



New England College

STUDENT AND FAMILY NEWSLETTER

GRADUATION | UPCOMING EVENTS | REMINDERS

FASFA Deadline 2021-2022



The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be renewed each year to apply for financial aid. The easiest way to renew the FAFSA is by using the MyStudentAid app on a phone or tablet. After downloading the MyStudentAid app, choose myFAFSA from the menu and follow the prompts on the screen. Or you can file online at studentaid.gov. The NEC deadline for the 2021-2022 FAFSA is March 1, 2021

Fall Registration



- March 16th: Sophomore - Senior
- March 17th: Manchester
- March 18th: First Year

Summer Classes



It's not too early to begin thinking about taking courses over the summer! We'll be offering a variety of high, in-demand courses to assist students in graduating early or getting caught up on credits. For more information, please contact Academic Advising at advising2@nec.edu.

Save the Date for Giving Day!

Please join us for our annual **Giving Day on Wednesday, April 7, 2021!** This day celebrates our community coming together to accomplish what can't be done individually - ensuring every NEC student is transformed by education. Alums, parents, faculty, staff and students support the programs they love the most by giving to the Opportunity Fund. Gifts to the Opportunity Fund, no matter the size, play a crucial role in providing opportunities that empower students. Your gift provides student scholarships, resources, faculty development, athletics, student programming, and much more. If you would like to be more involved and **become a parent advocate** and inspire others to participate, please contact Sarah Chaffee, Assistant Director of Annual Giving for more information at schaffee@nec.edu.

Class of 2021 Philanthropy Cord Presented by the Office of Advancement:

The Philanthropy Cord is a red, white and blue cord worn as a symbol of philanthropic pride that graduating seniors wear at Commencement. With a gift of \$20.21 or more, students will earn a Philanthropy Cord and contribute to the Senior Class gift, supporting the NEC Opportunity Fund and those who come after them.

This special group of seniors will be noted as a "True Red, White and Blue Donor" and invited to a special socially distanced toast in May. While we know that Commencement will be different this year, there will be opportunities for your graduating senior to have their photo taken in their regalia and they will be able to show off their philanthropic pride.

We encourage you to talk to your students about the importance philanthropy plays in their world. For more information about the Philanthropy Cord program please reach out to Matt Kennedy, Director of Annual Giving at mkenedy@nec.edu

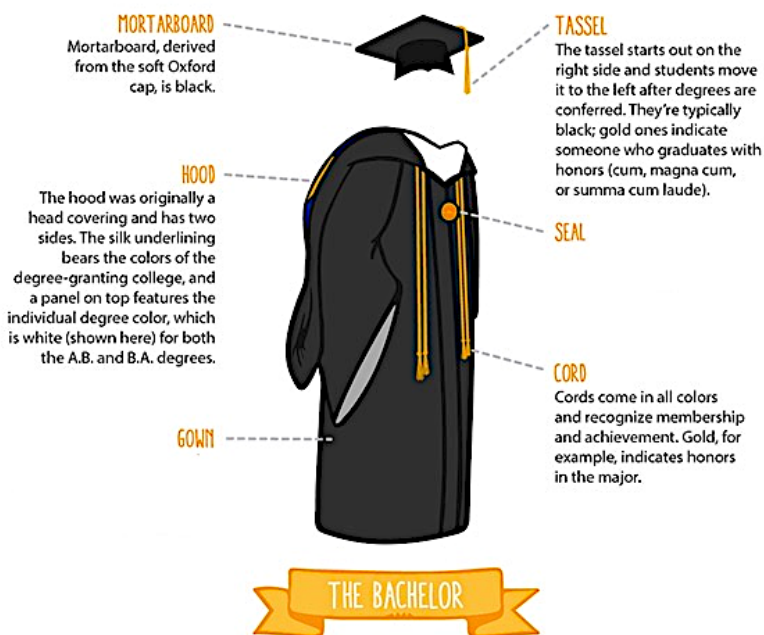
2021 Virtual Commencement Ceremony of New England College

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, May 8, 2021

We look forward to making Commencement a memorable experience! For the latest details as they become available, visit: <https://www.nec.edu/2021-commencement/>

Here are some important "FYI's" on your Student's Regalia:

- *What is Regalia?* "Regalia" is the cap, gown, hood, and tassel that graduates wear at the Commencement Ceremony.
- All Regalia will be purchased at this link: <https://www.buildagrad.com/nec>
 - If your student is living and learning on either campus, orders will be distributed the last week of April. If you are a remote learner, you will have your order shipped to your preferred address to arrive the last week of April.
 - You can learn more about how to properly don your regalia [HERE](#).
- Because we are having a virtual ceremony, this is a completely OPTIONAL purchase!
- The LAST DAY to place your order will be Friday, March 19th.
- If you have questions, reach out to the Pilgrim Shop @ NEC at pilgrimshop@nec.edu or 603.428.2220.
- Campus Students: You may also be wondering about special cords and stoles representing Academic Honors and Campus Involvement - these will come separately later in the semester. Remind your club and academic advisors!
- You can learn more about NEC's commencement at <https://www.nec.edu/2021-commencement/>



