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## THEN & NOW:



## The Legacy of New England Tech President Richard Gouse

*All administrators, faculty, staff, students and graduates at New England Institute of Technology (NEIT) wish to extend their sincere congratulations to Richard I. Gouse as he celebrates his 50th anniversary serving as President of the university. This milestone makes him the longest serving college president in the country. President Gouse has never lost sight of his vision from when he first took the helm back in 1971 at just 24 years of age. NEIT's mission today continues to provide specialized undergraduate and graduate degree programs with a focus on experiential learning for students from diverse educational backgrounds.*



President Richard Gouse pictured with NEIT's Admissions Tour Guides

**FOUNDED** by Ernest G. Earle in 1940 as the New England Technical Institute, the school was located in three rented rooms on the sixth floor of an office building in downtown

graduate degree programs. "From the beginning, I believed that we could combine experiential education with theory and a large selection of liberal arts courses and award our students a college degree," stated President Gouse.

Providence. The only course offered was radio repair with the first graduating class of fewer than 20 students. When Richard Gouse became President, he immediately began to invest in new equipment to meet the challenging needs of the workplace. Initially uncertain of his investment in modern technology, his instincts were correct as the institution began to grow. In 1977, the name was officially changed to New England Institute of Technology.

Throughout the past 80 years, NEIT has provided its students with the utmost in experiential learning environments utilizing today's high-tech equipment found in the workplace. President Gouse has led the university's growth at the East Greenwich campus as the first residence hall opened in 2017 housing more than 400 students from the United States and abroad. He established the College of Health Sciences in the Spring of 2021 occupying 50,000 sq. ft. within the 320,000 sq. ft. main campus building. Here more than 15 healthcare undergraduate and graduate degree programs are offered utilizing the latest medical facilities and equipment available.

From those humble beginnings, thanks to President Gouse's leadership, NEIT is a private, non-profit technical university, comprised of three campuses (two in Warwick, RI and the main campus in East Greenwich, RI). NEIT offers more than 50 technical and professional certificates, undergraduate and

President Gouse has been recognized for his years of dedication to higher education. He was inducted into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame in 2019 as the longest

serving college president in the United States. As a 1968 graduate of Brown University, he has been a long-time supporter of its athletic programs. President Gouse was inducted into the Brown University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998 receiving the Paul L. Maddock '33 Award. Because of his exceptional support of Brown football, the new playing surface at the stadium was named the Richard Gouse Field at Brown Stadium in September 2021.

"It was been a pleasure to serve as President of this university for these past 50 years," stated President Gouse. "The challenges, opportunities, and growth of New England Tech have been met by dedicated faculty and staff, and the success of our graduates and students are reflected in that commitment. As we approach the period beyond the pandemic, there is reason to believe that New England Tech will grow and continue to lead in the delivery of experiential, career focused post-secondary education. I look forward to participating in this exciting time for NEIT."

## Automotive Technology + Marine Technology = Successful Career

*Kurt Rethorn graduated from NEIT in the spring of 2010 with an Associate in Science degree in Advanced Automotive Technology with High Performance. Coupled with a diesel engine course from NEIT's Marine Technology program, Kurt's knowledge and skills led him down an interesting career path. Hard work is Kurt's mantra as he shares his story.*

### What did you do to get started with your career?

After spending some time as a deckhand on a lobster boat, I was able to secure a job on URI's research vessel, Endeavor. Ironically enough, I was having car trouble one day, and while trying to get the car to start, I met a man who I would later learn was the chief engineer on the Endeavor. I was lucky to stumble into a position in the engine room, as the two assistant engineers were moving on. I worked on the Endeavor, and then the Sikuliaq out of Seward, Alaska for nearly six years. I spent more than 1,000 days at sea and traveled across the continent and beyond. After meeting the love of my life, I concluded my time as a mariner.

### Tell us about your current position.

I now work for a large marine construction company with offices across the country as the dive equipment manager for their East Coast division. The job involves inspecting and maintaining life support equipment for commercial divers and delegating those tasks as needed. It is a challenge I enjoy because I must balance my physical tasks and my administrative responsibilities. Opportunities to work on equipment are abundant, and I am encouraged to design procedures and best practices as our division grows.

### What do you feel ultimately prepared you for your position?

The chief engineer on the Endeavor taught me how to repair equipment when others would simply replace it. When you are thousands of miles from a port and several days away from assistance, you don't have much choice. He taught me how to run the plant, how to foresee problems and how to fix a leak with floss and toothpaste. He saw potential in me when I was struggling to get my diesel 1999 Volkswagen Beetle to start, and NEIT gave me the skills to have the confidence to try. I was given a strong foundation for the knowledge and experience that I have built. There is no replace-

ment for experience. Working hands-on with my professors in the Automotive Technology program as well as with Mr. Chamberlin in the Marine Technology diesel class, gave me the tools to problem solve when mission critical components fail.

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

If I could give a piece of advice to new graduates, it would be to do good work. Down to the smallest, simplest task, take it seriously and do it to the [See RETHORN, page 2](#)

### What made you decide to attend NEIT?

I decided to attend NEIT because at the time I wanted to work in the engineering field or be involved in automotive design. I believe that if you are going to design something, you should have hands-on experience.

### Why did you choose your program?

I chose the Advanced Automotive Technology with High Performance program as I felt it was important to understand carburetors and improve my understanding of fuel injection. I also enrolled in the Marine Technology diesel engine course as an elective. The knowledge I gained was invaluable.



Kurt is working on a diesel-powered air compressor which supplies air to the divers. It can also be used to pressurize the hyperbaric chamber used to treat decompression sickness.



From Left: Congressman James Langevin; Steve Kitchin, NEIT's Vice President for Corporate Education and Training; Congressman David Cicilline; Labor Secretary Marty Walsh, Senator Jack Reed and Governor Dan McKee

## U.S. Labor Secretary Marty Walsh Tours New England Tech

THE NEIT COMMUNITY was proud to welcome United States Department of Labor Secretary Martin "Marty" Walsh to the Post Road campus on November 1, 2021. The purpose of his visit was to tour the New England Tech Center for Technology and Industry's Shipbuilding/Advanced Manufacturing Institute (SAMI) and learn about the workforce development programs that have been created to train and support the current and future skilled workforce needs of the Defense Submarine/Shipbuilding industry.

