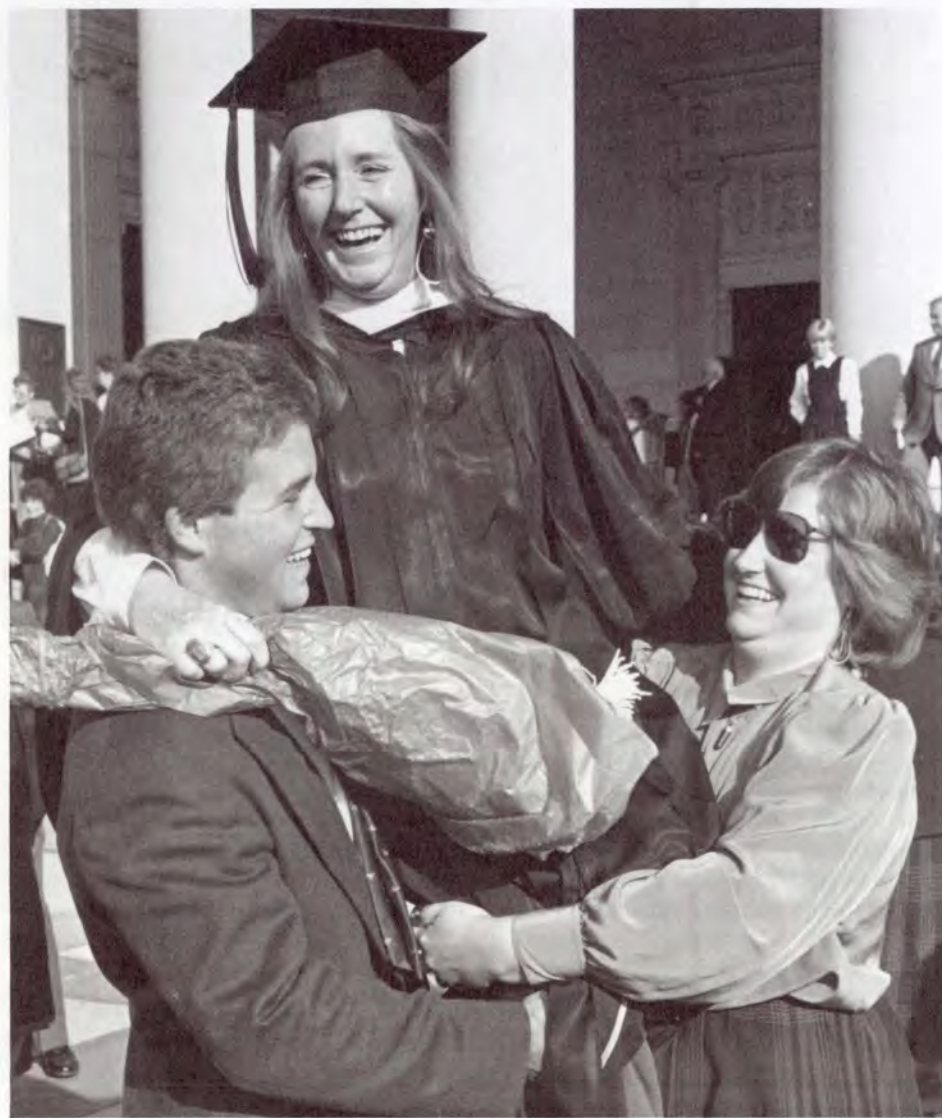


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"I never stopped smiling all day," recalls Audrey Perrine, shown above after graduation celebrating with her children, William and Patricia. Audrey, who counsels adult children of alcoholics, is pursuing a Master's Degree in Counseling at Trenton State College.

Governor Thomas Kean promotes benefits of lifelong learning

Calling the Class of 1988 "American heroes" for their dedication and hard work in pursuing a college degree, Governor Thomas H. Kean delivered the Commencement Address and received an honorary degree at the Sixteenth Annual Commencement of Edison State College.

"Education has to become America's national pastime—a continuing preoccupation of everyone, whether you are eight or 84," Kean told the group. "We have to rid ourselves of the notion that education ends when you are 18 or 22 years old," he continued, and cited examples that demonstrated how important it is for everyone to continue to learn. "In the field of engineering alone," Kean pointed out, "one half of the knowledge that students learn in engineering school is obsolete two years after they graduate."

"We must look at education the same way we look at physical fitness," the Governor advised. "If someone in great shape were to say to you: 'I've been working out for eighteen years, I think I'm going to stop now. This will probably last me for the rest of my life,' we would think that person is crazy. Yet we continue

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Governor Thomas H. Kean, Commencement Speaker

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Center for Corporate Partnerships celebrates fifth anniversary

Representatives from major corporations, public utilities, banking institutions, and various departments of state government attended the Fifth Anniversary Celebration and Corporate Recognition Dinner hosted by Edison's Center for Corporate Partnerships.

In the five years since its inception, the Center has developed working relationships with over 60 organizations by providing degree completion services for their employees. Any of Edison's flexible adult higher education services can be tailored to help meet an organization's training and development needs. Center staff members are regularly called upon for their expertise in planning adult higher education programming.

