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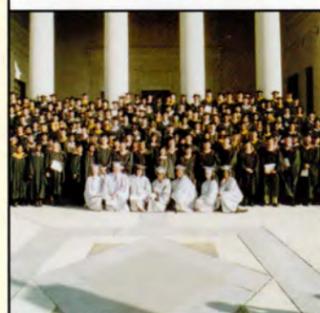
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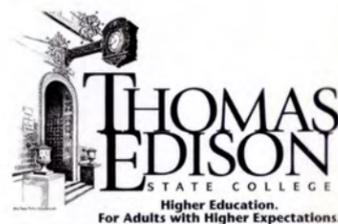
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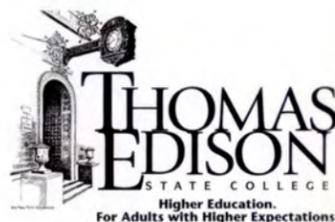
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A Message from the President



Dear Alumni, Students and Friends,

Fall is the time to pause to recognize the achievements of the graduates and friends of Thomas Edison State College. Excellence is the hallmark of everything we do here at the College, and in this issue of *Invention*, we are pleased to highlight the many individuals who have shared their outstanding contributions with us.

It was with pleasure that I sat on the dais at our 31st Annual Commencement ceremony and looked out at the graduates who filled the auditorium at the Patriots Theater of the Soldiers and Sailors' War Memorial. Their stories of perseverance in pursuit of their educational goals exemplify the commitment to adult education that we at the College celebrate. Our students have made their education a priority, and many spoke about how they hoped to be an example to their children.

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COLLEGE NEWS



Nicholas L. Carnevale elected to Chairmanship of Board of Trustees

Noted local businessman Nicholas L. Carnevale of Princeton, N.J., a member of the Thomas Edison State College Board of Trustees since 1995, was elected chair of the Board on Sept. 12, 2003. The 11-member Board of Trustees is a volunteer group of business, civic and community leaders. The Board oversees the planning, development and operations of the College. Carnevale's term will run through September 2005.

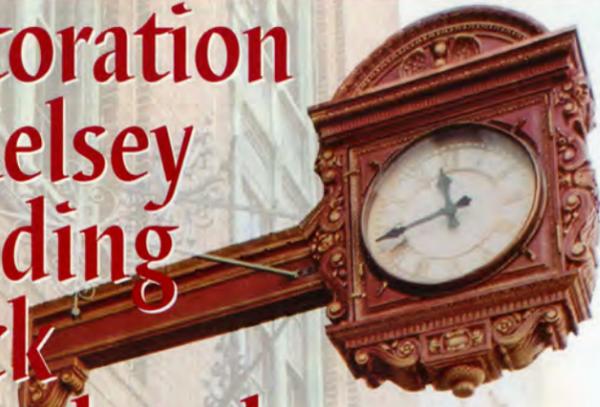
Carnevale is the retired chair of Walter B. Howe, Inc., Insurance and Real Estate. He is a graduate of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in marketing and management. A Certified Life Underwriter, Carnevale has an extensive background in the life insurance industry, having held positions with The Equitable Life Assurance Society and The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company.

A longtime supporter of the College, Carnevale has been a member of the Thomas Edison State College Foundation Board of Directors since 1986. He served as chair to the Foundation Board from 1992 to 1997. Appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve as its liaison to the Thomas Edison State College Foundation in 1992, Carnevale continues to serve in that role. Prior to his election as chair of the College's Board of Trustees, Carnevale served as vice chair for a yearlong term.

Carnevale is active in professional and community affairs. He is an associate of the Lear Alliance, Princeton, N.J., and past board member of the Trust Company of Princeton.

"Nicholas Carnevale has been a dedicated member of the Board for many years and has given the College his unwavering support," said Dr. George A. Pruitt, president of Thomas Edison State College. "His business expertise and strong commitment to the College will be invaluable as he chairs the Thomas Edison State College Board of Trustees. He is a true friend of the College."

