



PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

April 2025



New England College's Student Showcase serves as a celebration of our students' research, creativity, and innovation and highlights NEC's commitment to academic excellence. This event offers a unique opportunity to experience firsthand the diverse talents and groundbreaking projects that define the NEC community.

Wednesday, April 23

Sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. and run throughout the day in locations across campus.

We welcome family and friends to join us on campus this day in celebrating our students academic work.
[Please view the event link for a more detailed schedule of events.](#)

Commencement Information

<https://www.nec.edu/commencement>

Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

The Simon Green

98 Bridge Street, Henniker, NH 03242

ResLife Important Information

Spring has finally arrived in Henniker, just in time for April and the final push to the end of the Spring 2025 semester. April is an exciting time of year in Residential Life and Housing as we finish up the 25-26 Housing Selection process and put the final touches on a variety of exciting programs and events happening in these last few weeks of the semester. Please take note of the following upcoming important dates for your student:

2025-2026 Housing Assignments

April 18th: 2025-2026 Housing and Meal Plan Assignment official letters sent to students' NEC emails on or before this date.

Summer Housing

Friday, April 25th: Deadline to sign up for Summer Housing. The cost is \$1,500 for each 7-week term. There is no meal plan service available during the summer term.

Residence Hall Closure

Thursday, May 1st @ 7PM: Residence Halls close for all students, except for graduating seniors and approved summer housing residents. Students should plan to leave campus when they have completed their on-campus academic requirements for the semester or by 7PM on May 1st, whichever comes first.

Fall 2025 Move In

Saturday, August 23rd: Returning Student Move-In for Fall 2025 semester. RAs, Peer Leaders, Diversity Ambassadors, and Fall Athletes should consult their supervisor or coach for their fall move-in information.

Writing and Academic Support Center

April Showers Bring May Flowers: Overcoming Challenges for a Strong Finish

As March wraps up, it's hard to believe that there's really only a few weeks left in the semester! This last month is often overwhelming for students, faculty, and staff alike as exams, projects, papers, and presentations approach and the pressure is on to finish strong. All this while energy levels are still recovering from winter, daylight savings time, and classically rainy weather. On the bright side, the old adage "April Showers Bring May Flowers" is cliché for a reason. For college students, the challenges of this season can lead to growth and success. With the right mindset and strategies, students can navigate these last few weeks with confidence.

Embrace the Challenges

Much like a rainy April (in New England), it is expected that the final few weeks of the school year will be stressful. Everything is coming up due and it is easy for students to feel discouraged when faced with heavy workloads or academic setbacks. It can be helpful to remind them that challenges are part of the learning process, and persistence is key. Campus resources such as tutors, advisors, and faculty are here to support students and help them succeed. In addition, friends and classmates can be valuable resources to help with studying or to recharge after a stressful day.

Create a Plan

Time management becomes especially important in these final weeks. Help students develop a plan by prioritizing tasks, setting realistic goals, and breaking large assignments into manageable steps. Using planners, to-do lists, or digital tools can keep them organized and on track.

Stay Motivated

Burnout is very common at this point in the semester. It is so important for students to celebrate small victories by taking breaks, connecting with friends and loved ones. No matter what, practicing basic self-care is the most important thing a student can do for themselves.

Looking Forward to the Bloom

While April may bring its share of academic "showers," the effort students put in now will hopefully pay off when they see the results of their hard work in May! Remind them that growth often comes from challenges, and by pushing through these last few weeks, they are setting themselves up for success.

Families can play a big role in providing encouragement and reminding students of their progress. With the right support and mindset, students can finish the semester strong and enjoy the rewards of their hard work.



Senior Class Gift Campaign

The Senior Class Gift Campaign is a proud tradition that allows graduating seniors to give back to New England College and leave a lasting legacy for future Pilgrims.

We invite every member of the Class of 2025 to participate before Commencement weekend with a gift that is meaningful and comfortable to them. Whether it's \$5, \$20.25, \$50, or more, every gift counts toward our goal of 50 Senior gifts and makes a lasting impact.