Shark Tank NEC 2021

Launching a new venture is one of the most risky and exciting things an individual can do in the field of business. Steve Jobs of Apple, Nick Cannon founder of Ncredible, Elon Musk founder of Tesla and SpaceX, and Oprah Winfrey who is the first black female billionaire, all started in their teens and twenties with just guts and an idea to get them going.



NEC is giving its future entrepreneurs a chance to pitch their business ideas at **SHARK TANK NEC on March 31** (date to be confirmed). Open to the entire college, Shark Tank NEC is a competition in which individual student contestants or teams are given 5 minutes to pitch their business idea to a panel of judges from the business community and our college. The event is sponsored by the Management Division and is inspired by the long running ABC TV Show Shark Tank in which contestants pitch their business plans to investors who then agree (or not) to invest their money.

At Shark Tank NEC, students will compete for cash prizes (up to \$500) and the opportunity to receive business mentoring from a successful entrepreneur. Participating students will develop presentation and personal marketing skills in this competition as well as gain practical advice on how to launch their business.

NEC students may participate in two ways:

- **Sign up directly by completing this short form:** [Link to the Shark Tank Sign-up Form](#)
- **Compete as part of a class assignment** (in classes offering this possibility).

If you sign up for the competition directly:

Students can participate individually, or as a team (3 maximum), in the Shark Tank competition.

1. Step 1: Submit your business pitch idea before March 1, 2020 via the online form: [Link to the Shark Tank Sign-up Form](#).
2. Step 2: Each contestant/team will be invited for a brief 10-15 minute interview to explain their business idea in person to the Shark Tank NEC organizing committee. Interviews will take place in the first two weeks of **March 2020**. Semi-finalists will be chosen and assigned a faculty mentor.
3. Step 3: Semi-finalists will be chosen and paired with pitch coaches to help them prepare for their final presentation. The semi-finalists are expected to meet with their pitch mentors at least 2-3 times to participate in practice pitch sessions in the last two weeks of March.
4. Step 4: Shark Tank NEC is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, March 31 from 4PM-5:30PM (date and time to be confirmed)**. The event will be both virtual and in-person. Contestants may use PowerPoint slides or other visual material as part of their pitch. Supporting visual material is limited to five slides/shots/images/physical prototypes.

See you in the TANK!

For more information, please contact either Associate Dean Erin Wilkinson-Hartung at ewilkinsonhartung@nec.edu or Professor Michele Jurgens at mjurgens@nec.edu

Student Success Workshops

Workshops will take place in the SHIP unless directed otherwise

Mar. 2 @ 12-1pm :Getting Started with Formulas

Join Kristina from the Tutoring Center to discuss Microsoft Excel features such as Basics, SUM, AVERAGE, MIN & MAX, date/time, & if statements!

Mar. 3 @ 3-5pm: Resolve Holds with SFS

Know you have holds on your account? Stop by the SHIP to work with SFS to resolve these holds, so come registration you won't have any issues.

Mar. 9 @ 1:30-3:30pm: Finding a Topic Workshop

So, you have a new assignment—what are you going to write about? This workshop is designed to help students develop techniques to begin their researching journey.

Mar. 10 @ 11am-12pm: Annotated Bibliography

Come join Cassey from the Tutoring Center to discuss reviewing components of annotated bibliography's and correct formatting.

Mar. 10 @6-8pm: Scholarship Application Assistance

Thousands of scholarships go unallocated every year. Want to learn how to easily apply for these scholarships? Fastweb is the way!

Mar. 16 & 18 @ 12-1pm: Degree Audit using DegreeWorks

Are you curious about where you stand on your journey to completing your majors or minors? DegreeWorks is a great program to visually see where you stand. Stop into the SHIP to see how it works!

Mar. 17 @ 5:30-7pm: Balancing your Wellness Wheel: Intellectual Wellness and you!

Intellectual wellness encourages us to engage in creative and mentally-stimulating activities. Join Wellness staff to discover different activities that will expand your knowledge and help you balance your Wellness wheel.

Mar. 30 @ 1:30-3:30pm: Thesis Workshop

What's the paper's intent? What are you arguing? How are you supporting it? This workshop reviews tricks and tips to approach making a thesis for your work as well as review how to support a thesis statement.

