



PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

May 2026

Dear New England College Community,

Reflecting on this year's Commencement celebration, I am filled with pride and gratitude as we honored the achievements of the Class of 2026. The day was a joyful celebration not only of academic accomplishment, but also of the resilience, determination, and growth our graduates demonstrated throughout their journey at New England College.

To the Class of 2026: congratulations on reaching this remarkable milestone. You have challenged yourselves, supported one another, and made your mark on our community. We are proud of all you have accomplished and excited to see the impact you will make in the years ahead.

To the families, faculty, staff, and friends who supported our students along the way, thank you. Your encouragement, mentorship, and dedication helped make this moment possible.

I also want to extend my appreciation to everyone across our campus community who helped make Commencement weekend such a memorable and meaningful celebration for our graduates and their families.

Congratulations once again to the Class of 2026.

GO GRIMS!

Wayne F. Lesperance, Jr.
President
New England College



ResLife Important Information

As we wrap up the 2025-2026 academic year, the Residential Life and Housing team wishes you and your student a joyful and relaxing summer and we look forward to welcoming returning students back for the 2026-2027 academic year in August! While we hope your student is able to have some time to rest and recharge before returning in August, we do recommend that students find a regular time to read their NEC email over the summer so they don't miss any important communication.

Move in for the Fall 2026 semester will take place on Saturday, August 22nd. RAs, Peer Leaders, SEL Ambassadors, and Fall Athletes should consult their supervisor or coach for their fall move-in information.

Can you help future students discover NEC?



Help future students discover NEC! Share your good experience with a Facebook recommendation at facebook.com/NewEngCollege/reviews.

Just a few sentences can make a big impact!
(Please note, reviews can only be submitted via desktop.)

Immersion Trip: #On the Road: Travel Writing in Costa Rica



The course titled “#On the Road: Travel Writing in Costa Rica,” culminates with a seven-day trip that offered a wealth of opportunities for students. Students cruised through a river searching for crocodiles, hiked in lush rainforests, and searched for monkeys, sloths, and Toucans. The Jungles, Peaks, and North Pacific Shores trip featured the essential highlights of Costa Rica.

Students began in the lush lowland rainforest of Selva Verde, continued to Arenal Hanging Bridges to marvel at the views of the forest canopy, and witnessed the unique biodiversity inhabiting El Viejo wetlands. Plus, they learned about Costa Rica's impressive biological footprint, and its remarkable story of conservation since the 1980s, gained a look at traditional chocolate making methods, and experienced a thrilling whitewater rafting adventure.

Read about the students trip on their blog! <https://necwanderlust.blogspot.com/>

2026 CJ-4020 Field Experience to Washington, DC, Maryland & Virginia

On Saturday, February 28, 2026, twenty-five Criminal Justice graduating seniors joined CJ faculty for an exciting trip to the greater Washington, DC area. The purpose of this engaged form of learning is to expose the students to many Federal, County, and local Criminal Justice organizations that they have learned about at NEC and for potential career opportunities. The trip is one full week, and the actual itinerary is based upon student requests.

During the week, the students visited and enjoyed presentations at the Metropolitan DC Police Department, Special Operations Division (K9 and Drones), the Harbor Patrol Unit, and the Air Support (FALCON) Unit. We also enjoyed going to the FBI Academy and the DEA Academy; both at Quantico Marine Corp Base in Virginia. Students also enjoyed going out on the Potomac River in police boats, learning about the war on drugs from the DEA, and going on patrol with the Prince William County, VA, Police Department. We also enjoyed going into the courtroom at the US Supreme Court and touring the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum. It was an action-packed week with great weather.

For the evening hours at our hotel, the students enjoyed training classes dealing with Civil Disturbance Units, Terrorism, Behavioral Analysis, and an outstanding presentation by Steve Murphy, the cofounder of DEA NARCOS on Netflix. He also did a book signing for each student of his highly acclaimed book "Manhunters; the Takedown of Pablo Escobar".

The students returned on Saturday, March 7th, happy, tired, and having learned a lot more about the Criminal Justice systems. Some have already been hired or are in hiring processes with some of the agencies that they visited.