Secretary Walsh was accompanied by Rhode Island Governor Dan McKee, Senator Jack Reed, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, Congressman James Langevin and Congressman David Cicilline. Approximately 40 invited guests attended the event as well.

Presentations were given by Andrew Bond, Vice President for Human Resources, General Dynamics Electric Boat; Matt Weldon, Director, RI Department of Labor and Training; Molly Donohue Magee, Executive Director, Southeastern New England Defense Industry Alliance (SENEDIA); Amy Grzybowski, Executive Director, Westerly Education Center; Jaime Nash, Executive Director, Community College of Rhode Island; and Fred Santaniello, Director of Workforce Development- [See WALSH, page 2](#)



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best of your ability. Invest in your future by doing hard work, there is nothing wrong with working hard -- work smarter and harder. You will be rewarded for your effort. Solve problems for your boss, make yourself indispensable, and give your employer every reason to keep you around. You will be the first one to be considered for a raise or promotion. My grandfather told me "under promise and over deliver." This means giving someone an honest day's work and then a little bit more. Err on the side of giving a little extra. You will be unimpeachable.

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

To current students, put the phone away. Give yourself some time every day to quietly reflect and be alone with your thoughts. It is good for your brain. Give your professors your undivided attention. Get your hands dirty, you will absorb more by doing. You will learn from making mistakes. Put yourself through stress. I made mistakes, I stressed myself out, and I had good professors to set me straight. When stress came in the real world, I had the fortitude to get through it. Stress is an exercise, and when you strengthen that muscle, you will notice your advantage over those who did not. Take a breath, find your calm, and then get to work.

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-Grants and Programs, New England Institute of Technology.

Secretary Walsh enjoyed the opportunity to speak with submarine shipbuilding workers now employed at General Dynamics Electric Boat who have completed the SAMI training program as well as current training candidates in the welding, shipfitting and machining classes. More than 1,500 students have completed the program and have found employment since the program began in 2013.

"Here I got the chance to meet young people in the back...welders, people building supports, people in the mechanical room who understand the importance of what manufacturing and shipbuilding is," Walsh stated. "I'm really impressed with what I've seen here today."

Walsh continued, "What's amazing to me is that the young people here are just ordinary people. The waiters, waitresses, they might have been landscaping or doing different things here and there, and now they have an opportunity to work on world-class vessels. This institution that I'm standing in today is very much connected with shipbuilding in our country. It's an amazing opportunity that we have here."



From left: Governor Dan McKee; Labor Secretary Marty Walsh; Lou Marrone, Machine Tool Program Instructor

**1951 NEIT Grad Achieves a Milestone**

**WILLIAM "BILL" HOYLE** is one of New England Tech's oldest grads! Bill, who is very proud of his alma mater, graduated from NEIT in 1951 from the Electronics program. This remarkable man just celebrated his 90th birthday on September 18th. Born in Providence, Rhode Island in 1931, Bill was raised in the Mount Pleasant area. He graduated from LaSalle Academy on a scholarship before attending New England Tech. Bill's education at NEIT was an integral part of his successful career as an electronics technician with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as well as a lab assistant at New England Tech!

After graduating from NEIT, Bill served in the U.S Air Force for four years as a radio operator and flew many missions throughout Asia. During this time, Bill married the love of his life, Joan "Joannie", on August 14, 1957. They celebrated their 67th anniversary this year. Five months after they were married, Bill was in a



Bill at Myrtle Beach, SC

near fatal Air Force plane crash in South Dakota on a maneuver to Alaska. As Bill stated, "I nearly became one of the statues on Mt. Rushmore."

After serving in the Air Force, Bill was employed by the FAA for 35 years as an electronics technician working behind the scenes "maintaining the highway in the sky" at an airport in Tiverton, Rhode Island.

He repaired instrument landing systems and all other electronic equipment to maintain peak operating performance.

Bill retired from the FAA, but he didn't stop working. He decided a career change was in order, so he returned to New England Tech after 47 years and served as an electronics lab assistant from 1998 to 2003. Bill was now ready retire so he and Joannie relocated to Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina in 2004.

Since retirement, Bill keeps busy as a ham radio



Bill and Joannie Hoyle enjoyed playing Santa and Mrs. Claus at community events.

operator. He built his own "man cave" and an art studio for his wife. He also wired and automated all the lighting in their home. This amazing man has been taking singing lessons for 15 years and has performed in several recitals. Bill and Joan are a fun-loving couple, so they have posed as Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus for many years. St. Patrick's Day is also a big event for them as they don their Irish costumes with Bill dressed as a giant leprechaun.

Bill and Joan have been blessed with three children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. One of their grandsons graduated from NEIT's Nursing program, and they are very proud of him.

Reflecting on the past 90 years, Bill is very grateful for all his accomplishments. His education at NEIT has enriched his life in many ways gaining the skills he has utilized each day to be successful. The NEIT community wishes Bill and Joan all the best and is very proud to call him a New England Tech grad!



**JOSEPH "JOE" SIEREJKO** was a dual-degree NEIT student first earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Video and Audio Production in 2012, then receiving a Bachelor of Science degree with

honors in Game Programming and Simulation in 2020. He decided to return to school when he realized his first degree wasn't his calling. Through the process he learned how much he liked graphic design and illustration which led him to game programming. In addition to his studies, Joe had an infant daughter, tutored students after class and commuted from Connecticut! He sought out internships to get as much experience under his belt and bolster his portfolio before he started his job search.