At the dinner, the New Jersey Department of State and the Public Service Electric and Gas Nuclear Department received the "President's Award" from Dr. George A. Pruitt, President of Edison State College. This award recognizes its recipients for leadership and innovation in human resources programs. Secretary of State Jane

Burgio accepted the award on behalf of the Department of State. For PSE&G, Steven Miltenberger, Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer, accepted the award.

Edison State College is working with the Department of State through the Non-Traditional Higher Education (NOTE) program, which helps employees keep pace with

technological change while upgrading their knowledge and skills. Edison provides NOTE participants with on-site advising, workshops, and test administration. Through cooperative arrangements, they can take courses at area colleges toward meeting their Edison degree requirements.

A Center for Corporate Partnerships contract with PSE&G allows employees of the nuclear department to earn Bachelor of Science degrees with a concentration in Applied Science and Technology.

Also recognized during the dinner were 13 organizations which have maintained working relations with the Center for over five years.

They are:

American Institute for Paralegal Studies
Armenian National Educational Committee—Siamanto Academy
AT&T Corporate Education and Training—Technical Education
AT&T, Somerset Seminars
Bell Communications Research
Garden State Chapter—American Institute of Banking
I.B.E.W. Local 164
The Institute for Citizen Involvement in Education
Kepner-Tregoe, Inc.
Mayard Management Institute
National Academy for Paralegal Studies
New Jersey Bell Corporate Training Center
New Jersey Department of Human Services



At the Fifth Anniversary Corporate Recognition Dinner, Dr. George A. Pruitt, (right) President of Edison State College, presented PSE&G and the New Jersey Department of State with the "President's Award" recognizing each organization for its leadership and innovation in human resources programming. Accepting the awards were, Steven Miltenberger, (left), Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer at PSE&G and Secretary of State Jane Burgio.

"The NOTE program is providing employees with the opportunity to further their education while providing the State of New Jersey with motivated, prepared employees."

Jane Burgio
Secretary of State

Commencement

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to believe that education is only reserved for young people.”

The Commencement ceremony this year honored 454 adult students who had earned associate or baccalaureate degrees during the past year. Graduates this year came from all of the 21 counties in New Jersey as well as out-of-state from as far away as Texas and Oklahoma. Most graduates are working adults who pursued a college education while balancing careers, family, and civic responsibilities.

William Schaudt came from Oklahoma to receive, in person, the Bachelor of Science degree he started working on 20 years ago. A Senior Analyst for American Airlines, Schaudt recognized the need for a college degree for career advancement.

A limousine and champagne were waiting for Josephine Shenman when she exited the War Memorial building following the ceremony. “It was a very exciting day for me,” Ms. Shenman recalled. “A secret ambition of mine was to ride in a limousine and my husband knew that. We still talk about it.” Family and friends joined Josephine for a champagne toast to top off the day.

Teamwork was the key for three Edison students who graduated with Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees: Patricia Dunn, Patricia Young, and Patricia Walsh. Ms. Dunn, the Head Nurse of the IV Team/Infusion Unit at Helene Fuld Medical Center in Trenton, had been working on the degree for five years.

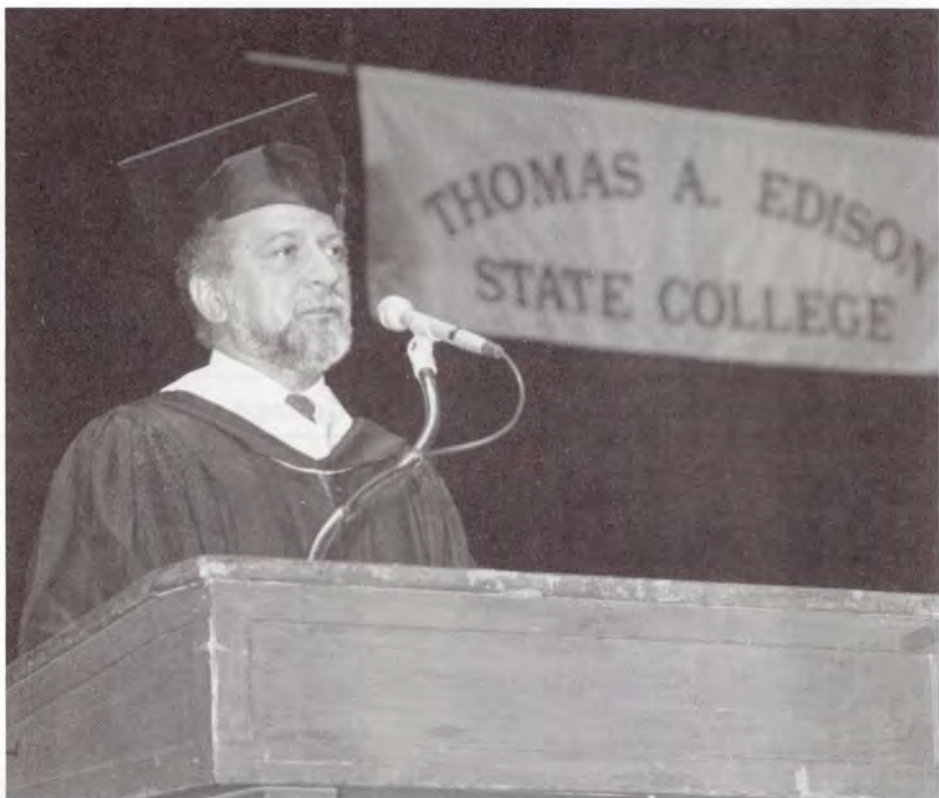
“The three of us working together really made the process much easier,” Dunn said. “The nursing study groups Edison organizes are very effective, especially in preparing for the performance examinations. It takes a lot of discipline to work full-time and go to school, but it was worth it.”