A Message from Mentoring Program

Congratulations once again to all our graduating undergraduate seniors! We shared the joy of your accomplishments, and we wish you goals achieved and dreams fulfilled in the years ahead. For those students returning to NEC in the fall, we look forward to seeing you and hearing about your summer adventures. Parents, if you feel your student could benefit from additional academic support as they embark on a new college year, please contact the Director of Mentoring, Erin Brooks over the summer (ebrooks@nec.edu). She will be happy to answer any questions, provide information, and an enrollment form. Spaces are limited.

Have a safe and happy summer, Pilgrims!
Remember, classes will begin August 24th, 2026.

Fall Festival 2026



 *Save the Date!* 

New England College
ESTABLISHED 1946

FALL FESTIVAL
ALUMNI & FAMILY WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 25 - 27, 2026
HENNIKER, NH

NEC GOLF CLASSIC
SEPTEMBER 25, 2026
CANTERBURY WOODS
COUNTRY CLUB



Summer Break Wellness Center Reminders



The Wellness Center would like to wish you a happy summer and encourage you to address the following topics over the summer:

Schedule your yearly follow-up appointments. If you are prescribed medication by your PCP or another provider from your home area, you will be expected to be seen at least yearly for the prescriptions to continue. This is especially important if they prescribe a controlled medication (i.e. ADHD treatment).

Update your vaccines. If you are due for a vaccine over the summer, see your provider or pharmacy and get it done before you return and send Wellness the documentation. You will need to be up-to-date on all your required vaccines to be allowed to move back in to your dorm in the Fall and attend your classes. Common vaccines that need to be updated over the summer include a TDAP vaccine (required) within the past 10 years or your 2nd dose of Meningitis B vaccine (no longer required, but still highly recommended).

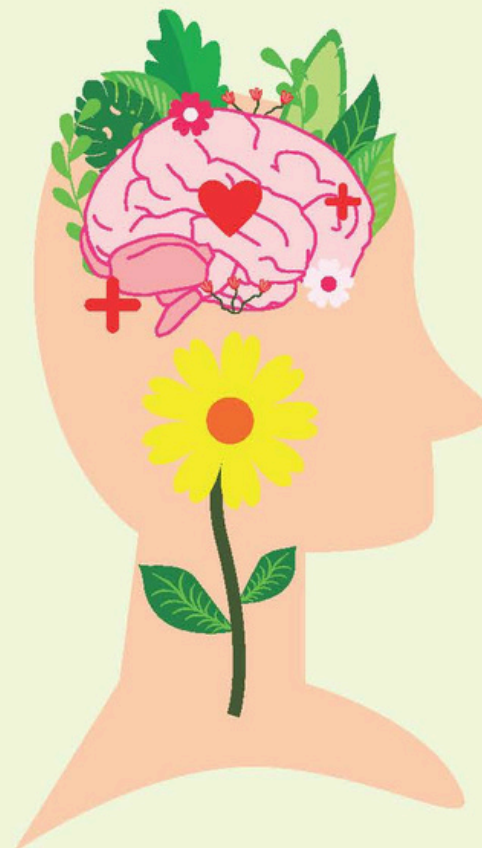
You may be able to continue counseling appointments via telehealth. If you live in NH or Massachusetts and want to continue counseling over summer break, call us at 603-428-2253 to discuss options. (Licensing requirements limit this option to residents of NH and MA).

You may be able to continue prescriptions via the Wellness Center. If you have received your prescriptions from our Wellness Center and are up-to-date with your follow-up appointments, contact us at 603-428-2253 to discuss any prescriptions that need to be continued over the summer.

Scan the following barcode for tips
about healthcare after graduation:



FINDING MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AFTER GRADUATION



1) Understand Your Needs

- Are you looking for ongoing therapy, medication management, crisis support, or just someone to talk to occasionally?