Joe was hired in September 2020 by Invisible Walls, an award-winning studio with a focus on creating social strategy games, after a very long "test" project. He explained, "I was up until 3:00 am trying to finish the project for the next morning, which may be why they liked me for the job. Ultimately, they chose me over another candidate because of my passion and interest in independent development. There are a lot of gaming job opportunities, but also tons of competition for the jobs I wanted. Part of my success in getting the job was presentation. I worked on my portfolio and designed my resume to look more graphical. I spent a few months building my web portfolio as well. External work, learning things that aren't in the curriculum, are critical to be considered a top candidate when job hunting. To be honest, despite how hard I worked for the job I landed, I still felt pretty lucky."

Joe worked on the company's latest game First Class Trouble [www.firstclass-trouble.com](http://www.firstclass-trouble.com) for PlayStation 4 and PlayStation 5. "When we first launched the game in Early Access on Steam, it was overwhelming to see the support we had almost immediately. The concurrent player count was almost double what we had expected, showing lasting interest. In terms of social popularity, we consistently had 60-80K viewers on Twitch being among the top five streaming games on and off for a few months." The game was just released on November 2nd for Steam & Sony Platforms, and is one of the free games on PlayStation Plus for November!

When asked about NEIT's game programming and simulation program, Joe stated, "The gaming instructors are the best part of the program. They consistently went above and beyond to help and problem solve with each student. They seemed to have a unique, brilliant way of explaining how things worked so students with different ways of thinking can understand."

Congratulations to Joe for a job well done and best wishes for continued success in his exciting career.

**DEAN'S LIST**

The following students have achieved academic excellence for the term ending September 25, 2021. 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!

Irina Abdrabboh.....CJB	Leon Bolle.....RACH	Scott Cevallos.....VDEB	Jenna Daigle.....DMPB	Benjamin Fogell.....AAUT	Edgar Hernandez.....AAHP	Paul Laprade.....GMWB	Michelle Massey.....NUR
Nada Ait Abdelmalek.....IDA	Joseph Bombassei.....ITSA	Zachary Chahed.....MGTA	Shedrick Daniel.....HSA	Delia Forstund.....CETA	Jainis Hernandez.....ABTA	Sebastian Lara.....ITBS	Seth Masson.....CETA
Patrick Albermaz.....AAHP	Brianna Bondanza.....VET	Danielle Charron.....DMPA	Cory Davis.....PLBH	Olivia Forst.....VDEB	Eric Hervieux.....DMPB	Stephen LaRose.....MCTA	Mitchell Mathews.....ABTA
Quizia Alves.....NUR	Roberto Bonilla-Reyes.....VDVA	Garrett Chase.....CYNA	David Deasley Jr.....CYNB	James Fortin.....AAHP	Alexander Higgins.....ELY	Noah LaValley.....ABTA	Timothy McCabe.....ITBS
Brendan Amalfitano.....CYNA	John Bonin Jr.....CMTB	Brent Cheetham.....PAR	Julia DeBlasio.....GMWA	Sadie-Leigh Fournier.....RNBN	Alyson Hogan.....GMWA	Dylan Lavimodiere.....GDSB	Brent McCarron.....DMPB
Emos Ameh.....CYNB	Michael Braga Jr.....DMPA	Giavana Giolfi.....OTA	Adam DeCosta.....HSA	Francisco Frias.....CJ	Andrew Holdsworth.....CYNB	Jolie Leavitt.....VET	Colin McCarty.....GMWA
Soraia Amorim.....NUR	Sean Breslin.....CYNB	Nathan Clapp R.....ACH	Tyler Dees.....GMWB	Payton Fye.....RNBN	Taura Holley.....NUR	Timothy LeBrun.....ITBS	Daniel McGee.....CJB
Bryan Anderson.....HSA	Weston Brillhart.....CYNA	Benjamin Cohn.....CYNA	Anthony Denomme.....ELY	Jocelyn Gallo.....RNBN	Cory Holworth.....CYNB	Emily Ledoux.....GMWB	John McInnis.....ITBS
Troy Angelini.....DMPA	Jordyn Bronson.....RC	Brian Conceicao.....ITSA	Zachary DeRoy.....DMPB	Peter Galvao.....GMWA	Lucas Johnson.....RNBN	Erika Lemus-Rivera.....MGTA	Skylar McInnis.....DMPA
Tyler Angelo.....MCTA	Naja Brown.....VGDA	Andrew Condon.....ELY	Dean DeSisto.....NUR	Mathew Gavin.....RNBN	Mark Horvath Jr.....PLBH	Lance Lespinasse.....ITSA	Samantha
Naveh Antelman.....AAUT	Victoria Brown.....HSA	Ryan Consentino.....GDSB	Alexander DiBello.....VDEB	Brandon Gendreau.....ELY	Kim Hout.....ABTA	Kevin Lewis.....PLBH	McKeever-Holtzman.....DMPB
Makayla Araujo.....IDA	Thomas Brusio.....AAUT	Dylan Cook.....ITSA	Jacob DiCenzo.....RNBN	Jeremy Gentry.....HSA	Cameron Howard.....CJ	Kainan Li.....PTA	Caitlin McManus.....VET
Cameron Arbo.....CYNA	Breanna Buker.....RNBN	Jonathan Cooper.....ABTA	Katrina Gonzalez.....RNBN	Alicia Gifford.....IDB	Daniel Howell.....GMWA	Keith Linkous.....CETA	Kenneth Medeiros.....ELTB
Gary Armstrong.....AAHP	Tanner Buoniconti.....AAUT	Logan Cooper.....VDVA	Katherine Gorham.....IDA	Devin Gifford.....IDB	Nicholas Huntley.....CYNB	Brittany Lomba.....CJ	Michelle Medeiros.....RC
Giselle Arnold.....NUR	Brent Burgess.....DMPB	Shannon Cooper.....CYNA	Wesley Grady.....CYNB	Lauren Giordano.....HSA	Talia Iannuccilli.....ITBS	Michael Lonardo.....VDEB	Samantha Meerbott.....NUR
John Aviles.....CYNB	Keith Burt Jr.....GMWB	Tucker Cooper.....ELTB	Justin Graham.....RNBN	Brenna Giroux.....ITBS	Anthony Jackson.....NUR	Leony Lopes.....NUR	Giovanni Mele.....RACH
Reese Babington.....CYNB	Stacy Butler.....MT	J Correia.....ITBS	Jonathan Doolittle.....ITBS	Hanna Given.....CJ	Kathryn Jackson.....VET	Evelyn Lopez Martinez.....CJ	Griseley Mena.....NUR
Mariam Badaru.....NUR	Preston Calabro.....HSA	Mickey Cosme.....NUR	Douglas Dorsey.....RACH	Justin Glode.....CJXB	Matthew Jarret.....MCTB	James Luckman.....ABTA	Cody Mendes.....WEL
Russell Bairo.....GMWA	Hailey Calderone.....OTA	Daniel Couillard.....AAUT	Edith Dorsey.....RACH	Antonio Gomes.....RACH	Lucas Johnson.....ITSA	Daniel Maggicomo.....CJXB	Raden Mikkelsen.....CYNB
Devyn Barber.....GDSB	Brittany Campbell.....OTA	Ronald Croteau.....MCTA	Darian DiVozzi.....RNBN	Kaleigh Juszcyk.....RNBN	Kaleigh Kiang.....ST	Joshua Malaro.....ELY	Aliyah Milch.....ST
Sophia Bassick.....ABTA	Stewart Campbell.....BCD	Alexandria Crouse.....DMPB	Jonathan Doolittle.....ITBS	Christopher Karas.....RACH	James Hall.....PLBH	David Malek Jr.....CYNA	Abigale Misunas.....CJB
Sable Beley.....ST	Cara Cappelano.....ELTB	Azurea Cruz.....DMPB	Douglas Dorsey.....RACH	Barbara Keller.....NUR	Michael Hamman.....PTA	Sara Mallou.....DMPB	Lucas Monko.....VGDA
Jenaya Blithe.....CJB	Hailey Calderone.....OTA	Michael Cugini.....CJB	Ethan Green.....ITSA	Eve Kelley.....RACH	Sean Harrington.....ABTB	Jason Mandras.....ITBS	Alexander Mann.....RNBN
Maitte Boaventura.....VGDA	Da'Tona Cardone.....ST	Riley Culotta.....RACH	Samantha Hafner.....MCTA	Ian Kelly.....NUR	Kayla Harris.....DMPB	Alexander Mann.....RNBN	Alec Montaquila.....BCD
Eleanor Bodell-Kudla.....OTA	Justin Cardoza.....ABTB	Sean Curry.....AAHP	Jessica Durand.....HSA	Jessica Kenyon.....AAUT	Rhiannon Harris.....ST	Gareth Mannion.....DMPB	Luis Montenegro.....AAUT
	Quinn Carroll.....MCTB	Benjamin Cusson.....RNBN	Sam Enang.....HSA	Alex Killen C.....YNB	Liam Hartz.....MCTB	Cynthia Manzano.....MGTT	Sean Moore.....AAHP
	Jillian Carter.....DMPB	John D'Alfonso Jr.....ST	Sam Enang.....HSA	Kathryn Klug.....ST	Hollyann Henault.....PTA	Joel Marcucilli.....ERDA	Aaliyah Moors.....NUR
	Jennifer Catauro.....MGTB	Corey Dahlbeck.....NUR	Leah Fitzgerald.....ST	Jason Kozin.....GDSB	Zane Henley.....ELY	Ethan Markham.....ITBS	Brandon Morris.....ITBS
			Beth Flanagan.....RNBN	Jennifer LaChance.....NUR		Stephen Marold.....ITSA	Joseph Mucerrino.....CYNB
			Cameron Flanagan.....CYNB	Christopher LaFrance.....CYNB		Shelley Maroney.....PTA	Samantha Murray.....RNBN
				Marcus Lamb.....PLBH		James Martin.....WEL	Patrick Murtagh.....NUR
				Douglas Lambert.....CYNB		Kimberly Martinez.....NUR	Stephanie Nagel.....CYNA
				Zachary Lambert.....DMPB		Natasha Martinez.....RNBN	Vanessa Negro.....NUR
				Alexandra Lamorte.....IDB		Edward Martisius.....AAUT	Jack Nelson.....DMPB
				Thomas Landry Jr.....RNBN		Christina Marucci.....NUR	Timothy Newman.....AAUT





