

TECHNEWS

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NEIT’S College of Health Sciences *Empower SCI Workshop at NEIT Lights a Path for Teens with Spinal Cord Injuries*

NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE of Technology’s (NEIT) College of Health Sciences’ Occupational Therapy Program proudly collaborated with Empower Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) as it launched its groundbreaking Teen Workshop on August 11-17, 2024, at the university’s East Greenwich campus.

With an estimated 2,200 individuals under 20 years old confronting spinal cord injuries each year nationwide, this Teen Program is not only timely but necessary. Recognizing that growth and needs evolve throughout adolescence, the program offers continuity in rehabilitation, facilitating transitions into adulthood with tailored educational and training modules.

The only program of its kind in the nation, teens living with spinal cord injuries experienced support, friendship, dorm life, adaptive gaming, cooking workshops, cycling, hiking, and even surfing! It also established more than 20 clinical placements for NEIT’s College of Health Sciences’ students.

“I was empowered by gratitude,” says NEIT Occupational Therapy faculty member and Empower SCI co-founder Elizabeth Lima Remillard, MS, OTR/L. “This experience was particularly significant for many of our teen participants, who were away from their parents for the first time post-injury. We welcomed participants from seven states, including Nevada and South Carolina, and were joined by a diverse group of therapists.”

One of the standout activities was a kitchen teaching experience in the dining hall with Chef Austin Graham from Chartwells, New England Tech’s dining services provider. The week was filled with memorable, enriching activities, from exploring McDermott Pool in Warwick, RI and Colt State Park in Bristol, RI to a horse farm and the beach for a surfing trip.

Another highlight was when three young U.S. Volt Hockey Association members from team Boston Whiplash demonstrated their sharp skills to the teens, who each got a chance to practice their moves. The demo was a huge hit! The smiles said it all.



From left: Caeden Parisi, Amy Coleman, Miley Rhoad, Kelsey Ziegler, Rachel McClelland, Devin Parisi, Catherine Hortsman, Sue Anne Sisto, Marley Robinson, Elizabeth Remillard, Noelle Pelrine, Alexis Peno

“This is my first time away from home at an adaptive camp,” says Miley Rhoad, 17, who traveled from South Carolina to attend the program. “It’s great having a good friend right across the hall in the dorms. My favorite part was trying volt hockey. I’m already on a wheelchair rugby team, so I love learning new sports.”

Remillard said the dedication by the College of Health Sciences faculty and the exceptional facilities at NEIT played a pivotal role. “Our volunteers and participants were absolutely thrilled with the state-of-the-art OT lab and the on-campus spaces. Our NEIT volunteers gained a newfound appreciation for the college, while OT students from... *Continued on page 2*

Celebrating NEIT’s Nursing Graduates’ Pinning Ceremonies



LEFT PICTURE: LPNs, from left. 1st row: Gabriela Rodriguez. 2nd row: Amy Machado, Katherine Hoyas. Back row: Soneh Korlie, Capbriella LaBrie, Keiana Amado, Kila Santos, Ryan De Leon Aguilar • **RIGHT PICTURE:** RNs, from left. 1st row: Ashley Chicas, Ruth Feliciano, Danielle Pietros, Lavendar Moore, Cassandre Clerril, Rosy Namusse,



Christelle Auguste. 2nd row: Savannah DaSilva, Alyssa Alarcon, Jessica Karnwie, Adam Moniz, Sabrina Mongelli. 3rd row: Iyesha Gogguns, Eseosa Uyi, William Gardner, Ashley Leone. 4th row: Abigail Moitoza, Shanese Coon, Susan Colucci. Back row: Hailey Maine, Steven West.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEIT’S newest nurses! The 6th graduating class from the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) certificate program and the 54th class from the Associate in Science in Nursing degree program received their pins during a graduation ceremony on September 20, 2024, symbolizing their induction into the nursing community.

For the first time ever, this exceptional group featured three of New England Tech’s Early College Program stu-

dents who opted to stay an extra term to complete their LPN certificates. The Early College Program offers motivated high school seniors the opportunity to earn college credits while completing their senior year classes. All three students are now enrolled in NEIT’s Registered Nurse program.

Dr. Elizabeth Raposa, Nursing Department Chair, Director of Nursing and Assistant Professor, says, “We are all so proud of our graduates and this next step towards

achieving their goals of becoming nurses. In healthcare, they are needed now more than ever. We wish them all the best in their future careers and can’t wait to see what they accomplish next.”

Amy Grzybowski, Ph.D., Vice President of Workforce Development and Community Relations, stated, “Congratulations to the three Early College Program students that remained with NEIT to complete... *Continued on page 2*



FROM THE DESK
OF PRESIDENT
RICHARD GOUSE

Greetings to all,

New England Tech’s campuses have been busy this fall as faculty and staff welcomed students to campus with the start of classes on September 30th. We wish all new students, as well as our returning students, much success this term and beyond.

NEIT students and alumni once again received several well-deserved individual and team awards at the annual Society for Advancement of Management’s (SAM) 2024 International Business Conference held in Orlando this spring. Congratulations to all who competed and were recognized for their knowledge and professionalism, making the NEIT community proud.

We welcomed 49 outstanding high school seniors from 22 schools who are enrolled in NEIT’s Early College Program. While earning college credits, these students can still participate in high school activities. In total, the students are enrolled in 19 different NEIT programs. We wish them well in their educational journey.

The Career Services team continues to bring employers, students and grads together at on-campus recruiting events. More than 70 employers, focusing on careers in healthcare, automotive, architecture/design, construction and more, spoke with the attendees about possible employment opportunities.

As 2024 will soon come to a close, let us reflect upon what we have accomplished this year as we 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.

DEAN’S LIST

The following students have achieved academic excellence for the term ending September 21, 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!

Keila D Abreu.....	HSA	J’kai S Berkeley.....	MT
Jaden R Agnew.....	BSCS	Sydney A Berube.....	CMTB
Nada Ait Abdelmalek.....	IDB	Isabella F Bibiano.....	CJ
Olamide I Ajayi.....	RNBN	Christianna G Boino.....	ABTA
Abdullah A Alhilali.....	VDEB	Peter M Bonadio Jr.....	MT
Ian A Alvarado Cubero.....	ITBS	Bethany C Bonofiglio.....	MCTB
Alexis M Alves.....	CJB	Matthew J Borges.....	AUB
Grant E Ashley.....	AAUT	Johnmichael R Boucher.....	AAUT
Noah J Asstafan.....	BSCS	Mason G Boyd.....	DMPA
William C Avedikian.....	AAHP	Jordyn M Brogan.....	BSCS
Dylan J Baker.....	VDEA	Ashley H Buckridge.....	MLTA
Aja J Barcomb.....	NUR	Olivia V Burgess.....	VET
Mackenzie Barone.....	NUR	Gary H Burns.....	DMPA
Jahkoi A Barry.....	ELY	Nick Butti.....	VDEB
Miguel P Batz Salas.....	PLBH	Jose A Calmeiro Jr.....	BSCS
Sean F Beatty Jr.....	BSME	Leon A Calvo.....	AAUT
Gage M Beauchemin.....	CJ	Nicholas S Campbell.....	NUR
Holly E Beaudoin.....	VET	Andrew J Carello.....	PLBH
Katherine E Bento.....	HSA	Nathaniel J Carey.....	DMPA
Brett D Berard.....	CYNB	Victoria A Carroll.....	CJ
Emma K Berger.....	PTA	Daniel M Carvalho.....	CYNB

A Digital Recording Arts Degree Offers Many Career Options

RYANCAMPOSgraduatedfromNew England Tech in 2013, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Digital Recording Arts. Since that time, he has served as an NEIT adjunct faculty member teaching audio production classes. Ryan also had the opportunity to use his exceptional knowledge and skills in remote island locations through a National Geographic grant. He shares his story with Tech News readers.

