs. I also did a lot of freelance work, and I have a personal project that is heading for completion within a few weeks.

Tell us about your current position.

I joined Rowse Architects in East Providence, RI, as an Architectural Designer in November 2023. I am currently working on various projects that include courthouses and housing authority renovations. I work with architects to produce construction documents, drafting, schematic designs, and field measuring. We are also working on the new construction facility for the Providence Department of Public Works, and I will likely be a part of the construction documents team, which is one of our larger projects.

What do you feel prepared you for your position?

I joined Rowse Architects with more than a decade of experience in construction and architecture. I also worked as an architectural drafter in the British Virgin Islands where I gained skills in both commercial and residential design. In other positions I gained experience in client relations, data management, construction management, project management, building codes, field measuring, BIM, CAD, and many aspects of building design.

The will to continue learning and keeping up with the new practices and programs also helped me prepare for my current position. I had



Benjamin Robin

some professors who had their own companies and gave me pointers on what to expect once I completed college. Most of my job interviews were focused on a construction document drawing set I produced at NEIT. My education at New England Tech helped place me on a path to success.

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

Start networking from now. I wish I did more networking because it gives you the opportunity to speak with people in your field who can help you get interviews. Also, prepare yourself for interviews so you can do well. All you need is one YES to get in the door. Be open to new opportunities and show initiative.



FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT RICHARD GOUSE

Greetings to all,

Our campus community is filled with excitement as plans are well underway for New England Institute of Technology's 2024 Commencement ceremony which will be held on Sunday, May 5th at 11:00 a.m. at the Amica Mutual Pavilion in Providence, RI. Associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees and certificates will be awarded to our outstanding graduates.

We look forward to the inspiring commencement address to be delivered by award-winning actress, dancer, singer, author and activist, Rita Moreno. Her lifetime of achievements, despite numerous obstacles, will provide important life lessons for all to reflect upon. She will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters along with Kevin Graney, President of General Dynamics Electric Boat. Mr. Graney's achievements as a naval officer coupled with his more than 30 years of experience working in the submarine and defense industry, demonstrates his passion and strong support for quality and safety in his workforce development efforts.

Our new high-tech Veterinary Technology Learning Lab, recently constructed at the East Greenwich campus, will provide our students with the opportunity to hone their skills using the latest equipment in the field. We are pleased to announce our new Master of Science in Speech and Language Pathology program which will begin in March of 2025 to help fill a void for qualified therapists. New England Tech continues to enhance and develop its academic programs to respond to the needs of the ever-changing labor market.

NEIT was pleased to welcome area high school students to the Rhode Island FIRST® Tech Challenge robotics event as well as the SkillsUSA technical competitions. NEIT students continue to give back to the community through the Feinstein Enriching America program. The Career Services department continued its important work to bring employers and students together at two recruitment events held in February.

As commencement day draws near, the entire NEIT community wishes this year's graduating class much success and happiness as they step into rewarding new careers.

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nance "Glam-ma" on *Jane the Virgin*. She also co-starred and served as an executive producer in Steven Spielberg's remake of *West Side Story*.

She draws from experience as she creates her characters. In her latest role as a physics teacher in *The Prank* she says she plays the world's meanest woman. "Oh, I loved it," she says. "Did I have fun with it! I took all those women who have been mean and awful to me and put them into the role."

Moreno is a New York Times bestselling author with her first book, *Rita Moreno: A Memoir*. Her documentary, *Rita Moreno: Just a Girl Who Decided to Go For It* debuted at the Sundance Film Festival and is now streaming on Netflix.

Throughout her storied career Moreno has been an outspoken advocate for social justice. She has championed causes ranging from racial and gender equality to education, the environment and health care. She attended the March on Washington when Martin Luther King Jr. gave his *I Have a Dream* speech and has been a staunch supporter of the women's movement calling it "one of the best things that's ever happened to this country."

A cause currently close to Moreno's heart is supporting a not-for-profit health clinic for Latino and Indigenous people in Northern California. Those in need of care pay nothing. She urges New England Tech grads to look for ways to help others. "I think it's so important to do charitable work, whatever that may mean to you. It means everything to me," she says.

Moreno is the recipient of the Peabody Career Achievement Award and the Kennedy Center Honor for her lifetime contributions to American culture. She received the Screen Actors Guild Life Achievement Award. She was also presented with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award of the United States, and the National Medal of Arts, the highest award given to artists.

For her achievements and work to improve life for others, Rita Moreno will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters during New England Tech's commencement. The commencement ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. at the Amica Mutual Pavilion which is located at 1 La Salle Square in Providence.

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on-the-job safety for new hires. The training resulted in a 25% reduction in injury rates. "When our employees graduate from NEIT and come to work at Electric Boat they have a level of skill and proficiency that's unmatched in the country in terms of the shipbuilding trade," says Graney.

Graney encourages grads to work hard at work they believe is worth doing. "You can get a job," says Graney, "but ultimately is that job worth doing and are you doing something that you believe has an impact on the world?"

Graney says the nuclear submarines at Electric Boat are the most complicated product ever built and the bedrock on which our national defense strategy rests. The company is an economic powerhouse for our region. In the last five years, Rhode Island suppliers have garnered \$200 million in contracts with EB. Nationwide contracts with suppliers of steel and other materials are worth \$31 billion.

A shift in federal defense strategy has increased the demand for submarines. To meet the challenge, Graney filled 5,300 jobs last year and will work to fill another 5,000 in the coming year, including 1,900 at the Rhode Island shipyard at Quonset Point. He is a proponent of hands-on, technical training. He experienced it firsthand when he was in school and sees it at New England Tech both in the coursework designed for EB and in his own daughter's studies. She will be graduating at this year's commencement from the Veterinary Technology program.

For his work to keep the nation safe and his efforts to improve the lives of others, Kevin Graney will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters during New England Tech's upcoming commencement.