2) Use Your Insurance

- Check your health insurance plan (through work, family, or state coverage) for mental health benefits.
- Visit your provider's website or call their customer service to find in-network therapists or psychiatrists. (ask about co-pays, deductibles, and session limits)

3) Find A Therapist

- Psychology Today : [psychologytoday.com](https://www.psychologytoday.com) (filter by location, insurance, specialties, and more)



- Therapy Den: [therapyden.com](https://www.therapyden.com) (inclusive, values-based therapist directory)



4) Crisis Support

- 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (call or text for 24/7 free, confidential support)
- Crisis Text Line (Text **Hello** to **741741**)



New England
College


Wellness Center

Pictures from River Day



Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy this “snow day” in spring, one of the great NEC traditional events.

2026 NEC Student Showcase!



Here are a few photos from the 2nd annual campus-wide Student Showcase. Students shared their research, creativity, and innovation with the entire community.



Did you miss the 2026
Student Awards?



Management Division Spring Events

Almost 200 students displayed their Research Presentations, Creative Exhibits, and Interactive Demonstrations throughout campus, on April 21st. The Management Division displayed their students' creativity, collaboration skills, and classroom knowledge in each presentation. The Business Administration Department brought their A-Game during the showcase.

Dr. Carrie oversaw her students' Marketing campaigns. Students were tasked to create an effective campaign around a haunted attraction located less than an hour away from campus- The Dark Woods. In addition to Dr. Carrie's lessons, students gained valuable experience in interdisciplinary work alongside some of NEC's Art students. "The collaboration was designed to mirror professional creative industry practices," Dr. Carrie writes. "Where marketers and visual artists work together to produce cohesive campaigns".

2026 Shark Tank presentations. Six groups went head-to-head looking to "hook" the judges to secure funding for their brilliant ideas. After a long deliberation by our Five judges, they announced their picks:

- 1st Place: Augustus Cantwell with SipSense
- 2nd Place: Egor Osipik with AI Marketing Agency
- 3rd Place: Marisol Almanzar and Cheryl Dolson with Easy Park

Celebrating the accomplishments of our students, five awards were handed out for the Management Division at Student Award Night. Congratulations to the recipients!

- Joris-Joost Voogd received the Accounting Award
- Jakub Rusina received the Business Administration Award
- Devin Hamilton received the Computer Information Systems Award
- Quillon Bowman received the Cybersecurity Award
- Aurora Gutierrez-Macias received the Sports & Recreation Management Award

Business Club Trip

Recently, NEC's Business club had the opportunity to travel to New York City and explore career opportunities and network with professionals in the Regency Group. In-person experience is crucial to personal and professional growth. Opportunities like this allow students to put their knowledge and skills on display while learning from those who have mastered theirs.

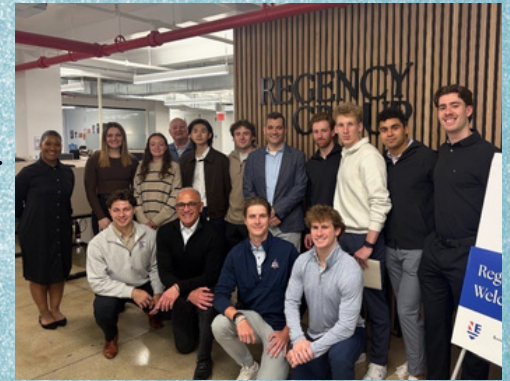
Delta Mu Delta Awards

13 Inductees were sworn into the Delta Mu Delta's Phi Rho chapter this past week. Assistant Dean of Management and Faculty Advisor Nick Marks alongside Phi Rho Chapter President Gina Sciortino presented the awards to the following NEC students:

- Jameel Ali
- Deenroy Carlos
- Nikunj Deepan Doshi
- Kusuma Goli
- Nikhil Jacob
- Bennie Jones
- Joan Lawson
- Luis Lawson
- Thao Phuong Pham
- Abbhelash Sajitha Menon
- Prathamesh Shrikrishna Verlekar
- Janel Schieck



