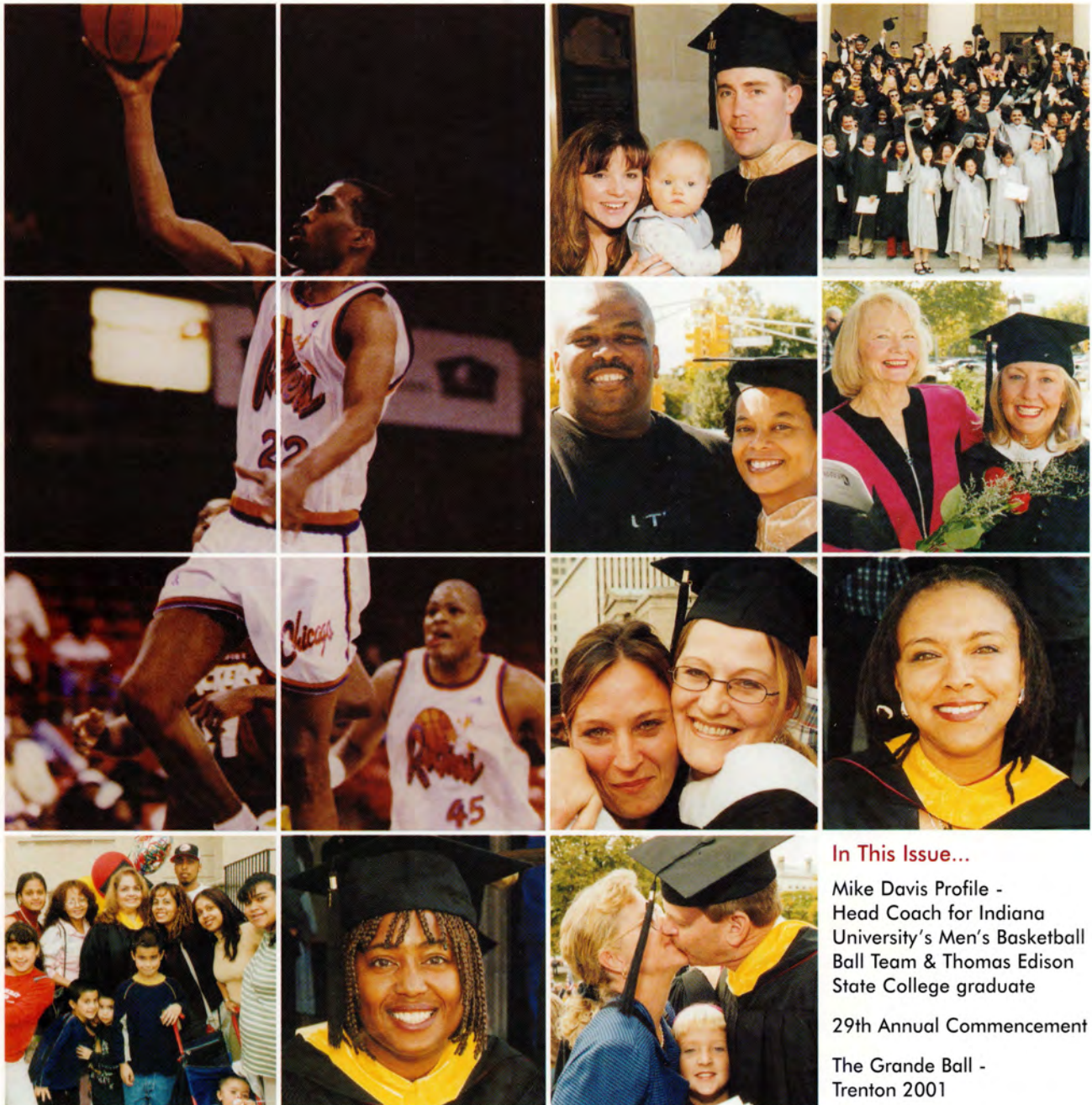


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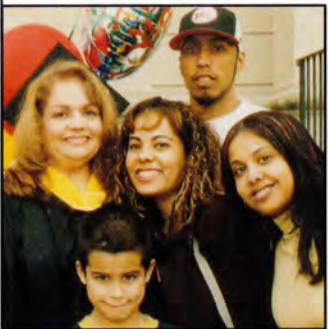
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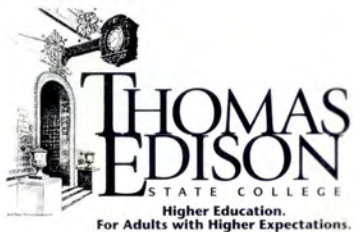


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Dear Alumni, Students
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This greeting reaches you in mid-winter, a time for quiet reflection on the year that has passed, and careful consideration for the year ahead. It is a time when we set new goals for personal, professional and educational growth, and plot a course for our continued success. It is also a time to find inspiration in the successes of others.

