



Friday Forum

May 10, 2024

- Congratulations to three New Hampshire seniors that have been named **2024 U.S. Presidential Scholars**: Prayag J. Patel of Auburn, a student at The Derryfield School in Manchester; Molly Fitzgerald DellaValla of Jackson, a home education student; and Deetya B. Nagri of Nashua, a student at Nashua High School South. These elite students are among a group of 161 seniors selected as U.S. Presidential Scholars. Kudos to our New Hampshire semifinalists as well, including: Acadia Jade Bloodlane of Newmarket, Newmarket High School; Andre A. Boufama of Lee, Berwick Academy; Michael C. Dascomb of Londonderry, home education; Eben Quenneville of Merrimack, home education; and Riya Tyagi of Exeter, Phillips Exeter Academy.
- To coincide with Children’s Mental Health Week (May 5-11), NHED is [highlighting](#) its **Stop Scrolling, Start Something** campaign – encouraging teens to think about how much time they spend on their phones while also urging them to take a break and start something productive.
- Recently, the U.S. Department of Education hosted a **Title IX** webinar. The recording of that webinar is available [here](#); the password is aaLrrT9. Viewing is available through today.
- **Khan Academy**, a nonprofit organization, is a resource for educators and students of all ages. Learn more about how it can benefit our [youngest learners](#).
- Reminder that important due dates for the **Robotics Education Fund Grant** are approaching. Please complete the 2024 Robotics Education Fund Grant Final Program Report by June 30 [here](#), as well as the final monthly report in GMS; communication with your BA is important to provide them with invoices and receipts prior to the June 30 deadline. Revised budgets for the upcoming school year should also be submitted with the final program report; schools will not be eligible for the second year of the grant if the program report is not completed by June 30. Please note that unspent balances will not be eligible for carryover; any school with a significant unspent grant balance for this school year (greater than 35% of year one allocation) will not be eligible for year two of the grant.
- New Hampshire Vocational Rehabilitation’s Services for the Blind and Vision Impaired (SBVI) is thrilled to announce a four-day **Summer Academy** program June 18-21 at the University of New Hampshire. This program aims to equip high school students with the tools and

knowledge needed for success in education, in their communities, and in future competitive work environments. More details [here](#).

- NHED would like to congratulate its VR team on winning a **Communicator Award of Excellence** for a recent marketing campaign that highlighted our *We are VR: Empowering People with Disabilities* initiative. The award recognized our efforts to promote inclusion for individuals with disabilities. The campaign includes a series of videos featuring NH individuals and businesses making a difference in the workforce by embracing employees with disabilities.
- Recently, education leaders and researchers at UNH sent **surveys to kindergarten teachers** and elementary school principals about their familiarity with various classroom practices and how they are implementing or supporting those practices in their schools. If you would like more information, please contact Kimberly.Nesbitt@unh.edu. It is a 15 minute survey; those kindergarten teachers and elementary school principals that complete it will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card.
- Join NHED and 321 Insight for our last day of free, in-person professional development for the 2023-2024 school year. This session will be held at Keene State College on May 14. The interactive, three-hour workshop focuses on strategies and best practices to help educators better support all students, especially **ESOL students**. More details [here](#).
- The National Governors Association and Choose Love New Hampshire will be hosting a **Granite State Trails to Transitions** three-hour event for high school seniors. This live session will take place at three locations throughout New Hampshire, with all of the events taking place from 9 a.m. to noon. The first one will be May 14 at Keene State College, followed by May 15 at Plymouth State University and May 23 at UNH. These offerings are being made available to help support high school seniors before they embark on their next chapter, whether that be college or the workforce. Students must register in advance [here](#). We are encouraging high schools to please share this [flyer](#) and spread word to families through your newsletters and other communication channels. Contact Shannon.m.desilets@dhhs.nh.gov with questions.
- There is a December 31, 2024 deadline to complete work on **SAFE grant** projects. NHED is asking for a brief update on the status of school projects. Please indicate if your school is intending to use all the awarded funds, or if it is intending to return a portion of the award. Any unused funds will be reallocated to waitlisted SAFE grant projects for NH schools that are currently awaiting funding. The funding attestation form, school ID and award numbers are available [here](#).
- All **End-of-Year (EOY) submissions** go live in i4see on May 15, except for the EOY enrollment that went live on May 1.
The EOY three submissions must be batch verified by June 26, verified by July 9 and certified no later than July 10:
 - EOY Enrollment – required for all districts and charters
 - EOY Free and Reduced – required for all districts and charters
 - Home School Academic – required for districts that had home school students participate in courses in the public school(s).

The following five submissions must be batch verified by July 31, district verified by Aug. 12 and certified no later than Aug. 14:

- College and Career Readiness – high schools only
- Credits and GPA – high schools only
- Extended Learning Opportunities – high schools only
- EOY Academic Performance – Targeted Title I schools only

If your district has no data to submit for any of the submissions listed above, you will still need to certify the empty submission.

- Section 113(3)A of the **Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act** (also known as Perkins V) is to develop and propose Perkins performance levels. Such performance levels must be made available for [public comment](#) for not less than 30 days prior to submitting to the Office of Career Technical and Adult Education at USED.

Resources for Educators

- **Discovery Education** is offering summer learning opportunities for NH teachers that dive deeper into STUDIO and QUIZ (edtech!), finding ways to leverage multimedia content to spark engagement while supporting reading and math, or any other needs. [Share your interest here](#). To setup summer/back-to-school PD or summer school support, [contact Nancy Rose](#).
- **Tutor.com** is hosting an [Ice Cream Throwdown](#)! The (in-person) school with the highest percentage of students who connect for drop-off or on-demand writing sessions between April 15 to May 17 will win a school ice cream party.
- **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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