



Overview of 100th Anniversary Plans

New England Events

- In the months leading up to the Centennial Celebration in October 2024, the Council will host a series of reception-style events in each New England state.
- These events, held in unique venues, will give members in each state the opportunity to gather to celebrate the Council's Centennial, and will build excitement for the Centennial Celebration in October.
- In addition to NEC members in each state, the Council will also invite past New Englander of the Year honorees from each state, as well as elected officials including members of Congress, Governors, and others.

Washington, DC Events

- In September 2024, the Council will hold a special event in Washington, DC, to mark the 100th Anniversary.
- The breakfast program will feature a panel discussion with members of the Senate and House from New England. The discussion will focus on the importance of regional collaboration, and will highlight how the delegation has worked together on regional issues over the years, as well as the importance of open communication between the business community.
- The panel will include members of Congress from several states, and hopefully, both side of the aisle, with a focus on long-serving members who have a long history of working with the Council.
- The Council will explore the possibility of arranging for a high-profile historian or media figure with a connection to the region as the moderator of the panel discussion.

Centennial Celebration

- In recognition of the 100th anniversary, the Annual Celebration will instead be called the Centennial Celebration.
- The Centennial Celebration will be held at a new, larger venue – the Encore Boston.
- Instead of the traditional New Englander of the Year Awards, the Council will present awards in three categories focused on New England's past, present, and future.
 - Legacy Award (2): Presented to past New Englander of the Year recipient in recognition of their history of contributions to the region.

- Centennial Award (2): Presented to current business, government, or non-profit leaders in the region – similar to the traditional New Englander of the Year Award.
- Rising Star Award (1): Presented to an up-and-coming younger leader in the region.
- In addition to the traditional sponsorship levels, the Centennial Celebration will also feature a \$100,000 sponsorship level, referred to as a Centennial Sponsor. Eastern Bank has already committed to sponsoring the 2025 event at this level.
- Special guest invited to the Centennial Celebration will include all living past New Englanders of the Year, past New England Council staff, and past Board Chairs and Board Members.

Fellowship

- In 2025, the Council will establish the New England Council Fellows Program. The program will be announced in the first quarter of 2025, with the first class of fellows to be selected for summer 2025.
- A portion of the funds raised by the Centennial Celebration will be used to fund this program.
- Under this program, the Council will select 12 charitable non-profit organizations – two in each New England state--and will provide those organizations with funding for a stipend for a summer intern.
- The selected organizations will have discretion to select a fellow whose education, qualifications and experience best meet their current needs.
- The goal of this program is to support worthy community organizations who may not otherwise be able to afford to hire a summer intern, while also providing valuable work experience to college students to prepare them for future workforce success.
- In addition to providing stipend funding, Council leadership will also meet with each fellow, and they will be invited to attend any Council events throughout the year to network and meet members of Congress. The Council will also host a luncheon at the end of the summer for the class of fellows, along with representatives of their employer organizations.
- The fellows will be featured on the New England Council website and social media to highlight this new initiative.
- Each year following, the Council will select 12 new organizations to host fellows, and will seek each year to select a diverse array of organizations.
- The Council will soon be establishing a Fellowship Advisory Committee, to include volunteers from the Board of Directors as well as other interested members, to help finalize details for the program.