What made you decide to attend NEIT?

I wanted to attend a hands-on college that aligned with my learning style while offering practical experience and a faster-paced education. This approach made the most sense for me to quickly develop real-world skills and stay engaged in my studies.

Why did you choose your program?

I chose to study audio production because it perfectly blended my passion for sound with practical skills. Aligning education with my interests was essential to staying motivated and engaged, turning my interest in audio into a meaningful, hands-on career.

What did you do to get started with your career?

After graduating, I took any available audio jobs that came my way and applied my style to each one. This approach helped me build a stronger work ethic and discover what types of projects I enjoyed, while also identifying the ones that didn’t align with my interests.

Tell us about your current position.

I work as an audio specialist at an ocean research facility, focusing on science communication. Clear, effective communication in science is crucial to making research accessible and impactful. Alongside this, I teach audio classes part-time at NEIT and Stanford. Teaching is incredibly important to me and provides a gratifying contrast to my day-to-day work, allowing me to inspire others while deepening my own understanding.

I was fortunate to have an incredible opportunity to travel to Ulithi, Micronesia located in the Caroline Islands in the western Pacific Ocean to work on a project funded by a National Geographic grant. My work focused on preserving cultural heritage and promoting conservation through interviews, soundscapes, and underwater recordings. These findings will be used to produce podcasts and videos for continuing conservation and educational programs.

What do you feel ultimately prepared you for your position?

Learning how the world works—



whether through science, culture, or human behavior—made me a better communicator by giving me a broader understanding of different perspectives. Facing unknown realities becomes less daunting when equipped with open-mindedness and experience.

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

The world is constantly evolving, and as you enter the field, embracing change rather than resisting it is crucial. Don’t attach yourself too tightly to any one idea, path, or method, as doing so can limit your vision. Holding on too firmly can block unexpected opportunities. Stay flexible, remain curious, and trust that growth often comes from the places you least expect.

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

To better prepare for jobs in audio or any field, focus on becoming an excellent communicator and collaborator. Life is largely about the relationships you build and being easy to work with, which is a powerful asset. The technical skills matter, but how you connect with people often shapes your opportunities.

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other programs around the country were envious of our resources. In fact, one of our peer mentors was so inspired that they decided to enroll in the OTA program this fall! Not only did our participants gain skills in self-care, mobility, and financial management, but they also left with greater independence, a supportive social network, and a sense of belonging after

experiencing isolation post injury. Thanks to exceptional supporters and university partners like NEIT that we can achieve such a profound and transformative impact.”

Dr. Darlene Noret, Assistant Provost, Academic Affairs and College of Health Sciences, says, “This interdisciplinary collaboration provided a great experience for both the par-

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Human Services and BAYADA Home Health Care who see the value in upskilling employees. The funds that support these students create life-changing opportunities.”

(See related story on Page Four).

Practical Nursing Program Director, HSA Department Chair and Assistant Professor Dr. Mary Benn addressed her students with evident emotion, saying, “This accomplishment marks a significant milestone in your journey, and I am incredibly proud of your perseverance and resilience. Keep aiming high and reaching for

ticipants and NEIT students to share with each other the learning opportunity for accessibility through interactive camps.”

NEIT’s Occupational Therapy program created a welcoming environment for all involved and hopes to host many more Empower SCI workshops in the future. Thank you to everyone who made this program a resounding success!

your dreams.”

For additional information regarding the LPN or RN programs, please contact the Admissions Office at admissions@neit.edu or call 800-736-7744. Program details may be found at <https://www.neit.edu/academics/lpn-certificate-program> for the Licensed Practical Nurse program and <https://www.neit.edu/academics/associate-degrees/nursing-as> for the Registered Nurse program.

Andrew Castro.....	ITBS	Luca R DeMaio.....	CJ
Sophia G Cerký.....	MGTH	Lillian G Dembrow.....	NUR
Daniel C Chandler.....	BSCS	Gavin W Demicco.....	ELY
Jeordan Chavannes.....	NUR	Alexis DeSimone.....	ST
Audrey S Cheng.....	ST	Marie C Desir.....	NUR
Courtney Chevalier.....	ST	Shane S DiMaria.....	NUR
Michael A Choate.....	PLBH	Alexandra L Dimauro.....	MGTB
Gregory W Clark Jr.....	MT	Amanda R DiPinto.....	NUR
Coral R Clements.....	VDEA	Colin C Doherty.....	MCTA
Amber N Coletti.....	GMWA	Michael T Dolan.....	ADMT
Tyler D Coletti.....	GDSB	Brendan C Donnelly.....	ADMT
Rebekah F Collins.....	NUR	Christian A Dorato.....	VDEA
Joseph O Collins III.....	VDEA	Kaitlyn E Dupont.....	PTA
Trent C Comolli.....	VDEB	Riley E Dupre.....	IDA
Jonathan L Condon.....	CJBX	Anthony J Durante.....	PLBH
Finley Cook Dumas.....	PLBH	Nathaniel C Eisel.....	CYNB
Samya R Corcino Fife.....	NUR	Zachary El Saddik.....	CYNB
Sean Corcoran.....	CYNB	Amber K Elmore.....	VDVA
Kassidy G Correia.....	VET	Christopher P Emmott.....	CMT
Meaghan A Correia.....	NUR	Stephanie I Encarnacion.....	AAHP
Luigi G D’Acunto Jr.....	CYNB	Keara M Enos.....	CJBX
Shantel Davis.....	CJB	Cecilia J Erb.....	NUR
Amber L Coski.....	RC	Evan R Ernst.....	PTA
Kara D Cournoyer.....	RC	Reginald Estin.....	AUB
Kaylie A Cowman.....	ST	Ramon Fergiano Jr.....	ABTA
Caroline M Cronin.....	HSA	Lionel Ferguson III.....	AAUT
Dylan M Crowley.....	AAUT	Erisa Fernandes Cardoso.....	CJ
Rocco B Cuscuna III.....	ABTA	Axel N Fernandes-Spencer.....	ITBS
Luigi G D’Acunto Jr.....	CYNB	Benjamin D Feuti.....	GMWA
Justin P Decelles.....	MCTB	Brigh E Finnegan.....	RC
Dominic J DeClement.....	VDVA	Romina Florentino.....	CYNA
Justin DeCristofaro.....	DMPB	Izabella P Foley.....	BSME
Luke J Del Deo.....	GDSB	David J Fonseca.....	CMTB
Leonardo Del Rosario.....	MCTB	Samantha Fonseca.....	NUR
Marissa A Delsanto.....	NUR	Nathan A Fortier.....	VDVA
		Candice L Fournier.....	ST
		Gilbert R Fournier.....	DMPA