NEIT Announces New MS Degree in Speech Language Pathology

Speech language pathologists work as integral members of multidisciplinary rehabilitation teams to provide crucial support and treatment to clients of all ages and abilities. Because there is a critical need for speech language pathologists, New England Institute of Technology will offer a Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology program beginning in March of 2025.

This hybrid program features synchronous and asynchronous online courses requiring only two immersion weeks at NEIT's East Greenwich campus. The program's mission is to prepare students to become competent entry-level speech language pathologists who are multifaceted clinicians, leaders in advocacy, and interdisciplinary members in healthcare, education, and community programs. Additional training in assistive technology and augmentative alternative communication will provide a solid foundation for the use of technology in any setting.

Applicants should possess a bachelor's degree in communication sciences and disorders, or appropriate courses in similar disciplines with a bachelor's degree in another field are required. For additional information on admission requirements and program details, please contact the New England Tech Admissions Office at 800-736-7744 or by email at admissions@neit.edu

The master of science degree (M.S.) distance education program in speech-language pathology at New England Institute of Technology is an applicant for candidacy by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, MD 20850, 800-498-2071 or 301-296-5700.

DEAN'S LIST

The following students have achieved academic excellence for the term ending March 16, 2024. 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!

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Luis Adames RACH.....	Gage Beauchemin.....CJ	Jaime Caballero.....NUR	Dante DeCaro.....RACH	Jennifer Ferreira.....NUR	Ashlyn Harris.....NUR
Olamide Ajayi.....RNB	Tyler Beaulieu.....MGTA	Jose Calmeiro Jr.....BSCS	Justin Decelles.....MCTB	Benjamin Feuti.....GMWA	Rhiannon Harris.....CYNA
Alyssa Alarcon.....NUR	Zachary Behringer.....DMPA	Leon Calvo.....AAUT	Dominic DeClement.....VGDA	Dylan Fisher.....ITSA	Joshua Hart.....CYNA
Abdullah Alhilali.....VDEA	Brayden Beland.....AAHP	Nicholas Campbell.....NUR	Justin DeCristofaro.....DMPA	Alexandra Flint.....GMWA	Gabrielle Harte.....HSA
Abraham Almali.....RC	Genesis Bell.....NUR	Tedroy Campbell.....BSOT	Dylan Defalco.....AAHP	Romina Florentino.....CYNA	Farid Hasanov.....ITBS
Alexis Alves.....CJ	Anthony Benevides.....ELY	Richard Cantwell.....AAUT	Luke Del Deo.....VDVA	Izabella Foley.....MCTA	Michael Healy.....AAUT
Domenic Andreozzi.....BSCS	Owen Benoit.....DMPA	Andrew Carello.....PLBH	Leonardo Del Rosario.....MCTB	Nathan Fortier.....VGDA	Kendall Heintz.....AAHP
Fabiola Anicette.....NUR	Benjamin Berard.....VGDA	Daniel Carvalho.....CYNB	Daniel DeLuca.....CYNA	Gilbert Fournier.....DMPA	Jacob Hemenway.....ELRE
Cameron Arbo.....CYNB	Brett Berard.....CYNB	Andrew Castro.....ITBS	Lillian Dembrow.....NUR	Christopher Francisco.....MGTB	Alexander Henderson.....ELRE
Selvin Ardon Barillas.....BSCS	J'kai Berkeley.....MT	Tyler Cataldo.....PLBH	Beverly DeOliveira.....NUR	Michael Freitas.....AAHP	Kristina Henderson.....HSA
Anne Arlan.....NUR	Maitte Boaventura.....VDEB	Cameron Celey.....AUB	Alexis DeSimone.....ST	Logan Frost.....AAHP	Jainis Hernandez.....ABTB
Carmen Arriaga.....NUR	Christianna Boino.....ABTA	Catherine Chambliss.....RNB	Logan DeSousa.....ELY	Ryan Fuller.....ERDA	Andy Ho.....ITSA
Kimberly Arrieta.....ST	Lucas Bombonatti.....PLBH	Daniel Chandler.....BSCS	Caithlin Diggins.....NUR	Mariana Furner.....OTA	Stephanie Holland.....IDA
Thomas Arsenault Jr.....CJB	Bethany Bonofiglio.....MCTB	Alex Chase.....AAUT	Alexandra Dimauro.....MGTA	Garrett Furtado.....BSCS	Seamus Holloway.....BSCS
Grant Ashley.....AAUT	Matthew Borges.....AUB	Garrett Chase.....CYNB	Ryan DiMuro.....PLBH	Hayley Furtado.....MGTA	Benjamin Horn.....RACH
William Avedikian.....AAHP	Johnmichael Boucher.....AAUT	Audrey Cheng.....ST	Amanda Dohoney.....BSOT	John Gabeline.....CJB	Keira Horton.....NUR
Beatrice Baafi.....HSA	Scott Brindley.....ADMT	Anika Clark.....CJB	Brendan Donnelly.....MT	Mason Gagnon.....BSCS	Cody Houle.....RACH
Dylan Baker.....VGDA	Jordyn Brown.....BSCS	Gregory Clark Jr.....MT	Christian Dorato.....VGDA	Elizabeth Galan.....RC	Sean Hoyle.....VGDA
Jarred Baker.....PLBH	Joelle Brown.....CJ	Coral Clements.....VDEA	Katiana Dormelus.....HSA	Collin Gallagher.....CAR	Leah Huxhold.....ABTA
Liam Baker.....DMPB	Joslyn Brown.....MLTA	Liam Coakley.....DMPA	Nathaniel Doss.....CYNA	Brianna Garcia.....ERDA	Thomas Hydrick III.....VDEB
Matthew Baker.....PTA	Emily Burghardt.....VET	Amber Coletti.....GMWA	Isaac Doucette.....ELY	Jamesetta Gbaba.....NUR	Joshua Infantino.....BSCS
Lauren Baribault.....ST	Gary Burns.....DMPA	Cameron Collard.....AAHP	Jessica Erickson.....PAR	Maria Gerdl.....BSOT	Owen Isbrandt.....GMWA
Jody Barna.....GMWA	Mary Catherine Buttenheim.....NUR	Joseph Collins III.....VGDA	Conor Driscoll.....ITSA	Sanaa Gerges.....BSOT	Logan Joeres.....MGTA
Mackenzie Barone.....NUR		Harrison Colossale.....AAHP	Kaitlyn Dupont.....PTA	Elias Genderson Gesang Espinosa.....CJ	Robert Johannes III.....BSCS
Zachary Barris.....PLBH		Trent Comolli.....VDEB	Riley Dupre.....IDA	Katherine Gillet.....IDA	Andrew Johnson.....BSCS
Jahkoi Barry.....ELY		Abby Durand.....RNB	Anthony Durante.....PLBH	Aidan Girouard.....AAUT	Benjamin Johnson.....GMWB
		Samya Corcino Fife.....NUR	Tory Durette.....MCTA	Phoenix Glaza.....PTA	Dennis Johnson.....BSCS
		Sean Corcoran.....CYNB	Connor Eaton.....CMTB	Iyasha Goggins.....NUR	Medjlove Jouth.....RC
		Alexander Cordeiro.....AAHP	Tascha Edwards.....NUR	Jankairy Goris Ramirez.....BSCS	Tristen Jussaume.....ITSA
		Kassidy Correia.....VET	Zachary El Saddik.....CYNB	Jaclyn Greene.....IDA	Megan Kashuba.....MGTB
		Alyssa Cosciello.....NUR	Eryn Elinson.....GMWA	Cameron Grondin.....VDEB	Abigail Kayales-McDonough.....NUR
		Amber Coski.....RC	Connor Ellinwood.....ERDA	Rebecca Guevara.....BSOT	Christopher Kendra.....AAHP
		Kendyn Costa.....RCH	Amber Elmore.....VGDA	Joane Guillaume.....NUR	James Keyes Jr.....BSCS
		Ronald Croteau.....ITBS	Heather Elwell.....AAUT	Victoria Gutowski.....NUR	Eugene Khiralla.....BSME
		Dylan Crowley.....AAUT	Stephanie Encarnacion.....AAHP	Abdallah Haidara.....ELY	Katlyn Kimball.....NUR
		Brandon Cruz Guevara.....GDSB	Ronald Faria.....MCTA	Christopher Hairabedian.....PLBH	Jessica Kitchen.....NUR
		Luigi D'Acunto Jr.....CYNB	Ramon Feliciano Jr.....ABTA	Latoya Hall.....ITSA	Daniel Knight.....ITBS
		Marissa DaSilva.....NUR	Lionel Ferguson III.....AAUT	Samuel Hall-Stinson.....VGDA	Kelly Knight.....ST
		Nathan DaSilva.....DMPA		Erin Hanley.....AUB	Tristan Knott.....ITSA
		Shantel Davis.....CJB		Colby Hanna.....VDEA	Lalida Kong.....CPN
		Ryan De Leon Aguiar.....CPN		Giana Hardin.....ITBS	Alexandra Koop.....NUR
				Garrett Harper.....BSME	Tyler Kraus.....CYNB