**NEIT Automotive Technology students expanded their skills by enrolling in NEIT's Automotive Collision Repair Technology program for two additional terms. These students learned fabrication and refinishing techniques along with advanced paint applications. Students were given a piece of flat stock sheet metal and transformed it into a motorcycle gas tank using their welding and sheet metal fabrication skills. They then utilized airbrushing techniques to complete the tanks. From left: William Brogno, Edward Martisius, Scott Poder, Thomas Brusco, Mark Kirves and Jessica Kenyon.**



**The NEIT Student Nurses Association (SNA) organized a collection drive for the Community Pet Food Pantry through Animal Rescue Rhode Island (ARRI) of Wakefield, RI. ARRI partners with the Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale, South County Community Action, Meals on Wheels, and St. Peters-by-the-Sea to provide emergency assistance to pet owners struggling to afford the care of their pets. These pantries help keep pets and their owners together! Studies have shown that pet owners live longer, healthier, and happier lives, so as healthcare workers, the connection was obvious. Donations included dog, cat and rabbit food, treats, and supplies. From left: Frank Raposa (Nursing Simulation Lab Coordinator), Nicole Simas (NEIT SNA President, and now graduate), and Liz Raposa (Nursing Faculty and SNA Faculty Advisor).**

## DMP Student Works on Major Film

ZACH DERROY, a student in NEIT's Bachelor of Science degree program in Digital Media Production (DMP), experienced a unique opportunity to work with some of Hollywood's greatest. In July, a new film entitled *Space Oddity*, was being produced in Rhode Island at Robin Hollow Farm in Saunderstown. Robbin Neill MSN-Ed, RN, CHSE, Simulation Lead Faculty in NEIT's Nursing Department, has a niece who was working on the film and mentioned that extra help was needed in the art department. Robbin then contacted Tom Strolla, DMP department chair, and told him of the job opportunity. Tom then reached out to Zach, an excellent storyboard artist, who accepted the offer and was on set the next day.