Christopher Francisco.....	MGTB	Molly R Jencks.....	CYNA
Hayley M Furtado.....	MGTA	Robert K Johannes III.....	BSCS
John M Gabinelle.....	CJB	Andrew J Johnson.....	BSCS
Lilliana Garcia.....	NUR	Dennis G Johnson.....	BSCS
Jamesetta Gbaba.....	NUR	Gregory A Jones Jr.....	VDEB
Grace C Glasko.....	VET	Rose B Joseph.....	NUR
Andrew P Glidden.....	BSCS	Tristen E Jussauime.....	ITSA
Jeizy L Gomes Semedo.....	RNBN	Sydney R Jutras.....	VET
Maria D Gonzalez.....	ST	Elizabeth M Kalf.....	RNBN
Omar G Grant Terry.....	CYNB	Megan F Kashuba.....	MGTB
Cameron J Grondin.....	VDEA	Henry J Kennard.....	HSA
Victoria Gutowski.....	NUR	David D Kerr.....	WEL
Abdallah Haidara.....	ELY	James M Keyes Jr.....	BSCS
Karen K Haines.....	ST	Daniel Knight.....	ITBS
Christopher L Hairabedian.....	PLBH	Tristan A Knott.....	ITBS
Samuel L Hall-Stinson.....	VDVA	Amanda L Komorowski.....	HSA
Yunjuo Ham.....	NUR	Alexandra L Koop.....	NUR
Colby J Hanna.....	VDEB	Tyler B Kraus.....	CYNB
Garrett Harper.....	BSME	Andrea V Kula.....	RC
Rhiannon A Harris.....	CYNA	Colin G Lauro.....	BSCS
Joshua A Hart.....	CYNA	Janieca R Lavallee.....	MGTB
Hannah M Hartshorn.....	NUR	Jordan Lebrén.....	CYNB
Jacob A Hemenway.....	ELRE	Michelle F Lee.....	ABTB
Sayre B Hildreth.....	VET	Paul Leger.....	MGTB
Andy Ho.....	ITSA	Emily A Lenihan.....	ELTB
Cullen L Hoercher.....	CYNA	Alexander P Leonard.....	VDEB
Stephanie L Holland.....	IDA	Slater A Leonardo.....	ITSA
Alexis S Holley.....	HSA	Matthew I Lepore.....	MGTH
Seamus J Holloway.....	BSCS	Madison G Lewis.....	NUR
Keira L Horton.....	NUR	Layhuoth Lim.....	ELY
Cody E Houle.....	RACH	Dillon J Lippman.....	ELTB
Anne R Howell.....	VDEB	Brandon J Lloyd.....	GMWB
Joshua M Infantino.....	BSCS	Nathan E Lodge.....	ITSA
Angela M Interiano.....	HSA	Michael S Longo.....	IDA
Philip V Ippolito.....	BSCS	Corinne F Lopes.....	NUR
Scarlett R James.....	NUR	Edivania S Lopes.....	CPN
Gregory S Jason.....	DMPB	Dalma M Lorenzo Patricio.....	PTA

Katharine E Lowder.....	ABTA	Raymond J Ottiano.....	CYNB
Heather A Lowe.....	RC	Angelina M Owens.....	PTA
Jessy Marie E Mangahas.....	NUR	Katelyn M Paine.....	CJ
Alexander T Marcotte.....	AAUT	Savannah M Paiva.....	DMPB
Aereis B Marigny.....	BSCS	Kenton L Parker.....	ELRE
Abigail G Marino.....	GMWA	Kendall J Parkin.....	ST
Sean P Martin.....	ABTB	Christopher A Parr II.....	VDVA
Alyssa A Martinez.....	NUR	Julie A Parziale.....	RC
Jailyn E Martinez.....	HSA	Makenna L Patriarca.....	ST
Alexis M Mason.....	GMWA	Courtney R Patterson.....	DMPB
Ashley M Mason.....	HSA	Anastasia L Pattison.....	RC
Kellen D Masters.....	MGTA	Lily M Paul.....	VET
Daniel K Mathis.....	AAHP	Silgies J Paulino.....	NUR
Ashley A Matteau.....	CJ	Spencer Peck.....	DMPA
Emily M Mbogo.....	NUR	Alexander Pela.....	ITBS
Spencer McClure.....	MGTB	Cindy A Pena.....	VET
Catherine E McCutcheon.....	NUR	Derek Pena.....	VDEB
Denis McGovern.....	MCTB	Arisleyda Pepin.....	HSA
Joseph N Mignacca.....	CYNA	Christopher J Perrone.....	PTA
Abigail M Moitoza.....	NUR	Davina Phaneuf.....	VDEB
Zachary I Monaghan.....	CJBX	Keith M Phaneuf.....	BSCS
Joel L Morales Sr.....	PLBH	Zyarrrie I Phillips.....	IDA
Brandon J Moreira.....	ABTA	Brandon V Phivilay.....	ST
Dominic M Morgado.....	CYNA	Ahnyia A Phrasathane.....	ST
Keith X Morgan.....	VDEB	Arianah L Pierce.....	OTA
Benjamin C Moseley.....	GMWB	Samantha J Pino.....	RNBN
Suraya B Munna.....	GMWB	Spencer W Piquett.....	VDVA
Michael J Murray.....	RACH	Ryan M Plante.....	ITBS
Samuel A Murray.....	BSCS	Jacob R Platt.....	BSCS
Yuya Nagai.....	RNBN	Connor M Pollock.....	PTA
Henry S Napper-Schack.....	WEL	Isabella M Potter.....	ST
Rafaela Nascimento.....	RC	Brian Pratt.....	RC
Benjamin E Newbury.....	MCTB	William J Pratt.....	MCTB
Mackenzie E Niethold.....	IDA	David A Punchak.....	ITSA
Jordan Noury.....	CAR	Bridget W Quilty.....	NUR
Catherine J Nova.....	GDSB	Trey J Ramos.....	PTA
Keila Ortiz.....	NUR	Bryanna M Rastella.....	ST

Congratulations to NEIT’s September 2024 Surgical Technology Graduates!

THE 58TH GRADUATING CLASS of Surgical Technology (ST) students from New England Tech celebrated their pinning ceremony on September 11, 2024, a symbol of their welcome into the surgical technology field. Together, these students completed 4,800 clinical hours.

“I’m incredibly proud of these students,” said Lisa Reed, Professor and Department Chair for the Surgical Technology program. “Their dedication, resilience, and passion for learning never cease to amaze me. Watching them grow, face challenges head-on, make changes in their patients’ lives and excel in their academic and personal journey is truly inspiring. They remind me every day why I love teaching, and I’m confident they will go on to achieve great things in the perioperative arena.”

NEIT’s College of Health Sciences Surgical Technology graduate Jailynn Salazar (’24) hails from Reno, Nevada. She completed 480 clinical hours and 194 surgeries before graduation – quite an achievement!

Despite living far from her close-knit family, Jailynn knew moving from the west coast to the east coast made perfect sense after she researched the benefits of NEIT’s Surgical Technology program. When she toured the simulation labs, she was impressed with the hands-on nature of the program. Jailynn says, “After meeting Lisa Reed, I knew that’s who I wanted to learn from, and as soon as my mother met Lisa, she knew I was in good hands.”

