



## *Friday Forum*

February 23, 2024

- Please join Campus Compact for New Hampshire for its inaugural **New Hampshire Access Summit** – a two-day, in-person convening of New Hampshire P-20 educators and students with the purpose of disseminating information, updates, and resources that impact all students and their access to a postsecondary pathway and are critical to increasing high school graduation as well as college & career matriculation rates. This is an event for New Hampshire educators by New Hampshire educators. [Learn more here](#). The summit will be held June 12 and 13 at the Grappone Center in Concord.
- The NH Department of Energy has opened a [solicitation](#) for written public comment on its [School Energy Efficiency Development \(SEED\) Grant Program](#). This federally funded competitive grant program offers a one-time grant to a public school for **energy efficiency** projects. Feedback from public schools, energy companies and the public is being sought on ways to improve the program. Written comments should be submitted by March 19, though comments will be accepted after that date.
- The **American Battle Monuments Foundation** is hosting its [Past Is Prologue Essay Contest](#). Eligible students ages 11-18 may compete for prize money ranging from \$1,500 to \$10,000. Essays are due April 12.
- Are you an aspiring leader ready to take the next step in your professional journey? The **New Hampshire Association of School Principals** is inviting you to an [Aspiring School Leaders Conference](#) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 7 at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord.
- ConvenientMD has opened its applications for **student scholarships**. It will be awarding five, \$2,500 scholarships to students in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. The [scholarship](#) is open to high school seniors pursuing post-secondary education in healthcare. The deadline to apply is April 30.
- **Manchester Community College** is hosting a campus tour and automated manufacturing and bio-fabrication Q/A panel with industry experts from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on April 9. The [event](#) is open to high school students looking for career opportunities in all aspects of the manufacturing industry.
- A free professional development session for high school teachers is available. The **Advanced Regenerative Manufacturing Institute** is offering a PD opportunity for training in Bio-Trek – a

free, project-based learning program about regenerative medicine for teachers to implement with high school students. Attendance includes a stipend and certificate for 20 contact hours. Two sessions are available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 24-27 and July 8-11. [Register here](#).

- Summer is just around the corner! NHED recently launched its fourth year of **ReKINDling Curiosity** – a program that encourages and provides financial assistance so that every child can experience the benefits of a fun and engaging summer camp adventure. Registration remains open and we encourage school leaders to share this [flyer](#) with families.
- The New Hampshire Motor Speedway and the **NASCAR Cup Series** are offering New Hampshire educators and school staff with a 20% discount on tickets for their [June 23 event](#). The educator password is NHSCHOOL.
- NHED is sponsoring a **research project on student wellbeing and play** in public elementary schools with child development researchers in the Boston College School of Social Work. The aim of the research project is to implement and evaluate two no-cost, school-based programs, [Let Grow](#) and [Play Club](#), during the 2023-2024 academic year. The research team is also available to measure student social, emotional and cognitive development. If you are interested in learning more you may complete this [Interest Form](#), or email Dr. Jessica Black, principal investigator, at [blackjp@bc.edu](mailto:blackjp@bc.edu), or Dr. Maggie Van Camp, associate researcher, at [vancampm@bc.edu](mailto:vancampm@bc.edu) to set up a meeting to discuss the project and what it would mean for your school to participate.

### ***Resources for Educators***

- **Discovery Education** is [in the news](#) highlighting a few content, interactive and career resources to support teachers as they seek to engage learners, expand their classrooms and help students connect with the real world and their futures. Educators across New Hampshire are exploring how to leverage Discovery Education Experience resources to support literacy. [Contact Nancy Rose](#) to find out more.
- **College Guidance Network** is hosting a webinar at 7 p.m. Feb. 25 titled “Academic Pathways: Know Your Options.” This live Q&A will discuss degrees and credentials, the process of transferring credits and where to find good online learning. [Register here](#).
- **Tutor.com** offers 24/7 [online tutoring](#), essay drop-off and test prep services for all New Hampshire students in grades 4-12, as well as adult education learners at no cost.
- **Graduation Alliance** provides 1-1 mentoring for students in need of an extra layer of support to boost school engagement and academic success. Call 603-758-3259 to get set up.

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