**Zach DeRoy**

Zach was thrilled to learn that the film was a bigger production than anyone thought since one of actors was Kevin Bacon and the director was his actress wife, Kyra Sedgwick. The storyline is described as an offbeat film about love and loss, the fragile experiment of life and how people find humor in the most unexpected places.

Zach describes his experience, "It was so cool. When I got there, the first day they had me standing in for the star of the film, Kyle Allen, reading lines from the script. I didn't do any storyboarding but worked as production assistant on set doing lock ups. Everyone was really nice, and they made me feel welcome right away. I feel very lucky that I was able to have this opportunity and it would not have been possible without the Digital Media Production program at New England Tech."

## New Practical Nurse Program at NEIT

NEIT'S COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES, in conjunction with the Department of Nursing, will launch a new Practical Nurse (PN) program in March 2022. The program was developed in response to the nursing shortage both locally and nationally. The Practical Nurse program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Students can complete the Practical Nurse program in 15 months. The curriculum includes fundamental nursing skills which then advances to caring for adult medical and surgical patients, children and families, women and newborns and mental health clients. Upon successful completion of the PN program, students are awarded a certificate. They are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).

Graduates of the Practical Nurse program can choose their career path from several di-

verse employment opportunities. Some of the healthcare settings include hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics, physicians' offices, and other medical entities.

Additional nursing programs offered through the College of Health Sciences include the Associate in Science in Nursing program that prepares students to begin a career as a Registered Nurse (RN). Practical Nurse graduates will have a smooth transition into the RN program. Advanced nursing degrees at NEIT also include an online Registered Nurse/Bachelor of Science in Nursing program (RN/BN) as well as a hybrid Master of Science in Nursing program.

For more information on NEIT's undergraduate and graduate nursing programs, contact the Admissions Office at 800-736-7744 or by email at [Admissions@neit.edu](mailto:Admissions@neit.edu). Visit <https://www.neit.edu/chs-academics> for complete program descriptions.

Mariah Nicholas.....NUR	Lindsey Proulx.....ST	Zachary Sheehan.....CYNB	Daniel Tober.....MCTA
Kyle Nicolas.....CJ	Makayla Prouty.....ABTA	Joshua Shelton.....PTA	Ian Tolosky.....AAHP
Matthew Njoroge.....BCD	Berta Puello-Martinez.....ITSA	Ethan Shilo-Draper.....ITSA	Hunter Tomick.....MCTB
Sean Nolan.....ABTA	Justin Rabideau.....AAHP	Alicia Short.....NUR	Joshua Tonucci.....DMPA
Alexander Norton.....MCTB	Nathan Rafael.....CYNB	Jessica Silva.....CYNA	Leland Topham.....AAUT
Paul O'Coin.....CMTB	Robert Rannin.....VET	Kerri Silva.....RNBN	Justice Torkornoo.....ITBS
Jessica O'Leary.....MCTA	Julie Raposo.....NUR	Brian Simanski.....IDB	Timothy Torrey.....GMWA
Maria Oden.....RNBN	Joseph Rapoza.....MCTB	James Simmons.....VET	Khamsouk Touy.....RC
Hannah Olesky.....PTA	Samantha Rastella.....CJ	Laura Simon.....ST	James Tyner.....VGDA
Daniel Olsen.....CYNB	Sara Rattey.....RNBN	Guilherme Skopinski.....ELY	Anthony Vargas.....PTA
Tal Oring.....ITBS	Shawn Ready.....MGTB	Andrew Smedes.....CMTB	Nicholas Vartabedian.....ABTA
Tyler Ostrowski.....DMPB	Coartney Reid.....NUR	Benjamin Smith.....VET	Robert Vaughn.....RACH
Matthew Palombo.....WEL	Caitlin Richard.....NUR	Edward Smith.....PTA	Vellmarie Vazquez.....VET
Isabelle Pare.....HSA	Michael Rinfrette.....ELRE	Karissa Smith.....VET	Michelle Vekeman.....NUR
Mikaela Pare.....GMWB	Viviana Rivera.....CYNB	Michaela Smith.....NUR	Alexander Velasquez.....CYNB
Danton Parlato.....DMPB	Stephen Rogers.....MCTA	Krysta Soulliere.....RNBN	Casey Viens.....ITBS
Alexander Parrillo.....DMPB	Julie Rooslet.....NUR	Jarryd Souza.....PTA	Nicholas Vuona.....MT
James Pelosquin.....VDEB	Norman Root III.....AAUT	Joshua St. Louis.....BCM	Korie Whalen.....RNBN
Evan Pennacchia.....MCTB	Asmin Rosario Peralta Jr.....CMTB	Kaiser Stallman.....DMPB	Lisa Whitaker.....RC
Alexander Perry.....ELY	William Roy.....VDVA	Matthew Stanton.....GDSB	Brigid White.....CJB
Catherine Perry.....VET	Samuel Rubin.....VGDA	Matthew Stevens.....AAUT	ABTA
Orianna Perry.....CJB	Glenn Rumas.....CYNB	Owen Strobel.....VDEA	Jessica Williams.....OTA
Cameron Petroccione.....VDEB	Rebecca Rushton.....ST	Michael Stroz.....MCTB	Samuel Williamson.....FACA
Madison Pierce.....VDEA	Wayne Russell.....CJBX	Michael Stubbs.....DMPB	Monique Wilmar.....NUR
Carolyn Piette.....MGTB	Andrew Russomanno.....RACH	Brianna Studmire.....RC	Johnna Wilson.....OTA
Griffin Pilla.....CMTB	George Saban Jr.....ITBS	Lucas Sutton.....ERDA	Randy Woodhead.....AAHP
Samantha Pino.....NUR	Vincent Sacco.....ELY	David Swansey.....ITBS	Wayne Wyllie.....MCTA
Michael Pio.....WEL	Meghan Salley.....GMWA	Nathan Tandon.....ITSA	Brian Yang.....CYNA
Scott Poder.....AAUT	Jose Samayoa Juarez.....ABTB	Garett Tavares.....DMPA	Leandro Ysiano Ortega.....ITBS
David Podzon.....VDEB	Hailey Sango.....CYNB	Juliana Tavares.....OTA	Vincent Zammicello.....VDEA
Michael Pontarelli.....DMPB	Zachary Satagaj.....GDSB	Keira Teagardner.....IDA	George Zapata.....CYNA
Lucas Porter.....VDVA	Andrew Schaible.....VDEB	James Thomas.....MCTA	Rose Zinno.....HSA
Gabriel Posillos.....CYNA	Yaakov Schochet.....PTA	Torie Thomas.....ST	
Nikolas Poullos.....NUR	Sandy Schulz.....HSA	Brian Thornton.....AAHP	
Brie Priestley Dumont.....RNBN	Stephanie Sebastian.....NUR	Sean Thornton.....AAHP	