Students are set up for success by being comfortable and knowledgeable in clinical settings and after graduation. “The lab time has been amazing,” says Jailynn. “We can practice and get hands-on guidance from the wonderful faculty and lab assistants. I loved having my clinical experience at Rhode Island Hospital. NEIT’s Surgi-

cal Technology program allowed me to be super prepared, comfortable and familiar with the instruments. We jump into hands-on experiences in simulation labs from day one. When other students shadowed, I was ready to scrub in from my first day of clinical!”

Once Jailynn passes her ST certification exam, she will be certified in all 50 states and plans to return to Nevada to begin her career. She says the supportive faculty, staff and the tight-knit group of peers made it possible to succeed. “During labs, we rotate and learn everyone’s role in a surgical environment, which is so helpful in such a team-oriented field. I couldn’t be happier with my Surgical Technology experience.”

Congratulations to Jailynn and the entire graduating class as they continue to achieve success and impact patients’ lives!



Front row from left: Josue Ortiz, Jailynn Salazar, Lauren Baribault, Kristin Danelson. Back row from left: Megan Treloar, Lisa Reed, Adriana Gomez, Kimberly Arrieta, Kaila Shepard, Olivia Pinheiro, Kaylee Donnelly, Robin Walls, Melissa Campbell, Amy Haxton.

NEIT Assists Middle School Students with Career Exploration

DURING THE SPRING TERM, New England Tech, Tilt Communications, and several RI Department of Education (RIDE) Career & Technical Education (CTE) Board of Trustees collaborated with local middle schools to create opportunities for students to interview individuals in their job environment. Career exploration provides students with an awareness of post-secondary options as they make important connections between their future interests and academic choices. NEIT faculty and staff worked with Broad Rock Middle School in South Kingstown, Rhode Island, as part of this important initiative.

Jocelyn Xie and Sara Clarke, both eighth grade students at Broad Rock Middle School, volunteered to interview Alyssa Dessler, BSRC, RRT, RRT-ACCS, the Clinical Team Leader for Respiratory Therapy, EKG, EEG at South County Health in Wakefield, RI. Coincidentally, Alyssa is a 2016 graduate of NEITs Respiratory Care program. The students came well prepared with a long list of questions as they discussed the duties of a respiratory care therapist as well as a medical lab technician.

Alyssa, who is extremely passionate about her career stated, “Jocelyn and Sara were extremely professional and did a really great job. They asked technical questions regarding the type of equipment used and my experience with extremely ill or difficult patients. Their questions were relevant to the medical field today, such as what strengths are needed for this career path and how stressful the job is. They learned that while the medical field is demanding, it can also be extremely rewarding.”

To help this important initiative grow, NEIT Educational Technologist Trevor Liick videotaped the students’ interviews, which it

is hoped will be used on various digital platforms including the RIDE.ri.gov (CTE) web landing page and its associated social media platforms to inform all RI students and families of their respective CTE curriculum options. The video will also be used by the CTE Board to assist in securing funding so that additional middle school students can explore exciting career options.

“This year the RI Career and Technical Education Board of Trustees adopted Rhode Island’s first ever strategic plan for career and technical education,” stated CTE Board Chair, Bill Bryan. “One of its goals is to provide CTE exploratory opportunities for middle school students. We appreciate the collaboration of NEIT and Tilt Communications to create this pilot initiative as an example of how students and families can learn more about career opportunities and related CTE education program offerings.”



From left: Rebecca Silva, NEIT Medical Laboratory Technology Department Chair, Sara Clarke, Jocelyn Xie and Alyssa Dessler

John E Reposa.....NUR	Sokphal Sam.....CJB	Jacob S Souza.....VDEB	Halle R Vanasse.....ST	Mark A Young.....ABTB
Annabel M Restrepo.....VDEA	Savee San.....NUR	Gabriella M Spina.....ST	Katherine Vargas.....ST	Shye J Youngstrom.....ADMT
Betty S Roberson.....MGTB	Kyle A Sangillo.....VDEB	Adrian M Stanbury.....CMTB	Jose F Vargas Figueroa.....ITSA	Nicholas E Zabawar Jr.....RACH
Maia E Robert.....CJB	Justin R Santoro.....CJBX	Eric A Stevens.....MCTB	Lillian Vasseur.....VDEB	Matthew A Zeleznik.....OTA
Ryan G Roberts.....MCTB	Lamin Y Sanyang.....CYNB	Blake J Story.....ELY	Kasue S Vega.....NUR	
Samantha Robinson.....GMWB	Anthony J Saporito.....ITSA	William M Swicki.....GDSB	Cristinalyn T Vekeman.....PTA	
Andrew J Rockwell.....ITBS	Matthew A Satterfield.....GDSB	Tyler C Synott.....GDSB	Michael A Vengoechea.....GDSB	
Rori Roderick.....ST	Edwin J Savinon.....PLBH	Brandon L Talbot.....CYNB	Anthony J Venuti Jr.....CJ	
John M Rodrigues III.....RACH	Emma M Savluk.....VET	James B Taubman.....VDEB	Herline Vernet.....NUR	
Elijah A Rodriguez.....PTA	Tyler A Scorpio.....PTA	Christopher M Tebo.....DMPB	Jimmette E Vidal-Moore.....BSCS	
Tony J Rodriguez.....CYNB	Carlie F Scutt.....NUR	Jasmine Teotonio.....CJ	Lance E Wagner.....BSME	
Joseph W Rollan Jr.....DMPB	David W Shah.....MGTT	Dorothea H Thomas.....IDA	Erick W Wanyonyi.....NUR	
Alexandra P Rose.....NUR	Jessica L Shalloo.....VDEA	Mathew A Thomas.....ELY	Cameron M Watson.....RC	
Jay C Rossi.....VDVA	Miguel P Simoes.....RC	Hannah S Thoms.....NUR	Kenneth H Weed.....CYNA	
Spencer D Roucoulet.....ITBS	Jacob S Simone.....BSCS	Kathryn L Thornley.....RNB	Gregory S Wentzel.....RACH	
Britanie N Rush.....ST	Rajvir Singh.....MGTB	Katelyn S Tondreau.....IDB	Andrew F Wexler.....MGTT	
Emily N Russell.....ABTB	Sophia R Smerkar.....CPN	Meriam S Traya.....NUR	Andrea M White.....CMTB	
Ewyn M Sadler.....MT	Michael D Smoot.....CYNB	Soley A Trejos.....NUR	Robert W White.....VDEA	
Suzanne C Sadowski.....CYNA	Paige T Soares.....NUR	Reed R Tremblay.....DMPA	Madison Wilkins.....DMPA	
Natalie M Saint-hubert.....NUR	Olivia N Sontag.....GMWA	Ashley L Trowbridge.....MCTB	Elanah C Wilson.....CJ	
Hannah R Salvador.....NUR	Kayla M Sorrenti.....GMWB	Billie J Trowbridge III.....RACH	Nicole L Wright.....ST	
Ciara A Sam.....HSA	Leynadh J Sosa Ortiz.....ITSA	Stephanie B Trudeau.....NUR	Zachary J Wyeth.....ITBS	
Jasmine S Sam.....BSCS	Cleyder G Soto-Reyes.....BSCS	Shelbi Valente.....RNB	Cody A Wylie.....CYNB	

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.

