

Capital Campus

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University Celebrates the Opening of Glen Cairn Hall

Ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by University and Trenton area dignitaries

Thomas Edison State University celebrated the opening of Glen Cairn Hall at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sept. 16, recognizing a new addition to Trenton's skyline and the transformation of a gateway to the city.

Many dignitaries attended and witnessed the ribbon cutting by **Dr. George A. Pruitt**, University president; Trenton Mayor Eric Jackson; and Thomas Edison State University Board of Trustees Chair **Brian T. Maloney**.

"The addition of Glen Cairn Hall to the University's campus is monumental," said Pruitt. "It is a strong symbol of the growth, change and investment we are making in our institution, our students and the capital city."

The property on which Glen Cairn Hall is located has a long and storied history. In 1850, Isaac Pearson, a retired Philadelphia merchant, chose the site and commissioned Philadelphia architect John Notman to design Glencairn, a country home large enough for three generations of his family and their servants. Notman had designed an addition to the New Jersey State House and other prominent buildings in Trenton and Princeton and would go on to become a founding member of the American Institute of Architects.

Years later, the mansion was demolished and the location was succeeded for an apartment complex, appropriately named Glen Cairn Arms, which opened in 1926. The complex consisted of two H-shaped buildings and housed prominent city residents.

As the years passed, the buildings deteriorated and were eventually condemned. After sitting vacant for more than 20 years, the University acquired the property from the city in 2013, and promptly razed the apartment buildings and prepared the site for the new building.

"It was an honor to be a part of the team that has created this beautiful building in the city of Trenton," said **John Murray**, facilities project coordinator, Office of Facilities and Operations.

Glen Cairn Hall is a 34,360-square-foot building that is home to the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing and includes new, state-of-the-art nursing simulation laboratories, lecture halls, conference rooms and a testing center. The building also boasts a two-level parking garage that accommodates more than 90 vehicles as well



(from left) Brian T. Maloney, chair of the Thomas Edison State University Board of Trustees; Dr. George A. Pruitt, president of Thomas Edison State University; and Trenton Mayor Eric Jackson, cut the ribbon celebrating the opening of Glen Cairn Hall.

as a green roof that creates an outdoor space for students and University events. The original entrance of the apartment complex with the inscription 'Glen Cairn Arms' above the archway was incorporated into the new structure in the main lobby.

"I am very proud and humbled to have been a part of the project team responsible for the construction of Glen Cairn Hall," said **Tracy Tosti**, associate director, Office of Facilities and Operations. "The facility brings dignity and livelihood to our academic community and contributes to the quality of life within the city of Trenton."

"Words cannot express the deep personal feelings of accomplishment and gratification for the completion of Glen Cairn Hall," added **Mary Hack**, director, Office of Facilities and Operations. "To be a part of transforming one of the city's gateways and to add to the University's portfolio of facilities along with my dedicated team, will be a lifetime achievement for me."

During the ceremony, Pruitt presented plaques of recognition to **Christopher Stringer**, vice president for Administration and Finance, Hack, Tosti and Murray, acknowledging their extraordinary commitment to shepherd the project to completion.

Focus On: Maggie Ciocco

"I want to inspire people. I want someone to look at me and say, because of you I didn't give up." - Unknown

That motivational quote is taped to the computer of **Margaret 'Maggie' Ciocco** and reflects how she feels about her position as nursing program advisor in the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing.

"I love working with RNs and student nurses and have been a mentor, preceptor and educator through most of my career as a nurse," explained Ciocco, who has been with the University for nearly three years. "This position has been an extension and a different dimension in education. For many of our students, attaining their BSN is a real hardship and a struggle. Many are in a race against time as they have to finish their degree or face unemployment. I am not only an advisor, but a sounding board and a cheerleader for the students."

Ciocco, whose own nursing career spans more than 25 years, has worked as a nursing staff development director and educator, nursing clinical instructor, nursing lab supervisor and instructor, and nursing adjunct faculty.

Ciocco earned her AAS degree in nursing from Ocean County College in 1988 and worked as a medical surgical nurse while completing a BSN (1991) at Seton Hall University. Her desire to be a nurse educator prompted her to pursue a master's in nursing, adult primary health, minor in education (1998), from Syracuse University. She is an American Nurses Association Board Certified Medical Surgical Nurse.

Women's Professional Network Extends Invitation to Join



WOMEN'S
PROFESSIONAL
NETWORK

of Thomas Edison State University

The Women's Professional Network (WPN) of Thomas Edison State University is a group that welcomes employees of the University and New Jersey State Library (NJSL) to gather, network, support and promote the interests of women both on campus and in the community.

A chapter of American Council on Education (ACE) Women's Network of New Jersey, the Thomas Edison State University chapter was formed in 2012 and has members of all units of the University and NJSL. The WPN invites members from all backgrounds, employment paths and interests. This chapter is one of nearly

30 that are on campuses of New Jersey colleges and universities.

Gatherings are held approximately four times per year with additional invitations to statewide chapter events for chapter members. Members may also serve on one or more committees.

Join us the third Wednesday of each month for the Walking Club at 12:30 p.m., and on Oct. 18 for a "Story of Success" event. To join the WPN or for more information, please email tesuacenet@tesu.edu.



Maggie Ciocco, nursing program advisor,
W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing

care to patients, because I assisted in the education of their nurses."

Ciocco also enjoys writing and has been both an author and editor. Her first work, *Fast Facts for the Medical Surgical Nurse*, was published in September 2014 by Springer Publishing. Her second book entitled *Fast Facts for the Nursing Preceptor* was published in September 2015 and is utilized in several hospitals throughout the country in preceptor training. Her third book on bullying in nursing will be published this year.