**Congratulations**

## 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.

**Joshua Lloyd**, ITBS, 9/21, Information Technology/Software Engineering is employed by Advanced Digital Data Systems, Inc.

**Michael Murphey**, ABTB, 9/21, Architectural Building Engineering Technology is employed by Garcia, Galuska & DeSousa

**Kairiel Vieira**, AAUT, 9/20, Advanced Automotive Technology is employed by Audi Westwood

**Alexander Dauphinee**, AAHP, 9/20, Automotive Technology with High Performance is employed by Simplex Engine and Machine, Inc.

**Walker Stewart**, AUB, 6/21, Automotive Collision Repair Technology is employed by Don Allen Auto Service

**Brianna Langford**, CETA, 3/21, Civil Engineering Technology is employed by JR Vinagro Corp.

**Jessica Yuettner**, CMTB, 3/21, Construction Management is employed by Ahlberg Construction Corporation

**Morgan Slaughter**, CJB, 3/20, Criminal Justice is employed by Rhode Island Dept. of Corrections

**Kory Morash**, MSCD, 3/21, Cyber Security Defense is employed by Louisiana-Pacific Corporation

**Kyle Kane**, DMPB, 9/20, Digital Media Production is employed by WPRI TV

**Keegan Barrett**, ELTB, 3/21, Electrical Engineering Technology is employed by ARE Corp.

**Bismark Aguocha**, ELRE, 6/21, Electrical Technology Renewable Energy Systems is employed by BSC Industries

**Jermaine Golden**, ELY, 3/20, Electrical Technology is employed by Tesla Energy

**Joel Hanson**, GDSB, 9/20, Game Development & Simulation Programming is employed by Tevolve

**Isaiah Sebastian**, GMWB, 9/20, Graphics, Multimedia & Web Design is employed by Raze Marketing

**Mya Mosher**, IDB, 9/20, Interior Design is employed by Kristen DiBella Interiors

**Marco Malena**, ITN, 9/20, Information Technology/Network Engineering is employed by Euclid Financial Services

**Debra Laster**, MSIT, 5/20, Information Technology is employed by Amica Mutual Insurance

**Yuanicka Williams**, MAA, 12/20, Medical Assisting & Administration is employed by Thundermist Health Center of South County

**Sain Nieves**, MCTA, 12/20, Mechanical Engineering Technology is employed by Pike Engineering

**Jason Haines**, MCTB, 3/19, Mechanical Engineering Technology is employed by enVision Solutions Group (Plastics Plus)

**Kathryn Feather**, RNBN, 9/19, Nursing is employed by Roger Williams Medical Center

**Bowen Daileader**, OTA, 12/20, Occupational Therapy Assistant is employed by Bristol County Rehabilitation Services

**Amy Diaz**, PTA, 9/20, Physical Therapist Assistant is employed by Performance Physical Therapy

**Courtney Robidoux**, OTD, 3/21, Occupational Therapy is employed by Women & Infants Hospital

**Edward Parent**, PLBH, 3/21, Plumbing/Heating/Gas Technology is employed by RE Coogan Heating, Inc.

**Catherine Paul**, RC, 3/21, Respiratory Care is employed by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

**Sabrina Santana**, ST, 3/21, Surgical Technology is employed by Miriam Hospital

**Rachael MacRae**, VET, 3/21, Veterinary Technology is employed by NorthPaws Veterinary Center

**Juan Santos**, VDEB, 9/20, Video Game Design is employed by Systemetrics

*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.*

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From left: Andrew, John, Ben, and James.



## Two Sets of Twins = Four Forever Friends

ANDREW RUSSOMANNO and his twin brother, Ben, are from Southbury, CT. John LoRusso and his twin brother, James, are from Middlebury, CT. They all have been friends since the sixth grade! They also attended the same high school! And now they are all 5th Term students at New England Tech!

“We all are Italian, we were born a minute apart from our twin and we all grew up in cities,” explains Andrew. “When we first met each other, we didn’t know we each had a twin. One day I was in science class with John. We had started talking because I had written something about *Call of Duty* on my name tag. That same day my brother, Ben, had homeroom in the morning and had also talked to John. Later that day Ben had James in his English class and thought James was John. At the end of the day, I had James in my homeroom, but I thought he was John. The next day we all came together to figure out that we had been talking to each other’s twin the whole time!”

All four boys participated in middle and high school events together

and hung out all the time. They all worked together at ShopRite while in high school. When they graduated from high school, they all wanted to learn a skilled profession, so they decided to enroll at NEIT together. Andrew is in Refrigeration-Air Conditioning-Heating Technology, and Ben is in the Electrical Technology program. James is also in Refrigeration-Air Conditioning-Heating Technology and John is in Plumbing and Heating Technology. They all live in the Meltzer Residence Hall and participate in many student activities such as basketball, flag football and trivia night being their favorite event.

In addition to studying and enjoying leisure activities with one another, each set of twins works together. Andrew and Ben work in the Student Activities office and John and James are employed at a plumbing and heating supply house.

It goes without saying that Andrew, Ben, John, and James all share a very special bond not only as twin brothers but as friends forever!