- Eliza Borrelli-Lewis, WEL, 9/23, Welding Engineering Technology, is employed at IWAKI America
- Zackary Brown, PLBH, 3/24, Plumbing/Heating/Gas Technology, is employed at JPS Construction & Design
- Emily Burghardt, VET, 3/24, Veterinary Technology, is employed at North Kingstown Veterinary Hospital
- Kyle Burgos, AAHP, 6/24, Advanced Auto/High Performance, is employed at Valvoline Instant Oil Change
- Kaitlyn Carvelli, MSOT, 9/23, Occupational Therapy, is employed at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center
- Tristan Case, DMPB, 9/11, Digital Recording Arts, is employed at Apple Headquarters
- Jared Castigliengo, CETA, 3/24, Civil Engineering Technology, is employed at DaPontes Landscaping
- Vashni Cesaire, CPN, 9/23, Nursing, is employed at Lahey Hospital & Medical Center
- Markus Chim, BCD, 6/24, Building Construction & Design, is employed at Saint Construction
- Alyssa Costa, MCTB, 12/23, Mechanical Engineering Technology, is employed at BOLD Broadcasting
- Andersyn Costa, NUR, 12/23, Nursing, is employed at Women & Infants Hospital
- Tori Davis, MGTH, 9/23, Business Management, is employed at Roger Williams Cancer Center
- Marc Delille, PTA, 9/23, Physical Therapist Assistant, is employed at Reliant Rehabilitation
- Aidan Durant, CYNA, 9/23, Cybersecurity/Network Engineering, is employed at Remington Computer Services
- Julia Egan, NUR, 6/24, Nursing, is employed at Rhode Island Hospital
- Michael Gallagher, WEL, 12/23, Welding Engineering Technology, is employed at Tool & Equipment Connection
- Lucille Garcia, OTD, 6/24, Occupational Therapy, is employed at Killingly Public Schools
- Tatyana George, PTA, 9/23, Physical Therapist Assistant, is employed at Greendale Physical Therapy
- Jeizy Gomes Semedo, NUR, 12/23, Nursing, is employed at BAYADA Home Health Care
- Jill Gummoe, NUR, 3/24, Nursing, is employed at Westerly Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center
- Katie Hernandez, ABTB, 9/23, Architectural Building Engineering, is employed at Coastal Glazing
- Tyler Kay, CMTB, 3/24, Construction Management, is employed at D. A. D’Allesandro Construction
- Kelly Kean, NUR, 12/23, Nursing, is employed at Tufts Medical Center
- Keith Linkous, CETB, 9/23, Construction Management, is employed at Catalano Construction
- Joshua Liotta, MGTT, 3/24, Business Management, is employed at Suffolk Police Marine Bureau
- Jostin Lopez, AAUT, 6/24, Advanced Automotive Technology, is employed at Balise Chevrolet
- Kaya Lukasek, VET, 3/24, Veterinary Technology, is employed at PawSteps Veterinary Center
- Rebekah Macamau, ST, 3/24, Surgical Technology, is employed at Newton Wellesley Hospital
- Madison Mahar, MSOT, 9/23, Occupational Therapy, is employed at Bierman Autism Center
- Jermaine, Martinez De Los Santos, ELTB, 9/23, Electrical Technology, is employed at Edesia Global Nutrition
- Savanah Moniz, VET, 3/24, Veterinary Technology, is employed at Anchor Animal Hospital
- Derrick Montique Jr., AAHP, 6/24, Advanced Auto/High Performance, is employed at Hurd Auto Mall
- Zachary Morris, MSOT, 9/23, Occupational Therapy, is employed at Eleanor Slater Hospital
- Benjamin Moseley, GMWA, 9/23, Graphic Design, is employed at Digi Design Group
- Trevor Murphy Jr., ELY, 3/24, Electrical Technology, is employed at Underdog Fire & Security
- Edward Natareno, PLBH, 3/24, Plumbing/Heating/Gas Technology, is employed at Feula Plumbing & Heating
- Gicelle Nava, NUR, 9/23, Nursing, is employed at Oakland Grove Health Care Center
- Anna O’Neil, NUR, 6/24, Nursing, is employed at Westerly Hospital
- Lucas Porter, GDSB, 9/23, Game Development & Simulation Programming, is employed at Tech Wizards
- Matthew Procaccini, GMWB, 9/23, Graphic Design, is employed at Ashworth Awards
- Cameron Quinn, ABTB, 9/23, Architectural Building Engineering, is employed at Saltonstall Associates
- Kayla Rafferty, NUR, 3/24, Nursing, is employed at South County Hospital
- Justin Ramos, ITBS, 9/23, Information Tech/Software Engineering, is employed at Comsol
- Nicholas Ricci, ITBS, 6/19, Information Tech/Software Engineering, is employed at Tech Research Group
- Omowale Rock, RNB, 7/23, Nursing, is employed at Southcoast Hospital Group
- Yanic Saint Jean, RC, 9/23, Respiratory Care, is employed at Lahey Hospital and Medical Center
- Olajumoke Shodipo, NUR, 12/23, Nursing, is employed at Elmhurst Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center
- Josephine Thomas, ST, 3/24, Surgical Technology, is employed at UMass Memorial Medical Center-University Campus
- Layne Trimarchi, AAHP, 3/24, Advanced Automotive Technology, is employed at Crown Collision
- Jonathan Velasquez, AAHP, 6/24, Advanced Auto/High Performance, is employed at Unlimited Auto Rental
- Brittany Voyer, CJB, 9/23, Criminal Justice, is employed at Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center

Congratulations

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.

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 a 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.



The Early College Program @ New England Tech

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS have the opportunity to jumpstart their college career while completing their high school graduation requirements through New England Tech's innovative Early College Program. Students may enroll in full-time studies at NEIT, which will save them time and tuition in their pursuit of a college degree, and still participate in high school sports, clubs, prom, and graduation.

There are 49 Early College students from 21 Rhode Island high schools and one school from Connecticut enrolled for the fall term. Students completed three pre-college workshops before the start of classes on September 30th which included utilizing NEIT resources, navigating the first term, reviewing study skills, getting involved on campus, and generally learning how to be a successful student.

The most popular academic programs chosen by the students were Health Sciences/Nursing, Video Game Development, Cybersecurity, and Automotive Technology. In total, the students are enrolled in 19 different programs. Students entered the Early College Program with 188 articulated credits, so many will finish their programs early. The articulated credits were earned from their Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways and advanced placement courses at their respective high schools. NEIT department chairs have evaluated these credits to ensure they align with NEIT programs' standards.

"We are so excited about the growth of this program," stated Amy Grzybowski, Ph.D., Vice President of Workforce Development and Community Relations at New England Tech. "We have seen through the success of the pilot cohort that some students can continue and complete their program at NEIT in just 10 short weeks upon graduation and also that students can successfully transfer their credits to other institutions. We are proud of the hard work and determination these students exhibit in the classroom and look forward to being part of their journey."

High school juniors interested in learning more about the Early College Program may visit <https://www.neit.edu/earlycollege> or contact Gwynne Millar at gmillar@neit.edu or 401-780-4171.



