

**Happy Holidays
from
New England College**



In Touch December 2012

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On Campus

The end of the semester is a busy time for students, staff and faculty at NEC. Students are pulling all nighters preparing presentations and papers and studying for final exams. Faculty are doing likewise grading papers and preparing those finals! But it is the holiday season and merriment and giving reigns. Students and staff members stayed UP ALL NIGHT singing Karaoke, tie dying tshirts, and playing games. Gingerbread houses were decorated, coats were collected for the needy in Henniker, and the annual Festival of Lights event helped TEACH Students raised \$600 for their J-term teaching and learning trip to Nicaragua.

During J-Term 2013, thirteen students in the "Taking Education Across Children's Horizons" (TEACH) Club will head to Jinotega, Nicaragua to work with the organization [Outreach 360](#). Most of the students are Education majors and will work with other volunteers in Nicaragua to teach English in neighborhood schools. This 7-14 day service learning initiative began at New England College in 2009 when 4 students urged Professor Susan Reddit to consider a service project with the group in the Dominican Republic. The program is now in its 5th year and is thriving. The students conduct fundraising events throughout the year to help defray the cost of travel. The annual Festival of Lights event is a one of the ways in which students raise both awareness of cultural celebrations and funds toward the trip to Nicaragua. This year the Festival included Diwali (Indian Festival of Lights), Three Kings Day (Caribbean, Puerto Rico), St. Lucia (Sweden), Ramadan (Muslim), Hanukkah (Jewish), Solstice Celebration, and Christmas. A silent auction raised \$ 600 for the students which will help with airfare costs. One lucky staff member received this gift from the auction.

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Did You Know?

[The Center for Civic Engagement is still polling](#)

[New England College Rugby Ranked #1](#)

[Dr. Jim Newcomb was featured in the Union Leader](#)

[Henniker's own Pats Peak is turning 50!](#)

Your Alumni Association Board of Directors

The [Association](#) looks to its members to nominate individuals who will provide leadership and support to the Board of Directors, as it to advance the mission of New England College. The directors meet on campus two to three times annually; coordinate activities inclusive of Alumni & Family Weekend; attend regional alumni events; represent the Alumni Association at all-College events (Convocation, Senior Dinner, Career Nights, Alumni Athletic events, and Commencement); and support the College personally and through participation in fundraising projects and programs.

Alumni Association Board of Directors

Executive Team

President ~ Kristen Bell '05

Vice President ~ Autumn Pepin '03

Treasurer ~ Heather Van Horn '99

Secretary ~ Open

Board Members

Erica Cote '99

Stephanie Lesperance MS '06

Louis Pakula '85

Matt Toy '97

Terry Verville '80

If you have questions, comments, updates or are interested in volunteer opportunities, please send an email to alumni@nec.edu or call 603-428-2398.



Your Alumni Board President Kristen Bell '05

graduated from New England College with a BA in Communication/Computer Technology. After graduation, Kristen spent several years in the financial sector working for Morgan, Stanley, Smith, Barney and most recently in Retirement Plan Operations at T.Rowe Price in Baltimore Maryland.

Kristen has served on the alumni board since 2006 and is currently the board president. She also serves on the Membership and Awards Committee of the board. In addition, she represents the alumni board on the development committee of the [NEC Board of Trustees](#).

Her goals for the alumni association in 2013 are to engage more alumni in the life of the

college by increasing the membership of the board, improving alumni and reunion weekend programming and raising the visibility of the alumni awards program.

When asked why she serves on the board she said, "Every time I give back to NEC I'm making the same investment that the school and community made in me when I came to NEC 12 Years ago. Every year I watch the faculty and staff at NEC transform new minds the same way they transformed me. That is why. That's all the reason I need to give back."

Save the Date for Winter Carnival 2013

Henniker is the place to be from February 15 - 17! Join NEC alumni, students, families and friends for a weekend packed with athletic games, an ice sculpture contest, the annual Snowball, and skiing and boarding at Pats Peak.



NEW TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

New England College Trip to London and Paris May 20 - 28, 2013

Open to all students, faculty, and staff of NEC, as well as alumni, family, and friends. This is a guided tour, but will include free time to explore on your own. Sign up by December 31 in order to take advantage of the monthly payment plan. May is the perfect time of year to visit these two incredible cities. The weather should be nice, while the crowds should be very manageable.

Click this [link](#) for further details or contact Prof. Kalob at dkalob@nec.edu or (603) 428-2205.

Alumni Weekend is coming....



Calling all graduates from the reunion class years of 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008. We need your help to plan Alumni Weekend 2013 which will be held on October 4-6, 2013.

If you are interested in working with the alumni office on your milestone reunion, please contact us via email alumni@nec.edu or call Shirley English-Whitman 603-428-2398.

Consider a Holiday Gift to the Annual Fund - Contributions to the NEC Annual Fund help to continue the student-centered, nurturing environment for which New England College is renowned. Because gifts to the NEC Annual Fund are not designated for a specific purpose, the College can use those gifts wherever the need is greatest. Every gift, no matter what size, does make a difference. Participation from our own college community encourages participation from external sources. Although large gifts are vital to the success of the

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college's programs, participation in any amount is equally important. Thus, a dollar for New England College is a vote of confidence for New England College.

THANK YOU!

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of New England College, thank you for your contributions to your alma mater. From our Henniker to your hometown, we wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season.

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