

# PARENT ConNECtion

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# NEC PARENTS COUNCIL - JOIN US!

The Parents Council serves in an advisory capacity to the College and will work primarily through the Office of Advancement. The purpose of the Parents Council is to foster communication between the College and parents in order to improve the quality of the NEC experience for students and their families. Further, the Parents Council will work to preserve and strengthen the broader mission of the College. The Parents Council will serve to represent and reflect the views of current parents in regard to major events and to assist in communicating with parents about current events and plans of the College as well as the Parents Annual Fund.

For more information about the Parents Council please contact Bethany Craig, Parent Coordinator, at 603-428-2248 or bcraig@nec.edu.

#### **CONVOCATION 2011**



Pictured above: Dr. Michael Thomas and Dr. Michele Perkins

The 2011 Convocation of New England College was held on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Convocation is one of three major academic events at the College and takes place at the beginning of the fall semester. President Michele Perkins and members of the Senior Administration and Board of

Trustees welcome the NEC community back to campus, reflect on recent accomplishments, and share the College's vision of the upcoming year. Students are recognized for their academic achievements and faculty members for their accomplishments. This year's guest speaker was Dr. Michael Thomas, President and CEO of the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE).



# KICKING OFF THE FALL SEMESTER: GOT NEC?

Welcome Weekend ("Got NEC?") 2011 was a great success! The weekend focused on helping new and transfer students better understand New England College, the Henniker community, and the College's beautiful surroundings. Students participated in a variety of activities designed to help them get to know one another and their orientation leader. Groups were organized around themes such as "Got your Back, Got Game?, Got Adventure?, Got Music?, Got Mountains?" and more. Students engaged in a variety of activities and service projects relative to their topic. Throughout the day, students created art and music, climbed walls, designed peaceful reflection spots, hiked mountains, explored Henniker, and learned about the opportunities available to them at New England College.

Students also met with their faculty advisors, attended sessions with the Henniker Police and Campus Safety, worked with athletes in the "Mentors in Violence Prevention" program, met with the Wellness Center about alcohol education, and cooled off in Lake Massasecum. They also heard from Brit and Bulldog, two NEC alumni members who raised the community's awareness of the waste that was being dumped in the Contoocook River in the 1970s. They shared their message, expressing the positive impact students can have at New England College. A video featuring some of the weekend's events can be found at www.youtube.com/NECAdmission.

The Parent ConNECtion newsletter will be sent via email. Be sure we have your current email address for future editions - send your information to Bethany Craig, Parent Coordinator, at bcraig@nec.edu.







### **NEC ALUMNI AND FAMILY WEEKEND 2011**

September 30 through October 2



Alumni and Family Weekend at New England College is packed with great events for everyone, from athletic games to reunion dinners, and the ribboncutting ceremony for the Currier Alumni Center! Check out some of the highlights below and go online to view the complete schedule of events for the weekend.

**Currier Alumni Center Dedication** Ceremony

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of one alumnus, New England College has a new center benefitting its 14,000+ alumni. David P. Currier, a member of the Class of 1972 and former Trustee of the College, has provided a major gift, creating the Currier Alumni Center in the building originally constructed as the Henniker railroad station on Depot

Hill Road. Join us Saturday, October 1 at 11:30 a.m. for a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the grand opening of the Currier Alumni Center.

Alumni Dinner and Awards, Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony Join us Friday, September 30 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to celebrate the outstanding individuals who will be honored with the Alumni Awards and inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Alumni and Family Biergarten

Don't miss out on the Saturday evening festivities, celebrating with beer, brats, and great music from local New Hampshire house band, Mama Kicks! The Biergarten kicks off at 9:00 p.m. and is open until 11:30 p.m.

Family Disco Roller Skating

Join us from 9:00 p.m. to midnight at the Field House for a disco flashback and roller skating! Great music, food, and fun. Roller skates provided.

