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COMMENCEMENT 2024

Rita Moreno, Famed Actress, Activist and Author, to Deliver NEIT Commencement Address

Kevin M. Graney to be honored during Commencement

LEGENDARY ACTRESS Rita Moreno will deliver Pgy "Gpincpf" Kpukvwvg"qh" Vgejppqni {ou"eq o gpeg-ogpvc" ffguu"qp"Uwpcf{. "Oc{ "7.4246. cv"vjg"Co kec" OwwwcnRcxlnkqk"pRtqxfgpeg. Tj qfg"ku"ncpf" Fwtkpi" a career that has spanned 80 years, the actress, dancer and singer has won every major award in show business. Ujg"ku"qpg"qh"vjg"hg y" r gthqt ogtu"vq" gctp"vjg" eqxvgf"oG IQVd{ "y kppki"Go o {u. "c" I tco o {." cp"Quect. c"pf" c"Vqp { "Ujg"ku"vjg" Ltu"v"cp" f"qpn { "Ncvkpc" y q o cp"vq" f"q"uq" C"v"vjg" c"i" g"qh" ; 4. "u jgou"pq"unq y kpi" f q y p"Ujg" tgegpvn { "uvcttg" f"kp"vjg" dngemdwvgt"Ln o u" 80 for Brady and Fast X. Ujg"ewttgpvn { "uvctu in the pgy n { "tngucug" f"eq o g f { /jqtqt" Ln o "The Prank and vjg" Pgv hz" Ln o "Family Switch.



GENERAL DYNAMICS" Gngevte" Dqcv" Rtgukf"gpv. Kevin Graney, will receive an honorary degree during Pgy "Gpincpf" Kpukvwvg"qh" Vgejppqni {ou" wreq o kpi" eq o gpeg o gpv" Gngevte" Dqcv"ku"vjg" ukp ing" act igu" manufacturing employer in Rhode Island and plays c" rlxqvcn" tqng"kp" pcvkqpcn" ugewtkv { "Ykvj" I tcpg { "cv" vjg" jgn o. "Gngevte" Dqcv"ku"gz rgtkqpeki" c" qpeg"kp" c" generation expansion, hiring thousands of people vq" dwkn f" vjg" uwd o ctkpgu" vj cv" utxg" cu" c" Ltu"v"nkpg"qh" fghgpug" hqt" vjg" Wpkvg" f"Uvcv"gu" Ykvj" c" hqewu"pp"vgc o - work, he is known for uncompromising dedication vq" swcnkv { "cp" uchgv { 0

Dqtp"kp" Rwtvq" Tkeq. "Oqtg"p" y cu" f" cpeki" d { "vjg" vk o g"vjg" y cu" Lxg" { gctv"qn" f"Ujg" o c f g" jgt" Dtcqf y c { " fgdw" y jgp" h" jg" y cu" 350" Jgt" gctn { "y qtmkpenw" f" g" tangu" kp" vjg" encu" ke" o wu" kecn" Ln o u" Singin' in the Rain and The King and I, before her breakout role as Anita in West Side Story which earned her the Oscar for best supporting actress.

Graney has spent more than three decades work- kpi" kp" cp" f" ctqwp" f" uwd o ctkpgu" Gctn { "qp. " jg" y cu" captivated by the cutting-edge technology essential kp" dwkn f" kpi" vjg" ukru" Jg" gctpg" f" c" fgi" tgg" kp" o ctkpg" gp i kpggtkpi. " y cu" eq o o kuukqpg" f" cu" c" pxcn" qh" Legt. " cp" f" utxg" f" cdqct" f" uwd o ctkpgu" Jg" dgi" cp" jku" u jkr- dwkn f" kpi" ectggt" y kvj" I gpgtcn" F { pc o keu" kp" 3 ; ; 7" cu" c" ugplqt" gp i kpggt" Jg" c" fxcpeg" f" vq" uwr" gtxkuqt { "tqng" and managed teams of designers and engineers work-

"After I won the Oscar and the Golden Globe for West Side Story, I couldn't get a movie to save my life," says Moreno. "It was really awful, and I didn't know what the heck vq" f" q" k" j c" f" rnc { g" f" vjg" fg" Lpkvkg" Jkurcpe" character, and nobody was offering anything within that genre."

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Moreno was told by a prominent agent that she simply didn't have what it takes. It was seven years before she made another movie. Jgt" c" f" xkeg" vq" Pgy "Gpincpf" Vgej" I tcfu" o { "q w" jcxg" vq" Lpf" c" y c { "vq" tgetgcvg" { qwtugnh" [qw" must learn to just stand up, deal with it, and i gv" qp" y kvj" { qwt" hkhg. o" u jg" uc { u" o { "q w" i gv" vjg" u" blows and how you deal with them is how you're going to deal with your life."