Restoration of Kelsey Building Clock Completed



The Kelsey Building Clock, the signature image of Thomas Edison State College, was returned to the façade of the historic building after several months of restoration. Alexander Horn, selected by the New Jersey Building Authority (NJBA) to lead the team of craftsmen who worked on the restoration project, supervised the effort completed on Sept. 17, 2003. (See the Fall 2003 issue of *Invention* for a comprehensive article on the clock's restoration.)

The clock was painted an earth-tone red and accented with a pear-yellow paint. "The idea was to select a color that would complement the color of the Kelsey Building's brick," explained Horn. The metalwork of brass supporting the clock was also stripped and powder-coated as were the hands of the clock.

Henry Cooper Kelsey, the benefactor who made the original endowment to build the Kelsey Building, made a provision in his will to ensure the clock would be maintained in perpetuity. Horn feels that the months of painstaking restoration work that brought the clock back to its original luster have honored Kelsey's wishes. "We've made everything as original as possible," he said of the restoration. "In some areas, we've made improvements." To update the clock, Horn added a new motor and a global positioning system (GPS) antennae. The clock uplinks with military satellites several times a day and self-adjusts accordingly.

The \$23,000 restoration was funded by the NJBA as part of a \$14.2 million restoration project.

COLLEGE NEWS

College Co-Sponsors Exhibit at Old Barracks Museum

Displayed in a covered glass case at the Old Barracks Museum is an old red leather ledger entitled "Furniture, Curios, Pictures, Money, etc. to Barracks—1903." The book's contents chronicle 100 years of generosity toward the Old Barracks Museum. In an effort to celebrate a centennial of collecting, Thomas Edison State College has collaborated with Lockheed Martin Corporation and the New Jersey Historical Commission to sponsor a yearlong exhibition highlighting the museum's array of holdings.

Desirous to honor the many benefactors who have contributed to the museum, the Old Barracks Museum organizers elected to use the book's title for the name of the exhibit, entitled "Furniture, Curios & Pictures: 100 Years of Collecting by the Old Barracks Association." Appropriately, the first artifact greeting visitors to the exhibit is the 1903 red leather ledger. While recent efforts by the Old Barracks Association have focused on returning the museum to reflect life in a military barracks, the original emphasis of the museum's collection was on 18th- and 19th- century antiques.

According to VivianLea Stevens, curator of the Old Barracks Museum, the goal of the exhibit is to illustrate the progression of the collection as a whole. "One of the purposes of the exhibit is to examine and salute the efforts of the past, to showcase our collections and to look toward future growth," she said.

The exhibit features several sections that demonstrate how museum practices have evolved during the past century. Stevens opted to display a portion of the museum's household antiques alongside military artifacts. Visitors may view a collection of six firearms that show the advancement of rifles during the Revolutionary War. Also displayed is an extensive collection of samplers of the era, constructed by women from the New Jersey and Pennsylvania regions. Of special interest is a 1774 Broadside, the Revolutionary War equivalent of junk mail. This particular piece advocates civil disobedience and exhorts colonists to refrain from placing any orders of goods from England.

"Thomas Edison State College is proud to co-sponsor this exhibit at the Old Barracks Museum," said Michael J. Scheiring, vice president and treasurer at Thomas Edison State College. "Trenton's history is America's history and the College is especially interested in fostering educational programs that augment its public policy and historic preservation initiatives."

The museum is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Major holidays are excluded. Please call (609) 396-1776 for more information. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. The exhibit will continue until August 2004.



Michael Scheiring (left), vice president and treasurer at Thomas Edison State College, examines a ledger containing an accounting of the donations given to the Old Barracks Museum during the past 100 years. Joining Scheiring is VivianLea Stevens, the museum's curator.

