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Lunch and Learn Educates Staff

myEdison® Offers "One-Stop Shopping" to Thomas Edison State College Staff

Finding just what you need to make your job easier is now more seamless than ever. At the Office of Management Information Systems' (MIS) Lunch and Learn on July 8, staff learned that the myEdison® portal is the place to go for everything Thomas Edison State College (TESC). From paystubs to Parature to policy information, it can all be found in one place.

the portal homepage is announcements, a place where staff can view any important information or upcoming events. The site also has links to all College forms, applications, email and much more."

And, he added, "Although at this time, you have to log in twice to access other specific sites, such as Ceridian and SoftTime, the long-term goal is to have these sites become integrated into a Single Sign On

The portal homepage will load on any browser and offers easy access to all applications at work, home or on the road. Once logged in, staff can access College email, submit SoftTime requests, review calendar information or, for fun, check out the pictures of the day. Additionally, there are links to College publications, offices and departments, and TESC blogs.

All of the College's forms are located in one section and an organizational chart is viewable as well. A section devoted to staff discounts from vendors such as Apple and Verizon Wireless can be found on the main page of myEdison®, as well as a link to the College store where staff can purchase Thomas Edison State College merchandise at a 10 to 15 percent discount.

The "Group Site" section is a forum that allows staff to create an access-restricted online committee of select members, which permits all participants with proper credentials to share information.

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"Our goal is for staff to make this portal their homepage," said **August "Chip" Stoll**, director of MIS. "Front and center on

(SSO) system, meaning you won't have to log in a second time, much like how Office 365 and Colleague currently function."

College Pilots eBooks in Nine Popular Courses

The College is offering students the option of free electronic versions of their textbooks (eBooks) in nine popular courses during the October 2015 term. During the pilot phase, College staff will be gathering data on student usage of eBooks.

"We will be tracking the number of students who utilize this option and monitoring their preferences while the pilot is underway," said **Dr. P. Henry van Zyl**, dean of Graduate Programs and vice provost for Academic Administration, whose office is overseeing the project. "We are happy to extend this opportunity to students for a limited time. The eBooks are environmentally friendly, more portable and their usage eliminates the customary wait for paper textbook delivery at the beginning of each term."



Dr. P. Henry van Zyl,
dean of Graduate
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Focus On: Deborah Ware

As newly minted Harcum College graduate, **Deborah Ware** set out into the 'real world' with her sights set on growing and changing with an organization that was just the right fit. It wasn't soon after that she learned of a job opening for a clerk typist in the Office of Admissions at Thomas Edison State College that she knew would be a perfect match.

"I wanted the opportunity to learn something new, and explore potentials for both personal and professional growth," Ware explained.

Having celebrated her 28th year at the College just last month, Ware certainly met her match.

She began working at the College in 1987, in Admissions, moving then to various departments before finding her current home in the Office of Financial Aid where she takes the reigns as a Learner Services representative.

When the offices of Financial Aid and Veterans' Affairs were combined, Ware worked for 14 years processing Veterans' Affairs paperwork, including certifications,

parent letters and creating files as well as handling VA walk-ins and inquiries. Now that the offices are separate, she described her work as being much more "behind the scenes." "I now process private loan certifications, disbursement rosters, assist with early PELL reports, complete deferment request forms and enrollment letters. My work is much more in the background because it requires more reporting and processing," Ware said.

There is no doubt the institution has made a lasting impression on her. "I have worked at the College for many years, and appreciate the friendships that have developed between my colleagues and myself. Many of them are truly like my own family. I also appreciate the fact that after a number of years I've had the chance to work in a variety of different departments and to learn so many aspects of TESC," Ware said.

Not only does Ware know what it's like to be an employee of the College, she also knows firsthand the experience of being a student. She earned both an AA and BA degree from TESC. "As an employee of the College, I very much enjoyed the opportunity to complete a second associate's degree as well as a



Deborah Ware, learner services representative, Office of Financial Aid

baccalaureate degree. In the future, I also intend to complete my master's degree at TESC," said Ware. She also holds an AS degree in Computer-Based Information Systems from Harcum College.