"o" vjg" g" ku" c" vtg o gpf" qu" c o qwp" v" qh" r" tkf" g" kp" shipbuilding," says Graney. "It is a great honor to be a part of a team as dedicated to a mission cu" vjg" rgg" rng" qh" PCUUEQ" cp" f" Gngevte" Dqcv" o Pgy "Gpincpf" Vgej" y qtmu" enqun { " y kvj" I tcpg { "vq" vtckp" gpvt { /ngxgn" y gnf" gtu. " u jkr" L- v- ters, machinists, and production planners for lqdu" cv" Gngevte" Dqcv" vjg" tqw i j" vjg" wpkxgtkv { ou" Ujkrdwkn f" kpi" cp" f" C" fxcpeg" f" Ocpw" hcevwtkpi" Kpukvwvg" *UCOK+0" PGKVou" tgnv" kqpu" jkr" y kvj"

Moreno faced blatant discrimination during her early career, but her perseverance and versatility eventually allowed her to break free

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Three NEIT Degrees = Great Success

Benjamin Robin, a student from the British Virgin Islands, began his educational journey at New England Tech when he earned an Associate in Science degree with honors in Architectural Building Engineering Technology in 2018. To expand his knowledge, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in Architectural Building Engineering Technology in 2020. Ben continued his studies and received a Master of Science degree in Construction Management in 2022. Combining his education and extensive work experience, Ben shares his success with Tech News readers.

What did you do to get started with your career?
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Benjamin Robin

What made you decide to attend NEIT?
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Tell us about your current position.
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some professors who had their own companies and gave me pointers on what to expect once I completed college. Most of my job interviews were focused on an eqpvtwvkwq" f" qew o gpv" ftc y kpi" hgv" K" r" tqfweg" f" cv" PGKVU" O { " gfwecv" kp" cv" Pgy "Gpincpf" Vgej" jnrgf" rnceg" o g" on a path to success.

Why did you choose your program?
I had been drafting and designing for years without c" eqmg i g" fgi" tgg" wpvkn" o { " y khg" Lpcnm { " r wu j g f" o g" vq" Lnm" qwv" vjg" PGKV" cr rnkccv" kp" K" v" y cu" qpg" qh" vjg" dgu" v" fgeku" qpu" that changed my life.

What do you feel prepared you for your position?
I joined Rowse Architects with more than a decade of experience in construction and architecture. I also worked as an architectural drafter kp" vjg" Dtkvku" j" Xkt i k" kuncpfu" y jgtg" K" i ckpgf" umknu" kp" dqv j" eq o o gtekn" and residential design. In other positions I gained experience in client relations, data management, construction management, project o cpc i g o gpv. " dwkn f" kpi" eqf" gu. " Lgnf" o gcuwtkpi. "DKO. " ECF. " cp" f" o cp { " aspects of building design.
Vjg will to continue learning and keeping up with the new practices and programs also helped me prepare for my current position. I had

Do you have any advice for graduates who are just beginning their job search?
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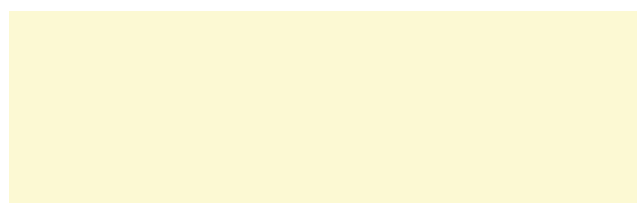


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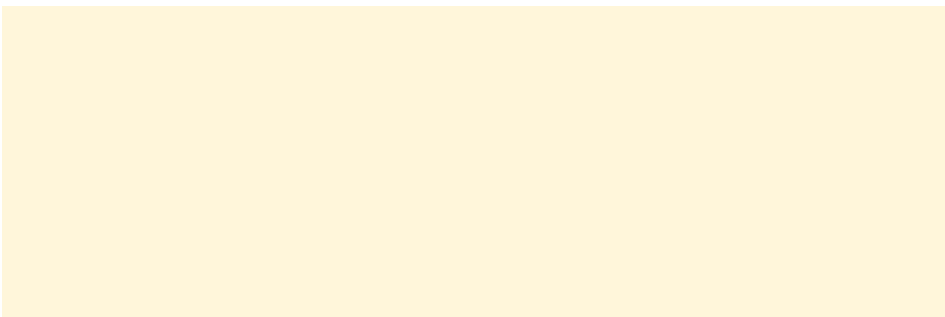
DEAN'S LIST

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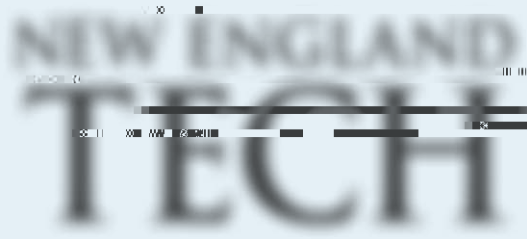


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