

# Parent & Family Newsletter

Back to School 2014



Compiled by the Office of Student Involvement Questions? Contact parent@nec.edu

# Move-In Weekend: Everything You Need To Know

#### New Students

First time NEC students will move in on Friday, August 29 between 8:00am and 12:00pm. Please start by checking in at the Center for Educational Innovation (CEI) located on Circle Street.

Once students have completed paperwork with the Wellness Center and Student Financial Services they will be ready to move into their residence hall. There will be plenty of friendly faces on campus to help.

Once students are moved in, we invite you to attend our Convocation ceremony in the Field House at 2:00pm, which marks the start of the new academic year. The entire NEC community, faculty, staff, and students assemble to celebrate the beginning of a new year and honor the academic achievements of its alumni members. Students will line up at 1:30pm on the Covered Bridge behind West Hall in preparation for Convocation. Immediately following the ceremony, families are invited to join Academic Affairs and Advancement for a reception in the Simon Center Great Room. By 4:00pm, we ask that parents and families say goodbyes and depart campus... we have a full Fall Orientation weekend planned for our new students!

#### Fall Athletes

Students who will be playing a fall sport should contact their coach to find out specific move in times. New students not participating at practice or games are encouraged to participate in all weekend activities and sessions.

#### Commuter Students

Students commuting from home and new to NEC are encouraged to participate in all of Fall Orientation. Please arrive on campus Friday, 8/29 by Noon. Commuter students may park in the Simon Center parking lot or the Larter Hall lot.

#### **Returning Students**

Returning NEC students living on campus may move into their residence halls on Monday, September I between 9:00am and 5:00pm. Between these times students living in Charter, Connor, East, Union, Rowe, or Sanborn should report to the Coffeehouse in Charter Hall. Students living in Colby should report to the Colby Hall Office. Students who arrive after 5:00pm need to report to Campus Safety to pick up their room combinations and other check in information.

# Welcome Back Events

Once all new and returning students are back on campus and settled in on Monday, September I, the Office of Student Involvement will host a special evening of fun events!

At 5:30pm we'll kick off the evening with our Welcome Back BBQ on the Simon Lawn. At 8:00pm, we'll celebrate the men's Club Rugby team's national championship with a bonfire and music at the Currier Alumni Center.



#### Fall Semester Important Dates

9/26-9/28 -- Homecoming Weekend 10/18-10/21 – Mid-Semester Break 11/12 – Pre-Registration for Spring 2015 11/25 – Residence Halls close at 7:00pm for Thanksgiving Break 11/26-11/30 – Thanksgiving Break 11/30 – Residence Halls open at 8:00am 12/12 – Last day of classes 12/15-12/17 – Final Exam Days 12/18 – Residence Halls close at 7:00pm for Semester Break

# Save The Date!

#### Homecoming Weekend 2014

We hope you can attend Homecoming weekend this September 26-28! This annual event provides the entire NEC community – past and present - the opportunity to return to

campus, have fun, and reconnect with their beloved College. Class reunions, athletic events, awards ceremonies, and other special events and celebrations are held over the 3-day period. The

Offices of Advancement and Student Involvement coordinate these events, making the weekend enjoyable and meaningful for alumni, students, faculty and staff. We recommend making hotel accommodations now! You can find a complete list of area accommodations on our website at

http://www.nec.edu/about/visit/.

### NEC Athletics: Attend a Game!

To view the entire athletic schedule, sign up for an athletics newsletter or game scores, or to purchase NEC fan gear, please visit: http://athletics.nec.edu/.



Over 50% of NEC students participate in some kind of physical exercise, whether on one of our 17 varsity sports, a variety of diverse club sports, or outdoor recreation abundantly available in our four-season New England setting. Come experience the fun and community by attending a game, or encourage your student to attend! COMING SOON: NEC has just announced the relaunch of its competitive alpine ski team for 2016! Stay tuned for more information,

Athletics Schedule: first week of classes:

Tue, Sep. 02, 2014 Men's Soccer vs Amherst College, 8:00 p.m. Wed, Sep. 03, 2014

Field Hockey

at Wellesley College, 4:30 p.m. Women's Soccer

at Regis College, 7:30 p.m

Sat, Sep. 06, 2014 Women's Soccer

at Wentworth Institute of Tech., I:00 p.m.

**Field Hockey** at Keene State, I:30 p.m.

Men's Soccer at Rivier University, 4:00 p.m.

Sun, Sep. 07, 2014 Women's Soccer

vs Saint Joseph's College of Maine, 2:30 p.m. Men's Soccer

vs Plymouth State University, 5:00 p.m. Cross Country/Track at Castleton State College Invitational Men I1:00/Women I1:45

### ConNECtions Fair 2014: Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> Ice Arena

The ConNECtions Fair provides a fun and easy way to discover what there is to do on campus and how to get involved, while at the same time allowing students to find jobs on campus through our work study program.

This year we will also be incorporating information on internship opportunities with Concord area businesses. Students should stop by the Ice Arena between I:00pm-4:00pm (no classes are held during this time).

## The Importance of Student Involvement



- Involvement builds a student's life experiences, as well as their resume!
- Students may find new interests and passions.
- Students meet people they might not have gotten to know through classes.
- Students are paying for the whole college experience, not just classroom time - take advantage of all that is offered!
- Students become more connected to NEC.

# Getting Involved at NEC

Students can choose to join any of our 30+ organizations on campus. For a complete list of clubs and organizations, please visit:

#### http://www.nec.edu/life/clubsorganizations/

Beyond joining an organization, students can also get involved in community service, recreational and intramural sports, work study jobs on campus, attending events on campus, hanging out in the Coffeehouse or other public spaces, taking advantage of all that Henniker has to offer, or applying for a leadership position on campus such as Peer Leaders or Resident Advisors.

Encourage your student to visit the Office of Student Involvement in the Simon Center (Rooms 314 & 315), or to attend our ConNECtions Fair!