## Congratulations...

to Leah Fitzgerald who was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by the Foundation for Surgical Technology. Leah is a 5th term Surgical Technology student who will be graduating in March 2022 and would like to work at a local community hospital to learn a variety of surgeries. Leah states, “I am very thankful to have received this scholarship. NEIT’s Surgical Technology program is intense and requires dedication every day, but the instructors, lab assistants and my classmates all strive to help me succeed on the path to becoming a Surgical Technologist.”

## Meet a Nursing Student, World Athlete and Humanitarian

WILFRED CURIOSO began his studies in NEIT’s Associate in Science in Nursing program in October 2021. He is proud of his Philippine heritage and is the first of his family to be born in the United States. In addition to his desire to become a registered nurse, Wilfred has many other interests, and one is fencing. He was the Philippine national athlete and a United States national athlete for six years.

Wilfred has been competing in fencing since he was seven years old. He is from Barrington, Rhode Island, but recently returned from the Olympic training center in the Philippines. He has also lived at the Olympic training centers in Hong Kong, Singapore, Russia, Japan, and several other countries. His impressive list of medals



includes 121 national championships, 6 continent championships, a world championship, Olympic medalist, youth Olympic champion, and a Paralympic games champion for world peace.

In addition to his numerous fencing awards, Wilfred has earned two Presidential service awards from Presidents Obama and Trump for volunteering at hospitals, food pantries, soup kitchens and homeless shelters as well as receiving a Philippines Consulate general award.

Wilfred is also sharing his time and talent in creating a World Peace Era of 124 national champions, 6 continent champions, world champions, Olympic champions, youth Olympic game champions, and Paralympic medalists to support the Olympic committees of developing countries and those at war. World Peace Era is created

by all national athletes who respectively represent their populations.

“I have traveled the seven continents competing for my flag and have found my multifaceted stance to my purpose in life, stated Wilfred. “I come from a family who fought to become citizens in America, sometimes barely eating along the way during their first winters in the U.S. We are a hardworking family. I earned my position of honor as a national champion to hear my national anthem around the world wearing my gold medals. I thought for a long time that my purpose in life was to become an Olympian who dominates all that they meet with complete mechanization towards feelings and emotions.”

“However, after becoming an executive board member of a medical clinic that traveled to Honduras, Ghana, and Panama each year bringing medical supplies and saving thousands of lives, I have been humbled and chose to pursue a healthcare nursing degree,”

Wilfred stated. “Traveling to Ghana was my first time leaving the U.S. and not competing for a national team. Although I did a lot of volunteer work in New York City to help the less fortunate, nothing prepared me for the thousands of people I would meet in Ghana. When a man died in front of me, I remember how helpless I felt as the doctor tried to resuscitate him. I was the first to arrive and the only reaction I had was to call for help. I chose to pursue a nursing degree, earn an EMT certificate, and volunteer at homeless shelters and soup kitchens. I will never forget seeing the light leave that man’s eyes in Ghana. I hope that by graduating with a nursing degree from New England Institute of Technology, I will be able to fulfill my purpose in life and help save others.”

New England Tech is proud to have Wilfred as a student in the nursing program. He is to be commended for his caring spirit and dedication to making the world a better place in any way that he can.



The Alpine Country Club in Cranston was the setting for NEIT’s 11th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament held on September 21, 2021. The tournament was a great success thanks to the generosity of the players, sponsors and donors who together raised more than \$80,000 to benefit deserving NEIT students in need of financial assistance. Special thanks to the NEIT golf committee and volunteers who worked to ensure the success of the tournament. The 12th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament is scheduled for August 22, 2022. Pictured from left are First Place Mixed Foursome Winners and Bronze Sponsor: Sue, Rob, Matt, and Kim Coulstring from Triangle Engineering.

Melissa Bershad, Brianna Bandanza, Chelsea Fontes, Jolie Lequitt, Silvia Adames, Caitlin McMenut, Benjamin Smith, James Simmons

### New England Institute of Technology Veterinary Technology Fall 2021



## Vet Tech Department to the Rescue!

**THIS PAST SPRING**, also known as “Kitten Season” in the veterinary world, is the time of year that animal shelters become overwhelmed with cats and kittens often ill while living outdoors. Animal shelters don’t always have the space to keep the animals for long periods of time while they recover, so they will utilize foster homes.

Dr. Chris Hannafin, NEIT’s Veterinary Technology Department Chair, agreed to foster four kittens from the Providence Animal Rescue League. The kittens were not so healthy upon arrival but after their initial exams, Dr. Hannafin brought them home where their distinct personalities began to emerge. He provided a unique home experience for the kittens complete with supervised outdoor time and crate training.

The kittens came to campus periodically when they were due for vaccines, bloodwork, and surgeries with assistance from NEIT’s Vet Tech students, as they completed AVMA required skills needed for passing the program.

Two weeks after surgery, the now healthy kittens needed loving homes. The first kitten was adopted by a friend of one of the students. A second kitten, “Thor”, was adopted by Kerry Walsh, Vet Tech lab assistant, who takes Thor to campus as he serves as one of the unofficial mascots of the department. The final two kittens were adopted by Ray Angell, NEIT’s Criminal Justice Department Chair, and his family. They had recently lost their beloved dog and cat, so they weren’t sure if they were ready to take the step.

“Our family heard that the Vet Tech department had some kittens they were fostering and were trying to find a good home for them,” stated Mr. Angell. “We contacted Dr. Hannafin and Ms. Walsh and set up a meeting to see the kittens. Having



Amanda Olney with Thor and Tony

recently lost a beloved dog, Chamois, and adult cat, Bibbs, we weren’t sure we were ready to adopt but wanted to explore the option. We went to see Tony and Chee-Chee, and it was love at first sight for sure. It was clear that this brother and sister duo were full of life and curiosity. It was equally clear they were inseparable and what was going to be one new cat in our home quickly turned into adopting both. They have brought great joy and happiness to our home. We can’t thank the Vet Tech staff enough for all they have done to make our home happier and more fulfilled!”



