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NEWBURYPORT BUILDING RENO

As many of you may know, our Newburyport location has been bustling with renovations. The project is well underway, and the exciting changes are already beginning to unfold.

NECC IMPACT AWARDS

Northern Essex Community College honored community pillars that impact the college for the 4th Annual NECC Impact Awards. Our President and CEO, Jane Harris-Fale and Opportunity Works, was awarded with the Equity and Social Justice Award.

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DIY FLOWER BAR

With generous support from Nunan Florist, the folks were able to test their bouquet making skills at OW with a DIY Flower Bar. Each person got to choose which colors and flower types along with a vase of their choice.

Thank you to our staff, Krystal, for setting this awesome idea up!



OPART SHOWCASE

This Spring we had another Art Show for the books! There was a wonderful turnout at our Artist Reception. Many of the folks' artwork was sold, and there were lots of smiling faces

Additionally you may have noticed the incredible portraits of some familiar faces. A new volunteer, John Douglass, has, in an effort to improve his painting skills, created 36 portraits of our current roster of artists. The result is absolutely stunning and incredibly moving. The works aren't for sale, as OpArt volunteer John is offering them as gifts to the artists and their families.



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FISHCERCATS

Our Newburyport and Haverhill CBDS Crews joined together for a beautiful game at Delta Dental Stadium to watch the Fishercats face Chesapeake Baysox. They even got to see a few critter friends and shake hands with Fungo the Mascot. Best of all Fishercats WON the game 20-1!!!

VALENTINE'S DAY

Opportunity Works delivered Valentine's Day gifts to several local nursing and rehabilitation centers to spread some holiday joy! Our team visited Lakeview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital, and Nevins Nursing & Rehabilitation Centre to share tokens of kindness with residents and staff. We are proud to support initiatives that promote inclusion, compassion, and positive community partnerships!

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PSEARCH GRADS

Huge congrats to the class of 2025-2026 ProjectSEARCH graduates! This was our lucky 13th round of interns who immersed themselves into the campus and culture of Northern Essex Community College. We are so proud of all of you and hope you take your learned workplace skills and meaningful friendships with you for years to come.


PERFECT BLEND CAFE

Another year behind us for the Perfect Blend Cafe on the Haverhill campus of NECC. We are open during the academic year providing lunch and breakfast options for students, faculty, and local folks.

Hope to see you this fall !!!!



SUPPORTING THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF HAVERHILL'S MISSION

In April we wore blue on Mondays to support the Haverhill Exchange Club's mission of child abuse prevention. We also wore blue in honor of Autism Awareness Month. Check out our posts on socials from April to see many of our programs participating in this endeavor. 



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NE STRONGER TOGETHER

Sylium and Rosanna, two members of our diversity equity and inclusion committee, attended the annual "Northeast Stronger Together" event with The Department of Developmental Disabilities

EMPLOYMENT FIRST

On March 26th, the Employment Team attended the "All-In for Employment First Conference" at The Old Colony YMCA in Stoughton, MA. The purpose of this conference is to bring together career seekers with disabilities, family advocates, and workforce professionals to develop collaborative approaches to inclusive and integrated employment. This is done through a series of guest speakers, such as State Representative Sean Garballey, owners and proprietors John & Mark Cronin from "John's Crazy Socks", and self-advocate and disability rights policy leader Jonathan Gardner. Along with break-out sessions and small group discussions geared to making connections with like-minded professionals, families, and businesses.



**OPPORTUNITY WORKS
GOLF CLASSIC**

2026 Annual Golf Classic Bradford Country Club June 1st.

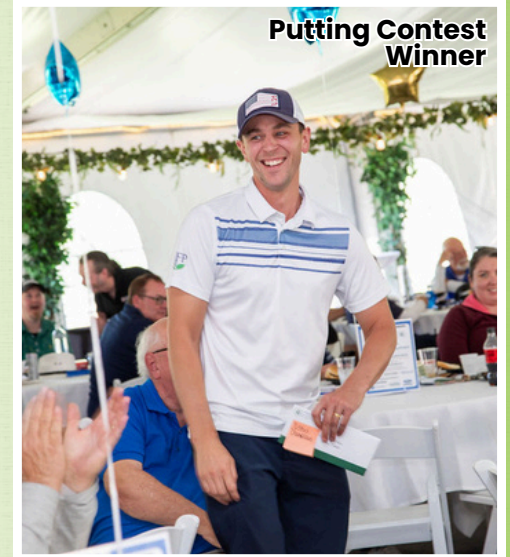
Thanks to all for making this year our **most successful tourney to date!**



**BNI Cup
Winners**



**Tourney Winners:
Haverhill Bank!**



**Putting Contest
Winner**



Save the Date:

**2027 OW Golf
Classic
May 24th**