Save the Date!
Commencement 2024
 Sunday, May 5, 2024 - 11:00 am
 Amica Mutual Pavilion
 One LaSalle Square, Providence, RI
Open House
 April 27, 2024
 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



From left: Assistant Professor Christopher H. Hannafin, DVM, NEIT Department Chair, Veterinary Technology; Kerry Walsh, CVT, Instructor/Lab Assistant, Veterinary Technology Department; K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives; and Melissa Murray, Rhode Island State Senator.

New England Tech Unveils its New Vet Tech Learning Lab

ON FEBRUARY 9, 2024, NEIT was proud to host a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the opening of its newly constructed 11,000 sq. ft. Veterinary Technology Learning Lab at its East Greenwich, RI campus. This impressive \$3M learning lab features state-of-the-art industry equipment and medical devices. Students enrolled in the university's Associate in Science in Veterinary Technology degree program can utilize high-tech nursing laboratories, surgical suites, dental laboratories, computer labs, and classrooms. These upgraded labs provide immersive, experiential learning allowing students to expand their knowledge and skills in a practical and real-world setting.

Attending the ceremony were K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives; Melissa Murray, Rhode Island State Senator; Wayne Kezirian, Esq., President and General Agent, Rhode Island SPCA; and Andrew Nota, Town Manager of East Greenwich along with NEIT administration, faculty, staff, and students. Guests were invited to tour the new space.

NEIT has offered its Veterinary Technology program for more than a decade at its Post Road campus. Because of a continued shortage of qualified veterinary technicians, New England Tech decided to expand and invest in the new learning lab, so students are exposed to the latest advancements in their field while fostering collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity.

As the only program of its kind in Rhode Island, NEIT Vet Tech students, under the supervision of faculty veterinarians, may care for animals through partnerships with Ocean State Veterinary Specialists in East Greenwich, Potter League for Animals in Middletown, and PetMedic Urgent Care Vet

Clinic in Warwick, exposing students to real-world scenarios as they transition from class to the workforce.

For additional information please contact NEIT's Admissions Office at 800-736-7744 or by email at admissions@neit.edu. Visit <https://www.neit.edu/academics/associate-degrees/veterinary-technology-as> for program details.



Recent grad, Hannah Langevin, and third term student, Lily Paul, exam Bergie, a 10 year old border terrier, with guidance from Kerry Walsh, CVT, Instructor/Lab Assistant.

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.