For Audrey Sanders, an executive interviewer with the Gallup Organization, earning a bachelor’s degree was a rewarding experience. “I chose Edison because it caters to the older student who is returning to school,” Sanders said. “In general, the school makes it quite convenient for adults to develop programs and realize goals. The staff is very supportive; there was always someone available to answer my questions.”

Anthony Chibbaro decided to return to college to further his career. An accountant with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and a part-time real estate agent, Chibbaro explained that Edison offered him the flexibility necessary to complete his education.

“I chose Edison because of the various ways you can pursue a degree,” Chibbaro said. Working full-time and part-time, I needed a college that offered alternatives to sitting in the classroom. At Edison I could consolidate my previous credits as well.

“I like Edison’s approach and I believe it is the school of the future for adult students,” Chibbaro concluded.



Wendell E. Baisden, Speaker for the Class of 1988

Speaker for the Class of 1988: ‘Reach your goals through education’

Wendell E. Baisden, speaker for the Class of 1988, inspired fellow graduates and members of the audience to “feel the thrill, to sense the pride, and know the confidence that comes from reaching a goal—a commitment to self-improvement through education.”

“We, each of us, is living testimony to the fact that neither age nor youth, location nor distance, can keep achievement from those who pursue it,” Baisden told the group.

Baisden then set out to offer three rules for accomplishment, which may be used to meet any goal.

- **Take what you have.** “God has made each of us unique . . . we all possess talent—known and unknown,” Baisden said. He advised the group to discover their talents and use them to make something more of themselves.
- **Start where you are.** “There is no pay off in waiting until you get somewhere else to start doing something. It does not matter where we are, it matters that we chose where to go . . . just start where you are,” Baisden advised.
- **Do what you can.** Baisden feels that too often people think too little of what they can do. “If each of us did what we could as individual persons, it would make us collectively a better people. Do not underestimate what you can do. Just do it,” he concluded.



Helping mom get ready for the Commencement ceremony are (left) Bethanie and Jennifer. Mom is Therese M. Hero, a graduate of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.



Celebrating Edison’s Center for Corporate Partnerships Fifth Anniversary are (picture on left, left to right) Edmund D. Ferri, Senior Vice President, National Westminster Bank; Dr. Lansing Davis, a Corporate Education Administrator at Edison; and Karen E. Miller McMullen, Executive Director of the Garden State Chapter of the American Institute of Banking. Representatives from corporations, utilities, banking, and government attended the Center for Corporate Partnerships Fifth Anniversary Celebration. Among those attending were (above, left to right) Jack Mazza, District Manager, AT&T, Somerset Seminars; Edward Durham, Administrative Director, New Jersey Department of State; and Jim Ratigan, Director of Edison’s Program on Noncollegiate Sponsored Instruction.

Dr. Dagavarian appointed new Director of Prior Learning Assessment Office

As the new Director of the Prior Learning Assessment Office at Edison State College, Dr. Debra Dagavarian has set two immediate goals: to increase the number of students who take advantage of portfolio assessment for earning college credits and to develop and promote The National Institute on the Assessment of Experiential Learning that Edison is sponsoring in July. (See below.)

To reach the first goal, Dr. Dagavarian feels that her biggest challenge is "trying to educate more students as to what portfolio development is, and how a learning experience qualifies for a portfolio." She recently began offering additional portfolio orientation "walk-in" sessions for students in the local Trenton area in addition to other sessions located throughout the State in cooperation with other colleges. Workshops for groups of 12 or more can be arranged on-site at corporations, government agencies, or other interested companies or associations.

Dr. Dagavarian and her staff are planning several workshops in other states this year to assist out-of-state students. She also hopes to produce a videotape on the process, which could be distributed to students unable to attend orientation workshops.

"To encourage more students to use the portfolio assessment program to earn credits, I am also looking into ways to streamline the process. Once we have done that, a new handbook will be written," Dr. Dagavarian stated. The new portfolio library will be expanded to include more sample portfolios and to house samples in other colleges for easy access. The new director also hopes to create a system whereby samples can be loaned via the mail.



Dr. Debra Dagavarian, Director of Edison's Prior Learning Assessment Office

Through the portfolio assessment process, students demonstrate their college-level knowledge by presenting documentation or evidence of their learning. Contents of a portfolio vary depending on the subject, but a portfolio may include licenses, transcripts, art work, correspondence, letters of validation, special projects accomplished, or tapes of a performance. Completed portfolios are reviewed by faculty consultants who make credit recommendations.