This issue is filled with the success stories of Thomas Edison State College alumni, new and old — from the graduates who marched at the Trenton War Memorial this past October to collect their hard-earned diplomas, to alumni who've spent their lives doing good things for others.

The talent displayed is amazing and diverse. We have found a way to honor the best of the best with our Spirit of Edison Awards and our Alumni Association awards. This year's honorees are listed here, and their stories are told in this issue.

Enjoy, and be inspired.

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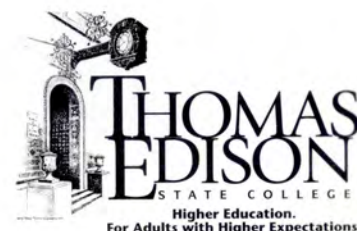
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Thomas Edison State College Celebrates 29th Annual Commencement



The fall is traditionally a time to contemplate new beginnings at Thomas Edison State College.

On Saturday, Oct. 13, 2001, a beautiful crisp and blue-skied day, 185 graduates convened at the War Memorial in Trenton, NJ, to collect their hard-earned degrees during the College's 29th annual commencement ceremony.

Represented among them were graduates with a wide array of professions, lifestyles and educational needs. Common among them was a successfully completed goal: earning a college diploma.

It was a day filled with laughter, smiles, tears, hugs and high fives, as graduates, before a standing-room-only audience of family and friends, took turns accepting their degrees.

It was also a day marked by a moment of sadness, when Dr. George A. Pruitt, president of the College, presented a diploma to the widow and sons of Joseph John Pycior, Jr. (see photo, bottom left). Mr. Pycior would have earned a BA in history and become a middle school teacher, had he not died in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon on September 11th.

High Honors

The Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, was awarded to five recipients this year: Chief Roy Crazy Horse, for his outstanding contributions to his own Powhatan Renape Nation and society in general; Dr. Jerry T. Ice, for his outstanding contributions to higher education, Thomas Edison State College, and its staff, students and alumni; Maurice T. Perilli, for his outstanding contributions to the business and civic communities, and for his dedicated service to Thomas Edison State College; Deborah T. Poritz, for her outstanding contributions to the legal community and to the citizens of the State of New Jersey; and Urban G. Whitaker, for his outstanding contributions to higher education, and his dedicated service to Thomas Edison State College.

"These are honors that the College does not bestow lightly," said Dr. George A. Pruitt, president of Thomas Edison State College. "Each year, we search long and hard for individuals who personify the ideals the institution stands for, and the kind of adult learners we serve."

"It was an honor to have these five fine individuals join us at our commencement ceremony," said Dr. Pruitt. "Their hard work and dedication stand as further proof of the power of education. I'm certain our graduates, and our guests, were inspired by their lifelong achievements."



Chief Roy Crazy Horse

Chief Roy Crazy Horse is the executive administrative director of the Powhatan Indians of Delaware Valley. He is also the executive director of the Coalition of Eastern Native Americans. He has distinguished himself as a leader of and role model for the Powhatan Renape Nation, working unceasingly to educate his own people and others about the rich cultural heritage of the Powhatan Renape Nation and about Native Americans, in general.

Chief Roy Crazy Horse developed the first Indian family counseling service in New Jersey and is a founder of the New Jersey Native American Cultural Center. A respected author of books and articles on Native American issues, Chief Crazy Horse has taught in the Indian Studies department at Rowan State College and lectured at various colleges and universities throughout the Middle Atlantic States.



Jerry Ice

Jerry Ice has recently been appointed executive director of the Graduate School, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA),

in Washington, D.C. As executive director, he oversees the work of the Graduate School's 18 business units, its National Independent Study Center, and its Leadership Development Academy.

Before taking on his duties at the Graduate School, Dr. Ice served Thomas Edison State College for 18 years as Vice President and Provost, the College's chief academic officer. He is the architect of the College's current academic programs and degree offerings. All the academic policies and procedures that have served our students and the College so well bear his stamp.

Dr. Ice came to Thomas Edison State College from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), where he served as associate provost and dean, School of Continuing Education and The Graduate School. Prior to his appointment to IUP, he held several administrative positions at Montclair State University in New Jersey.

Dr. Ice received his Ed. D degree in Administration and Supervision from Fordham University. Many of his publications and presentations have focused on the educational needs and goals of adult learners, the primary population Thomas Edison State College serves. During his tenure at Thomas Edison State College, a number of programs have been implemented, including the National Institute for the Assessment of Experiential Learning, collaborative relationships with all the community colleges in New Jersey, and joint ventures with the University of South Africa, US Open University, and several institutions outside the state.

In Remembrance...

Joseph John Pycior Jr.
Aviation Warfare Systems
Operator First Class
United States Navy
Oct. 14, 1961 –
Sept. 11, 2001



Career Navy man Joseph Pycior Jr. was about to embark on a new path: middle school history teacher. Described by his family as a lifelong lover of U.S. and military history, Mr. Pycior studied evenings from home to earn a BA in history from Thomas Edison State College. He would have been eligible to participate in the College's Commencement Ceremony in October 2001.