- Roman Amodeo**, AUB, 3/23, Auto Collision Repair Technology, is employed by Ledyard Street Auto Body
 - Maeve Anderson**, OTA, 12/19, Occupational Therapy Assistant, is employed by Extraordinary Kids Therapy
 - Reese Babington**, CYNB, 9/22, Cyber Security/Network Engineering, is employed by Foster Gloucester Regional Schools
 - Kayce Carter**, IDA, 6/21, Interior Design, is employed by Williamson Design
 - Zachary Chahed**, MGTB, 9/23, Business Management, is employed by Sullivan Tire and Auto Service/HQ
 - Catherine Chambliss**, NUR, 12/22, Nursing, is employed by Orchard View Manor
 - Joseph Chiarella**, ABTA, 9/22, Architectural Building Engineering, is employed by South County Architecture and Design Inc
 - Miranda Donley**, NUR, 9/22, Nursing, is employed by Rhode Island Hospital
 - Victoria Eugenio**, OTA, 12/19, Occupational Therapy Assistant, is employed by Roger Williams Medical Center
 - Lauren Filkins**, ATS, 12/22, Applied Technical Studies, is employed by Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
 - Benjamin Fortier**, DRA, 12/12, Digital Recording Arts, is employed by Amica Mutual Pavilion
 - Brittany Green**, NUR, 12/23, Nursing, is employed by South Kingstown Nursing & Rehab
 - Ian Hall**, MCTB, 9/23, Mechanical Engineering Technology, is employed by East Coast Interiors
 - Connor Haskins**, CYNB, 9/22, Cyber Security/Network Engineering, is employed by RI Medical Imaging
 - Julie Hill**, MSOT, 3/17, Occupational Therapy, is employed by Eastconn
 - Kim Hout**, ABTA, 9/23, Architectural Building Engineering, is employed by Aharonian & Associates
 - Michael Lopez**, ITBS, 12/23, Information Tech/Software Engineering, is employed by MedFx
 - Shayna Lourenco**, RC, 9/23, Respiratory Care, is employed by Lifespan
 - Robert Lynch**, AAUT, 9/23, Advanced Automotive Technology, is employed by Premier Companies
 - Matthew Marquis**, MCTA, 7/22, Mechanical Engineering Technology, is employed by Time Manufacturing
 - Breanna McGibbon**, AAUT, 12/22, Advanced Automotive Technology, is employed by Tesla Warwick
 - Andrew Meacham**, CETB, 9/23, Civil Engineering Technology, is employed by American Engineering
 - Justin Moreau**, ELY, 9/97, Electrical Technology, is employed by University of Massachusetts Lowell
 - Benjamin Newbury**, MCTA, 3/23, Mechanical Engineering Technology, is employed by AstroNova
 - Yenely Nunez**, RNBN, 12/23, Nursing, is employed by Lifespan
 - Natalie Parrillo**, ST, 9/23, Surgical Technology, is employed by Lifespan
 - Michelle Pelletier**, OTA, 6/23, Occupational Therapy Assistant, is employed by Powerback Rehabilitation Milford Center
 - Aileen Perez**, NUR, 12/23, Nursing, is employed by Brookdale South Bay
 - Damien Peterson**, AAHP, 12/23, Advanced Auto/High Performance, is employed by Select Speed Shop
 - Marie Pierre**, NUR, 12/23, Nursing, is employed by Maplewood of Brewster
 - Samantha Pino**, NUR, 12/22, Nursing, is employed by Miriam Hospital
 - Jessica Russo**, ST, 3/23, Surgical Technology, is employed by South County Hospital/Health
 - Sonia Sandhu**, MSOT, 9/23, Occupational Therapy, is employed by Encompass Health Rehabilitation of Murrieta
 - Stephen Sando**, MSPH, 9/23, Public Health, is employed by Lifespan
 - Hailey Sango**, CYNB, 9/22, Cyber Security/Network Engineering, is employed by General Dynamics-Electric Boat
 - Rachael Sardinha**, MSPH, 9/23, Public Health, is employed by Rhode Island Dept of Health
 - Sandy Schulz**, NUR, 6/23, Nursing, is employed by Newport Hospital
 - Amanda Sikoun**, RC, 9/23, Respiratory Care, is employed by Rhode Island Hospital
 - Quinn Tatelbaum**, AAUT, 12/23, Advanced Automotive Technology, is employed by Autozone
 - Eric Tift**, ABTA, 3/12, Architectural Building Engineering, is employed by Narragansett Bay Commission
 - Martin Tyrrell**, NUR, 6/18, Nursing, is employed by Tufts Medical Center
 - Esan Viera**, ABTA, 6/23, Architectural Building Engineering, is employed by South Coast & Associates
 - Michael Wilkie Jr**, ELRE, 12/23, Electrical with Renewable Energy, is employed by Precision Power
- Many NEIT graduates employ NEIT graduates. If you have an opening within your company or know of an opening that would be best filled by an NEIT graduate please contact Pat Blakemore, Director of Career Services, at 800-736-7744 or 401-739-5000. There is no fee for any referrals.
- Graduates of New England Institute of Technology or New England Technical Institute are automatically members of the NEIT Alumni Association. Your participation in the Alumni Association is critical to its success. Please consider becoming an active member of this important organization, and the best news of all: there is no fee for membership. To join please call 401-739-5000 ext. 3704.