In addition to her daily duties, Ware also serves as the secretary of AFT Local 4277, takes part in Zumba and Spin classes, as well as being a participating member of the New Jersey Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NJASFAA). She cherishes time with her family, and finds joy in interior painting and decorating, cooking and travelling.

Ware currently resides in Willingboro, N.J.

Dress for Success



Women's Professional Network (WPN) of Thomas Edison State College held a "Dress for Success Donation Drive" during its Annual Renewal Meeting on June 23. Pictured (from the left) are WPN board members **Karen Hume**, **Meg Frantz**, event speaker and Dress for Success Program Coordinator, **Nancy Musco**, **Julie Punchello**, **Cathy Punchello-Cobos**, **Jaclyn Joworisak**, and program committee members, **Melissa Masczack** and **Julia Herman**.

Golf Classic



Nearly 150 golfers and guests helped the Thomas Edison State College Foundation raise more than \$71,000 at the 21st annual Thomas C. Streckewald Memorial Golf Classic, which took place at TPC Jasna Polana in Princeton, N.J., on July 13. This year's tournament raised the most money in the event's 21-year history.

The golf classic is held annually in memory of former colleague and TESC staff member Thomas C. Streckewald.

Pictured are this year's staff volunteers.

Operation College Promise Now Part of Thomas Edison State College



Operation College Promise staff members Wendy Lang, director, and William Keyes, associate director.

Operation College Promise (OCP), a national policy, research and education program that supports the transition and postsecondary advancement of U.S. military veterans, is now officially part of Thomas Edison State College. According to **Louis Martini**, associate vice president, Office of Military and Veteran Education, combining forces with OCP will reinforce the College's expanding mission to support military and veteran students in their academic goals and beyond.

IT CORNER

With October designated as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, here are seven tips you can deploy to help keep you and your information secure online.

- ▶ Be mindful of what you share on social media. Hackers can befriend you and easily access information, including where you work and when you're away on vacation.
- ▶ Be attentive when clicking on attachments or links in an email. Double check the URL of the website the link takes you to. Hackers will take advantage of common spelling mistakes to direct you to a harmful site.
- ▶ Be meticulous of what you plug in to your computer. Viruses can be unknowingly spread through flash drives, external hard drives, and smartphones.
- ▶ Monitor your accounts for any suspicious activity, keeping an eye out for unusual charges.
- ▶ When creating your password, use a strong mix of characters, symbols and numbers, and avoid using the same password for multiple sites.
- ▶ Back up your information regularly, and assure that your anti-virus software is up to date.

Staff Activities

Marie Power-Barnes, director, Market Research and Assessment, Division of Planning and Research, presented, "What's Your Market Share? – Utilizing Market Share as a Strategic Tool to Inform Academic Program Development and Influence ROI," at CALEM (Conference on Adult Learner Enrollment Management) in Chicago in July.

Dr. Michael Williams, dean of the School of Business and Management; **Janet Eickhoff**, associate vice president, Office of Strategic Partnerships and Outreach; and **Thomas Phillips**, human resources manager, Office of Human Resources, represented the School of Business and Management at the Society for Human Resource Management's SHRM 2015 Annual Conference & Exposition in Las Vegas, Nev. Williams presented "Mental Illness and Workplace Productivity: A Case for Organizational Sustainability" at the conference-wide Solutions Theater. This industry conference with more than 14,000 attendees is the premier professional forum for human resource management professionals worldwide.

Dr. P. Henry van Zyl, vice provost for Academic Administration and dean of Graduate Programs, attended a five-day workshop and conference, organized by the Council of Graduate Studies in Quebec, Canada, in July.