On September 18, 2024, ten Veterinary Technology students received their associate in science degrees. Throughout their program, the students worked with more than 60 cats and 40 dogs from local shelters, including vaccinating 48 animals against rabies in 2024! Now that the graduates have completed their coursework and clinical training, they are prepared to take the next step towards becoming certified Veterinary Technicians by sitting for the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE). The NEIT community congratulates the newest graduates, and we are excited for their future contributions to the field of veterinary medicine. **From left:** Cindy Peña, Paige Leighton, Hannah Farwell, Emma Savluk, Karisa Longo, Alyssa Gill, Grace Glasko, Marco Botelho Jr., Sydney Jutras, and Shaylee Cote.

NEIT Offers Nursing Certification Through the Health Professional Equity Initiative

NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE of Technology (NEIT), in collaboration with the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) and the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner (RIOPC), in 2023, offered home health care paraprofessionals the opportunity to earn certification through the university's 18-month Associate in Science in Nursing degree program or the 15-month Licensed Practical Nurse certificate program. New England Tech currently has participants enrolled from several home health agencies, however, NEIT was proud to pin the first three individuals to complete the RN program which were all employees from BAYADA Home Health Care.

To help increase the number, diversity, and educational level of health practitioners, the EOHHS and RIOPC developed a program in 2022 known as the Health Professional Equity Initiative (HPEI) to enhance diversity, improve job satisfaction and retention, address barriers to career entry and higher education programs, and support professional advancement opportunities. In addition to tuition and academic assistance, qualifying individuals may receive financial support for childcare, rent, transportation, and more. Eligible participants must be committed to working in the healthcare field upon graduation and must remain employed within this sector.

NEIT joined forces with the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner to provide the nursing education resources needed for paraprofessionals who currently work in home and community-based services as they pursue higher education. Tuition for these students was funded through a Health Professional Equity Initiative grant.

"We're incredibly proud of our employees who have taken advantage of this opportunity to advance their careers," said Rick Boschwitz, BAYADA Rhode Island skilled nursing director. "Partnering with NEIT and the state has been instrumental in providing our team members with the resources and support they need to achieve their goals. By investing in their education and professional development, we're enhancing the care we provide and strengthening our workforce as a whole."

On September 20, 2024, the first cohort of BAYADA participants received their Associate in Science degree in Nursing at a traditional pinning ceremony. NEIT will continue to work with EOHHS and RIOPC to address the growing need for licensed healthcare professionals. There are several other participants enrolled in the program who will complete their studies over the next six to nine months.

Amy Grzybowski, Ph.D., Vice President of Workforce Development and Community Relations at New England Tech stated, "NEIT is so fortunate to have strong relationships with the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services and BAYADA Home Health Care who see the value in upskilling employees. The funds that support these students create life-changing opportunities."

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We Will Never Forget



THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLUB at New England Tech hosted its annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony to recognize the ultimate sacrifice made by so many first responders on September 11, 2001. The annual gathering also pays tribute to the thousands of innocent men and women who lost their lives on that tragic day and those brave individuals who have succumbed to post 9/11 illnesses. The ceremony was held at NEIT’s East Greenwich campus.

Criminal Justice Club President Katelyn Paine, served as the Master of Ceremonies. Vice President Ashley Matteau delivered the first reading, and Secretary Alexis Alves explained the meaning of the Memory Table which was covered in white to symbolize loyalty and courage, a single rose honored family and friends of the victims, badges and police and fire head gear represented their absence, and a lighted candle reminded everyone that the victims will never be forgotten. Criminal Justice student Elanah Wilson read the second passage and presented the Cranston Police Department with a K9 Memorial Plaque. SokPhal Sam laid the memorial wreath. NEIT Respiratory Therapy grad, Marissa DiBiase, sang the National Anthem and God Bless America.

The keynote speaker was Captain Anthony Lancellotti who retired after 40 years in the fire service. He served seven years with the North Providence Fire Department and then 33 years with the Providence Fire Department, retiring as the Director of Training. He currently serves as the Fire Safety Training Officer for the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

The presence of officials, honor guards, and K9 units from several local police and fire departments along with local government officials added to the importance of the ceremony which included the Cranston, Warwick, and East Greenwich Police Departments, the RI Department of Corrections, and the RI Municipal Police Academy. The program included the reading of the Firefighter Prayer by Retired Chief Charlie Hall, who served in many capacities throughout his 42 year career but most recently as the Assistant Chief of the T.F. Green Fire and Crash Rescue Department. Officer Will Sphar, Warwick Police Officer and NEIT Criminal Justice graduate, recited the Police Officer’s Prayer.

Many thanks to the Criminal Justice faculty and the Criminal Justice Club for continuing this most-important tradition of remembering and honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice 23 years ago.

Care New England Spotlights Impressive Employer Relationships with New England Tech

NEW ENGLAND TECH is grateful for the many employers who seek to hire New England Tech graduates, one of which is Care New England. Rosa DeSousa, Ashley Corvese and Paula Arauco, Talent Acquisition Specialists from Care New England, recently visited NEIT to recruit College of Health Sciences (CHS) students and graduates.

According to Ashley Corvese, the excellent hands-on, cutting-edge training NEIT provides in our on-site simulation labs sets NEIT students and grads apart. “They are prepared and passionate.”

“New England Tech grads and students love the community setting and the welcoming environment Kent Hospital (Warwick, RI) provides,” DeSousa says. “Grads rave about Kent’s year-long residency program, during which they receive support from peers and a registered nurse preceptor. At Kent, the sky is the limit.”

Care New England is also interested in students and graduates from other CHS disciplines including Surgical Technology, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and the new Speech Language Pathology Master’s Program, which will launch its first cohort in 2025.

The College of Health Sciences continues to lead the way in healthcare education and career success. Thank you to NEIT’s Career Services Office and Care New England for these important recruiting opportunities!



From left: Care New England’s Ashley Corvese, Rosa DeSousa, and Paula Arauco, Talent Acquisition Specialists

Artificial Intelligence: A New Frontier in Mental Health Solutions

NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (NEIT) and the Rhode Island Digital Institute (RIDigi) hosted the AI Summit: New Frontiers in Mental Health, an informative workshop held at NEIT’s East Greenwich campus on October 23, 2024. The Summit puts Rhode Island at the vanguard of managing the nation’s mental health crisis with the benefit of digital diagnostics and therapeutics. From Rhode Island

Speaker of the House Joseph Shekarchi’s keynote comments to interactive roundtable discussions, attendees helped formulate best practices and recommendations for the advancement of artificial intelligence (AI) in the diagnosis and treatment of mental health illness across each demographic age group. Attendees had the opportunity to network with peers, engage in thought-provoking discussions, and stay ahead in the rapidly evolving world of AI in mental health.

This Summit is part of a more comprehensive NEIT/RIDigi program to identify strategies to improve patient outcomes. With mental health problems growing, AI can help mental health professionals improve their patients’ well-being. Health systems are struggling with limited resources and insufficient numbers of appropriately trained psychiatric professionals. AI can assist by improving diagnostics and treatment while also saving time and money.

The AI Summit included technologists, AI founders, and health industry professionals who explored strategies to leverage AI in the treatment of anxiety, depression, substance use, burnout, and in scaling systemic solutions to address global mental health challenges.