Ciocco, for example, designed Creating an Academic Pathway to Success (CAPS), in order to maintain contact with students beginning in their first course. The students are contacted at the third and 12th weeks for an evaluation as to what assistance they may require.

"I have always felt that as a nurse, your goal is to provide quality care to your patients, but that is multiplied when you teach student nurses and RNs to provide excellent care," she reflected. "I feel that by assisting RNs to attain their degree through our excellent online education, I'm still, in a way, providing

University Staff Save Stray Cats



Thomas Edison State University staff, in tandem with area humane organizations Trenton Cats Rescue and Easel Animal Rescue, collaborated to rescue a large number of stray cats in the Hanover Street vicinity in August. Multiple traps were set to safely lure, contain and transport 27 adult cats and kittens so they could receive medical care and food. All were neutered or spayed and received rabies vaccines. The kitten pictured here is already being fostered to adopt.

TESU Night at the Trenton Thunder



Gillian Wyckoff, director, Learner Support Center, and son Toby enjoyed the Thomas Edison State University Night at the Trenton Thunder on July 15. More than 60 staff attended the event and watched as the home team shut out the Reading Fightin Phils with a 4-0 victory.

Staff Activities

Dr. Joseph Youngblood II, vice provost and dean of the John S. Watson School of Public Service and Continuing Studies, has joined The Citizens Campaign's Board of Trustees. The Citizens Campaign is a community of problem solvers – government law and policy experts, business people, citizen journalists, civic leaders, students, teachers, parents, artists, entrepreneurs and more – dedicated to empowering citizens through civic leadership training in innovative problem solving to meet today's challenges.



Ellen Coleman, associate director (Mid-Atlantic), Office of Military and Veteran Education, has been named treasurer of the Virginia Advisory Council on Military Education 2016-2017 board.

Robin Walton, vice president of Community and Government Affairs, was named one of the NJBIZ's Forty Under 40 honorees for 2016. The award program, produced by NJBIZ, New Jersey's premier business news publication, is sponsored by Stark & Stark and Brother International Corporation. The Forty Under 40 awards program distinguishes New Jersey business men and women who have made significant contributions to their industry as well as their community.

Todd Siben, assistant director, Portfolio Assessment, recently had the article "The New Portfolio Assessment" published in the *PLA/O* journal. *PLA/O*(Prior Learning Assessment Inside Out) is an online journal published by Empire State University. This is second article Siben has had published in the journal.

Dr. Lisa Whitfield-Harris, diversity coordinator, W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing, defended her dissertation "The Lived Experience of Black Nurse Faculty in Predominately White Schools of Nursing" in June. Whitfield-Harris had an article, "The Workplace Environment for African-American Faculty Employed in Predominately White Institutions," published in the *ABNF Journal*, the official journal of the Association of Black Nursing Faculty, Inc., in June.

Gillian Wyckoff, director, Learner Support Center, and **Chip Stoll**, director, MIS, presented at the NJEDge User Services Symposium at Rider University in Lawrenceville, N.J., in June. Their presentation, "Improving Efficiency and Quality of Service: TESU's Model for Student Success," was viewed by various higher education technology professionals across the state.

Wendy Lang, director of Operation College Promise (OCP), was inducted by Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JB MDL) commanders to the 2016-2017 JB MDL Honorary Commanders Program in September. The program facilitates communication between the surrounding communities and military personnel by showcasing joint base capabilities, future leaders and the caliber of men and women serving at JB MDL. Member were selected for the program because of their record of service to the community and because they have demonstrated a tradition of excellence in their professions.



Welcome New Staff



Elizabeth Joyce has been appointed associate dean in the Heavin School of Arts and Sciences. Joyce is located on the 2nd floor of the Townhouses and may be reached at extension 3183.



Brian Muhlberger has been appointed program advisor II in the Office of Academic Advising. Muhlberger is located on the 2nd floor of Hanover Hall and may be reached at extension 3228.



Mark Snyder has been appointed assessment development specialist in the Center for Learning and Technology. Snyder is located on the 2nd floor of the Center for Learning and Technology and may be reached at extension 2302.

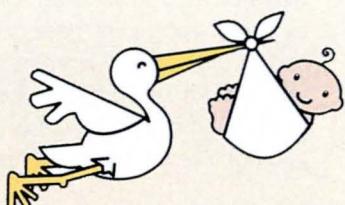
State of the University



At the Thomas Edison State University State of the University address, held at the New Jersey State Museum Auditorium on Sept. 19, **Dr. George A. Pruitt**, president, presented service awards to **Betty Williams**, fiscal administrator, (35 years); **William Seaton**, provost and vice president, (35 years); and **Hope Smith**, education technology specialist (30 years).

CONGRATULATIONS!

Greg Stobb, director of Digital Advertising and Data Analytics, Office of Institutional Marketing, and his wife, Melissa, welcomed a son, Griffin Cooper on Sept. 17. Griffin, who weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces, joins big brother, Shepherd.



Staff View Gettysburg National Military Park via Helicopter



Wendy Lang, director of Operation College Promise, and **Terri Tallon**, director of Military Student Services, were invited to fly with the New Jersey National Guard on the first ever Battlefield Staff Ride. The program was designed for New Jersey's most senior higher education leaders.

The flight began at the National Guard Joint Training Center in Sea Girt, N.J., where they boarded a New Jersey National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter en route to the Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania.

They participated in an extensive tour of the battlefields of Gettysburg, led by U.S. Army War College professor Col. Douglas Mastriano, a historian, writer and New Jersey native. Lang and Tallon visited key battle sites (The Peach Orchard, The Wheatfield, Pickett's Charge, Cemetery Hill, McPherson Ridge, Big Roundtop) and walked the footsteps of confederate and union soldiers, zeroing in on aspects of the major battles that took place in early July 1863.

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