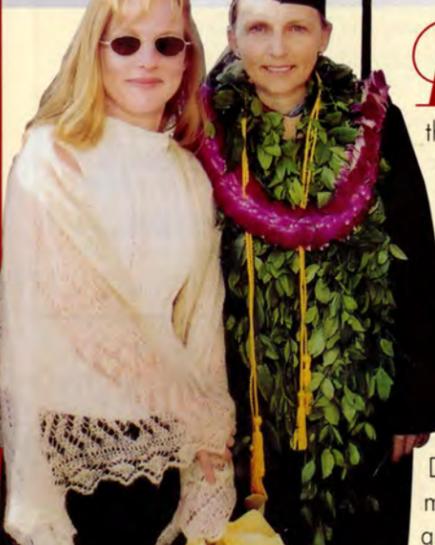
New Artwork Graces Great Hall Atrium

If you have recently visited the Thomas Edison State College campus, perhaps you have noticed the suspended glass sculpture overhead as you entered the Great Hall lobby area. This glass sculpture, entitled "Quantum," was commissioned by the College and is part of the New Jersey Building Authority's ongoing Townhouse restoration project. It was installed in the lobby during late summer.

The 30- by three-foot sculpture is made of stainless steel wire and tubing with 160 laminated glass discs. The dichroic coating on each disc is intended to turn white light into two complementary colors. When light enters through the skylight in the Great Hall and passes through the coated discs, the atrium is filled with touches of refracted light.

In preparing "Quantum," Philadelphia artist Ray King researched the work of Thomas Edison, the prolific New Jersey inventor for whom the College is named. According to King, the stainless steel wire represents the filament that Edison invented for use in the light bulb. The overall pattern of the artwork is taken from a molecule that Edison utilized to improve the manufacture of Portland cement. King's goal was to provide a "celestial" feeling that draws the viewer's attention upward and catches light on a "cyclical" basis.





Picture-perfect weather prevailed as the Thomas Edison State College class of 2003 walked up the stately steps of the Soldiers and Sailors' War Memorial building in Trenton, N.J., to celebrate the culmination of the graduates' educational goals. Despite life's obstacles, more than 250 graduates came to

lei was a surprise graduation gift from her daughter Kristyl Mathews (far left). The College awarded 1,630 degrees to the class of 2003, representing a 16 percent increase in degrees awarded last year. With the addition of the graduates' loved ones and other well-wishers, the 1,900-seat Patriots Theater was filled to capacity.

As the graduates walked across the stage to announce their name and receive their diploma, the crowd showed its support with cheers and an occasional child's voice gleefully exclaiming, "That's Mommy!" Dr. George A. Pruitt, president of Thomas Edison State College, along with Nicholas L. Carnevale, chair of the College's Board of Trustees, presented the graduates with their diplomas.

Honorary Degree Conferred

United States Sen. Jon S. Corzine of New Jersey delivered the Commencement address and received an honorary doctorate during the ceremonies. Noting that he, like the graduates present, had juggled work and family responsibilities while



Trenton to experience the satisfaction of earning their college degrees.

Graduates from 21 states attended the ceremonies held Oct. 18, 2003. For some, the road was long. Gay L. Mathews (above right) of Honokaa, Hawaii, celebrated the completion of her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree with a Polynesian flair. Mathew's traditional

attending graduate school, Corzine expressed his appreciation of their accomplishments. "I am awed by what you have done," he said. "Being the product of a night school MBA program, I know it has been a difficult task."

Corzine exhorted the graduates to be proud of their achievements. "Build on what you have accomplished today," he said. "Seize the opportunities that will come your way as a result of your education.

Build upon your success of today. The paths ahead will be difficult. Opportunity has its risks but it also comes with the opportunity to benefit."

At the close of his remarks, Corzine challenged the graduates to live life to its fullest. "Stay true to your dreams," he said. "Society needs your participation. Give [society] the same effort as what you brought to your education. We need a fired-up, plugged-in society."

Corzine was elected to his first term in the U.S. Senate in November 2000, after a long and successful career as an investment banker. A former co-chairman and co-chief executive officer of the investment firm Goldman Sachs, Corzine's private-sector experience and financial expertise has put him in the forefront of a number of major economic and regulatory issues facing Congress. He is a member of the Senate Banking Committee, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, the Foreign Relations Committee and the Senate Budget Committee. The senator graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1969, and received his MBA from the University of Chicago in 1973.