Mar. 31 @ 11am-12pm: Research & APA Review

Join Cassey from the Tutoring Center to discuss scholarly research review, APA formatting, & online formatting resources!

Mar. 23 @1:30-3:30pm: Summarize, Paraphrase, and Quote Workshop

This workshop is designed to go through the differences of summarizing, paraphrasing, and quoting in academic writing. We will discuss the importance of proper citation and go over when you might use each technique.

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Apr. 1 @ 3-5pm: Binge Drinking

Binge drinking is one of the most common and deadliest forms of excessive alcohol use in the United States. Learn about the risks and costs associated with binge drinking and indications that you or someone else may be drinking too much. April is Alcohol Awareness Month

Apr. 6 @ 11am-12pm: Works Cited, Reference Pages, and Annotated Bibliographies

Join Cassey from the Tutoring Center to discuss Formatting APA and MLA, Annotated Biblios, Research Assignments

Apr. 7 @ 3-5pm: Loan Repayment for Seniors

Learn about repaying student loans with SFS.

Apr. 20 @ 3-5pm: Feed the Mind & Soul

Join Wellness for tips on healthy dietary options to help decrease stress and boost energy, the week before final exams.

Apr. 22 @ 3-5pm: Loan Repayment for Seniors

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Mentoring Tips

The spring semester is underway after a long winter break. It may take students a few days to get back in the swing of things, especially if they did not take a Winter Term course. As we have all discovered, Zoom fatigue is real! Motivation can be difficult to muster and maintain when stuck in one's room for hours at a time. Get up and stretch periodically. Student should prepare for a Zoom session as they would a classroom meeting. Do the reading, and try to participate either verbally or in Zoom chat, depending on the professor's preference. Try not to Zoom in bed!

Instead, sit at a desk or table with necessary materials at hand. If lectures are recorded, students can listen again and review their notes. Review supplemental materials provided in Blackboard. Remember to use NEC's academic support services. Don't be afraid to ask for help. We're all in this together!

Danforth and Teti Library

The Danforth and Teti Libraries will re-open by appointment to NEC students, faculty, and staff only beginning February 24, 2021. The re-opening will begin with limited hours on selected days.*

Danforth Library - Henniker The Danforth Library will be **open by appointment only** in order to limit the number of people within the building. The beginning schedule will be:

Sunday 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Wednesday 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Friday 10:00am - 1:00pm

Please make appointments for the Danforth Library [here](#). Each appointment is for 90 minutes. Appointments are made for one person only and are limited to one appointment per day. Curbside pick-up hours will continue as usual, Monday-Friday 10am - 12 PM.

Teti Library - Manchester *The Teti Library has re-opened **by appointment only** as of February 15th, 2021. The beginning schedule is:

Monday - Wednesday: 10:30am - 3:30pm or by appointment (additional hours on Thursday will be available as well)

To make an appointment to use the Teti Library or to enquire about access outside of this schedule, please email [Devin Burritt](#).

For your safety, the book stacks in both libraries are closed; librarians will retrieve any materials you want. In addition, the top floor and the New England Room at the Danforth Library are not available at this time. Further information about regulations and rules of library usage will be available in the appointment confirmation email.

If you have any questions, please email us at libraryhelp@nec.edu.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2021

THIS YEAR BLACK HISTORY MONTH WILL LOOK A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN IN YEARS PAST, BUT WE CONTINUE TO HONOR OUR HISTORY THOUGHOUT THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

4th, 8th,
16th, & 24th

Soul Food Dinners

MAKE SURE TO GRAB YOUR PLATE IN GILMORE FOR A SPECIAL SOUL FOOD DINNER HONORING THE CULINARY DELIGHT THAT IS SOUL FOOD.

11th

Poetry Slam

SIGN UP TO READ AN ORIGINAL POEM OR ONE BY A BLACK WRITER HONORING BLACK STORIES OVER THE YEARS. CLICK HERE FOR A LIST OF POEMS BY BLACK WRITERS

16th & 23rd

"The Black Church"*

TUNE INTO PBS AT 9PM TO WATCH THIS TWO PART DOCUMENTARY CHRONICLING THE IMPACT OF THE BLACK CHURCH ON BLACK LIBERATION. VIEW THE TRAILER.

26th

Book Group

LET'S END THE MONTH BY SHARING WHAT BOOK(S) WE HAVE READ THIS MONTH BY AND/OR ABOUT BLACK PEOPLE. FIND A LIST OF BOOKS TO CHOOSE FROM HERE!

National Museum of African American History & Culture Virtual Access

ENJOY OPEN ACCESS TO THE NMAAHC HERE!

*a follow-up conversation will be hosted via zoom on 2/17 & 2/24 to discuss the documentary

Some of the events celebrated this month on campus!