Dr. Dagavarian, who received her

Doctorate of Education from Rutgers University, feels that her experience as an administrator and faculty member at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., sensitized her to the special needs of adult students. "Ten years of working with an evening student population helped me learn what adult students have to go through to get a degree, particularly considering the many other commitments in their lives," she said.

"There are great rewards in dealing

with individual adult students," she added, "particularly when I can hear a student say, 'I got the credits!' It's very exciting because I know what they've gone through."

Dr. Dagavarian serves on the board of a nonprofit organization, Professional Athletes Unlimited, that uses professional athletes to visit schools in the greater New York area to discuss the importance of staying in school and getting an education.

Combining her interest in education with sports, she's the author of *Saying It Ain't So: American Values as Revealed in Children's Baseball Stories 1880-1950*, which explores the themes that emerge from popularly-read children's stories about baseball.

A long-time baseball fan, she says she became a "baseball fanatic" after a professor gave her a book to read on early 20th century baseball. A native New Yorker who roots for both the Yankees and Mets, she is also a member of the Society for American Baseball Research and has developed a particular fascination for baseball in the first two decades of this century. She has published articles in *Ararat* and *The National Pastime*.

Baseball, she feels, develops values of supportiveness, responsibility, and fairness in young people, teaches them humility and helps youngsters develop interpersonal relationships.

Baseball isn't Dr. Dagavarian's only outside interest—she admits to being a fanatic about old 30's and 40's movies; she likes to sing, cook, and work around the house. She also uses to be a jewelry metalsmith.

For now, her creativity is being channeled into the Prior Learning Assessment program, to meet her new goals of "meeting the challenge of educating people to Portfolio and serving nontraditional students in the best way possible."

The National Institute on the Assessment of Experiential Learning

July 16-20, 1989

Sponsored by Thomas A. Edison State College,
in cooperation with CAEL

The Institute is designed for professionals who are responsible for the assessment of experiential learning. Topics covered will be tailored to meet specific needs of Institute participants. Sessions will consist of workshops, small group discussions, simulations, and role-playing. Time for individual consultations with the Institute's faculty has been built into the schedule.

Topics include:

- How Adults Learn Through Experience
- Identifying College-Level Learning
- Documenting, Measuring, and Evaluating Learning
- Setting Up Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines
- Selecting and Training Faculty Assessors
- Marketing Prior Learning Assessment to Faculty, Administrators, and Students
- Maintaining a Quality Program

The Institute will be held at the Henry Chauncey Conference Center in Princeton, New Jersey. Cost includes registration, overnight accommodations, use of recreational facilities, and all meals. The deadline for registration is June 1.

\$900* for CAEL members

\$1000* for non-members

*includes housing and all meals

For further information, please contact: Dr. Debra Dagavarian, Director of the Institute, Thomas A. Edison State College, 101 W. State Street, CN 545, Trenton, NJ 08625; (609) 984-1141.

Financial Aid available for adult learners

Edison State College students have a variety of financial aid sources available to them, depending upon their financial eligibility and the methods they select to earn college credits. Funding may include federal and state programs as well as institutional aid and other sources.

In the past, eligibility for federal and state programs depended upon students taking traditional courses at other colleges, but since the advent of Edison's Guided Study program, it is possible to receive aid by taking courses in the Guided Study program. It is still possible to be eligible for financial aid by taking courses at other colleges, but it requires that the college where the courses are being taken cooperate by filling out various documents. Since attendance at a traditional college must be verified, all federal and state awards are disbursed on a reimbursable basis.

To be eligible for federal aid, students must be taking at least six credits per semester. New Jersey residents must take at least 12 credits per semester to be eligible for a New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant (TAG). In addition to Guided Study courses, TAG allows students to earn credits by taking proficiency examinations and portfolio assessment by examination.

While Edison State College students can study at their own pace, those applying for federal or state financial aid must demonstrate academic progress by designing an educational plan which ensures that the student will be taking at least six

credits (for federal programs) or 12 credits (for the TAG program) per semester.

Edison State College also has available limited institutional aid through sources which include individual donors, corporations, and foundations such as the Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation, New Jersey Bell, Public Service Electric and Gas, and the Edison State College Alumni Association. Endowed assistance through the Larraine R. Matusak Scholarship and the Norma L. Horton Scholarship Fund have recently become available.

One of the most overlooked sources of financial assistance is the educational benefits that companies offer to their employees. Often enrollment fees, college equivalency examinations, and courses are paid by employers. Information about a company's educational benefits is usually available through the personnel office. Other sources may include a union, church, synagogue, fraternal organization, or lodge. Publications that list private sources of aid can be obtained through the Financial Aid Office.

Jules Kahn, Director of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs, is available for individual appointments on educational financial planning at the Financial Aid Office, 100 Kings Highway South, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034; or by calling 609/354-0090. Applications for institutional aid and the state and federal programs are also available at the Cherry Hill Office.

Arts degree, as well as the Bachelor of Arts degree, with a concentration in the humanities or social sciences, can be met completely through Guided Study courses. These courses may also be used to meet certain degree requirements in the College's other degree programs.