On Sept. 11, 2001, Mr. Pycior's dream came to an abrupt halt, when a commercial airliner commandeered by terrorists crashed into the Pentagon, killing Mr. Pycior at the scene.

His high school sweetheart and wife of 15 years, Terri, and their two sons, Joseph III and Robbie, attended Commencement to receive his degree.

The US Navy enthralled Mr. Pycior when he was still a child. Before he turned 10, Mr. Pycior was a member of the Naval Bridge, a youth organization where he learned the honor and integrity of military rules and regulations. While a student at Becton Regional High School in East Rutherford, NJ, the Carlstadt native joined the Naval Junior Reserved Officer's Training Corp.

Mr. Pycior graduated from high school in 1980, and promptly enlisted in the US Navy. He was only 17, and needed parental permission – which was willingly provided – to join.

Mr. Pycior served his country on a number of ships, including the USS George Washington and the USS Seattle. During Desert Storm, Mr. Pycior was stationed in the Persian Gulf.

Mr. Pycior began working at the Pentagon in 1999. He lived in Landover, MD, and planned to move his family back to New Jersey in early 2002, after retiring from the Navy.

Mr. Pycior was a very involved and loving husband and father. He enjoyed his role as Cub Scout Den Leader for his son, Joey. His wife remembers that scouting allowed him to be care-free and fun loving with his sons.

In addition to his wife and sons, Mr. Pycior is survived by his father, Joseph John Pycior, Sr., a US Navy veteran, and his mother, Arlene Pycior. A brother, Gregory James Pycior, a US Army Veteran, died in 1990.

Ronald John Hemenway
Electronics Technician, First Class
United States Navy
July 25, 1964 – Sept. 11, 2001

Mr. Hemenway was scheduled to satisfy the requirements for Associate of Science in Applied Science and Technology degree, specializing in electronic studies, from Thomas Edison State College, in November 2002. Two months before he finished, he was killed when a commercial airliner commandeered by terrorists crashed into the Pentagon.

Mr. Hemenway enlisted in the US Navy at the age of 30 and graduated at the top of his class. He proudly served his country on the USS LaSalle; his excellence led to a career at the Pentagon, which allowed Mr. Hemenway to be close to his family.

Hemenway attended Central Texas College before enrolling at Thomas Edison State College in 2001.

The Kansas City, KS, native is survived by his wife, Marinella, and two children, Stefan, 3, and Desiree, 1.



Maurice Perilli

Maurice Perilli is chairman of the board of Roma Federal Savings Bank, where he oversees the operation of the Purchasing Department, the Human Resources Department, Security, and the Building and Property staff. Mr. Perilli is also an active member of the Thomas Edison State College Foundation Board.

Perilli has had a varied and distinguished business career, having been involved in printing and publishing for more than 40 years and having worked in banking for more than 30 years. His civic activities have included service as vice chairman of the Hamilton Township Planning Board, chairman of the Hamilton Township Zoning Board, and police commissioner of Hamilton Township.

Perilli has also served on numerous boards for hospitals, charities, service organizations, and civic and religious organizations. Since December of 1993, he has also been a dedicated member of the Thomas Edison State College Foundation Board, where he has made invaluable contributions to the College and its students.



Deborah Poritz

Since 1996, Deborah Poritz has served as chief justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

Chief Justice Poritz received her law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1977, at which time she began working for the New Jersey Attorney General in the Division of Law, Environmental Protection Section. Since that time, and before becoming chief justice of the Supreme Court, she has distinguished herself as an attorney and gubernatorial advisor, and as the first female attorney general for the State of New Jersey.

Chief Justice Poritz received her bachelor of arts degree, magna cum laude, from Brooklyn College, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She then studied English and American Literature at Columbia University and continued graduate studies at Brandeis University. Before pursuing her law degree, she taught composition and literature at Ursinus College.



Urban Whitaker

Urban Whitaker has long been involved in experiential learning and career development. He served as practitioner, teacher and administrator in cooperative education and other experiential learning programs at San Francisco State University. He also is emeritus professor of International Relations and dean of Undergraduate Studies at San Francisco State University. He has developed materials in a number of media on prior learning and assessment of career-transferable skills, and is the author of *Assessing Learning: Standards, Principles and Procedures*.

Whitaker, who holds a Ph.D. from the University of Washington, has consulted for numerous colleges and has performed multiple roles for the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL), among them author, member of the Board of Directors, regional manager and presenter. Whitaker was a charter member of the faculty for the Thomas Edison State College Institute of Experiential Learning and Assessment in 1989, and served on the Institute faculty every year since then.