Naiya Krom.....DMPA	Hope Mason.....OTA	Sauly Oliva.....BCC	Jay Rossi.....VDVA	David Tardiff.....PLBH
Ryan Landry.....CYNB	Nicholas Massaro.....DMPB	Aimee Olivier.....NUR	Spencer Roucoulet.....ITBS	James Taubman.....VDEB
Sarah Landry.....HSA	Kellen Masters.....MGTA	Yesika Ortega.....HSA	Samuel Rubin.....GDSB	Christopher Tebo.....DMPA
Hannah Langevin.....VET	Daniel Mathis.....AAHP	Raymond Ottiano.....CYNB	Emily Russell.....ABTB	Kyle Teixeira.....AAUT
Colin Lauro.....BSCS	Ashley Matteau.....CJ	Dominic Pacheco.....VDEB	Jailynn Salazar.....ST	Jasmine Teotonio.....CJ
Jordan Lebrun.....CYNB	Kyra Mazzilli.....IDB	Katelyn Paine.....CJ	Hannah Salvador.....NUR	Rebecca Tester.....VDVA
David LeClair.....CYNB	Emily Mbogo.....NUR	Sage Palmer.....ADMT	Jasmine Sam.....BSCS	Ryan Testoni.....CAR
Paul Leger.....MGTB	Keyarah McCaffrey.....IDA	Julie Parziale.....RC	Sokphal Sam.....CJ	Xavier Thibault.....ABTB
Matthew Lepore.....MGTA	Spencer McClure.....MGTA	Makenna Patriarca.....ST	Savee San.....NUR	Dorothea Thomas.....IDA
Michael Lepre Jr.....BSCS	Grace McDonough.....VET	Lily Paul.....VET	Kyle Sangillo.....VDEB	Mathew Thomas.....ELY
Madison Lewis.....CPN	Denis McGovern.....MCTA	Spencer Peck.....DMPA	Justin Santoro.....CJBX	Brian Thornton.....ADMT
Layhuoth Lim.....ELRE	Sarah McGregor.....VET	Alexander Pela.....ITSA	Talia Santos.....NUR	Eric Tift.....CMTB
Brandon Lloyd.....GMWB	Brandon Medeiros.....ITSA	Derek Pena.....VDEB	Tania Santos.....NUR	Ava Tolliver.....AAUT
Nathan Lodge.....ITSA	Cody Mendes.....MCTB	Brian Pereira.....BSCS	Lamin Sanyang.....CYNB	Katelyn Tondreau.....IDA
Sage Lopes.....NUR	Kevin Menden.....AAHP	Edwarda Pereira.....AAHP	Anthony Saporito.....ITSA	Ashley Trowbridge.....MGTB
Katharine Lowder.....ABTA	Jackson Miesen.....MGTT	Michelle Perez Del Carmen.....IDA	Matthew Satterfield.....VDVA	Stephanie Trudeau.....NUR
Christian Lucatino.....ADMT	Joseph Mignacca.....CYNB	Adam Perry.....CMTB	Benjamin Saunders.....CMTB	Ryan Truesdale.....NUR
Andora Luciano.....BSOT	Kevin Moitoso.....MGTA	Toni Perry.....HSA	Gina Scala.....NUR	Nico Turpin.....BSCS
Paige Luethy.....NUR	Savannah Moniz.....VET	Davina Phan.....VDEA	Kierra Schager.....IDA	James Tyner.....VDEB
Kaya Lukasek.....VET	Oscar Monroy Soto.....CYNB	Keith Phaneuf.....BSCS	David Shah.....MGTT	Eseosa Uyi.....NUR
Johnathan Lussier.....GMWA	Joel Morales Sr.....PLBH	Sylus Phang.....BSCS	Jessica Shaloo.....VGDA	Mona Val.....HSA
Richard Lutz II.....PAR	Matthew Moreau.....PLBH	Zyarrie Phillips.....IDA	Michael Sheehan.....BSCS	Lillian Vasseur.....VDEA
Dyami Lynch.....VGDA	Brandon Moreira.....ABTA	Olivia Pinheiro.....ST	Kaila Shepard.....ST	Jose Velasquez.....CAR
Daniel Macari.....VGDA	Emily Moreira.....VET	Spencer Piquett.....VGDA	Kodiak Shepard.....VDEA	Christina Vieira.....VET
Jennifer MacDonald.....HSA	Dominic Morgado.....CYNB	Ryan Plante.....ITBS	Erika Sherman.....VET	Franklin Zeus Villanueva.....BSOT
Amy Machado.....CPN	Keith Morgan.....VDEA	Gabriel Posillo.....CYNB	Jacob Silva.....CYNB	Deven Vinagre.....ELY
Angelino Madeiros.....CMT	Tanner Morse.....CYNB	Tristan Powell.....AAHP	Wren Simnett.....WEL	Lance Wagner.....BSME
Morgan Malamud.....OTA	Anita-Marie Mott.....VET	David Punchak.....ITSA	Miguel Simoes.....RC	Erick Wanyonyi.....NUR
Mohammed Malek.....ITSA	Luke Moulin.....AAUT	Tristan Radeka.....VDVA	Jacob Simone.....BSCS	Gregory Wentzel.....RACH
David Malek Jr.....CYNB	Michael Murray.....RACH	Trey Ramos.....PTA	Harjewan Singh.....BSOT	Sofia Williams.....CYNB
Jessy Marie Mangahas.....NUR	Samuel Murray.....BSCS	Silas Rauch.....AAHP	Rajvir Singh.....MGTB	Kristy Willis.....RC
Mattie Manley.....NUR	Yuya Nagai.....RNBN	Vivian Rebelo.....BSOT	Leora Sliney.....ITBS	Elanah Wilson.....CJ
Jack Marcotte.....MT	Henry Napper-Schack.....WEL	Hendry Reyes.....ITSA	Reyan Smith.....RACH	Devin Woloszyn-Rivera.....BSCS
Aereis Marigny.....BSCS	Edward Natareno.....PLBH	Lindsay Rickett.....HSA	Katrina Snow.....VET	Randy Woodhead.....PLBH
Abigail Marino.....GMWA	Emma Nault-Late.....IDB	Byron Robles Giron.....ATS	Olivia Xiong.....GMWA	Nicole Wright.....ST
Lennie Marino.....BSCS	Samuel Neff.....DMPA	Maia Robert.....CJB	Kayla Sorrenti.....GMWB	Zachary Wyeth.....ITSA
Jesse Marks.....BSCS	Carmi Nemhauser.....WEL	Samantha Robinson.....GMWA	Joseph Spampinato.....PLBH	Cody Wylie.....CYNB
Jakob Marsh.....AAUT	Benjamin Newbury.....MCTB	Byron Robles Giron.....ELRE	Adian Stanbury.....CMTB	Ivy Xiong.....IDA
Lisette Martell.....NUR	Thuan Nguyen.....BCC	Andrew Rockwell.....ITSA	Eric Stevens.....MCTB	Brian Yang.....CYNB
Gavin Martin.....ELY	Mackenzie Niethold.....IDA	Ian Rodrigues.....RC	Blake Story.....ELY	Mark Young.....ABTA
Sean Martin.....ABTA	Aga Noel.....BSOT	Anthony Roman.....ELY	William Swicki.....VDVA	Shee Youngstrom.....ADMT
Amber Martineau.....ITSA	Suze Noel.....BSOT	Megan Romano.....VET	Tyler Synott.....VDVA	Brittany Zalonski.....NUR
Alexis Mason.....GMWA	Jordan Noury.....CAR	Ian Rondeau Jr.....AAHP	Brandon Talbot.....CYNB	

See "Spot" Go!