2026 Shark Tank Participants



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SHE Division Spring Events



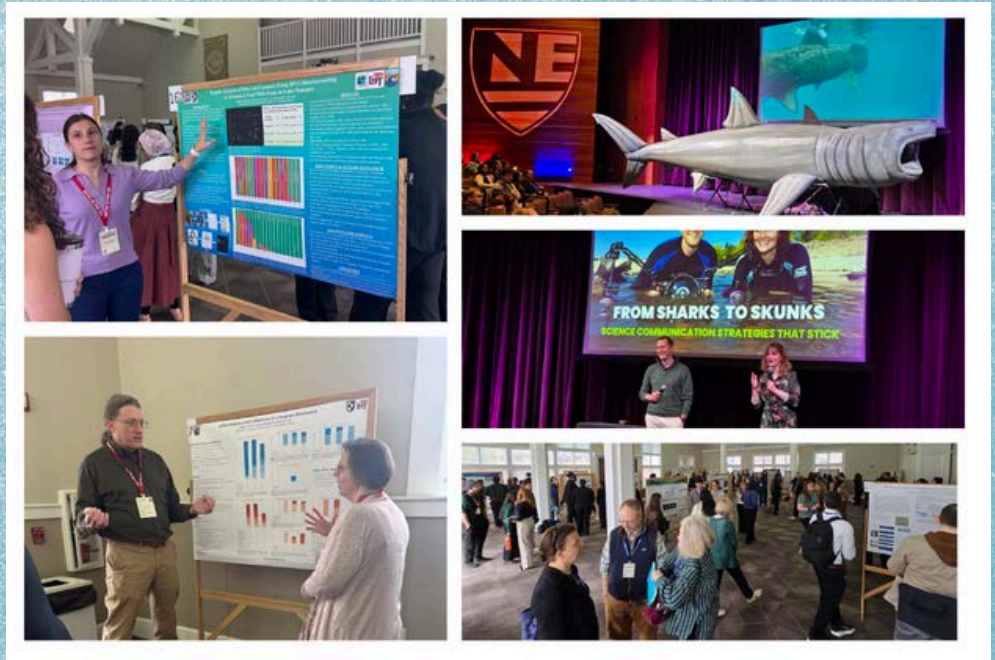
Psi Chi Induction Ceremony



Beta Beta Beta Induction Ceremony

NEC Hosts 81st Eastern New England Biological Conference (ENEBC)

On April 25, 2026, New England College (NEC) hosted the 81st Eastern New England Biological Conference (ENEBC) for the first time. ENEBC is an annual regional undergraduate conference that provides an opportunity for students to present their biology research to peers and faculty from other institutions. This year's conference was supported from funding from NEC and two statewide research grants - NH-INBRE (National Institutes of



Health) and NH-LIFT (National Science Foundation). As part of the day's schedule, Laura Sams Jordan and Robert Sams, who own Sisbro Studios, gave a keynote talk about science communication that featured a giant blow-up basking shark! Overall, there were about 150 participants from over 20 different institutions that attended this year's ENEBC, including colleges and universities from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. Seventeen students gave oral presentations (including Angelica Valente from NEC) and there were over 50 posters that were presented at two different sessions (including Natalia Gonzalez, Doug Kerr, and Kaylee Montgomery from NEC). Almost 30 NEC students, faculty, and staff attended and volunteered to help run the conference, which was a resounding success!

Congratulations and Happy Summer From the WASC!

We have made it through another school year! We at the Writing and Academic Success Center want to congratulate **all** of the students who have worked so hard this year. Special congratulations to our graduating seniors! You will be missed, but we are so proud of you all!

Limited tutoring hours are available over the summer terms for students in summer courses. Sessions can be held either in person or over Zoom. Students should email wasc@nec.edu to ask about making an appointment.

We hope that you all have a wonderful summer, and we will be back up and running at full force on August 24th!



Updates from Academic Advising

Happy Spring! With the spring semester now concluded, Academic Advising continues to support students throughout the Summer. There are two opportunities for students to enroll in summer courses. Our Summer I Term will run Monday, May 11 – Sunday, June 28, and our Summer II Term will run Monday, June 29 – Sunday, August 16. 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!