In presenting the senator with the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, Pruitt said, "As an advocate for equal opportunity, you are truly dedicated to education, the business community and the citizens of New Jersey. Your service exemplifies extraordinary civic leadership."

Successful Musician and Filmmaker Delivers Response for Graduates Address

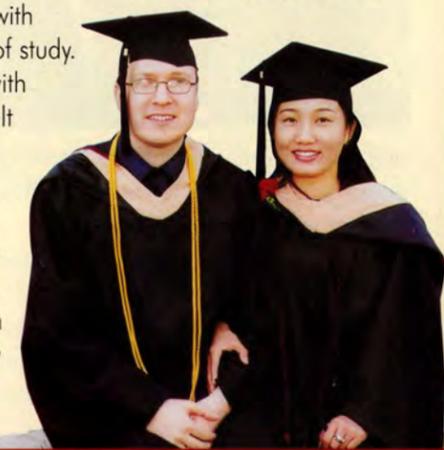


Keith Benson, a 48-year-old musician, said that he was not about to miss his own graduation ceremony. He even

turned down an invitation to play at Hugh Hefner's mansion in sunny California so that he would be able to deliver the Response for Graduates address.

A resident of Cherry Hill, N.J., Benson is a successful studio musician and filmmaker. For more than 20 years, he has been a session drummer for Philadelphia International Records, playing for the label's top artists including Teddy Pendergrass and The Four Tops. At about the same time as he began his studies at Thomas Edison State College, Benson became involved in a project as associate producer for the motion picture "Standing in the Shadows of Motown." The film received two Grammy Awards and was also given a New York Film Critics Circle Award. The film is a tribute to the Funk Brothers band, the group of studio musicians behind the Motown hit-making machine. After the film received critical acclaim, Benson was invited to travel with the band on a world tour following the death of the band's principal drummer. Despite the demands of his career and family, Benson completed his degree requirements—with straight A's in his area of study.

"I've been blessed with success in a very difficult business," said Benson during his remarks to fellow graduates. "But the ultimate art is a fulfilled life and I want to say that Thomas Edison State College is the key to a fulfilled life."



Thanking Thomas Edison State College for providing him with an education, Benson said, "For five years, the College gave me something to look forward to every day. I know many successful, affluent people who wake up in the morning and have nothing to look forward to. In the end, it's not about fame or fortune, it's about living your life well."



Basking in the Glow of Accomplishment

After instructing the graduates to rotate their tassels, Pruitt said during his closing remarks, "God go with you and be with you—and us."

Carrying Benson's Motown theme through to the end of the ceremony, the graduates filed out of the Patriots Theater auditorium accompanied by the musical selection "My Girl," which was written by William "Smokey" Robinson



and Robert White. During the planning phase of the Commencement activities, Pruitt offered Benson the honor of selecting the recessional music. Benson selected the tune because it exuded a happy feeling that mirrored the emotions that lay in the hearts of each graduate.

John Ingram, who also performed on

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the Grammy-winning "Standing in the Shadows of Motown" soundtrack and back-up singer for the Funk Brothers, delivered a soulful rendition of the song to the delight of the graduates and others attending. Many began to join Ingram in song as they marched out of the auditorium, while on the stage, the Princeton Pro Musica Choir joined the impromptu sing-a-long, clapping out the rhythm as Ingram performed at the piano.

New Graduate and Alumni Reception

The Office of Development & Alumni Affairs in conjunction with the Thomas Edison State College Alumni Association held its first New Graduate and Alumni Reception at the Trenton Marriott at Lafayette Yard hotel on the eve of the Commencement ceremonies. The cocktail reception was attended by 75 graduates and guests. The reception provided an opportunity for graduates to meet members of the Alumni Association, College staff members and fellow graduates for the first time.