NEW ENGLAND TECH would like to thank The Champlin Foundation for awarding a grant in the amount of \$70,000 for the purchase of a Boston Dynamics robotic arm upgrade to enhance the functionality of NEIT's



quadruped robotic/drone dog ("Spot"), originally funded by Champlin in 2021. This equipment will be utilized by students in NEIT's Electronics, Robotics, and Drones Technology and Mechanical Engineering Technology programs and will also be made available to students in the Electrical Engineering Technology, Construction Management, Criminal Justice, and

Architectural Building Engineering Technology programs.

The robotic arm will give students the ability to program Spot to accomplish tasks such as opening doors, picking items up, and pulling or pushing objects by using a tablet to control the gripper at the end of the arm. It will also allow Spot to act on data insights and perform physical work in people-centric environments. The robot works through telemanipulation and can act semi-autonomously by adapting to new situations.

Spot can climb stairs and traverse rough terrain with ease, yet is small enough to use indoors. Built to be rugged and with a customizable platform, Spot can support remote operations and autonomous sensing across a variety of industries and is remarkably intuitive. Whether students work as a job site manager, sensor developer, robotics technician, or anything in between, Spot is the adaptable platform they will utilize in the future to inspect, sense, and perform tasks such as inspecting dangerous, inaccessible, and remote environments, automating data collection on a site, and carrying student-designed payloads on unstructured or unknown terrain.

NEIT is grateful for this generous donation from The Champlin Foundation, which allows our students to learn on the most high-tech equipment in the industry.

NEIT's Gaming Programs Make The Princeton Review's Top 50 List

NEW ENGLAND TECH ranked 25th in the Top 50 Undergraduate Schools to Study Game Design for 2024 by The Princeton Review, one of America's best-known education services companies. The rankings were based on a fall 2023 survey that The Princeton Review conducted of administrators at 150 institutions in the United States, Canada and abroad offering both undergraduate and graduate game design courses, majors, or degree programs.

Since 2010, The Princeton Review has recognized both undergraduate and graduate schools with the best programs in game design. The 50-question survey collected information on topics from course offerings to the starting salaries of graduates. The selection and ranking of schools are based on criteria that included the quality of the curriculum, faculty credentials, facilities, technology, and graduates' career achievements. To review the rankings please visit: <https://www.princetonreview.com/college-rankings/game-design>

NEIT game design faculty work closely with industry experts to ensure that its programs incorporate the technical skills sought after by today's employers. An experiential approach to learning coupled with high-tech gaming labs, expert faculty, and engaging on-campus gaming events prepare NEIT graduates well to enter this exciting industry.

For more information regarding NEIT's Associate in Science and Bachelor of Science degree programs in Video Game Design and Game Development, contact the Admissions Office at 800-736-7744 or by email at admissions@neit.edu. Complete program descriptions may be found at www.neit.edu

Early College Program for High School Students

NEW ENGLAND TECH launched a pilot Early College Program in the Fall of 2023. We welcomed twelve high school seniors from William M. Davies, Jr. Career & Technical High School and Providence Public Schools. The students were studying practical nursing; medical laboratory technician; electronics, robotics and drones; HVAC; and automotive technology. The students are progressing through the coursework and, as they complete the spring term, will be graduating high school not only with their diploma but with an academic year of college credits.

NEIT opened the statewide application period for next year in collaboration with partnering high schools, anticipating the enrollment of many more Early College students in the fall of 2024. The application period will remain open until April 15. 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.



Professor Lisa S. Reed, RN, MS, CNOR, CST, FAST, Department Chair, Surgical Technology; Ryan Joseph, Xavier Joseph and Monica Reis

An Amazing Surgical Technology Family

ON MARCH 7, 2024, as part of the Surgical Technology pinning ceremony that was held to honor 18 NEIT students, Xavier Joseph and his parents, Monica Reis and Ryan Joseph, were also participants since they are both NEIT Surgical Technology alumni. They had the honor of pinning their son and, in turn, Xavier then had the opportunity to pin both his parents since a pinning ceremony was not held when they graduated from the same program in 2010.

Xavier's Mom, Monica Reis, said "What motivated me most was I wanted to pursue something different in the medical field. I worked in radiology for 10 years and then the emergency room for 6 years. I then met a surgical technologist who spoke about her role, and I grew interested in the job myself, so I then called NEIT to get information about the program. From there, it all began. I didn't think Xavier would have wanted to pursue a career in Surgical Technology as well, but while working as a patient transporter, he started talking more about pursuing a career in the medical field. His compassion for patient care grew, and he knew he wanted to help others. He said that over the years by listening to his dad and me talk about the types of surgeries we assisted in, he began to take an interest. He then decided to shadow his dad on a few procedures. That's when he made his decision to apply to NEIT's Surgical Technology program."

Ryan Joseph explained, "My father was the biggest influence. He was a graduate from Massachusetts Community College and worked as an RN, CNOR, and Circulator for 38 years and 46 years

in total at St Luke's Hospital. My mom worked in the emergency room and admitting department, so I grew up surrounded by the life and terminology of the medical field. There were many nights spent at the dinner table talking about situations in the OR which still happens today. Several employees and doctors have worked with both my father and me, and now a third generation with Xavier. I encouraged Xavier most of his life about working in the medical field. Here we are 18 months later, and Xavier will be touching lives in an exciting, ever-changing career."