Henniker Review 40th Anniversary Celebration

2011 marks the 40th anniversary of The Henniker Review! Join former and current members Saturday, October 1 at 3:00 p.m. to celebrate this milestone and the wonderful work published over the past 40 years.

#### Alumni Board 5K Run and Walk

The NEC Alumni Board of Directors will hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 5K Run/ Walk on Saturday, October 1. The race begins at 8:30 a.m. at the NEC Covered Bridge. Parking is available at the Laurie Cox Memorial Field and a pancake breakfast will be held immediately following the race. Preregistration fee (prior to September 30): \$10.00. Day-of-fee: \$15.00. Team of 6 or more is \$50. Email alumni@nec.edu to register.

## FALL'GRIMS AT HOME

#### Field Hockey

October

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Simmons @ 5:00 p.m.
Keene State @ 6:00 p.m.
Lasell @ 1:00 p.m.
Worcester State @ 7:00 p.m.
Farmington @ 5:00 p.m.
Southern Maine @ 6:00 p.m. 13 22 25

#### Men's Soccer

October

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Thomas @ 12:00 p.m.
Farmington @ 12:00 p.m.
Wheaton @ 4:00 p.m.
Maine Maritime @ 2:30 p.m.
Green Mountain @ 3:30 p.m. 22 25

#### Women's Soccer

October

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Thomas @ 2:30 p.m.
Farmington @ 2:30 p.m.
Mount St. Mary's @ 2:00 p.m.
Maine Maritime @ 12:00 p.m.
Green Mountain @ 3:30 p.m. 22 25



# Cross-Country (AWAY)

October

@ Gordon College

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@ NE Open Champs (MA)
@ WNEC Invite (MA)
@ NAC Championship (VT)







#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Alumni and Family Weekend September 30 through October 2

> Mid-Semester Break October 15 through 18

Pre-Registration for Spring 2012 November 14 through 16

> Thanksgiving Break November 23 through 27

> Final Exam Days December 12 through 15

Winter Break December 16 through January 22, 2012

> Winter Carnival February 10 through 12

## SHUTTLE SERVICES FOR **NEC STUDENTS**

NEC offers free shuttle services to/from the Concord Bus Station and Manchester-Boston



Regional Airport for holiday breaks. Please encourage your student to sign-up in advance to reserve their spot by emailing bcraig@nec.edu.

The shuttle leaves from the Simon Center at the following times for upcoming breaks:

#### Mid-Semester Break

Friday, October 14: 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 18: 1:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 9:00 p.m.

#### Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday, November 22: 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 27: 1:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 9:00 p.m.

#### STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Is your student looking for a way to get involved at NEC? Encourage him/her to join one of the 40+ clubs and organizations offered on campus. Questions? Contact Megan Hotaling, Director of Student Involvement. She can be found in the Simon Center (room 306), by calling



Club/Recreation Sports

Men's & Women's Soccer

Ultimate Frisbee

Men's & Women's Ice Hockey Men's & Women's Rugby

Dance Team

Golf Club

Lacrosse

Volleyball

603-428- 2429, or emailing osi@nec.edu.

#### NEC Clubs/Organizations

Adventure Bound Aspiring Minds Business Club Carriage Theatre Ensemble (CTE) Civic Corps Comedy Club Criminal Justice Club Environmental Action Committee Global Awareness Club

The Henniker Review International Student Association (ISA)

Math Club

The New Englander

Health Science Club

New England College Chinese Student Association

New England College Chorus New England College Role Playing Association (NECRA)

Political Science Club

Sexual Orientations United with Pride (SOUP)

Society of Antiquaries

Student Art Association

Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Student Entertainment Committee (SEC)

Student Senate

Taking Education Across Children's Horizons (TEACH) WNEC-radio station

Greek Organizations

Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity (co-ed fraternity) Gamma Sigma Alpha Honor Society Kappa Delta Phi National Affiliated Sorority Order of Omega Honor Society The National Fraternity of Phi Mu Delta

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