Dr. Filomela Marshall, dean, W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing; **Karen Abate**, TESC mentor; and **Linda McCafferty**, technical training manager, Lockheed Martin, presented "Online Interactive Avatar in a Graduate Level Pharmacology Course" at the Campus Technology 2015 – 22nd Annual Education Technology Conference held at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, Mass., in July. Marshall and **Amanda Piccolini**, former instructional design coordinator, Center for Learning and Technology, presented "Interprofessional Collaboration for the Development of an e-Portfolio" at the conference.

Dennis Devery, vice president for Planning and Research, recently addressed the South Jersey Healthcare Forum for Business Leaders held at Rowan University. Thomas Edison State College was a sponsor of the event bringing together healthcare professionals and business leaders from throughout the South Jersey region. Devery thanked the CEOs of Virtua, Kennedy and Lourdes health systems for their continued partnerships with the College and invited the other health systems and healthcare professionals in attendance to partner with the College to improve healthcare and adult education throughout the region. **Dr. Filomela Marshall**, dean, W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing, was a panel presenter concerning "The Future of Healthcare Education" during the forum. **Janet Eickhoff**, associate vice president, Office of Strategic Partnerships and Outreach, and the office's team networked with the healthcare professionals and provided College information to attendees.

Nursing advisors, **Margaret Ciocco**, **Ritamarie Giosa**, **Lisa Harris** and **Holly Leahan**, published an article titled "Success in Online Learning" in the 2015 ADVANCE Focus on Education edition. The article discussed several tips that can help students thrive in the online environment.

Barbara George Johnson, executive director of The John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy at Thomas Edison State College, was recently appointed by New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie as a board member to the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing (NJCCN).



Marie Power-Barnes



Dr. Michael Williams



Janet Eickhoff



Thomas Phillips



Dr. P. Henry van Zyl



Dr. Filomela Marshall



Dennis Devery



Barbara George Johnson

Welcome *New Staff*



Caren Abschutz has been appointed instructional designer in the Center for Learning and Technology. Abschutz is located on the 3rd floor of the CLT building and may be reached at ext. 2274.



Michael Fagioli has been appointed instructional technologist in the Center for Learning and Technology. Fagioli is located on the 2nd floor of the CLT building and may be reached at ext. 2295.



Tara Kennette has been appointed program assistant, Undergraduate Programs, in the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing. Kennette is located on the 3rd floor of the Townhouses and may be reached at ext. 3330.

School of Applied Science and Technology forms partnership with UTC

The **School of Applied Science and Technology** formed a partnership with Utilities Telecom Council (UTC) to develop a Graduate Certificate in Infrastructure Cybersecurity. The program is being developed to address the special cybersecurity needs of utilities and energy companies. The framework and content of the program were developed during two 2-day summits that were held at the headquarters of the association in Washington, D.C., and attended by representatives from 12 major utilities companies in the U.S. UTC represents approximately 500 utilities companies in the U.S., Canada, Europe and Latin America.

State of the College



At the Thomas Edison State College State of the College address, held at the New Jersey State Museum Auditorium on Sept. 21, **Dr. George A. Pruitt**, president, presented service awards to **Philip Sanders**, bursar, (30 years); **Shirley James**, professional service specialist, (30); **Sandy Holden**, administrative assistant, (35); and **Bill Hobson**, procedural design specialist, (30).

College Picnic

This year, more than 280 staff, family and friends attended the College Picnic held at Rosedale Park on July 10, which featured a Seashore Adventures Double Lane Slide and the popular "Years-of-Service" Auction.

Each year staff generously donates food or cash – pictured with their donated salads this year, from the left, are Office of Human Resources staff **Michelle Leonard**, senior human resources specialist; **Randi Miller**, associate director; **Tom Phillips**, senior human resources manager; and **Melissa Van Aken**, human resources associate.



Celebrating History



At a ceremony in his office on Sept. 22, **Dr. George A. Pruitt**, president, recognized **Emily Carone**, assistant director, Collegiate Credit Assessment Center, for 40 years of service to the College, the longest tenure in TESC history.