The Office of Development & Alumni Affairs worked tirelessly to make a full Commencement weekend for the graduates. Several graduates arrived Friday evening with no specific plans and welcomed the opportunity to meet fellow graduates in a social setting. "This was something new that we thought would make the graduates' Commencement experience even more pleasant," said Thomas Kosdemba, '97, president of the Thomas Edison State College Alumni Association. "This is the time for the College to show its graduates how special they are and to congratulate

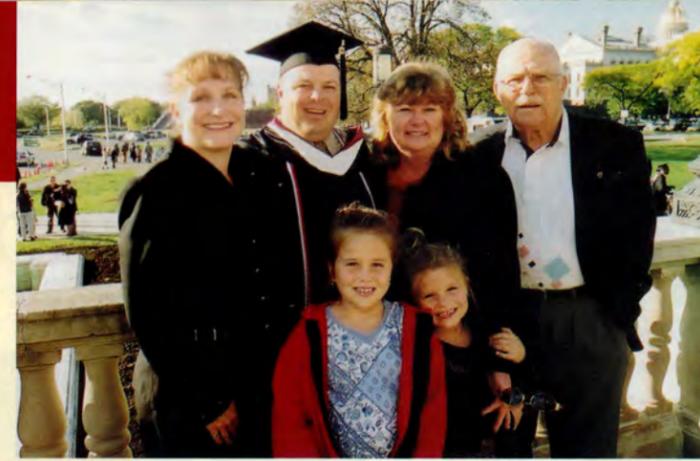
them on a job well done." The response to the new event was so positive that the Alumni Association plans to make the reception an annual affair.

Among the graduates was 45-year-old Gary Hankins of Pennsville, N.J. Accompanied by his wife Nancy and other family members, Hankins said he was lucky to be able to attend the Commencement ceremony after recovering from a multiple bypass surgery the previous month. "I am very glad to be here," he said. "I could have just as easily passed away."

Hankins, who has always been active in sports, had been battling a deteriorating heart condition during the past several years. While he was completing his Bachelor of Arts degree in history, Hankins found himself visiting his cardiologist with increasing frequency. "I had stints before and they just weren't working," he said. A football and basketball referee, Hankins recalls one time taking 12 nitroglycerine pills just to make it through officiating a five-hour AAU basketball tournament. "I felt like there was someone standing on my chest," he said. "I'm lucky I didn't die."

Along with his new found health, Hankins is delighted with his new baccalaureate degree. Laid off as a lab technician from Dupont, Hankins decided that he would seek a new career as a high school social studies teacher. "I went to the unemployment

office and spoke with the job



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counselor who recommended Thomas Edison State College," said Hankins, who graduated in June. Hankins is now working as a substitute history teacher in a school district near his home and is very optimistic about his job prospects for the future. "If I can do it, anyone can," he said.



Putting Him/Her Through (PHT) Banquet

Following the Commencement ceremony, the Alumni Association hosted its annual Putting Him/Her Through (PHT) Banquet in the George Washington Ballroom at the War Memorial building. Graduates presented a PHT certificate to family members and friends who helped and supported them during their studies. This year marked the 15th anniversary of the event, which began at the suggestion of a graduate who wanted a way to thank his wife for her support while he earned his college degree from Thomas Edison State College.

THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION HOSTS 12TH ANNUAL GALA

Friends and supporters of the College gathered for a night of dinner and dancing as the Thomas Edison State College Foundation Board hosted the 12th annual gala. This year's festivities took place on Nov. 15, 2003, in the George Washington Ballroom at the Soldiers and Sailors' War Memorial in Trenton, N.J.

The black-tie gala opened with a silent auction and cocktail hour, during which guests nibbled on smoked salmon and brie. Local merchants donated items for the evening's silent auction. Guests could select items that appealed to a broad range of interests. Foundation Board member John Quattrone and his wife Bess,



amateur vintners, donated several bottles of wine from their personal wine cellar. Sports fans selected among several items of sports memorabilia, and several area hotels donated lodging packages to the auction. Also among the items donated were several pieces of fine jewelry, courtesy of Colavita Jewelry of Trenton, N.J. All auction proceeds benefitted the Foundation.

Following the silent auction, guests enjoyed a sumptuous double-entrée dinner of roast tenderloin of beef served with apricot cabernet sauce and rum-glazed sea bass. Guests danced through the night to the sounds of the Wayne Gustafson Group.