Interested veterans should contact Jules Kahn, Director of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs, at 609/354-0090, for further information.

Just your 'typical' Edison student

Editor's Note: A recent letter from Chris Eldridge illustrates how working adults are able to fit a college education into their busy lives. Chris is the Education Coordinator for Emergency Medical Services at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Jersey and is enrolled in Edison's Bachelor of Science degree program with a concentration in Human Services and the Associate in Science degree program in Public and Social Services. He hopes to complete the requirements for the associate degree by June. Chris was completing the Introduction to Sociology course in Edison's Guided Study Program when he wrote:

"I have somehow managed to complete this course . . . in a true Edison fashion. I completed assignment 1 in the Dominican Republic and Haiti . . . I completed assignment 2 and part of 3 near the Straits of San Juan de Fuca in Washington. (I attribute the good grades to clean air and very few people.) I completed assignment 3 and part of 4 while at the National Emergency Training Center in the Maryland mountains . . . and I finished the course while at home. As I mentioned before, this has been a busy summer!"

Study guides available by mail

A new service is available for students who want to buy books to prepare for Thomas A. Edison State College (TECEP) examinations. By calling Specialty Books at its toll-free telephone number, 1/800/331-1365, students can receive a catalog which includes the list of textbooks available through them to prepare for each TECEP examination.

"Many of our students are busy adults, trying to earn a college degree while also balancing work or other responsibilities. In addition, we have received feedback that some of the recommended readings have been difficult to find. To make it easier for our students, we have made an arrangement with Specialty Books to assist them," explained Dr. Paul I. Jacobs, Director of Testing at Edison.

Through its TECEP program, Edison offers approximately 85 examinations in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences/mathematics, business, and professional areas. Students may earn college credit by taking and passing these examinations, which are offered at sites throughout New Jersey or by special arrangement around the country.

A recommended reading list has been compiled to prepare for each examination. Many of the books are available through Specialty Books.

More information on the TECEP program may be obtained by writing to the Office of Testing at Edison or by calling 609/984-1140.

Edison's guided study courses approved for veterans benefits

The Veterans Administration recently approved Edison's Guided Study courses for veterans benefits.

While Edison students have always been able to receive veterans benefits for courses taken at other accredited colleges, approval for Guided Study courses will provide veterans with the additional option of using their benefits in Edison's Guided Study Program.

Requirements for the Associate in

Minority students eligible for graduate school aid

If you are a minority student interested in pursuing a career as a college professor in New Jersey, the State of New Jersey will fund your doctoral-level graduate education. Through the Minority Academic Career (MAC) Program, members of minority groups who desire academic careers can receive up to \$60,000 to cover tuition costs and living

expenses over four years of full-time study in eligible doctoral programs in the State. Up to \$40,000 of this aid takes the form of a forgivable loan from the State.

After you complete the doctorate and begin teaching at any New Jersey college or university, this loan is forgiven at the rate of 25 percent per year; the entire loan amount is forgiven after four years of full-time faculty service in New Jersey.

The MAC Program is open to citizens and permanent residents of the U.S. who are either Black, Hispanic, Native American, Alaskan native (Aleut or Inuit), Asian or Pacific Islander.

For more information and an application, please contact: Jane Gentilini, New Jersey Department of Higher Education, Office of Faculty Development, 20 West State Street, CN 542, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; 609/984-2624.

Muscles of the Mind program

The last issue of *Invention* included a story about Dr. Paul Jacobs, Director of Test Development and Research at Edison, and his Muscles of the Mind Program. Consisting of three books and a game kit, the program is designed to improve the thinking skills most important in everyday life.

Since the last issue was distributed, Dr. Jacobs has been receiving requests on how to contact the publisher. The publisher is Trillium Books, P.O. Box 209, Monroe, N.Y. 10950; telephone number, 914/783-2999.



Camera crews and a soundman captured the excitement of Commencement day for the production of Edison State College's first ever promotional film. The film, "Opening Doors," includes an overview of the Edison program and process for application, interviews with alumni and a student, as well as commencement activities. It is available on 1/2 and 3/4 inch videotape to organizations that wish to learn more about the Edison program. Much of the creative and technical work on the production was donated to the College by Gillespie Advertising, Inc. Its president, Richard J. Gillespie, was recently elected as Chairman of the Thomas A. Edison State College Foundation Board of Directors. For more information, call the Office of Communications and College Relations, 609/984-4839.

How students, alumni, and friends can support Edison



Enjoying the reception hosted by the Edison Alumni Association prior to Commencement are (left to right) David Puddington, Director of Development, Mayor Arthur J. Holland of Trenton, and Mildred Koslow, President-Elect of the Alumni Association.

Alumni and friends of Edison who wish to make a donation can do so in a number of ways through the Thomas A. Edison State College Foundation, Inc.

The most common types of contributions to Edison State College through its Foundation are in the form of outright cash gifts, securities, or property. But *planned (deferred) gifts* in the form of insurance, a will, or a special trust instrument help ensure the continued vitality of Edison's distinctive kind of higher education for adults. A gift of this nature also offers alumni and friends of the College an opportunity to consider their particular interests and needs.

