



New England College

STUDENT AND FAMILY NEWSLETTER

GRADUATION | UPCOMING EVENTS | REMINDERS

PLUS Loan Renewal

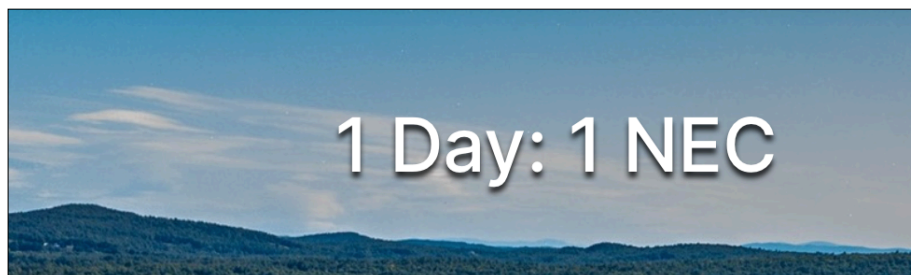
The Federal Parent PLUS loan program is available for parents to help bridge the gap between the cost of attendance and financial aid. Beginning April 1, 2021 parents may apply for the PLUS loan for next school year at studentaid.gov.

Parents must re-apply for the PLUS loan each school year. While a student is enrolled at least half time, the parent is not required make any monthly payments toward the loan if the deferred option is chosen. Once in repayment, there is typically a 10- to 25-year repayment period, depending on which repayment plan is chosen. To learn more about the Parent PLUS loan and repayment options visit studentaid.gov. Parent PLUS renewals for the fall 2021 semester should be completed by July 15. Philanthropy Cord program, please reach out to Matt Kennedy, Director of Annual Giving at mkennedy@nec.edu

Teti Library

Teti Library at IAD in Manchester is currently offering in-person hours for NEC Students Monday through Thursday 10:30 am-3:30 pm. We also provide a curbside pick-up service for items requested from Teti Library and interlibrary loan for items not held by NEC Libraries. We look forward to assisting you!

Contact Devin Burritt, Reference & Instruction Librarian, dburritt@nec.edu, to make an appointment to visit the Teti Library or for assistance with library resources.



#1DAY1NEC Giving Day

Join us on Wednesday April 14th for our #1DAY1NEC Giving Day! Join alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and friends in celebrating what you LOVE most about NEC with a gift 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—you can even choose where to direct your gift! We're excited to announce in honor of New England College's 75th Anniversary, a group of donors have come together to offer a **\$75,000 matching challenge** – that means your gift will have double the impact! To make a gift head over to <https://www.givecampus.com/z5wdpr>, all gifts between now and April 14th will be counted towards our Giving Day Total! If you would like to become more involved by becoming a parent advocate and inspire others to participate, please contact Sarah Chaffee, Assistant Director of Annual Giving for more information at schaffee@nec.edu.

Senior Class Gift: Philanthropy Cord

There is still time for the Class of 2021 to earn their Philanthropy Cord! By making a gift of \$20.21 or more to the NEC Opportunity Fund, graduating Seniors will be awarded a red, white, and blue cord to be worn as a symbol of their philanthropic gift. This special group of seniors will be noted as a "True Red, White, and Blue Donor" and will be celebrated by the Office of Advancement. 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 full 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 mkennedy@nec.edu

Please Take Your Seats!

We saved you a seat in the spotlight...
Now it's time to name it!

**The Rosamond Page Putnam
Center for the Performing Arts**

For a limited time, your gift will be **DOUBLED** as part of the Jon Gould '75 Legacy Challenge.
Visit alumni.nec.edu/takeaseat for more information

Danforth Library Semester Help

In person use appointments available: Sunday (5-8 PM), Weds (5-8 PM) and Friday (10-1 PM) book here: [Danforth Library Spring 2021 \(office365.com\)](http://DanforthLibrarySpring2021.office365.com)

Curbside pick up hours: 10 a.m. - Noon, M-F or by appointment (Henniker campus)

