



# PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

January 2026



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**COMMENCEMENT  
2026**

Saturday, May 2, at 10:00 a.m.

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Contact Allie at [abirchmeier@nec.edu](mailto:abirchmeier@nec.edu)  
with questions

# Updates from Res Life

ResLife is glad to have your student back for the Spring 2026 semester! We are excited about what this semester brings, especially as we look ahead and begin planning for the 2026-2027 Academic Year (Yes, already!). For any students who may be interested in applying, RA applications are available now and are due on February 13th. ResLife staff will also be holding several RA info sessions for those students interested in learning more about the position. Please have your student check their NEC email for info session locations, or they can speak to their Area Coordinator.

Please also save the date for the 2026-2027 Housing Selection process, which returning students will participate in between March 23rd and April 8th. As a reminder for families, NEC has a three-year on-campus residency requirement, which means that all undergraduate students are required to live on campus for their first 3 years (or six semesters) unless they meet one or more of the established eligibility criteria. We highly recommend all students confirm their eligibility before signing any lease off campus! Students can look for more information about housing selection and the on-campus requirement in their NEC email or by stopping by the ResLife office during normal business hours.

## **Other important dates for this semester:**

- Residence halls close for Spring Break: February 27th – March 8th
- Housing Selection for the 2026-2027 Academic Year: March 23rd – April 8th
- Summer 2026 On-campus Housing Information Coming: Middle of April 2026
- Residence Hall Spring Closing for non-graduating students: 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 30, 2026



# Financial Aid Updates

## **The 2026–2027 FAFSA is now open!**

Apply for financial aid for the upcoming school year by completing your FAFSA today at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) before March 1.

### **What is FAFSA?**

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the application you need to complete each year to apply for financial aid to help pay for school.

### **Why should I file now?**

- The FAFSA must be renewed annually.
- The 2026–2027 FAFSA is for classes starting after June 30, 2026.
- Some forms of financial aid are limited, so applying early increases your chances of receiving the maximum amount of aid.
- Submitting early allows you to focus on other aspects of attending college and removes the stress of last-minute planning.

### **Need help?**

You can schedule an appointment to get in-person, phone or Zoom assistance with your FAFSA filing [here](#).

## **1098-T Tuition Statements for Taxes Available in MyNEC January 31, 2026**

A 1098-T form assists eligible students in determining if they qualify to claim an education tax credit on a tax return. The 1098-T form is an informational form and receipt of a 1098-T form does not imply eligibility for a tax credit. Depending on income (or family income for dependent students), whether enrolled full or half-time, and the amount of qualified educational expenses for the year, students may be eligible for a federal education tax credit. Detailed information about claiming education tax credits may be found in [IRS Publication 970](#). 1098-T forms for eligible students are made available online in MyNEC and sent by mail by January 31. To view the form in MyNEC, navigate to 'Student Services & Financial Aid', 'Student Records', 'Tax Notification', '2025'. New England College prepares the 1098-T forms in compliance with IRS regulations; however, we cannot offer any tax advice. Please consult a qualified tax preparer or the following resources: IRS Website [irs.gov](https://irs.gov). IRS Phone 1-800-829-1040.



# Academic Advising Updates

Hello NEC Community,

Welcome to the Spring Semester! Academic Advising has been working with students throughout the winter break updating schedules and ensuring students are ready for their return. With classes beginning Monday, January 12, it will be incredibly important students are prepared. Students should review their schedules and retrieve their required course materials. These materials can be found via their MyNEC account and our E-Campus website: <https://nec.ecampus.com/>. We also recommend students continue to monitor their NEC email for important updates and term deadline information.

As always, we are available for any questions or concerns by emailing [advising2@nec.edu](mailto:advising2@nec.edu).

We cannot wait for our students to return to campus!

Thank you,  
Academic Advising





# New Year, Same Students: A Message from the Writing and Academic Support Center

Hello families!

The team at the Writing and Academic Support Center (WASC) is back for the spring semester and we're looking forward to working with our new and returning students. We had an incredible fall semester working with a total of 213 different students in 71 different courses!

For our new families, here is a brief overview of the WASC and the services that we offer:

We are open six days a week (closed Saturdays) and employ a fantastic team of professional and peer tutors to assist students in just about any course and with a multitude of academic skills including time management, study skills, note taking, academic writing, and exam preparation. We offer these services at no additional charge to all NEC students including on campus students, commuters, online students, and graduate students. To make an appointment or learn more about our services, students can visit us on the second floor of Danforth Library, email us at [wasc@nec.edu](mailto:wasc@nec.edu), or call us at (603)428-2276.

Now that it is spring semester, many returning students have found their feet. Some are starting their last stretch towards graduation, while others are returning to a campus that is finally starting to feel familiar after their first semester. Most are somewhere in the middle. Last semester, the most common reasons that students sought support were time management, study strategies, and understanding assignments (i.e. learning how to be a successful college student). Many students returned more than once, not always because they were struggling, but because they were in the process of learning what worked.