Federal tax laws are designed to encourage and help citizens support educational and other charitable organizations. The methods of giving outlined here all feature substantial tax advantages. Federal income tax, capital gains tax, estate tax, gift tax, state income tax, and inheritance taxes are the types of taxes involved in advantageous considerations.

Current, outright gifts may qualify for an income tax deduction in the year they are made, and may be carried over for up to five (5) additional years.

Planned (or deferred) gifts enable the donor to retain the income from a major portion of their assets, while ensuring that some or all of those assets will benefit the College in the future. *Planned giving* often allows donors to make a more substantial commitment than they might otherwise think possible. A variety of retained life-income agreements are very attractive to many people, because they provide support for the donor during her or his lifetime, while guaranteeing support for Edison State College later.

Cash Gifts

Contributions of cash may be made in one transaction, in several

installments, or on an annual basis. In addition, those whose employer is a *matching gift company*, can multiply the dollar value of their gift.

Gifts of Securities

Appreciated stocks, bonds, closely-held stocks in a family business, or other property may be given to Edison State College through its Foundation. The value of a stock contribution is determined by the market value on the date the gift is made. To identify the best procedure for making such a contribution, contact your broker and/or the Development Office at the College.

Contributions of Real Estate

Real estate may be a convenient way to support the College. It can be contributed as an outright or deferred gift. For example, with a life estate agreement a donor can make a gift of a home or farm while retaining life tenancy. Gifts of this type should include a transmittal letter with instructions for use of the gift.

Bequests/Wills

The bequest is the most common form of planned giving. With a bequest, alumni and friends may make provisions for Thomas A. Edison State College through its Foundation in their wills, designating either a dollar amount or a percentage of their estate to the institution. Whatever the amount, bequests are entirely free from federal estate tax and the estate and inheritance taxes of most localities. Bequests or codicils should be drawn and executed with an attorney's advice.

Gifts of Life Insurance

The Thomas A. Edison State College Foundation, Inc. may be assigned as a beneficiary, co-beneficiary, a secondary, remainder,

or residual beneficiary of a life insurance policy. Annual dividends from those policies also may be assigned to the College and its Foundation. When the Foundation is named as owner of a policy and/or the irrevocable beneficiary, the cash value of the policy may be tax-deductible, and the premiums paid thereafter also are income tax-deductible.

Return of Gifts Program

Begun in January 1988 as a benefit to our donors, the Thomas A. Edison State College Foundation has instituted a "Return of Gifts" program. It is designed to return contributions to a deceased donor's family. Individuals are automatically eligible providing they contribute \$100 or more each year and are under 60 years of age.

An amount equal to the donor's contributions each year will be returned to beneficiaries. This benefit accumulates in value, dollar for dollar, until the donor reaches age 60. From age 60 and beyond, no further accumulation occurs. Entitlement to this benefit is maintained by continuing to make at least the minimum required contribution of \$100 every ensuing year. The maximum contribution allowed each year is \$3,000.

There are no health qualifications or restrictions. This benefit is provided at no cost to the donor. There is no pledge, contract, or obligation involved. The decision to continue the annual contribution to Thomas A. Edison State College Foundation is, as before, the donor's.

The beneficiaries, for legal reasons, are predetermined in the group policy. They are in this order: (1) surviving spouse; (2) equally among all surviving children; (3) surviving parents; and (4) the Thomas A. Edison State College Foundation. Neither the Thomas A. Edison State College Foundation nor the donor has the option of changing the progression of beneficiaries.

Personal Property Contributions

Alumni or friends may contribute works of art, antiques, rare books, jewelry, manuscripts, and similar property to Edison State College

through its Foundation. These kinds of donations should be accompanied by a letter of transmittal if specifying any requirement regarding use of the gift. An independent appraisal of the gift's value is required for tax purposes. Gift-in-kind receipts are received from the Foundation for these kinds of contributions.

Minding . . . Our Business

The Thomas A. Edison Foundation for Nontraditional Learning, Inc. was the forerunner to the present College Foundation; it received tax exemption status as a 501(c)3 organization by the Internal Revenue Service in November, 1976. In late 1983, this corporate body was renamed the Thomas A. Edison State College Foundation, Inc. New bylaws reconfigured the organizational structure, establishing a board of directors, and focusing the Foundation's priorities on advocacy and resource-raising for the College.

In short, the Edison State College Foundation is the fund-raising and gift-receiving arm of the institution. It works in close cooperation with the Edison State College Alumni Association in serving the enrichment needs of the institution's students and programs.

With its theme of *Minding . . . Our Business* the Edison State College Foundation is remaining responsive to the needs of adult students within the special mission of the College in serving our country's higher educational needs, both for today and for the future. Gifts from alumni and friends do make a difference. Each and every individual donor is important to Thomas A. Edison State College.

To determine which kind of gift best meets your needs and desires for the College, we encourage you to consult with your attorney, bank trust officer, certified life insurance underwriter, certified public accountant, or tax adviser. You also may contact the Development/Foundation Office at Edison State College, 101 West State Street, CN 545, Trenton, NJ 08625. If you wish to discuss a variety of gift possibilities, please contact David G. Puddington, Director of Development. He can be reached at 609/292-6379.