In addition to Speaker Shekarchi, panelists included: Jared Minkel, Ph.D. – Chief Science Officer, PredictView Technologies; Mary Catherine Kelly – Associate Professor NEIT, Psychiatric Nursing, Private Practitioner; Angelita Hensman, Ph.D., RNC, NIC, – Nurse Scientist, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation *Future of Nursing Scholar*; Darlene Noret, DNP, MSN ED, APRN, AC-BC – Assistant Provost, College of Health Sciences, NEIT; Irena Pereria – CEO & Founder, Unleashed Games; and moderator, Alan Resnick – Vice President for Strategic Planning, NEIT.



Rhode Island Speaker of the House Joseph Shekarchi is at the podium with Alan Resnick, NEIT Vice President for Strategic Planning to his right.

Feinstein Leadership Scholarship Recipients

THE FEINSTEIN Enriching America Program wishes to congratulate the following students for having been awarded the Feinstein Leadership Scholarship for the 2023-2024 year. Collectively, they have served their communities and fostered the ideals of the Feinstein Foundation by helping to better the lives of others. Every student who serves their community through this program is eligible to apply for this scholarship.

They are Abdullah Alhilali, Jarvina Anderson, Selvin Ardon Barillas, Ashley Barbosa, Destini Ceceri, Erin Estevez, Joseph O. Collins, III, Kim Hong Hout, Andrew Johnson, Dramane Karamoko, Andrea Kula, Brittany Lambert, Joel Morales, Sr., Cindy Pena, Wyomy Pena, Caleb Robitaille, Sarah Sneath, Jared Whittaker, and Matthew Zeleznik.

Congratulations to all for this well-deserved recognition.

Students Take on the Iyai+ Innovation Challenge with RhodeWaves App

THE CLOSURE OF THE westbound span of the Washington Bridge in Rhode Island has caused significant disruption in the region over the last several months sparking a challenge for solutions to mitigate traffic congestion. Rising to this call, a team of students from New England Tech participated in the Iyai+ Introducing Youth to American Infrastructure (IYAI) Innovation Challenge, competing with top-tier schools like the University of California at Berkeley and the University of Chicago. Their project, the “RhodeWaves” app, not only showcased their technical expertise but also demonstrated the ability to think creatively about public infrastructure challenges.

This year’s local host organizers and challenge participants were from 12 locations across North America, including Canada. The New England Tech team was sponsored by the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA). The team, consisting of Raven Bernardo, Kolby Cosgrove, Matthew Lepore, Suraya Munna, Nicholas Pietrzyk, Annabel Restrepo, and Spencer Roucoulet, led the charge under the guidance of their faculty advisor, NEIT Associate Professor Henry “Hank” Johnson. In response to the congestion caused by the Washington Bridge’s challenges, they developed the RhodeWaves app—a gamified platform aimed at incentivizing commuters to travel during off-peak hours. This app allows users to earn points which can be redeemed at local restaurants, thus supporting the local economy while reducing traffic.

Beyond coding the app, the students tackled the crucial task of social marketing by developing a comprehensive marketing campaign, designing public service announcements, and leveraging social media to encourage user engagement. The strategy allows commuters to share their achievements and experiences, fostering a sense of community involvement in alleviating traffic congestion. By tagging local businesses and using campaign-specific hashtags, the team ensured that the app’s reach extends well beyond the digital space. The RhodeWaves project demonstrated not just technical aptitude but also a deep understanding of social equity and economic resilience within community infrastructure.

“We were incredibly proud to be a part of the Iyai+ Sustainable Mobility Career Awareness & Innovation Challenge,” said Christopher Durand, interim RIPTA CEO. “This initiative not only inspires the next generation of transportation innovators but also emphasizes the critical role of equity in sustainable mobility solutions. The creativity and dedication of these young minds assure us that the future of our infrastructure is in capable hands. Congratulations to all the participants and award recipients, and a special thanks to Iyai+ for fostering such a transformative program.”



From left: Ally Dolan, Antonio Lopez, Megan Kashuba, Raven Bernardo, Spencer McClure, James Taubman, Destiny Cruz, Logan Joerres, Bruce Kimbrell, Patrick Webb, Breanna McGibbon, Lamin Sanyang, Matthew Lepore, Janieca Lavalee, Ariel Cerutto, Shelby Perry, Hank Johnson, Alan Resnick.

Business Management Team Shines Again at the SAM Conference

THE SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF MANAGEMENT’S (SAM) 2024 International Business Conference was held this past spring in Orlando, Florida, and once again the New England Tech team did not disappoint! SAM is the world’s oldest professional management association dedicated to the advancement of management research, practice and education. This year’s conference marked the 79th year where academicians, researchers, industry experts, practitioners, and students presented and shared their ideas, interacted, and explored future collaborations.

NEIT finished first overall in the Invitational Division, with Logan Joerres winning the overall top associates individual award, marking NEIT’s eighth championship!

A significant portion of the success at this year’s conference is credited to NEIT Business Management grads and faculty members, Ally Dolan and Shelby Perry, who coached the teams tirelessly throughout the conference. They spent many sleepless nights providing last-minute coaching and encouragement to ensure the students had a rewarding experience. “I am so proud of each of them for picking up and carrying on the NEIT legacy,” said Hank Johnson, NEIT Associate Professor and Business Management Department Chair, reflecting on their dedication.

Additionally, as Conference Chair, Johnson was able to invite NEIT’s Educational Technologist, Trevor Liick, to the conference to assist with the technical aspects. Not only did Trevor excel in his duties, but he also worked closely with students from across the country. His efforts were so appreciated that he was recognized at the awards dinner.

NEIT continues to set a high standard for excellence, showcasing the dedication of its students, alumni, faculty, and staff. Congratulations to the following outstanding students and alumni for their well-deserved recognition!

- National Outstanding Student:
James Taubman
- Regional Outstanding Students:
Megan Kashuba and Spencer McClure
- Best Paper Awards: (All NEIT Alumni)
Sector-Specific Management Track:
Kayla Wolf
- Entrepreneurship Track:
Ariel Cerruto
- Public Health/Health Care Management:
Wilma Rizal Bilton
- Best Track Chair: Shelby Perry
- Three-Minute Thesis
- People’s Choice Award:
Ariel Cerruto (Practitioner Division)
Matt Lepore (Student Flight #1)
Kevin Webb (Student Flight #2)
- Business Knowledge Bowl:
3rd Place Invitational Division,
Sammy Sefraoui
- 2nd Place Open Division,
Matt Lepore
- Extemporaneous Speech:
3rd Place Invitational Division,
Logan Joerres
- Written Case:
2nd Place, Invitational Division Team



New England Tech would like to thank the British Motorcar Club of New England, a non-profit club, with “over 300 members that are passionate about their British cars” for their generous donation of \$2,000 to establish a scholarship in their name. In August 2024, President Tom Bernier, Car Show Chair Ernie Connor, and Scholarship Liaison Pat Pasel Sykora, presented the donation to Erin Flynn and Nikki-Marie Neuman from the NEIT Scholarship Committee, who worked with the club to establish the scholarship. Members of British Motorcars of New England would like to continue to share their passion and are looking for ways to involve the next generation. The scholarship will be available for students pursuing a career in Automotive Technology. Pictured, from left: Erin Flynn, Nikki-Marie Neuman, Tom Bernier, Ernie Connor, and Pat Pasel Sykora.



