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**Department of Education**

**Friday Forum**

**October 4, 2024**

- Happy **National Principals Month!** We celebrate all of our school principals for their leadership and guidance to our schools, educators and students. Thank you for all of your hard work in helping to shape bright futures.
- Congratulations to **Candice DeAngelis**, a Spanish teacher at Bedford High School, for being named [New Hampshire's 2025 Teacher of the Year](#). Candice embodies the essence of what it means to be an outstanding educator. We were honored to celebrate with her this week.
- Thanks to a partnership between NHED and Granite Edvance, [Xello](#) is now available to all high school students in New Hampshire. **Xello** is a tool designed to help students explore college and career readiness. [Register here](#) for a launch webinar at noon on Oct. 10.
- Schools are encouraged to participate in NHED's [NH Great Apple Crunch](#) on Oct. 9 and share their photos with [Madeline.R.Parker@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Madeline.R.Parker@doe.nh.gov) from the Office of Nutrition Programs & Services.
- NH public and public chartered schools may apply to participate in Cohort 2 of **Bridging the Gap in the 603: Pathways to Literacy Proficiency**. The Bureau of Special Education Supports will be selecting up to five schools to participate. Selected schools will receive training and coaching in structured literacy to support the implementation and sustainability of evidence-based literacy practices. Interested schools must [apply](#) by Nov. 15.
- NHED's VR New Hampshire is seeking feedback to improve its partnership and advance its pre-employment transition services with NH schools. Schools are encouraged to

answer this [questionnaire](#), which is a 15-minute **survey** to gather valuable input to improve and strengthen processes.

- The [ASU+GSV Summit](#) is offering a [GSV K-12 Innovative Scholarship Award](#) to provide complimentary registration to sitting K-12 leaders. Leaders awarded this registration scholarship will be able to bring up to two additional cabinet members or colleagues with them. Deadline to apply is Oct. 24.
- The **NH Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force** will be presenting its [Internet and Digital Safety](#) program for adults at 6 p.m. on Oct. 28 at Oyster River Middle School, 1 Coe Dr., Durham.
- Women's Transportation Seminar-NH is pleased to announce its [2025 Undergraduate Scholarships](#). This is open to current and past high school students from New Hampshire and college students currently studying in the state. Young women pursuing undergraduate studies in transportation-related fields, including engineering, science, technology, and math, are encouraged to apply. Up to three undergraduate **scholarships** in the amount of \$1,500 or more will be awarded.
- The Children's Museum of New Hampshire is hosting [Exploring Our Way](#) free **sensory friendly playtimes** designed for children with autism spectrum or sensory processing disorders. These sessions are set for 1-3 p.m. on Oct. 6, Nov. 5 and Dec. 1.
- NH's [Bringing Back the Trades](#) event featuring Mike Rowe will take place on Nov. 15 at NHTI in Concord with networking, hands-on demos and career opportunities for high school students. Tickets and scholarships are still available for students.
- NHASP is hosting a virtual **AI summit**, [Transformative AI-Infused Education: Elevating Leading and Learning in NH Schools](#), from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 21 designed for educators and leaders looking to harness the power of AI in K-12 education.
- NHASP is hosting an in-depth day of learning with educator and author **Kim Marshall**. [Rethinking Teacher Supervision and Evaluation](#) will take place Nov. 14 at Sky Meadow Country Club in Nashua, and is designed for educators, instructional coaches, deans, department heads and building leaders.

### **Technical Advisories**

- This week, NHED issued a technical advisory regarding recent legislative changes affecting school health and safety policies. HB 1088 created a new section, RSA 200:44-b, which refers to schools [maintaining a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors](#).
- This week, NHED issued a technical advisory relative to [student identification cards](#) and the inclusion of the new 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline number and the National Alliance for Eating Disorders Helpline.

### **Student Award Opportunities**

- As a reminder, the **U.S. Presidential Scholars Program** is accepting nominees until Nov. 13. In New Hampshire, each school may nominate up to three students – one male and one female for general studies, and one student to be included as a candidate for recognition for excellence in CTE. Applications are available [here](#).
- Deadline approaching! Two students from each state will be selected to attend the 63<sup>rd</sup> **United States Senate Youth Program** Washington Week in March 2025. In New Hampshire, each high school principal may nominate one eligible junior or senior student. The nominations are due no later than Oct. 11. Details are available [here](#).

### **Resources for Educators**

- The University of New Hampshire is offering **professional development** through its [Citizen & Community Science: Designing Projects for Research & Engagement](#) 36-hour noncredit course. The course offers participants a deep understanding of the purpose and promise of citizen and community science, or participatory science. It will run from Oct. 13 to Nov. 24 with an asynchronous, online and optional live coaching session.
- New Hampshire educators! Bring a friend and dive into Discovery Education's **STUDIO workshop**! You'll find resources that are ready to use, while also learning how to make your own. You may use STUDIO to assess for understanding, foster collaboration, differentiate and support reading and language acquisition. Meet other NH Discovery

Education users and win a prize or two. [Register here](#) for the workshop taking place at 4 p.m. on Oct. 29 at 25 Hall St. in Concord.

- The competition is on for a [Pizza Party!](#) **Tutor.com** is throwing a schoolwide pizza party for the (in-person) New Hampshire school with the highest percentage of students who connect with a tutor at least once between Sept. 23 and Oct. 31.
- NHED is partnering with Khan Academy to offer **Khanmigo** for educators and students in grades 5-12 statewide. Khanmigo, an AI platform, serves as a teaching assistant for educators and a tutor for students. School administrators are encouraged to visit [Khanmigo for New Hampshire](#) to initiate the free contracting process.
- NHED's [UpGrade](#) program aims to increase the number of **educators earning tech credentials**, as well as encourage existing technology leaders to receive educator endorsements to teach computer science and similar tech courses. For existing educators, NHED will reimburse the cost of any exams or licensure costs for qualified credentials, up to a total of \$2,000. In addition, teachers will receive a stipend for each credential acquired, up to a total of \$750.

### ***Internal News***

- **Longevity milestones!** Congratulations to the following individuals for their time in state service:

Diane Krol – 10 years

Elizabeth McGaughey-Willis – 10 years

Kelley Nault – 15 years

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