

## State News for NSPE Members



### Milford Teacher Honored for STEM Excellence in Teaching

The New Hampshire Society of Professional Engineers has joined forces with the NH Joint Committee of Engineering Societies and the University of New Hampshire to recognize deserving teachers at the elementary, middle, and high school levels who are promoting STEM curriculum in the classroom.

This year marked the 14th consecutive year of this exciting program, and we have had the pleasure of honoring many outstanding teachers throughout New Hampshire. These great teachers are the motivators and educators for our next generations of engineers, inventors, mathematicians, and scientists.



This year's winner, from the high school level, was Mr. Frank Xydias, of the Milford Applied Technology Center in Milford. Mr. Xydias received a plaque honoring his achievement along with a stipend check. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, we were not able to honor Mr. Xydias at a formal ceremony prior to the end of the school year. We extend our extreme appreciation to Frank and to the work he does with youth in the Milford area.

*Submitted by Robert Rotier, NHSPE Teachers Awards Chair,  
[rdmrotier@gmail.com](mailto:rdmrotier@gmail.com).*

---

## **State Aims for Energy Savings**

More than 20 state facilities are set to undergo energy conservation measures, according to [Environment + Energy Leader](#). Lighting, windows, ventilation, and temperature controls are among the areas that will be addressed. The project is expected to be completed in March 2021.

---

## **Welcome New Members!**

- David Munro, P.E., Fuss & O'Neill
  - Emilie Leavitt (Student, UNH)
  - Jonathan Deschamps (Student, VHB)
  - Patrick Gillis (Student, UNH-Durham)
- 

## **Did You Know?**

The Lyme-East Thetford Bridge has earned a place on the National Register of Historic Places. [Read more.](#)

---

---

## Get Ready for *Virtual* PE Conference 2020 (#NSPEVirtual)

To protect the health, safety, and welfare of our members, while continuing to provide meaningful and valuable education and engagement opportunities, NSPE leadership has decided to postpone this year's Professional Engineers Conference (**PECon**) in Philadelphia until summer 2021. In its place, the Society will host an online Virtual PE Conference in August. Events will be centered around the annual celebration of PE Day, August 5.



The new virtual program will make it easier for attendees to participate according to their schedules. Sessions can be experienced in a live virtual environment or by accessing recordings at a more convenient time. Virtual **PECon** will be easily accessible and affordable due to the elimination of travel costs and reduction in registration fees. PDH credits will be available for education sessions comparable to the amount you could earn at a regular **PECon**. The virtual conference will also provide networking and social connection with colleagues in addition to professional development opportunities.

Current plans include:

- Education tracks and sessions, featuring many of the sessions already planned for **PECon** 2020;
- Tracks spread throughout the week at various times of day, empowering attendees to take in more of the content they desire;
- Recording all sessions to make them available for on-demand viewing;
- Hosting keynote speakers and senior leaders allowing for interactive Q&A with attendees; and
- Networking/roundtable topic discussions with peers by region and areas of practice, geared to increase dialogue and member engagement.

Stay tuned for more information on content and registration to come.

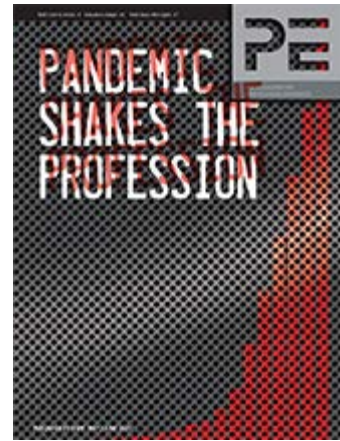
---

## Pandemic Forces Profession to Adjust

NSPE and its certification division [NICET](#) , as well as state societies and individual

members, are all adapting to a changed world.

Our latest [PE cover story](#) highlights how organizations and individual PEs are meeting the challenges with courage, compassion, and innovation. NSPE and its state societies are continuing to provide information, advocacy, and continuing education as staffers are sheltering at home. PEs are running companies from their bedrooms or dining rooms and working to ensure employee well-being while keeping businesses afloat.



No one knows what the future holds. But professional engineers will be among those helping to create that future—as always, prioritizing the public health, safety, and welfare.

[Read more from May/June PE magazine.](#)

*Update: NICET's certification testing for engineering technicians has started to return but on a reduced schedule. Pearson VUE, the company that manages testing centers for NICET exams as well as NCEES exams and those in many other professions, began reopening on May 1. Centers will be operating at 50% capacity and for limited hours. The reopening of testing centers in Pennsylvania and Alaska has not been scheduled, due to locally imposed restrictions. For the latest information, visit [NICET's COVID-19 response web page](#).*

[Read the latest on NCEES's FE and PE exams.](#)

---

## Don't Miss These Upcoming Webinars



NSPE is increasing the number of its webinars to serve members during the COVID-19 pandemic. Stay current in the profession, earn PDHs, and advance your career by tuning in.

- [Engineering Exemptions and Education: Diminish the First and Enhance the Second - May 20](#)

- [Negotiate It! How to Crush Your Fears, Develop Your Negotiation Muscle, and Gain Power in the Workplace - May 27](#)
- [Fire Protection Engineering in Property Risk Management - June 3](#)
- [Ethics in our Changing World - June 10](#)
- [Engineers, Building Water Systems and Legionella: What You Need to Know - June 24](#)

[Visit NSPE's PE Institute.](#)

---

You received this e-mail because you are subscribed to *PE Matters* e-newsletter.

To update your e-mail address, visit [www.nspe.org](http://www.nspe.org) and login to manage your account.

If you do not wish to receive any more issues of *PE Matters*, [click here to unsubscribe](#) .

**Share with your network**



**National Society of Professional Engineers | 1420 King Street | Alexandria, VA  
22314**