Congratulations to the NEIT Respiratory Care Summer 2021 Graduating Class! These warriors fought through COVID-19 to earn their degree so that they could join the front lines and fight COVID-19 for the lives of their patients. From left: Yenifer-Mendoza-Tobias, Audriana Hill, Jennifer Bitgood, Evantz Fabre, Hayley Ramos, Alyse Cabral and Kayla Barros.



## NEIT’s Esports Center Update

ERIC “EMPERIC” MEDEIROS graduated from NEIT in 2020 with an Associate in Science degree in Information Technology, Network Engineering. He is also a long time esports fan and competitor, having been active in the industry for more than five years, playing in amateur and semi-professional tournaments and later advancing to competitions for professional esports organizations. Eric is now the first head coach of the New England Tech Esports program, focusing on building top-level teams and helping good players become great.

NEIT’s Esports Center, located at the East Greenwich campus, is open Monday through Friday from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00

p.m. Club leagues for League of Legends takes place every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. and Super Smash Bros on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Students are always welcome to walk in and free play during the center’s open hours.

NEIT’s competitive teams are building three game rosters (Rocket League, League of Legends, and Call of Duty) to compete in various collegiate tournaments/leagues across the United States. These leagues include the National Association of Collegiate Esports (NACE), National Esports Collegiate Conference (NECC) and the College Call of Duty League (CCL).

The NEIT community wishes Eric and the new esports teams much success!



In keeping with the mission of NEIT’s Criminal Justice Club of service to others, students collaborated with several local police and fire departments to host a 20th anniversary ceremony to commemorate the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks as well as pay tribute to the men and women who have succumbed to post 9/11 illnesses. The event was held on September 9th at the university’s East Greenwich campus. Attendees at this solemn event included Rhode Island Lt. Governor Sabina Matos along with local and federal government officials; fire chiefs from Johnston and Cranston, police chiefs and honor guards from Cranston, East Greenwich, North Providence, South Kingstown, West Warwick, and West Greenwich, and K-9 Units from Cranston and the Department of Corrections.



From left: Kyle Hevert, Proscape; Bill Ten Eyck and Harry Waterman, Rotary Club of East Greenwich; Elizabeth McNamara, East Greenwich Tree Council.

## Electronics Recycling Event Held at NEIT

**NEW ENGLAND TECH’S** East Greenwich campus was the host site for the First Annual East Greenwich Electronics Recycling Day held on April 24, 2021 to commemorate Earth Day. The event was presented by the Rotary Club of East Greenwich, the East Greenwich Chamber of Commerce, Cartridge World RI and Office Recycling Solutions. The purpose of the event was to offer East Greenwich residents and business owners the opportunity to properly dispose of office equipment and electrical items such as computers, printers, towers, monitors, televisions, radios, and air conditioners. Several NEIT students assisted with the collection drive.

Donations of \$1.00 per item with a maximum donation of \$10.00 was collected with proceeds to benefit the East Greenwich Tree Council. In return, the council designated various locations in East Greenwich where a tree would be planted. NEIT was one of the site’s selected for a tree planting which took place on October 8th at the rear of the Meltzer Residence Hall with members of the Rotary Club of East Greenwich and the East Greenwich Tree Council on hand.

NEIT is proud to have participated in this important recycling event and grateful for the tree donation.



## NEIT Transcripts Are Going Electronic!

New England Tech is working with the National Student Clearinghouse to convert students' paper transcripts into an electronic format. Once completed, students may obtain their transcript 24/7. Transcripts that once took weeks to be obtained will only take 20 minutes. The ordering process is easy, and students can receive text messages to keep them informed throughout the process. While NEIT continues to work to switch to the electronic format, the university is in the process of implementing an easy way for students to obtain paper transcripts through the National Student Clearinghouse.

Whether students are currently enrolled or have graduated, they can access their unofficial transcript through NEIT's Web for Students. Here students can gain access to transfer credits, term by term grades, overall GPA, registered

courses, and much more. To obtain an unofficial transcript copy, visit [students.neit.edu](http://students.neit.edu), click on Web for Students, then proceed to the Registration, Student Records and Financial Aid tab, and click on Student Records where there is a link to the academic transcript.

Other services that are offered electronically include the ability for students to update their address, phone, email, and emergency contact information which must be kept current. Options for FERPA rights are also available online so students can select whether their parents, guardian, employer, etc. can have access to their information. During the upcoming year, NEIT will be upgrading the Web for Students function to allow additional access to electronic student information.

As always, the Registrar's Office is ready to assist students through their NEIT journey and may be reached at the [registrarsoffice@neit.edu](mailto:registrarsoffice@neit.edu).



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# Student Activities

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

**Meet new people! Learn new things!**

**Check out the list of student activities**

For information about any of these activities or events, please contact:

**Melissa Hague**, Student Activities Director, at 739-5000 ext. 3565, or email [mhague@neit.edu](mailto:mhague@neit.edu), or **Megan Driscoll**, Student Activities Coordinator, at 739-5000 ext. 3418, or email [mdriscoll@neit.edu](mailto:mdriscoll@neit.edu).

Stop by and visit the Student Activities Suite on the EG Campus, S119-S120B.

## PAST EVENTS:



### MOVE IN WEEKEND

Student activities staff, RAs, and Orientation Leaders welcomed our newest incoming class!



### PUMPKIN PAINTING

Students got into the Halloween spirit and painted mini pumpkins!



### COSTUME CONTEST

Students show off their amazing costumes and compete for a prize!



### HALLOWEEN BINGO

A spooky take on a favorite game!



### PAINT NIGHT

Our talented students creating their own masterpieces.

## ESPORTS: JOIN OUR ESPORTS LEAGUES!

League of Legends on Tuesdays at 6pm and Super Smash Bros. on Wednesdays at 6pm.

Are you interested in starting a new club on campus?

Contact Melissa Hague, Student Activities Director, [mhague@neit.edu](mailto:mhague@neit.edu)



### BASKETBALL

Students getting out and active in our intramural leagues!