"Because my passion has been passed down three generations, it feels perfectly natural to be involved in the operating room," stated Xavier. "With the great influence bestowed by my parents, I always had this vision to be involved in the medical profession. Back in 2021, I worked as a patient transporter still not knowing exactly what I wanted to do, until I got the opportunity to observe in the OR and witness its daily functions. It was then I was locked into becoming a surgical technologist. Throughout my journey thus far, I found it to be an absolute privilege to be able to partake in saving and improving people's lives. The thought of being part of a team that restores health and brings hope to so many individuals facing dire straits deeply resonates with me."

The NEIT community congratulates Xavier, Monica, and Ryan for earning their associate in science degrees at NEIT. We are proud of this amazing family for their dedication to the surgical technology profession and improving the lives of others.



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On Thursday, March 7, 2024, a pinning ceremony was held at the East Greenwich campus to commemorate 18 NEIT Surgical Technology students who received their program pins. Congratulations to all graduates! From left, sitting: Amanda Hodde, Sage Perez, Josephine Thomas, Rebekah Macamaux. Standing, middle

row: Megan Treloar, Brandon Leca, Shreeja Kapshikar, De'Ziah Griffin, Melissa Campbell, Grace Kelley, Jaden Oliveira, Xavier Joseph, Staci Gencarella, Lila Leca, Sierra Leroux, Michelle McElaney, Lisa Reed, Kaitlyn Glazier. Standing, back row: Alcides Rodrigues, Nicholas Morel, Aliza Richard, Anita Kiernan.



Congratulations to the recent Veterinary Technology graduates who received their program pins on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at the East Greenwich campus. Families enjoyed refreshments and a slideshow showcasing the students' work and later toured the new Veterinary Technology Learning Lab led by the new grads. From left: Kaya Lukasek, Anita-Marie Mott, Hannah Langevin, Emily Burghardt, Megan Romano, Savannah Moniz, Sarah McGregor, Emily Moreira, and Erika Sherman.

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.

Save the Date!
Commencement 2024

Sunday, May 5, 2024 - 11:00 am
Amica Mutual Pavilion
One LaSalle Square, Providence, RI

Giving Back to the Community

The **Feinstein Enriching America Program** has entered its 28th year at New England Tech. To date 9568 students have graduated who have collectively contributed time and expertise to their respective communities valued at \$4,563,936. This dollar amount is based upon the Independent Sector's rate of \$31.80/per service hour.

The Community Enrichment one-credit courses, CE101/CE301, are open to all certificate, associate, and bachelor's degree students once during their academic program. These courses allow students to enhance their communities through completing weekly assignments in Canvas and a 15-hour Community Enrichment Project of their choice that include topics such as "B" Corporations, Civic and Social Responsibility, and International Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). Past enrichment activities completed one year prior to course enrollment may be accepted with proper documentation. Veterans are exempt from the Community Enrichment Project portion of the course as well as any health sciences major who have completed or is currently taking their clinical rotations. After successful completion of the course, students are eligible to apply for \$1250 Feinstein Leadership Scholarships, which are awarded every term.

Students interested in giving back through the Community Enrichment Program should contact Carolyn Taylor, M.Ed., NEIT's Feinstein Enriching America Program Coordinator, at ctaylor@neit.edu. All students are encouraged to consider this worthwhile program.



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SESSION 2: 7/08 - 7/11

Spots limited, register by 6/1
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NEIT Hosts FIRST[®] Tech Challenge

NEW ENGLAND TECH'S Center for Automotive Technology in Warwick, RI was the setting for the 18th season of the Rhode Island FIRST[®] Tech Challenge (FTC) held on February 10, 2024. Founded in 1989 by 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 33 Rhode Island high school teams during the preliminary rounds which were hosted by North Kingstown High School and Mount Saint Charles Academy leaving 24 teams eligible to compete in the state championship. Rhode Island is awarded two spots at the world FIRST[®] championship in Houston, TX to be held April 17-20, 2024. In addition, teams are also recognized with numerous awards for their creativity, industrial design, innovation, competitive spirit and more. Participants have access to tens of millions of dollars in college scholarships through FIRST[®].

This year's game theme was *Crescendo* presented by Haas Automation Inc. Using a sports model and guided by adult coaches and mentors, each team designs, builds, programs, and operates its robot to play a floor game in an alliance format completing specific game tasks and scoring points. Qualifying matches are played in a round robin format with the

top teams competing in the final rounds.

Congratulations to the two teams heading to the world championships—the Gonk Squad from North Kingstown High School and the Electric Quahogs from the Wheeler School in Providence. Both teams were winners of the Inspire Award which is the highest award selected by the team of judges. These teams embodied the goals of the FIRST[®] Tech Challenge and are strong ambassadors for the program.

New England FIRST[®] was proud to present the 1st Annual NE FTC Invitational which took place at the Big E Expo in Springfield, MA, on Friday April 5, 2024. Each state in New England sent six teams from their state championship. The teams eligible to attend from RI were: Free Wi-Fi Community Team from Westerly; Mecha Mariners from Rocky Hill School in East Greenwich; Robo Titans from Toll Gate High School in Warwick; Occam's Razor Clams from the Wheeler School in Providence; RaiderBots from Shea High School in Pawtucket; and Velocity Raptors from North Kingstown High School.

Special thanks to New England Tech faculty, staff, and community volunteers for their continued support of these outstanding students as well as to Erin Flynn, M.Ed., Director, Enrollment Management Outreach and Events at NEIT for her tireless efforts to ensure the success of this high-energy event.



SkillsUSA Competitions Return to NEIT



Students are framing a wall with door and window rough openings, as well as laying out a gable roof, based on the blueprint provided for the SkillsUSA carpentry competition which was held at NEIT's Post Road campus.

NEW ENGLAND TECH hosted 150 students at all three campuses on March 1, 2024, at the annual SkillsUSA state competitions. SkillsUSA is a national organization representing more than 400,000 students, educators, 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.

SkillsUSA chapters are available in middle schools, high schools, and college/post-secondary institutions nationwide. New England Tech has a postsecondary chapter of SkillsUSA and hosted this year's high school competitions, which included automotive, criminal justice, marine, carpentry, cabinetmaking, HVAC, computer application, architecture, computer programming, interactive applications and game design, and technical drafting.