Reference drop-in hours on Zoom: Fridays 11 a.m. - Noon

Zoom reference help by appointment

Mentoring Tips

At the half-way point in the semester, the workload will begin to increase in many classes: papers, projects, and presentations—oh, my! Procrastination is the bane of a college student's existence. Just as with the end of fall semester, encourage your student to utilize campus resources (Wellness, Tutoring, Advising, Peer Success Coaches, Mentoring), and plan ahead as much as possible. Breaking assignments into manageable parts can reduce overwhelm. Communication with professors is a key element for student success. Encourage your student to meet with a professor during office hours for additional help, and answers to questions. Seniors are counting the days until Commencement, but now is not the time to lose focus. You're almost there, but a lot can happen in the remaining weeks. That diploma you've been working so hard for, is within your grasp. You got this!

2021 Virtual Commencement Ceremony of New England College

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, May 8, 2021

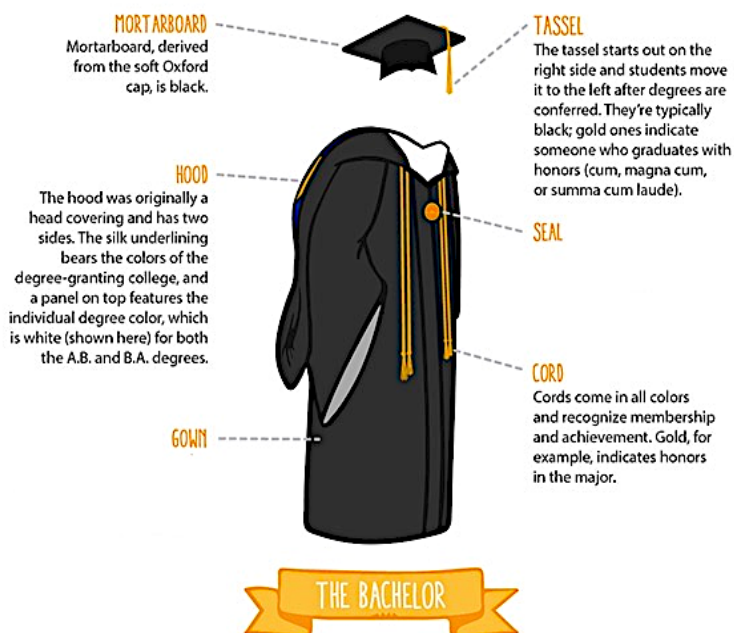
We look forward to making Commencement a memorable experience! For the latest details as they become available, visit: <https://www.nec.edu/commencement/>

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.
- *Regalia Distribution:* 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!
- 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/commencement/>

Housing Selection 2021-2022

Housing Selection for the 2021-2022 academic year is coming up soon! Students on both campuses have already received the information they will need to participate in the housing selection process via their NEC email. Unlike first-year students who are assigned housing by the ResLife staff over the summer, returning students are active participants in the housing selection process and have more input as to where they will live on campus next year. As a reminder to families, NEC has a 3-year on-campus housing requirement, meaning that students who have not lived on campus for six semesters are not eligible to live off campus. IAD students who enrolled prior to the Fall 2020 semester should refer to the room selection booklet they received in their NEC email for specific questions about their on-campus housing requirement. Families should discuss the financial implications of their student's housing choice with their student as there are price differentials between buildings and room types.

Please remind your student to actively check their NEC email so they don't miss any important updates or deadlines. Students who have questions about the housing selection process should be directed to:

Henniker: reslife@nec.edu

Manchester: life@nec.edu



NEC Criminal Justice Alumni; From the US Marine Corp to NEC to A Career in Law Enforcement

The Story of Richard (Dakota) Davis, NEC '18, BA/Criminal Justice



Following his honorable service to the U.S. Marine Corps for several years, and originally from South Carolina, NEC alum Richard (Dakota) Davis followed the path to becoming an accomplished and engaged student at New England College. “NEC has an awesome record of being very helpful to military veterans and has great support and an outreach program for those of us who have served”, Dakota

explains. This led to his decision to enroll into the Criminal Justice program at NEC to earn his degree that would help him towards his goal of continued service as a law enforcement officer. During his academic experience, Dakota was accepted as an Intern to the Alton, NH Police Department.