As much as January is traditionally about "new year's resolutions" and "new year new me," spring semester at the WASC is less about reinventing oneself and more about fine tuning and awareness. Students often expect the new semester to erase old habits. In reality, the same strengths and challenges carry forward — and that's okay. What changes is awareness. Spring success often looks like the same student making slightly better choices, a little earlier.



# Mentoring Program Tips

A New Year, new semester, new schedule, new classes, and new professors can all add up to new stressors. Remind your student to use the skills they've developed as a successful college student. Get off on the right foot by not missing classes early on, keeping course syllabi handy for reference, checking Blackboard, and NEC email daily, and completing homework assignments as soon as possible to avoid procrastination and overwhelm later. If your student has been taking a Winter Term course, final assignment deadlines are on the horizon. Every credit is important. Submit that final assignment on time, then "spring" into the new semester with confidence! Best wishes for 2026 from the Mentoring Team!

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# Anna's Writing Corner



## Communicating is a Form of Writing

During my office hours at the Writing and Academic Support Center, many of my own students came by to work on their papers. Unsurprisingly, they want clarification on their assignments and so I begin the conversation by asking if they understand the prompt and the parameters of the assignment. The answers vary: some may be more direct and say, “not really” or ambiguous “not really.”

Because writing assignments are not inherently different, the struggle I see is that students do not take the time to try to self-understand first and immediately begin writing to simply finish the assignment. The first act of communication at play here is the prompt, which then shifts to the student's evaluation of understanding. I've made it a habit to ask students for my class and at the WASC to be concrete when answering what they do not understand and what is unclear from the prompt or instructions.

Now that we will soon return to another academic semester, we can all learn to ask better questions. And there are some questions students can ask themselves when seeking help from their instructors and the WASC:

1. Did I take the time to read the assignment?
2. Did I read the course materials that are connected to the assignment?
3. Why do I still struggle to understand the assignment?

Students should note that these questions are not about writing; it's about doing the pre-required work that the class asks of them. Writing is not an activity that comes from the ether but one that expresses a reaction of understanding and communicating.





President Wayne F. Lesperance, Jr. cordially invites you to

## Founders Day

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.  
Rosamond Page Putnam Center for the Performing Arts

Or livestream: [nec.edu/foundersdaylivestream](https://nec.edu/foundersdaylivestream)

### Keynote Speaker

Major General David Mikolaities  
Adjutant General, New Hampshire National Guard

Founders Day celebrates the College's beginnings as a place of opportunity for veterans returning from World War II and recognizes the commitment of the founding faculty, staff, administration, and students who helped make that vision possible.

### For More Information

603.428.2489 | [events@nec.edu](mailto:events@nec.edu)



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February 11, 2026

10:00 AM- 2:30 PM

Simon Center Great Room



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# UPCOMING SPRING SEMESTER EVENTS

**WINTER BLUES & BBQ**




Gilmore | 1-21 | 11-2pm

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**DIY Cannolis**

FILL, DIP, DEVOUR.  
Create your own cannoli dipped and decorated to perfection.



GILLY | 2/13 | 11:30-1:30PM

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**Teaching KITCHEN**

DATE: 2/11  
LOCATION: Gilly  
TIME: 5-6:30pm

**Herb Dips**

Get hands-on in our Teaching Kitchen! This month, we're celebrating fresh herbs - learn to make tasty herb dips to enjoy with crostini's and crisp crutches.



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**Social House Superbowl Party**

Sunday @ 4:30pm  
February 8th

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# THE OFFICE OF STUDENT EMPOWERMENT AND LEADERSHIP

## Hello Families!



This Spring 2026 semester, students will participate in a range of empowerment and leadership activities and events designed to provide opportunities for developing critical thinking, time management, communication, and decision-making skills.



## MISSION

TO INSPIRE AND CULTIVATE AN ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS THAT EMPOWERS AND ALLOWS THEM TO UNLOCK THEIR FUTURE POTENTIAL THROUGH LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH



Through collaborative engagement and a positive attitude, participants will have the chance to inspire one another and enhance their

overall competencies. The Student Empowerment and Leadership department

will play a significant role in the development of the curriculum for events and student activities.





# THE OFFICE OF STUDENT EMPOWERMENT AND LEADERSHIP

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SCAN THE QR  
CODE OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE:



<https://www.nec.edu/student-empowerment-and-leadership>



## Initiatives

- Passport Program
- Volunteer programs
- Transformational leadership programs
- Collaboration with various NEC departments
- Educational workshops and presentations
- Educational excursions, such as leadership retreats
- Bi-weekly Empowerment sessions
- Career development fairs

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