Why Give?

🎓 Graduation Cord – Seniors who donate \$20.25 or more will receive a special philanthropy cord to wear at Commencement.

🌿 Campus Legacy – Thanks to a generous alum match, every senior gift helps add Adirondack chairs and side tables to beautify our campus.

Join your classmates in giving back and help shape the future of NEC!

Make your gift today and be part of this meaningful tradition.

Student Financial Services Updates

The 25-26 FAFSA March 1 priority filing date has passed but you can still file your FAFSA to apply for financial aid for the upcoming fall semester. Please submit your 25-26 FAFSA at studentaid.gov as soon as possible.

Graduating seniors who borrowed student loans must complete loan exit counseling at studentaid.gov prior to graduation.

Work study jobs are still available for this semester and for the summer semester.

To apply, follow these steps:

- Visit nec.peopleadmin.com
- Click “Log in/Create Account” on the left-hand side.
- Enter your NEC email address and password. If you’re a new student, you might need to reset your password.
- Once logged in, click “Search Student Jobs.”
- Browse the available jobs.
- Click “View Details” for the job you're interested in.
- Click “Apply for this job” to submit your job application.

Summer term Pell grants are available for Pell grant eligible students to help pay for summer term courses. The Pell Grant amount depends on the number of credits enrolled, SAI (from FAFSA), and remaining eligibility. After registering for summer courses, students will automatically receive the maximum grant they qualify for.

Financial aid appointments are available for students and parents to help with filing the FAFSA, help with loan exit counseling, applying for a work study job or inquiring about summer Pell grants. [Schedule an appointment online here.](#)

Education Students Updates

Bringing history to life—pre-service teachers analyze firsthand WWII letters and documents to develop engaging, inquiry-based curriculum strategies for their future classrooms.



A Message from Mentoring Program

Winter has been reluctant to relinquish its grip with snow, rain, wind, and chilly temperatures. This has dampened students' spirits as they returned from Spring Break. With only a handful of weeks remaining, the workload is increasing. Papers, projects, and presentations—oh, my! Procrastination is the bane of a college student's existence. It is more important than ever that students resist giving in to that temptation. As with the end of fall semester, students should make regular use of campus resources (Wellness, Writing and Academic Support Center, Academic Advising, Mentoring), and plan ahead as much as possible. Breaking assignments into manageable parts can reduce overwhelm. Forming a study group is an effective way to motivate each other and be productive. To Do Lists (via apps or paper) may seem “old school”, but they can be a useful tool for organization and time management. Communication with professors is an additional key component of academic success. Encourage your student to meet with their professor during office hours for help with assignments and/or understanding the course material. Seniors are counting the days until Commencement on May 3rd but now is not the time to become complacent. You're almost there, however, a lot can happen in these remaining weeks. That diploma you've been striving for, is within your grasp. You got this! Both Spring warmth and graduation will be here before you know it. 🌸☀️

A Message from Academic Advising

Hello NEC Community,

We are quickly approaching the end of the semester! This can be a very busy time of year for our students with upcoming exams and projects, preparing for finals, and even campus events. This is an important time for students to plan ahead and remember the resources available to them on campus and to communicate with their instructors.

Academic Advising continues to support students throughout the Summer. There are two opportunities for students to enroll in Summer courses. Our Summer I Term runs Monday, May 12 – Sunday, June 29 and our Summer II Term runs Monday, June 30 – Sunday, August 17. These courses are a great opportunity for students to boost their GPA, get ahead in credits, or take a class that may already be full for fall semester!

[Please see the current schedule on the website.](#)

As always, we are available for any questions, concerns, or registration assistance by emailing advising2@nec.edu.