Thomas Edison State College Hosts

The Grande Ball

TRENTON 2001

Prestigious Spirit of Edison Awards Presented

More Festivities

When the commencement ceremony was over, the Alumni Association hosted a special "Putting Him/Her Through" (PHT) Ceremony. This tradition began 13 years ago, at the suggestion of a graduate who wanted to thank his wife for the support she provided while he earned his degree. At the ceremony, graduates present a PHT certificate to family members and friends who helped and supported them through their Thomas Edison State College studies.

On Nov. 17, the Board of Directors of the Thomas Edison State College Foundation hosted the Grande Ball – Trenton 2001 at the War Memorial in Trenton, NJ.

The black-tie gala began with a silent auction, followed by an evening of dinner and dancing.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 8th annual 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," said College President Dr. George A. Pruitt.

Selected leaders must demonstrate that they embody the commitment to innovation, concern for public good and the spirit of excellence associated with the mission of Thomas Edison State College and its namesake.

"Recognition is given to those who have made a difference at the local, national and international level, which is fitting, given the global nature of Thomas Edison State College's higher education programs," added Dr. Pruitt.

Recipients of this year's awards are:

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Criteria for the Spirit of Edison Awards:

- Adherence to a high standard of excellence.
- Innovation and imagination in professional life.
- Dedication to humanitarianism and to serving the public good.
- Devotion to the ideals of self-discipline, hard work and persistence in the pursuit of excellence.
- Enthusiasm for the improvement of quality of life through the continued availability of higher education for adults.
- Distinguished service at the community, national or international level.

A Letter to our Alumni

Thank you to all of the alumni who so generously contributed their support to the 2001 Alumni Fund. As of December 1, 2001 we received over \$90,000 in cash and pledges to the Alumni Fund from over 1,600 alumni and were well on our way to reaching our goal of \$100,000. We look forward to including the names of those generous alumni in the Honor Roll of Donors to be published in the Spring 2002 issue of Invention.

Your support of the Alumni Fund helps the College continue to provide motivated adults with access to quality higher education that is both flexible and affordable. Your generosity is also testament to how much you value your alma mater. The College deeply appreciates your vote of confidence in its ongoing work to help adults realize their dream of earning a college degree.

Thank you again for your support of the 2001 Alumni Fund.

Sincerely,

Michael Smilack

Michael Smilack
President of the Thomas Edison State College Alumni Association

Updated Thomas Edison State College Alumni Directory Nears Completion

In just a few months, the newest edition of the Thomas Edison State College "Alumni Directory 2001" will be ready for distribution. We hope you've taken the time to list yourself in it, as this directory will be a useful tool for both alumni and the College.

Timed to coincide with the College's 30th anniversary, the alumni directory will be the most up-to-date and complete reference ever compiled for Thomas Edison State College's 17,000 alumni. This comprehensive volume will include name, address, phone number, e-mail address, academic data and business information, where applicable, for all alumni, bound into a classic, library-quality volume.

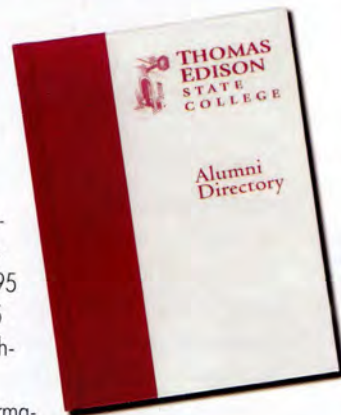
If you haven't returned the completed questionnaire, please anticipate a phone call in the near future from Bernard C. Harris Publishing Co. in Norfolk, VA. You will be asked to supply your full name, contact information and

degrees earned, and to indicate your interest in participating in or hosting an alumni event. You may also opt to provide family information. If you wish to purchase a copy of the directory, please do so during this phone call. The cost is \$59.95 for the directory, and \$79.95 for the directory plus a searchable CD-ROM.

Please note that any information you provide is proprietary and confidential, and will be used only in the directory. The directory will be sold only to Thomas Edison State College graduates.

The books will be delivered in June 2002, and will likely be updated every five years.

For more information on this directory, please contact Anna Krum at akrum@tesc.edu.



Alumni & Foundation News

Pilot Affinity Group Gets Its Wings

Check Out Our New Web Page at www.tesc.edu...

In the last issue of Invention, we announced the formation of a new affinity group for pilots. We are happy to report that in the months since, a couple dozen alumni have expressed interest in joining.

Details of the group's networking activities will be forthcoming, but in the meantime, know that you now have a convenient way to reach out to fellow pilots and student pilots. You may reach them by logging onto the Thomas Edison State College's Web site at www.tesc.edu, and clicking on the Pilot Affinity Group link.

We encourage you to make the most of this excellent networking tool, and look forward to your comments on how we can make the affinity group even better.

To ensure that the Pilot Affinity Group is a success, John Thurber, Thomas Edison State College's vice president of public affairs, is asking pilots for feedback on the following:

1. In what capacity would you be willing to get involved in the Pilot Affinity Group?
2. How do you see yourself helping other pilots?
3. Would you be willing to tell pilots who haven't yet heard, about the programs offered at Thomas Edison State College?