“Dakota was an outstanding student in the CJ program when he was here”, said Assistant Prof. of the Practice Frank Jones, a Criminal Justice faculty member. “Dakota knew that a college degree in CJ would supplement his military service very well and make him a great candidate for a job as a police officer”. Dakota Davis did just that, and following a very demanding and intense hiring process, he put his CJ degree to work as a Trooper with the South Carolina Highway Patrol. Following more than two years of professional service to that agency, Dakota decided it was time to move his young family back to New Hampshire, where his family had property. He continues in the law enforcement profession as a full-time Police Officer for the Whitefield Police Department in the northern regions of the Granite State. He is enjoying being back in the area, enjoys his job, and can continue his love of outdoor sports and hobbies. Dakota Davis is one of a very long list of accomplished Criminal Justice alumni from NEC that serve to keep many communities safe.

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Information provided by: Asst. Prof. Frank Jones/CJ Department

Tutoring Center

When tour guides come through the Tutoring Center with groups of prospective students and their families, we are very often described as people who edit and revise student work. They may also mention that we have lots of quiet work spaces and can help students study for tests or maybe brainstorm for a paper. All of this is very true. We do work with a lot of students on exam preparation as well as essay brainstorming and revision. Unfortunately, the mental image that this often gives off is one of a forbidding figure armed to the teeth with red-inked pens, crossing out and berating as they go through a student's work. This image doesn't exactly inspire students to come seek out our services of their own free will.



One of my very favorite services to offer students, and one that is very often overlooked, is collaborative "get stuff done" time. This is where a student comes in with the specific goal of working on or completing an assignment in relative peace. I'm present and able to answer questions, navigate mental roadblocks, and bounce ideas back and forth with the student, but for the most part, the student does their work independently. I'm there for accountability and support, but the student is doing their work very much on their own. It's surprisingly effective, and students will often leave the appointment with their assignment well under way if it's not already completed. This is the point where I like to offer follow up appointments to revise, edit, and polish, but it's always up to the student. Many will take me up on that offer. Others are happy just to have a completed assignment to hand in. Still others are glad to have a working draft but would prefer feedback from their instructor before continuing. All avenues are valid and encouraged. In the end, it is their work and their time.

Now that so much of the school year is taking place virtually, accountability and access to resources seems even more limited. It even might seem a little ridiculous to sit on a Zoom call, with cameras turned off and mics muted on both ends for the majority of the session. Shockingly, though, when I give students the option to work on Zoom and still have access to me, or to work on their own, the vast majority will choose to stay on the call. We might not be in the same room, but I am still there, on the other end, helping students to stay accountable for their time and their work, happily dishing out motivation and ideas, and always encouraging students to continue.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PSYCHOLOGY CLUBS AT NEC COLLABORATE

TO BENEFIT THE CONCORD AREA HOMELESS

On March 19th, 2021, the Criminal Justice Club at New England College, lead by graduating senior Kevin Perry from Swampscott, MA, and the Psychology Club, headed up by Lauren Gibson from Starksboro, VT, combined their resources to work together recently for a group community-based initiative to help the homeless population.



Working collaboratively for the benefit of those in need during these challenging times, the two student organizations fundraised enough to provide 45 filled Care-Kit bags, containing essentials for anyone in need, to the McKenna House in Concord, NH. The McKenna House provides emergency housing, case management and client-centered support for adults who would otherwise be unsheltered and is a subsidiary of the Salvation Army. The intent of the Criminal Justice Club and Psychology Clubs at NEC with this project was to connect with the local community in such a way as to benefit the homeless population in the area, which has sadly grown during the pandemic. This type of connection to the local community represents the best of New England College students, working together for a common cause. They were complimented by their respective Club Advisors. Shown in the photo helping to assemble the Care-Kit bags with products are Kevin Perry (Swampscott, Massachusetts), Cortney Reyes (Chino Hills, California), Madison Lacharite Belmont, New Hampshire), Sofia Gomez-Pedreira (Vitoria, Spain), Lauren Hobson (Dover, New Hampshire) and Victoria Zasowski (Bristol, Rhode Island). David Naughton (Tewksbury, Massachusetts) also assisted.