



New Hampshire

**Department of Education**

## *Friday Forum*

May 13, 2022

- Congratulations to three New Hampshire students who have been selected to the 58<sup>th</sup> class of the **U.S. Presidential Scholars**. The scholars are: Ke Nicole Du Hu of St. Paul's School in Concord, Vincent H. Xiao of Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter and Lilia Potter-Schwartz of Portsmouth High School.
- Congratulations to the first graduating class of the **NH Career Academy**. The graduates include: Callen Cote, Conner Gatlin, Eann McCurdy, Silas Forcier and Isabella Edwards. All five will be accepting their Associate Degrees from their respective Community Colleges.
- The annual **Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) survey** is now live, with responses due on June 30. RSA 200:11-a requires that the school principal, or designee, complete the survey, which is in ESS and available through [myNHDOE](#).
- NHED has released a **Request for Applications** for the new three-year cycle of the McKinney-Vento subgrant. This grant is available to all LEAs, and is exclusively used to help improve, enhance and enrich services and supports for the academic success of students experiencing homelessness. A brief [webinar](#) on this topic will take place at 10 a.m. on May 16.
- The 2022 **Healthcare Career Exploration Fair** for youth K-12, sponsored by Monadnock Region Healthcare Workforce Group, will take place from 1-5 p.m. June 2 at Cheshire Medical Center West Campus, 62 Maple Ave., Keene. Students will be able to learn more about a variety of careers at the [event](#).
- Students and upcoming graduates are invited to participate in the 2nd Annual U.S. **Department of Labor Virtual Job Fair** from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 24. Multiple agencies will be represented at the fair, and registration is available [here](#).
- May is **Mental Health Awareness Month**. Each Monday this month, NHED's Office of Social and Emotional Wellness is releasing a post on social media that contains a fact, resource, tip and activity related to a mental health topic. This week's topic was

Prioritizing Wellness, and next Monday's will be Preventing Bullying and Cyberbullying. Look for the posts on the [Bureau of Student Wellness Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and on [NHED's Facebook](#).

- The final **iPlatform training** session for English Language Educators will take place at 3:30 p.m. on May 19. [Registration](#) is now open.
- NHED is asking school districts to reach out to us and share success stories on how they are using **COVID-relief funds**. Please email [kimberly.c.houghton@doe.nh.gov](mailto:kimberly.c.houghton@doe.nh.gov).
- NHED's **YES! scholarship program** is designed to help families and residents whose education was negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic by awarding \$1,000 scholarships to New Hampshire students. The scholarships may be used for tutoring provided by [certified NH educators](#), as well as special education therapies and services provided by certified NH special education teachers or licensed therapists. To apply, visit [Yes Every Student](#).
- Waterford Upstart is an at-home, **early learning program** that helps children build reading skills before kindergarten so they can be confident in the classroom on day one. NHED is partnering with Waterford to offer these services at no cost. Please share these registration links with parents for the [fall program](#) and [summer program](#). Webinars designed for parents and caregivers are also taking place at 6:30 p.m. on [May 11](#) and 5:30 p.m. [May 16](#). Here is a [sample letter](#) for districts to distribute to parents with children preparing to enter kindergarten.
- NHED is partnering with NH camps and school-age summer programs across the state to offer its **ReKindling Curiosity summer camp** initiative. [Here is a handout](#) flyer with detailed information on the program, which we encourage schools to share with their families. The state-operated summer enrichment program will pay up to \$650 of the youth recreation camp fees for qualifying students.

### ***NHED Discretionary Grants***

- NH School Safe: Threat Assessment Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis): <https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-learner-support/bureau-of-student-wellness/osew/grants>
- Expanded Adult Diploma Program Credit Options Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis): <https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/adulted-rfa-expanding-credits.pdf>
- Adult Education Technology Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis): <https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/adulted-rfa-technology.pdf>
- Adult Diploma Program Website Development/Improvement Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis): <https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/adulted-website-adp.pdf>

- Adult Education & Literacy Program Website Development/Improvement Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis):  
<https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/adulted-website-ael.pdf>

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