Answers may be e-mailed to Patricia Memminger, at pmemminger@tesc.edu.

Use the Affinity Group to:

- Communicate with pilots and student pilots about trends in aviation.
- Share insights of your educational experience at Thomas Edison State College.
- Reach out to your brethren in times of crisis, as we experienced on Sept. 11, 2001 and on Veterans' Day.



Did You Know?

Thomas Edison State College's BSAST (Bachelor of Science in Applied Science Technology/Aviation Flight Technology) has been earned by an estimated 460 pilots.

Alumni Association Debuts New Scholarship

Harriet Johnson of Charlotte, NC, is the recipient of a new scholarship offered by the Thomas Edison State College Alumni Association.

The scholarship, intended to help defray college costs, is open to enrolled students only. Applicants must submit an essay describing why they chose Thomas Edison rather than a traditional college.

In a thank you letter to the College, Johnson writes, "Words cannot explain how much this award means to me, my son, and my continued academic success. With this symbol of excellence, I am able to continue my educational journey while fulfilling a lifelong dream of obtaining my bachelor's degree."

While her determination and motivation have, at times, been challenged, Johnson writes that she is bound by a promise she made to herself and her young

son. "The pledge that I made was to complete all things that I start and to be the best that I can be. With this recognition by the Alumni Association, I am able to fulfill that commitment and for that I am grateful."



The Alumni Association awarded a scholarship to Harriett Johnson of Charlotte, NC. Johnson was among several applicants for the scholarship, which covers a year's worth of tuition, or a student's enrollment fee. She is pictured here with her son, Roderick.

Alumni Association Donates towards the Red Cross September 11th Relief Fund



Sara Mertz, associate director of the Red Cross of Central New Jersey, accepts a \$1,000 check from the Alumni Association in support of the Relief Fund.

"Applause, Applause"



Anne Catharine Blake
2001, AA, Liberal Arts

Blake, a freelance writer and illustrator, has published a number of books for toddlers, including "Sheep Sleep," "Sheep Share," "Sheep Care," and "Sheep Lost." The books use rhyme and illustration to introduce children to emotion, opposites and religion.

Barbara J. Butler
1996, BA, Humanities

Butler has self-published a book entitled "Thinking Out of the Box - Strategies for Handling Change." She is currently giving keynote speeches and seminars nationwide on how to weather both small and life altering changes. Butler draws on her own experiences: a brain injury, surviving domestic violence, and the deaths of her mother, father, two sisters and brother, all in the space of three years.

Lisa M. Carlucci
2001, MSM, Management

Carlucci, an employee of Princeton University, was named administrator of the Princeton chapter of Sigma Xi after having been nominated for Associate Membership. Founded in 1886, Sigma Xi is one of the oldest and largest scientific organizations in the world. Members are elected based on their research achievements or potential.



Margaret (Peggy) A. Cummings
2001, BA, Liberal Studies

Cummings was the first-place winner in the 2001 "Let's Get Creative!" Short Story and Poetry Scholarship Competition. Her poem, "Reflecting on Math Tutors," was selected from more than 4,200 entries. For her award-winning efforts, Cummings received a \$250 scholarship award from FreSch!



Barbara N. Fels
1985, BA, Health Care Administration

Fels was recently appointed administrator of the Masonic Home of New Jersey, a 527-bed nursing and residential facility in Burlington. A career nurse, Fels has been with the Masonic Home since 1978, when she joined as the director of nursing services.



Robin Jaffe
1981, BA, Humanities

Jaffe is one of six faculty members at the Auburn University College of Liberal Arts to receive an award for outstanding achievement. During the annual spring awards ceremony, Jaffe, an associate professor of theater, received the Teaching Effectiveness Award in the Fine Arts.

John C. MacKay, Jr.
2001, BSAST, Construction

MacKay is enrolled in Columbia's Executive MBA program (scheduled to begin in January).

Mohammed A. Majid
2001, BSAST, Electrical Engineering Technology

Majid is pursuing his Master of Science degree, majoring in computer network systems at Elmhurst College in Chicago, Illinois. Previously, he was employed by Motorola as a systems engineer but is currently employed as a networking engineer at Nuclear Engineering, Siemens Medical Systems.

Darryl M. Matthews
1994, BA, Computer Science

Matthews completed his Masters of Divinity degree from Howard University's School of Divinity in 1998, finishing at the top of his class with a 4.0 GPA. He is now the pastor of the First Chinese Church of Christ in Honolulu.

Vicky Stone Mattson
1999, BA, Liberal Studies

Mattson will be starting in the winter quarter at Ohio University to pursue a graduate degree in Environmental Studies.