Jim Ratigan, (left), Director of the Program on Noncollegiate Sponsored Instruction (PONSII) at Edison, greets guests at the dinner celebrating the Center for Corporate Partnerships 5th Anniversary Dinner. With Jim are (left to right) Victor Torrisi and Jeanne Perry from the New Jersey Bell Corporate Training Center and George L. Fricke, former Director of Corporate Training at New Jersey Bell and a current member of the Board of Directors of the Thomas A. Edison State College Foundation.

Minding . . . Our Business

Minding . . . Our Business, the most recent annual report of the Thomas A. Edison State College Foundation, was mailed to all contributors recently. If you are an alumni or friend of the College and have not received a copy, write or call the Development Office, Edison State College, 101 W. State Street, CN 545, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; 609/984-1151 and a copy will be sent to you.

Alumna Ida Hammond receives award for outstanding service

Ida B. Hammond was named the 1988 recipient of the Award For Outstanding Service to the Alumni Association.

Hammond's service to the College began while she was still a student at Edison. She was the first student to be appointed to serve on the Academic Council of the College, a position she held for six years. She was a member of the Middle States Evaluation Team when they visited the College in 1977; served on the presidential search team; has appeared on a television program about Edison; and has been involved in the student recruitment and peer counseling projects sponsored by the Alumni Association.

A director on the Alumni Association Board of Directors since 1983, she is currently the Vice

President for Development. Her service to the association also includes participating for three to five nights in each of the annual Alumni Phonathons since 1982 and serving as Phonathon co-chair in 1987 and 1988. Hammond is the chairperson of the Alumni Association Scholarship Committee and the Putting Him/Her Through (PHT) Certificate project. PHT certificates are awarded to individuals in recognition of the support and encouragement they gave to a family member or friend who earned a degree at Edison.

"I'm just so excited and very pleased to be honored by my peers," said Hammond. "I can't believe that out of all the people who have been involved with the College, I was chosen to receive the award. I enjoy doing volunteer work, it is my way of



Alumni Association President Norma Horton presents Ida Hammond with roses as part of the celebration.



Ida Hammond (third from left) is presented with the Award for Outstanding Service to the Alumni Association by Past Alumni President Frank Hawrylo. Looking on is Barbara Wallace, Chairperson of the 1988 Award Committee, and Alumni Association President-Elect Mildred Koslow.



Tywanna Clark

Tywanna Clark, left, Alumni Office secretary, is wearing the new—and first—Edison State College sweatshirt. The shirt is fleece-lined, polyester and cotton, white with a royal blue logo. You may order yours by completing the order form. Mail to the Alumni Office, Edison State College, 20 Evergreen Place, E. Orange, N.J. 07018. Cost: \$17.50 plus \$2.50 s/h each. Please allow 6-8 weeks for delivery. We ship UPS. CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Edison Foundation.



Many of the PHT recipients and their families and friends attended a luncheon at the College where recipients were presented with certificates by Dr. George A. Pruitt, President of Edison.

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Alumni Association honors family, friends, co-workers with ‘PHT’ certificates

The Alumni Association held its first annual Putting Him/Her Through (PHT) Awards Luncheon recently to honor individuals who supported Edison graduates as they worked for their degrees.

Among the 109 people who attended the luncheon were many of the PHT recipients and the graduates who nominated them. The PHT certificates are awarded to individuals in recognition of the support and encouragement they gave to a family member or friend who earned a degree at Edison.

The idea for the PHT Award came from John McNamara, who earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from Edison in 1987. He wanted to honor his wife Rosemary for her support during the time it took him to complete his degree and approached the Alumni Association with the idea of presenting the certificates at Edison State College.

“I spent 12 years pursuing this degree. I did it while rearing a family and traveling every other week for my

job and my wife deserved to be acknowledged for her support throughout,” said McNamara, who added that his wife knew nothing about the certificate until it was awarded at the luncheon.

Ronald McFarlane, a 1987 Edison graduate who earned a Bachelor of Science degree with a concentration in Applied Science and Technology, recognized three supporters with PHT certificates. The certificates were presented to his wife, Becky, his son, Thomas, and an executive engineering secretary, Gail Carol Buma, who works with him at Keystone Lighting in Bristol, PA.

“I had to go back to the classroom for a statistics course and my son, who is a math major, was my private tutor,” said McFarlane. “My wife did the correlating and proofreading. She corrected my grammar and fine-tuned my 11 portfolios. Gail did all the typing and helped pull it all together. I couldn’t have done it without them and it was a great way to let them know their efforts were appreciated.”



President George A. Pruitt (right) presents a “Putting Him Through” certificate to Rosemary McNamara, honoring her for her support of Husband John (left) while he worked for his Edison degree.

McFarlane said that the staff at Edison deserves recognition as well. “My portfolio advisor Rich Hamilton was very supportive. Without his guidance and direction, I would have floundered. And it probably would have taken me another year to complete my degree.”

Dr. George A. Pruitt, President of

Edison State College, presented 46 certificates to recipients who attended the luncheon, including a special presentation to Rosemary McNamara in honor of her husband’s initiation of the program. In all, 386 PHT certificates were awarded in 1988.