Highlighting the evening was the presentation of the Spirit of Edison Awards. These prestigious awards are given to community leaders and alumni whose creativity, commitment and entrepreneurial spirit reflect the pioneering genius of Thomas Alva Edison.



Al Maghazehe

In recognition of his exceptional leadership and significant contributions to the greater Mercer County healthcare industry, the Thomas Edison State College Foundation Board honored Al Maghazehe with the Spirit of Edison Award for Community Leadership.

As president and chief executive officer, Maghazehe helped transform the former Helene Fuld Medical Center and Mercer Medical Center into a successful two-hospital system that today is a regional healthcare destination attracting specialists and patients from the greater Mercer/Bucks County area and beyond.

Through Maghazehe's vision, Capital Health System (CHS) has seen its bond ratings upgraded twice by two major financial accrediting agen-

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- ◆ Enthusiasm for the improvement of quality of life through continued availability of higher education for adults.

cies; opened a new emergency room at its CHS-Fuld campus (where construction continues for a new intensive care unit/coronary care unit); ushered in an innovative pediatric affiliation with St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia; developed the highly successful "zero wait" pediatrics emergency express care program; created the area's only trauma center; and spearheaded the development of the very exciting "medical mall" that will open in Hamilton, N.J., during the summer of 2004—a unique complex that brings together physicians of all specialties, same-day surgery and a comprehensive array of radiology and laboratory testing.

Maghazehe joined the Helene Fuld Medical Center in 1979, where he began his professional career as a graduate school intern. He was named administrative assistant in 1980 and served as assistant administrator from

1982 to 1992. He served as chief operating officer from 1992-97, and was named chief executive officer in 1997. He was named CEO for Capital Health System in 1998.

A diplomat of the American College of Healthcare Executives, Maghazehe received his PhD in business management from Pacific International University in California, a master's degree in health services administration from Wagner College in New York and a baccalaureate degree from the Institute of Paramedical Sciences.

Maghazehe serves as a member and treasurer of the Trenton



Barbara Armand, '93

Recognized as one of New Jersey's leading female entrepreneurs, Barbara Armand, '93, was honored by the Thomas Edison State College Foundation Board of Directors with the Spirit of Edison Award for Distinguished Alumni. Armand graduated from Thomas Edison State College with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a specialization in mathematics and physics in 1993.

Armand is the president and CEO of Armand Corporation, a construction management firm. Founded in 1991 by Armand, the firm specializes in engineering and technological services. Armand Corporation was recognized by the *Philadelphia Business Journal* as one of the Delaware Valley's "100 Fastest Growing Privately Held Firms" for three consecutive years.

Under Armand's leadership, the Cherry Hill-based company has received several awards in recognition of its success from the United States Small Business Administration and the Department of

Economic Development Corporation, an organization working for the revitalization of the city of Trenton and is a member of the Policy Development Committee of the New Jersey Hospital Association. He is the past chairman of the board of the Trenton Emergency Medical Services, past president of the American Lung Association and a member of the Central New Jersey Trauma Network.

Maghazehe lives in Holland, Pa., with his wife Lida. They have one daughter Lisa, a graduate student at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Commerce in 1995 and 1997. The firm's projects include preliminary engineering and technical task management services for the New Jersey Light Rail System, construction management services for the Apollo Arena project at Temple University, and communications and special systems program management services for American Airlines' JFK Airport Terminal Redevelopment Project. Internationally, Armand Corporation provided project management services in Paiton, Indonesia, for the construction of a two-unit coal-fired plant.

Armand brings her passion for science to her community service work. She was a sponsor of the "Mad Science" program at the Samuel B. Smith Elementary School in Burlington, N.J. She also funds the Armand Corporation Scholarship at the Rutgers School of Business in Camden, N.J.

In addition, Armand currently serves on the boards of the Lourdes Health System Foundation, the Rutgers University School of Business (Camden campus) and the Camden County Council of Girl Scouts.

Armand resides in Mt. Laurel, N.J., and is the parent of a daughter attending graduate school.



Maria P. Imbalzano, Esq.