Stacie L. Meehan
2001, BA, Liberal Arts

In October 2001, Stacie L. Ryan married Mr. Timothy P. Meehan. They were united in marriage in a small chapel in Reno, Nevada and will make their home in northern California.

Ruth Olinsky
1994, BA, Humanities

Olinsky recently had her artwork accepted for a juried show at the Trenton City Museum. She is presently preparing to publish a book of poetry that she wrote and illustrated.

Charles H. Parker
2001, BA, Social Science/History

After receiving his BA in History and Social Science from Thomas Edison State College, Parker plans to attend the University of Maryland, University College (Fall 2001) to pursue a Master's degree in Management.

John J. Scordato
1993, ASPSS, Criminal Justice

After completing his degree at Thomas Edison State College, and as a member of the Hillsdale Police Department (NJ), Officer Scordato was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He is currently a patrol supervisor, range master, and an instructor at the Police Academy for firearms, handgun, shotgun and police carbine, PR24, ballistic shield, tactical entry and response, first aid, CPR and automatic defibrillators. Scordato graduated this year from St. John's University with a BA in criminal justice. He has also had the opportunity to complete training at the FBI/DEA Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Judith Smith-Valley
1988, BA, Social Science

After completing a Doctor of Ministry in congregational transformation from Bangor Theological Seminary in May 2001, Rev. Dr. Judith Smith-Valley is taking six months leave from Unitarian Universalist parish ministry. She plans to quilt and sit on the porch!

"Applause, Applause" Information for *Invention*

**New Job? Promotion?
Award? Marriage? Baby?**

If it's news to you, it's news to us!

To better serve our family of Thomas Edison State College alumni, we invite you to tell us about the exciting things happening in your life. Let us know what's new with you and we'll include your updates in a future issue of *Invention*. Please tell us how your experience at Thomas Edison State College changed your life. To make it easy for you to contact us, please fill out the form below and mail it to: Thomas Edison State College, *Invention* Editor, 101 W. State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608; fax it to (609) 984-1376; or e-mail your good news to akrum@tesc.edu. Feel free to send us photos to accompany your news. We'll publish them as space permits.

Thank you for this opportunity to better serve our valued Thomas Edison State College alumni family.

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Former Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Day Phone () _____

Evening Phone () _____

E-mail Address _____

Class Year _____ Degree _____

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Antonia "Toni" Marotta-Brinton

Distinguished Alumnus Award
Co-Founder of Lean Line Inc.

An entrepreneur, philanthropist, author and community volunteer, Marotta-Brinton graduated from Thomas Edison State College in 1983 with an Associate of Arts degree. As co-founder and former co-director of Lean Line Inc., she became a noted authority on weight loss and weight control. Now retired from Lean Line, Marotta-Brinton serves on the boards of the Plainfield Health Center, United Family & Children's Society, Henry H. Kessler Foundation and United Trust Bank. She also serves as a volunteer for YWCA and a member of the SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) Board, a federally funded organization that advises people who are interested in starting their own businesses.

Widowed in 1991 after 40 years of marriage to Nicholas Marotta, former president and CEO of National Starch and Chemical Corp., she married S. Jervis Brinton, Jr., chairman of Brinton Eaton Associates of Morristown, in 1998. The Brintons' combined household consists of five Marotta children and 13 grandchildren, and three Brinton children and five grandchildren.

Dr. Pruitt said, "Her remarkable record of commitment to the community through public service and her devotion to improving the quality of life through health education precipitated her selection as the alumni recipient of the Spirit of Edison Award."

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Pictured below, left to right, are the Spirit of Edison Award winners, S. John Quattrone, (Dr. George Pruitt, president of the College), Antonia Marotta-Brinton and Dennis Bone.



Alumni Association Honors the Accomplishments of Three *Outstanding* Alumni

The 2001 recipients of the Alumni Awards are

Howard E. Butt,

Outstanding Service to the Alumni Association;

J. Cornelius Peck,

Outstanding Professional Achievement; and **João**

Crisóstomo, *Outstanding Service to Society.*

The awards were presented by B.J. Rodgers, executive vice president of the Alumni Association, during the Thomas Edison State College Alumni Association's annual board meeting, which was held on Saturday, October 13, the morning of this year's commencement.



HOWARD E. BUTT

Outstanding Service to the Alumni Association

There's a saying that goes something like this: "If there's something you need done, find a busy person to do it."

They don't come much busier than Howard E. Butt, the recipient of the 2001 Outstanding Service to the Alumni Association Award.

Butt, a captain/executive officer the Records and Identification Section of the New Jersey State Police, has worked with the organization for 29 distinguished years. It's a job that is demanding, yet despite his long hours at work, Butt found plenty of time to devote to the College and the Alumni Association.