More than 6,000 state champions from across the United States will head to Atlanta, GA June 24-28, 2024, to compete in the SkillsUSA National Championships. Students will participate in 115 skilled and leadership competitions vying for national gold, silver, and bronze medals. In total, this event brings together more than 16,000 attendees, including students, instructors, industry partners, government officials, administrators and more.

New England Tech is proud to host these exciting competitions and wishes all the finalists much success at the national championships.



The Feinstein Enriching America Program is hosting the following blood drives at the:

East Greenwich campus: April 24th, August 7th, and October 30th all in the Hall of Fame Room from 11-5 pm.

The Post Road Campus and Electric Boat SAMI Program are hosting the following blood drives: **April 30th, August 14th, and November 5th** all in the Bloodmobile from 11-5pm.

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Mechanical Engineering Students Earn Certification



From left: Ethan Lane, William Cha, Rian Williams, Ronald Faria, Garrett Harper, Izabella Foley, Kenneth Sobczak, Lance Wagner

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Mechanical Engineering Technology students who were the first cohort to complete the 2nd NIMS (National Institute for Metalworking Skills) certification exam. The exam is called Job Planning, Benchwork, and Layout. The exam covers machine shop mathematics, application of the Machinist's Handbook, measurements, machining theory, and safety. Taken during the second term of the Associate in Science degree Mechanical Engineering

Technology program, each student had to machine a specific part within tolerance prior to taking the certification exam.

These students all successfully passed the Job Planning, Benchwork, and Layout exam: Paul Arcidicono, Luc Cadet, Taha Calisir, Carlos Carmona, William Cha, Tory Durette, Ronald Faria, Izabella Foley, Hayden Gardiner, Garrett Harper, Eugene Khiralla, Ethan Lane, Kenneth Sobczak, Lance Wagner, Altwon Webster, and Rian Williams.

CAP OFF THE YEAR

Pick up your Cap & Gown!

Wednesday, May 1st, 12:00pm - 6:00pm
Regan Lounge - East Greenwich Campus

GradImages - Offering formal grad portraits. Be photo ready!
Career Services - Learn about our services & enter our raffle!
NEIT Bookstore - 20% off apparel 12:00-4:00pm
Balfour Rings - Order your class ring!

If you have not ordered your cap & gown yet, please scan:

Save the Date!

Monday, July 29, 2024

You are invited to participate in NEIT's 14th 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 29, 2024

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.

Career Fairs are a Great Success!

THE CAREER SERVICES OFFICE recently conducted two employer recruitment events for NEIT students and graduates. The Architectural, Design, and Construction Networking Event was held on February 22nd. The Spring Recruitment Fair was held on February 28th for Information Technology, Engineering, Graphics and Communications programs.

Both recruitment events provided students and upcoming graduates with valuable opportunities to explore potential employment prospects. The events featured representatives from local and national employers, as well as government agencies, who engaged with attendees to discuss potential job openings. Many New England Tech alumni were on hand representing the companies where they are now employed.

The employers were impressed by the students they met and had the following to say:

"Great selection of candidates. So much talent here @ NEIT!" "Collected 16 resumes - I will be calling all!" "Students very respectful, well prepared, fully engaged and interested." "I know for a fact that students will be qualified for our openings when they graduate."

Thanks to the Career Services team, the employers and their representatives, and all NEIT students and grads for making these events such a positive experience.





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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:



PET THERAPY

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



CHARTWELLS HIGHER ED, TEACHING KITCHEN

Chartwells Higher Ed provided a very popular 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 guacamole from scratch. Be on the lookout for the Teaching Kitchen events throughout the year.



TERRARIUMS

Students love making air plant terrariums!



DUNGEON & DRAGONS MINIATURE PAINT NIGHT

Students brought their D&D character to life!



KARAOKE NIGHT

Students sung their heart out at Karaoke!

ESPORTS

New England Tech competes in the National Esports Collegiate Conference (NECC) and Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC)

AT THE START OF 2023, NEIT's esports program expanded to 22 varsity players. The program added two additional game titles, Valorant and Overwatch. The Valorant team won the National Esports Collegiate Conference (NECC) Challengers Northeast Division. What an impressive achievement, showcasing the new Valorant team's hard work and dedication.

NEIT hired Assistant Coach, Jacob "Craftis" Barrios (NEIT alum). Jacob is one of the best Super Smash Bros. players in New England. The NEIT Super Smash Bros. team's first appearance was in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Super Smash Bros. Campus Series Invitational. This new team captured 3rd place and reflected the team's development under the direction of Coach Jacob.

In the summer of 2023, NEIT introduced esports scholarship opportunities for varsity players. GPA requirements are crucial for ensuring that scholarship recipients are excelling academically while also demonstrating the time man-

agement skills that are essential to compete on our esports teams. The recipients' commitment to personal growth as well as contributing positively to the esports program are vital.

The fall 2023 season brought a major shift for the NEIT's esports program with a roster expansion. With a new freshmen class, more teams and titles were added. A second Valorant and Overwatch teams were formed, along with a Counter Strike 2 team, and console gaming in the form of two NBA 2k teams and two Madden NFL teams. The original Valorant team's Captain Jackie Chan (a full-time student) volunteered his time and dedication to the program by coaching the new Valorant teams in addition to also competing on the original Valorant team.

The spring 2024 season added a third Valorant team. Currently, the spring season is going well, with most teams qualifying for the playoffs to be held within the next few weeks. NEIT's Esports program now has 32 varsity players.



Left to Right: Coach Jacob Barrios, Nazier Lacy, Joshua Bholan, Ehtashuan Nazar

We are thrilled to announce the Super Smash Bros. team earning their first division victory in the ECAC Contenders Division. This win is credited to the coaching skill of Coach Jacob "Craftis" Barrios. With this win, New England Tech clinches its third division victory!

If you are interested in learning more about NEIT's esports program, please contact the Esports Coordinator, Brandon Eigenbrode, beigenbrode@neit.edu or on discord: [adeptqt](https://discord.com/invite/adeptqt).