To commemorate and honor a decade of service to the Thomas Edison State College Foundation, the Board of Directors honored Maria P. Imbalzano with the Spirit of Edison Family Award. This special honor, only occasionally awarded, is given to those who have demonstrated outstanding service and dedication to Thomas Edison State College.

A partner with the law firm of Stark & Stark, Imbalzano has served the Thomas Edison State College Foundation with unfailing dedication for 10 years. She has chaired the Foundation's Special Events committee for five years, having been the principal organizer of The Grande Ball and other Foundation events.

Specializing in family law, Imbalzano received her Juris Doctor degree from Fordham University School of Law in 1983, after having received a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Rutgers University in 1976. After completing her education, Imbalzano was admitted to the New Jersey State Bar. She is also a member of the

New York State Bar, the U.S. District Court Bar and the U.S. Supreme Court Bar.

Imbalzano is a certified matrimonial Law Attorney and court approved Divorce Mediator. A frequent speaker and author, Imbalzano has covered such topics as equitable distribution, alimony, child support, custody and many other related topics. Her articles have been published in numerous publications throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania, including *The Matrimonial Strategist*, *Mercer Business* and *Estate Planning Magazine*. She has also presented numerous programs to accountants, estate planners and financial planners on the topics of family law and estate planning.

Always active in community service, Imbalzano served more than a decade on the Executive Board of the American Cancer Society, Mercer Unit. She also served for several years on the Board of the Princeton Ballet and the New Jersey State Bar's District VII Ethics Committee.

Imbalzano resides in Lawrenceville, N.J., with her husband Christopher Pyne, and daughters Alex and Mackenzie.

Alumni Association Board EXPANDS its Membership

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Daniel Price, '02, BSAST Nuclear Engineering Technology

Retired from the U.S. Navy after 20 years of service in January 2003, Daniel Price started a new career as quality manager for DRS Power & Control Technologies Inc., in Milwaukee, Wis. Price noted, "This was a significant career milestone that I could not have achieved without my degree from Thomas Edison State College."

Lea Bayers Rapp, '89, BA Journalism

Lea Bayers Rapp's book, *Mazel Tov! The Complete Book of Jewish Weddings*, has received two additional journalism awards for excellence. Rapp received a first place award from *New Jersey Women* magazine for a religious/inspirational book. The book went on to garner a first award from the National Federation of Press Women. Rapp credits her education at Thomas Edison State College with offering her the knowledge, tools and motivation necessary to develop her award-winning journalism career.

Lawrence Rudesyle, '89, BA Social Science/History

Lawrence Rudesyle received a Master of Science in Health Science degree in community health education on May 20, 2003, from New Jersey City University in Jersey City, N.J.

David J. Standaart, '89, BSAST

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Nancy L. Simon, '92, BSBA BSAST

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David Vosburgh, '91, BA Humanities

David Vosburgh received a Master of Fine Arts degree from Kent State University in Kent, Ohio, in December 2002. An adjunct

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Ronna Whitaker, '02, BA Psychology

Ronna Whitaker is in her second year as a Master in Social Work degree student at Temple University Harrisburg in Harrisburg, Pa. Whitaker is also working toward a certificate in Critical Incident Stress Management through the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, Inc. Upon graduation from Temple, Whitaker expects to be a member of a Critical Incident Stress team as part of her pro bono work in the field. Whitaker credits her husband Gary for "putting her through" for the past 12 years.

Homer Wimberly Jr., '92, BSAST Electronics

Homer Wimberly Jr. obtained a certificate in electronics warfare (EW) through the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and the University of Maryland. A program management specialist in EW for six years, Wimberly is a member of Sigma Iota Epsilon, a management honors society.

James O. Wright Jr., '90, BSHuS

James O. Wright, Jr., founder and president of The Wright Associates, received his PhD in industrial education and technology from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, in 2003. He also holds an EdS in higher education/educational leadership and an MSE in adult education training and development, both from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He is a Certified Safety Professional through the Board of Certified Safety Professionals, a Certified Fraud Examiner with the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, a Certified Protection Professional with the American Society of Industrial Security, and is a Certified Audiometric Technician through the Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation.

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