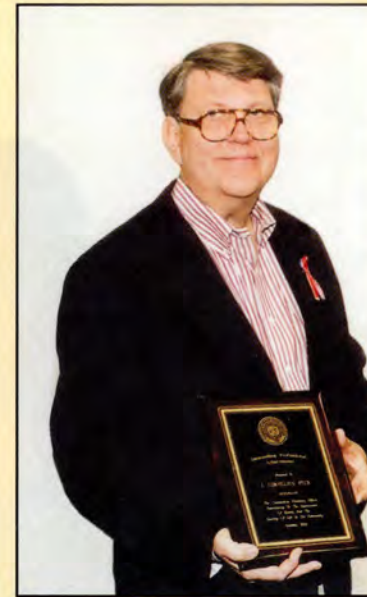
Since his graduation from Thomas Edison State College in

1995, Butt has involved himself in many of the association's committees, and currently serves as the Association's president. Under his guidance, the Association has become tightly knit and well respected.

Working with the state police and volunteering with the College's Alumni Association was not enough to stop Butt from pursuing a higher degree. He graduated from Seton Hall University with a master's degree in education, and from the School of Police Staff and Command, Northwestern University.

Butt has earned numerous awards and honors. One of his most memorable awards was in 1997, when the Thomas Edison State College Foundation honored him with the prestigious Alumnus Spirit of Edison Award. This award is given to a graduate who has shown distinguished service and dedication to serving the public good, humanitarianism, and devotion to the ideals of self discipline, hard work and persistence in the pursuit of excellence.

Butt lives in Somerset County with his wife, Patricia. He has two daughters, Leslie and Jessica, a son-in-law, Glenn, a granddaughter, Courtney and a grandson, Brandon. In his spare time, he and his family enjoy skiing at their vacation home in Park City, Utah.



J. CORNELIUS PECK

Outstanding Professional Achievement

He's an architect, a writer and a teacher — not to mention a Thomas Edison State College alumnus. Like so many of our graduates, he's an accomplished over-achiever, and a perfect recipient of the 2001 Outstanding Professional Achievement Award.

J. Cornelius Peck attended several colleges, including Oxford and Harvard, before completing his degree at Thomas Edison State College, the linchpin of his educational efforts. He received his Ph.D. in English Literature from Eastern American University.

Dr. Peck self-published his first book, "A Hidden Muse," in 1999 and recently completed his second book, which is scheduled to be published in the next two years. He handled all aspects of publishing the first book, even designing the cover.

In 1999, Dr. Peck was elected to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities." In the past, he

has taught classes at a local community college.

A friend described him as "curious . . . pursuing knowledge in numerous fields, which include literature, art, music, history, architecture and design, philosophy and business."

Dr. Peck lives and writes in Bucks County and Cape Cod, where he also takes part in the architectural restoration of old farm houses.



JOÃO CRISÓSTOMO

Outstanding Service to Society

Crisóstomo came to the United States in 1975 from Portugal and became an American citizen. In 1992, he received an associate's degree in humanities from Thomas Edison State College.

Throughout his life, Crisóstomo has made it his business to help people and communities. He has accomplished so much as a volunteer that his activities could easily fill a book. One of his greatest accomplishments, though, was a personal crusade to make the

world aware of an archaeological site along the banks of the Coa River in northern Portugal.

This archaeological site, a series of rock drawings, was in jeopardy of becoming lost beneath 300 feet of water from a backup reservoir created by a hydroelectric dam. The rock drawings were discovered after construction began; before that, its existence was known only among shepherds, who believed the drawings represented some form of magic.

Crisóstomo founded the Coa Site Movement and enlisted the aid of Congressman Patrick Kennedy, The New York Times, The Times of London and the Secretary-General of the United Nations, all in an effort to make people aware of the rock drawings, which were estimated to be over 20,000 years old.

He succeeded. After many meetings, letters and rallies, and lots of hard work, the Portuguese government abandoned the half-built, \$300 million reservoir, and turned the site into the world's largest Stone Age art gallery.

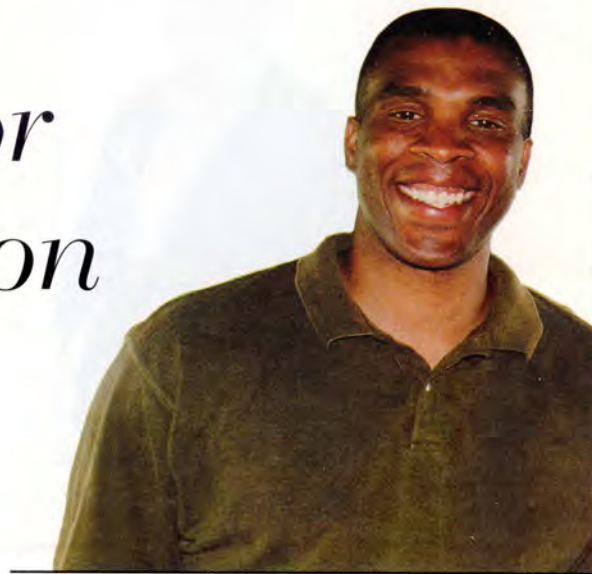
For Crisóstomo, it was all in a day's work.