Alumni Notes

Ruth H. Bogia (AA ’78) Whiting, NJ, received a B.A. in English from Georgian Court College (NJ) in May, 1988. Mrs. Bogia, 70, was a *summa cum laude* graduate. She received the Dean’s Medal for Academic Achievement, having a 4.0 average and was a member of the English Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta.

Judith Calderone, RN (BA ’80) Westwood, NJ, received an M.A. in Health Education from Montclair State College (NJ) in May, 1988. Judith is a nursing instructor at the Bergen Pines School of Practical Nursing in Paramus, NJ.

Wesley T. Carter (BA ’79) Andover, MA. Captain Carter, Air Force Reserve, has been decorated with the Meritorious Service medal for distinguished service to the United States. Carter is operations officer with the 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Westover AFB, MA. In civilian life, he is the marketing manager for the Compugraphic Corp., Wilmington, MA.

Theodore R. Covington (BA ’78) Willingboro, NJ, has been appointed representative of the Employee Relations Section of the Office of Human Resources. Mr. Covington’s responsibilities will include employee training, contract negotiation, grievance and discipline, and unfair labor practices. Mr. Covington received an M.A. in Student Personnel Services in 1980 from Montclair State College (NJ).

Laura Davis (BA ’84) San Francisco, CA, has co-authored a book *The Courage to Heal: A Guide for Women Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse*.

Carl F. Eddy (BS/AST ’85) Wilkes Barre, PA, is an instructor of Engineering Technology at the Community College of Luzerne County (PA). He is a certified Telecommunications Engineer and a member of the MENSA Society.

Dennis Filer, Jr. (AA ’82) Karlsruhe, Germany, a career civil service employee, was promoted to a GS-12 Supervisory position in Karlsruhe. Dennis received a B.S.B.A. in 1984 from the University of the State of NY.

Ilene Gordon-Nudelman (BS/AST ’88) Collingswood, NJ, has married Jacob Nudelman. Ilene was promoted to instructor in Pharmacology/Toxicology at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science (PA).

Ron Graham (BS/AST ’88) Phoenixville, PA, is attending Widener (PA) Law School.

Keith Heffron (BSBA ’88) Zion, IL, has been promoted to Accounting manager for the Consumer Co-op Credit Union.

Jeffrey Hero (BSBA ’79) Bethlehem, PA, was named circulation manager for the Bethlehem Globe Times. Jeffrey has also been nominated to the Board of Directors of the Big Sisters/Big Brothers of Lehigh Valley.

Jay W. McKelvey (BS/AST ’87) has relocated to the Washington, D.C. area from Mt. Holly, NJ. Jay was accepted into the United States Department of Foreign Service. He expects to receive a foreign assignment. He was also an Edison alum peer counselor before his move.

James W. Otter (BA ’86) Geneva, OH, received an M.A. in Chemistry from Antioch University in Spring, 1988.

Roger R. Royer (BS/AST ’85) Brooklyn Center, MN, received an M.B.A. from the Katz Graduate School in Minneapolis (MN).

Janet Saulter-Hemmer (BA ’83) Lake Hiawatha, NJ, was promoted to Sr. Instructor (evening) at the Chubb Institute. Ms. Saulter-Hemmer is a technical consultant for Tiffany Computer Systems, Montville, NJ. She was appointed as the first female Boy Scout leader in Morris County, NJ, and is a volunteer director of the Presbyterian Church of W. Caldwell’s

Recycling Center, the largest volunteer recycling center in NJ.

Robert B. Silverman (BA ’88) Somerset, NJ, was promoted to Vice President-Secretary of J. George Gross and Associates, a Woodbridge (NJ) based management consulting firm specializing in physical distribution and material handling.

Judith M. Smith-Valley (BA ’82) Charleston, WVA, has received a Master of Divinity from Harvard University School in June 1988. Judy is parish minister to the Charleston Unitarian Universalist congregation in Charleston. She is the only U.U. religious professional in WVA.

Mary Ann P. Weischadle (BS ’84) Hamilton Township, NJ, received a doctorate in adult learning, specifically training and development in business and industry, from Rutgers University (NJ). Dr.

Weischadle recently served as consultant to the Cooperative Extensive Service of Cook College, Rutgers University and the New Jersey Department of Education.

Lawrence G. Wisbeski, AIA (BS/AST ’87) Manville, NJ, passed the Architectural Registration Examination. Mr. Wisbeski is a project architect for several health facility contracts and residential projects.

Christine M. Zimmerman (AA ’86) West Orange, NJ, has accepted a position as Account Executive for Sahlen and Associates (Fairfield, NJ), a professional investigative firm. Christine will be responsible for coordinating relationships between the company’s clientele in the varied fields of insurance investigation, criminal litigation, and special investigations.

Alumni Notes

If you would like news of your accomplishments included in the Alumni Notes section of *Invention*, please return the form below to: Office of Alumni Affairs, Edison State College, 20 Evergreen Place, East Orange, NJ 07018. You may enclose a black and white photograph for consideration.

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