From left: NEIT alumni Dr. Ariel Cerutto, Shelby Perry, Dr. Trish McGee, Associate Professor Hank Johnson, Dr. Kayla Wolf, and Dr. Wilma Rizal Bilton

Annual AOTA Conference and Symposium

THE AMERICAN Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) annual conference was held in the spring in Orlando, Florida, which coincided with the Society for Advancement of Management's (SAM) 2024 International Business Conference. An exceptional group of NEIT alumni participated in both conferences.

As part of the AOTA conference program, NEIT Business Management graduate and faculty member, Shelby Perry organized a symposium on Occupational Therapy practice. NEIT alumni (left to right) Ariel Cerutto, Shelby Perry, Trish McGee,

Associate Professor Henry "Hank" Johnson, Business Management Department Chair, Kayla Wolf, and Wilma Rizal Bilton presented their papers in a combined session. Ariel, Kayla, and Wilma all won awards for best research papers.

The symposium also featured a panel discussion on the integration of management and entrepreneurship in Occupational Therapy practice. Shelby Perry and Trish McGee moderated the panel, which was very well received by the attendees. Congratulations to all.



From left: Megan Kashuba, Antonio Lopez, Alex DiMauro, Shelby Perry, Joe Shekarchi, Breanna McGibbon, James Taubman, Alan Resnick, Hank Johnson

Celebrating the Outstanding Achievements of SAM Leadership Academy Students

AFTER MONTHS OF hard work and dedication, several students from NEIT completed their educational journey in a remarkable way by achieving certificates in leadership from the Society for Advancement of Management (SAM). The project was spearheaded by Alan Resnick, Vice President for Strategic Planning at NEIT, who had the privilege of witnessing their graduation and sharing the joy and pride of the students' accomplishments.

Through a grant from the Papitto Foundation, the SAM Leadership Academy was created which includes a comprehensive leadership development program designed for students from the undergraduate to graduate level. Students learned various leadership theories, practical applications, and case studies which were completed online or in a classroom setting to promote a strong theoretical foundation in leadership principles, strategic thinking, and problem-solving. After the coursework was completed, students participated in an in-person practical activity engaging in real-world leadership challenges, team-building exercises, and interactive workshops. Students who received the Papitto Grant were automatically enrolled in the Leadership Academy while three other NEIT/SAM students chose to join as well.

As part of their certification process, the Leadership Academy students had an exceptional experience meeting with Rhode Island House Speaker Joe Shekarchi, gaining a rare glimpse into the intricacies of state government. During their meeting, Speaker Shekarchi shared insights into the legislative process, discussed current policy issues, and answered questions about leadership and public service. Following the meeting, the students attended a legislative session, witnessing firsthand debates and decision-making that shape RI's laws. This experience not only deepened their understanding of political leadership but also inspired them to consider the impact they can have in their communities.

To honor their efforts, Patrick Endicott, SAM's Executive Director, and Wesley Lopez, SAM's Second Vice President, visited NEIT in April to present the students with their certificates and awards. The support and guidance provided by the Papitto Foundation was deeply appreciated by the students, making this achievement a memorable milestone.

Congratulations to Destiny Cruz, Alex DiMauro, Janieca Lavallee, Antonio Lopez, Breanna McGibbon, Lamin Sanyang, and James Taubman on earning their certifications.



During the summer term, the Career Services team hosted more than 70 employers for on-campus recruiting events. Students and graduates met and connected with representatives from local and national companies who were looking to hire NEIT candidates. Many of the representatives were also NEIT alums! Featured events included Automotive and Healthcare Employer Days, the Architecture/Design & Construction Networking Event, and the Fall Technology Recruitment Fair.

Feinstein Enriching America Program Assists Patients In Need

NEIT'S FEINSTEIN Enriching America Program has long been a dedicated partner of the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP), formerly known as the "Be The Match" Organization. At each blood drive, NEIT also hosts a blood stem cell registration event, providing another crucial opportunity for the New England Tech community to make a difference. Every day, individuals with blood cancers like leukemia and lymphoma, as well as those with disorders such as sickle cell anemia, are waiting for a match.

The NMDP is a leader in cell therapy, working to find cures and save lives through its diverse global registry of blood stem cell donors. By expanding access to treatment, the NMDP aims to ensure that every patient can receive the life-saving cell therapy they need.

Incredibly, two members of the NEIT community matched with patients in need of life-saving treatments. As over 70% of patients do not have a fully matched donor within their family, they rely on the registry for help. We encourage you to consider joining the NMDP registry. Join us at our next Blood Drive/NMDP Registration Event on January 29th in the Hall of Fame Room on the East Greenwich Campus.



From left: Sean Marshall, NEIT Training and Workforce Development Manager; Will Durfee, Hexagon Manufacturing Intelligence, Inc.; Tom Fay, NEIT Legal Counsel; and William Cocroft, Hexagon Manufacturing Intelligence, Inc.

Another Successful Scholarship Golf Tournament

The NEIT community would like to thank the many sponsors, players, and donors who contributed to the success of the 14th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament, which was held on August 26, 2024, at the Alpine Country Club in Cranston, RI. Their generosity helped to raise more than \$93,000 to benefit NEIT students in need of financial assistance through various scholarships.

Since the inaugural scholarship golf tournament in 2010, more than \$836,000 has been raised to assist deserving students in completing their educational journey. All students interested in applying for a 2024 scholarship should contact the New England Tech Financial Aid Office.

Plans are underway for the 15th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament, scheduled for July 28, 2025 at the Alpine Country Club. For additional information, please contact Steve Kitchin, Vice President and Special Assistant to the President at skitchin@neit.edu or 401-739-5000.



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Thank you to all our student leaders for your incredible effort and dedication during move-in weekend. Your hard work, enthusiasm, and leadership truly made a lasting impression on our new students, helping them feel welcomed and excited about starting their journey at NEIT.

SOME PAST EVENTS:



BUILD A TIGER

Students love showing their school pride by building a stuffed tiger!

VET TECH STUDENT CLUB VISITS MYSTIC AQUARIUM

The NEIT Veterinary Technology students were invited behind the scenes at Mystic Aquarium. They learned firsthand about the unique role a Certified Veterinary Technician plays in marine environments, from caring for diverse aquatic species to managing complex health issues. It's incredible to see their passion and knowledge grow as they prepare for their future careers.



MOVE-IN WEEKEND STUDENT LEADERS



Move-In Weekend was filled with many fun things to do!



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 gnocchi from scratch and California rolls. Be on the lookout for the Teaching Kitchen events throughout the year.



NEIT ESPORTS PLAYERS ATTENDED A NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION GAME NIGHT



FALL TRADITIONS

Lemonade on the Patio!



Hot Cider and Cider Donuts Night



KARAOKE NIGHT

Students sung their hearts out at Karaoke!



WHAT'S HAPPENING? Student Clubs

There are student clubs on campus. Get involved, meet new people, have fun, and have something to add to your resume. Check out the student website at <https://students.neit.edu> for more information. Are you interested in starting a new club on campus? Contact Melissa Hague, Student Activities Director, mhague@neit.edu