Thank you,
Academic Advising

South Korea Immersion Trip

We traveled for an LAS 7 course called Storytelling as Research that asks students to read a narrative, travel to the location of the narrative, isolate a global problem they observe during travel to research, and then they create a qualitative research project to research the topic at the local level. This semester, we read Blaine Harden's *Escape from Camp 14*, which tells Shin Dong Hyuk's story of escaping a North Korean prison camp he was born into. Since we're not able to travel to North Korea, we went to South Korea to visit the DMZ and learn more about North Korean defectors. We had the opportunity to interview a woman who had willingly paid a broker to help her exit North Korea, but instead of having a factory job in China as promised, was sold to a Chinese man for forced marriage

We also visited the War & Women's Rights Museum, which chronicles the lives of the Japanese Comfort Women, who were a group of South Korea women tricked into sexual slavery during the Japanese occupation of South Korea. For decades, no one really knew that this had occurred until a few brave women told their story in the 1980s and began to demand that Japan acknowledge what had occurred and apologize to the women who were taken. While focusing on the Comfort Women, the museum also acknowledges how women are treated in times of war throughout the world, including the Vietnamese women who were mistreated by Korean soldiers during the Vietnamese war.

[To see more trip photos use this link](#)



Criminal Justice DC Immersion Trip



NEC Criminal Justice students spent spring break in Washington DC as part of their capstone experience. This is the group of students on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court after students had toured the Court. Standing with the students are two members of the U.S. Capitol Police and their K-9.

This photo was taken at the DEA Training Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Students and faculty were given a tour of the DEA Clandestine Drug Lab.