Students can contact us at advising2@nec.edu for more information and registration assistance. Please see the current schedule here: [Summer 2026 Course Schedule](#)

We hope you all have an amazing Summer. Congratulations to our 2026 graduates!

Academic Advising



Returning
Students Don't
Miss this
Leadership
Opportunity

**APPLY
NOW**



WOW SQUAD WEEKEND OF WELCOME

THE **WEEKEND OF WELCOME (WOW)** SQUAD IS A GROUP OF ENERGETIC STUDENTS WHO SERVE AS THE MOVE-IN CREW, EVENT HOSTS, AND FRIENDLY FACES THROUGHOUT MOVE-IN WEEKEND!



MOVE IN ON MONDAY, AUGUST 17 AND KICK THINGS OFF WITH TRAINING AS YOU PREPARE FOR AN EXCITING WEEK, WORKING THROUGH SUNDAY, AUGUST 23!

APPLY TODAY!



THE OFFICE OF STUDENT EMPOWERMENT AND LEADERSHIP

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April 2026

Career Development



The office held its Career Development event, where campus leaders, including deans and directors, presented their

personal career journeys and what they learned. Students gained insight into what is expected in the career field and how to prepare.



Game Night

The Office of Student Empowerment and Leadership Ambassadors



collaborated with RA Angelica for Game Night. Students engaged in multiple games that



focused on communication, problem-solving, and teamwork.

Leadership Etiquette



On April 3, the Leadership Etiquette event was held in the Great Room for students, staff, and faculty to enjoy a four-course meal

served by Chartwells Dining Services while learning from etiquette presentation. This event educated students to be prepared for events like these in their professional careers.



The Grims Awards



The office participated in the Nec's Grims Awards. These awards honor student leadership in various fields on

campus. The office of Student Empowerment and Leadership gave awards focused on highlighting excellence in various professional fields.



Acknowledgement of Ambassadors:

Enaam Gavua, Melissa-Wanjiru Wambui, Kaden Chaisson, Amari Gatling, Passy Matendo and Shantae Palmer

SEL Ambassador Impact Award:

Enaam Gavua

Empowerment and Leadership Excellence Award:

Melissa-Wanjiru Wambui

Outstanding Career Leader Award:

Kaden Chaisson

Protégé Acknowledgement Award:

Don Irankunda

SEL's Welcome Spring Exploration



On April 8, the office held their Welcome Spring Exploration event. While using critical

thinking and problem-solving skills, students were engaged in this activity on campus to solve puzzles and find the clues to gain the ultimate prize. The



participants learned teamwork and positive communication.

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Exam Support Program

On April 20, to support students at the start of finals week, the Office of



Student Empowerment and Leadership, with Chartwells, held an Exam Support Program. The program provided a breakfast buffet to empower and refuel students for their final exams and projects.



Earth Day Thrift Swap with ResLife

On April 22, SEL collaborated with ResLife to celebrate the Earth Day Thrift Swap. Ambassadors and proteges had an opportunity to



participate in various activities throughout the event.



Leadership Self-Care Sessions

On April 22 and 23, the Office of Student Empowerment and Leadership hosted a Massage Spa and Wellness program for



students to receive chair massages during exam week. While they waited, they played relaxing games and puzzles that expanded on their problem-solving and communication skills.



Recurring

Ambassador Training

Ambassadors meet weekly to continue their training in communication, empathy, compassion, team/relationship building, respect, critical thinking, and ethical decision-making. The director meets with students every day to give them guidance and support.

Empowerment Sessions, Every Wednesday and Thursday



Students gather in the library for the important leadership sessions, based on topics that build their leadership skills and personal values.

Drop-In Workshops



These workshops feature important themes that promote leadership skills. For times, please refer to the promotional material around campus and emails.

Continuous small group empowerment sessions and leadership meetings are conducted daily in Simon Center by Dr. Sigauke, room 307.

For more information, please contact Dr. E. Sigauke at esigauke@nec.edu and phone number: 603 428 2293

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT EMPOWERMENT AND LEADERSHIP

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Website



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

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Office 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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