

Hello NECC Community,

Please enjoy this mainly pictorial edition of the *ISE News*.

The Buzz: Students Flock to the Centers

In the 1989 classic baseball movie *Field of Dreams*, a ghostly voice says to the young farmer in his cornfield, "If you build it, he will come." The message being that you must take the risk (and show the faith) before you can get the reward. We created multiple new Integrated Student Experience (ISE) centers this summer and in the first weeks of the semester, the students came!

They came to the **Center for Business and Accounting's** Welcome Week activities (see below), which included an introduction to college services and support, transfer institution representatives, refreshments, and more.



They came to study in the comfortable new **Center for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math** (below), which also hosted a welcome event.



They came—even the President came—to the chill new Center for Liberal Arts (below). Go visit these Academic Centers and see how different they are as they reflect the students in their programs and the spirit of their disciplines.



Perhaps most encouraging, they came in droves to the Academic Coaching Center (below). Historically our tutoring and coaching services are sparsely attended early in the semester, but not this year! In the first two weeks of class 124 students made 226 visits for coaching. A First Year Seminar class visited the Center and coaches have introduced themselves in other courses. The Center encourages faculty to stop by and learn how the coaches can help their students succeed.



Congratulations to all our centers on their opening activities! Keep up the good work.

What Else is Happening with the Integrated Student Experience?

The Haverhill **Student Success Hub (SSH)** also launched operations late in the summer. Academic Advising has now moved downstairs in the Behrakis Building to SC118. In addition, the second major onsite event of the EAB Navigate implementation took place on Thursday September 27th. We hope to launch the first two modules of Navigate (which focus on easing the administrative process of new student entry to the college and academic advising) by the middle of next spring semester.

Work continues on developing **Pathway Maps** for most of our Academic Programs by this November for use in the Spring semester registration period.

The first meeting of the **Advising Council** occurred on Wednesday September 26th, with representatives from the professional advisors working in the Student Success Hub and faculty advisors from each of the five Academic Centers as well as the Academic Preparation Department. An early project for this group will be reforming the process by which students register for classes each term. Stay tuned for details!

If you wish to join the growing number of students, faculty, staff and administrators contributing to the Integrated Student Experience, please email me at wheineman@necc.mass.edu.

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