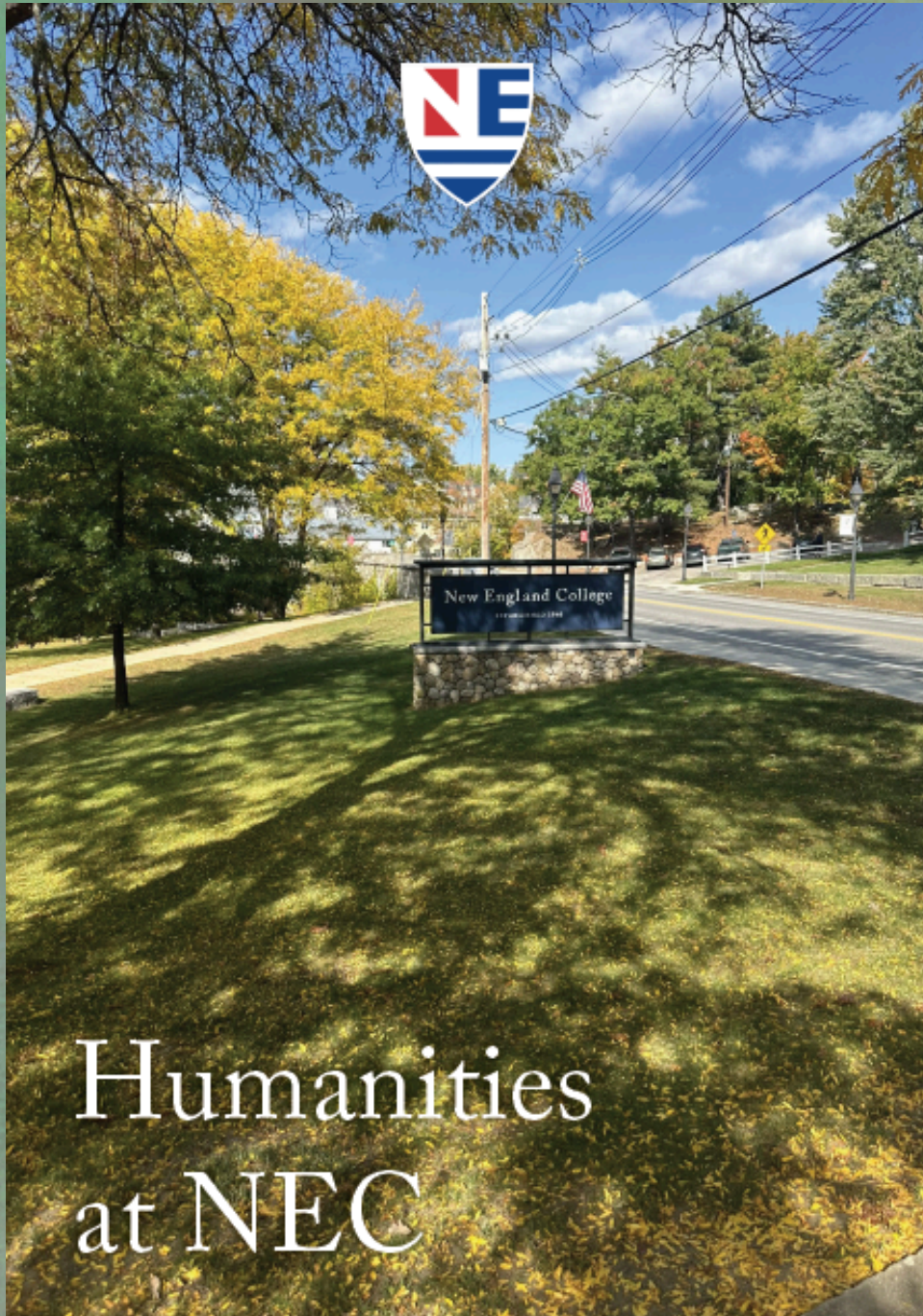


Humanities Viewbook

The "Visual Print Marketing – Production Design." course in the fall semester brought together, creative writing majors, and art and design majors to develop a piece of advertising material for NEC. In this case, we developed an advertising view book promoting the humanities in New England College. This course will be run in future semesters promoting a new division.

The visual and design work was done entirely by the art and design students; while all the writing was done by the creative writing students. So this was truly an experiential and interdisciplinary course and the students had a great time with it.

Explore the Viewbook



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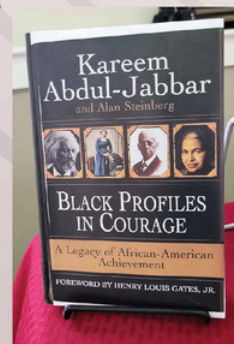
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Diversity and Inclusion Newsletter →



March 2025

THE BLACK HISTORY MONTH
CELEBRATION WAS OBSERVED IN
FEBRUARY



STUDENTS ENJOYED
CELEBRATING WITH
FRIENDS



THE BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION OFFERED VALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF BLACK INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT HISTORY. THIS EVENT SERVED AS AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATION AND REFLECTION ON THE PROGRESS MADE BY THE BLACK COMMUNITY OVER THE YEARS.



Students in Manchester on an
Educational Trip to the Currier
Museum





**THIS PAGE HAS A DISPLAY OF FILMS
CREATED BY WOMEN, AND LITERATURE
AUTHORED BY FEMALE WRITERS.**



International Students' Presentations



Students went on a trip to the Boston Hayway Mall



International Students' Presentations



Nazim, an exchange student from Pakistan, recently presented his culture to the New England College community. He provided a detailed overview of Pakistan's history, highlighting significant art forms, including the renowned handmade balls. Additionally, he discussed various traditions, culinary practices, familial values, agricultural methods, and the types of livestock commonly raised within the community. This comprehensive presentation aimed to enhance the understanding and appreciation of Pakistani culture.

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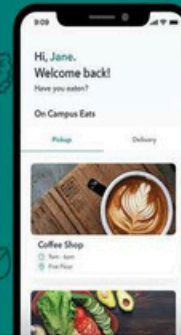


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APRIL IS EARTH MONTH

Garden PARTY



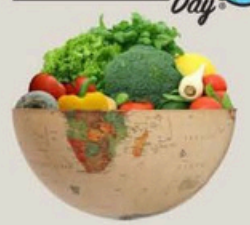
April 22nd | 11-2
Social House at Gilmore

A celebration filled with fresh blooms, nutritious bites, and an environmentally conscious choices.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30TH

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SPRING SEMESTER EVENTS



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