"I often feel sad, unable to understand and accept the fact that so few people get involved with helping others. So much can be done," he said.

This award is given to someone who finds a unique way to contribute to society or the community, and leading a campaign to save historical rock engravings certainly qualifies.

Crisóstomo lives in New York and has a son, João M. Jr., 26, and a daughter, Cristina, 29.

An Athlete, A Scholar and An Advocate for Higher Education



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the University of Alabama, where he was awarded a four-year basketball scholarship.

A standout on the college court, Davis never quite found his footing in the classroom.

"They weren't so strict then about athletes attending classes," said Davis, who left the University without a diploma.

"I have a lot of friends who were in my shoes. A lot of them still are."

On a personal level, earning a diploma from Thomas Edison State College was a triumph because it made Davis the first member of his family to graduate from college.

A New Man

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One person who has taken his advice is his brother, Van, 43, who recently applied at Coach Davis's alma mater, Thomas Edison State College. Like his younger brother, Van attended college for four years

(Jacksonville State in Alabama) and played on the school's basketball team, but didn't graduate.

"We were too young to understand how necessary education is," Davis said. "When you're that young, you think school is not important. They didn't punish you if you didn't go to class. Now it's different. Now the colleges put a stronger focus on athletes studying and graduating."

"And, because no one in our family had completed college, we didn't appreciate the importance of it," Davis said.

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It was a long, winding road that brought Davis to his present position as head coach at the University of Indiana.

Born Sept. 15, 1960, in Fayette, Alabama, Davis grew up poor. Through fourth grade, he attended a segregated school that did not offer organized sports. It wasn't until Fayette schools integrated, and Davis started the fifth grade, that he started to play team sports. Soon, he excelled in three: baseball, basketball and football.

He continued excelling in sports, and when the time came, attended the University of Alabama on a basketball scholarship. For four consecutive years, he won the Crimson Tide's "Mr. Hustle" award. During that time, he scored 1,211 points.

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S. John Quattrone

Family of Edison Award

A member of the College "family" for over 14 years, S. John Quattrone has served on the College's Foundation Board of Directors since 1987 and as treasurer of the Foundation Executive Committee since 1992. It is his enthusiastic "spirit" for Thomas Edison State College that has enabled him to engage board members to actively participate in the many spectacular events and fund-raisers sponsored by the College over the years.

Quattrone has provided leadership on many of the Foundation's committees including, Development, Planned Giving, Executive and Special Events. He was the chairman of The Grande Ball – Trenton 2000 and worked on the Investing in Performance Campaign.

Dr. Pruitt said, "As a strong supporter of higher education, John's unfailing dedication to Thomas Edison State College and his exemplary service to our Board are the true measure of 'spirit' for which the award was designed."

Quattrone, a Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU), is founder and president of the S. John Quattrone Associates since 1957, an insurance and investment firm consulting in the fields of employee benefit programs and estate planning.

In 1991, Quattrone received the St. George Bronze Medal Award from the National Division of the American Cancer Society (the highest award given to volunteers) and the Mercer Unit's "Volunteer of the Year Award" presented at the Joyce McDade Memorial Ball. He was the recipient of the Italian American National Hall of Fame Humanitarian Award in 1993.

Quattrone and his wife, Bess, live in Morrisville, Pa. They have three grown children, Bonny Rose, Rebecca Roxanne and A. John, and eight grandchildren.

Dennis Bone

Community Leadership Award
President, Verizon New Jersey

Elected president of Verizon New Jersey on June 30, 2001, Bone is responsible for all of the company's corporate interests in New Jersey. Prior to the Bell Atlantic/GTE merger, Bone was president and chief executive officer of Bell Atlantic-West Virginia, a position he held since 1995.

Bone started his Bell Atlantic (now Verizon) career in 1979 as an outside plant engineer for New Jersey Bell. He worked in operations, competitive assessment, rate planning and regulatory matters before being named vice president-external affairs for Bell Atlantic-New Jersey on March 1, 1993.

A 1973 graduate of the West Virginia University Institute of Technology, with a bachelor's degree in mathematics, Bone also holds a master of business administration degree in finance and economics from Rutgers University and a master of science degree in counseling from The Johns Hopkins University.

"Dennis has a distinguished career in management for one of the world's premier communications companies with a record of leadership and commitment to public service. He is most deserving of the Spirit of Edison Award," Dr. Pruitt said.

Among his many activities, Bone serves on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce, the New Jersey Utilities Association, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and the Regional Business Partnership. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Newark Alliance, Liberty Science Center and the New Jersey Network Foundation. He is chairman of the West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation and chairman of the American Heart Association Essex County, New Jersey 2001 Heart Walk.

Bone and his wife, Denise, live in Madison, NJ, with their three children, Allison, David and Austin.

