THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE



TWENTY-FIRST COMMENCEMENT

October 10, 1993
The War Memorial
Trenton, New Jersey

The
Twenty-First Annual Commencement
of
Thomas Edison State College

2 p.m.
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Dr. Jerry Ice
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Presiding

ORDER OF CEREMONY

Processional	*Pomp and Circumstance* by Sir Edward Elgar
America the Beautiful	by Samuel A. Ward and Katherine Lee Bates
Welcome and Introduction	Dr. Fred J. Abbate Chairman Board of Trustees
Greetings	The Honorable Douglas Palmer Mayor, City of Trenton
Distinguished Service Award	Recipient: Christian Yegen
Conferring of Honorary Degree	Dr. George A. Pruitt President
Doctor of Humane Letters *honoris causa*	Dr. Frank Newman
Commencement Address	Dr. Frank Newman President Education Commission of the States
Musical Presentation	*You'll Never Walk Alone* by Rodgers and Hammerstein

Conferring of Degrees	Dr. George A. Pruitt President
Presidential Charge	Dr. George A. Pruitt President
Response for Graduates	Maureen B. Kane
Induction into the Alumni Association	Ida B. Hammond President Alumni Association
Closing	Dr. Jerry Ice Vice President and Provost
Singing of the Alma Mater	The Westminster Singers
Recessional	*March* Gustav Holst

Everyone is asked to stand during the Processional, the singing of "America the Beautiful," the singing of the Alma Mater, and the Recessional.

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The award is named in honor of Dr. Arnold Fletcher, vice president for Academic Affairs from 1973-1983.

The Selection Committee, composed of the coordinator of Liberal Arts Programs, coordinator of Business Programs, coordinator of Applied Science and Technology programs, coordinator of Human Services Programs, director of Nursing Program and the dean of the College, has selected the following to receive the Arnold Fletcher Award at the October 1993 Commencement:

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Graduates wearing the gold *double honor cords* are the Arnold Fletcher Honors Award recipients.

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The staff of the College wishes to thank the Trenton Brass Quintet for providing music for the ceremony:

Joseph Scannella, trumpet
John Peraino, trumpet
Nancy Gallagher, horn
Peter Reichlin, trombone
Leonard Pucciatti, percussion
Karl I. Megules, tuba, and director of the group

The staff also wish to thank the Westminster Singers. Members are:

Allen Crowell, conductor
Michael Conley, assistant to the conductor
Thomas Molessa, pianist

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Mona Berube
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Patrick Marques
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ACADEMIC HERALDRY: THE SYMBOLS OF LEARNING

While the current code concerning the types of academic costumes to be used by the colleges in the United States dates from 1960, distinctive academic dress dates from the medieval universities of the eleventh and twelfth centuries. The college or university commencement procession today is a pageant, alive and bright with a dress and ceremony deep in the tradition of the oldest universities.

Academic life as we know it today began in the Middle Ages—with Bologna and Paris, Oxford and Cambridge, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Louvain—first in the Church, then in the guilds. The teaching guild was the Guild of the Master of Arts, where the bachelor was the apprentice of the master, and the dress was color-coded and patterned according to the academic level and discipline. Twelfth century records of Oxford University carry this justification for academic dress: "It is honorable and in accordance with reason that clerks to whom God has given an advantage of the lay folk in their adornments within, should likewise differ from the lay folk outwardly in dress."

There are three principle features of academic dress: the gown, the cap and the hood. Their design and heraldry were, from as early as the eleventh and twelfth centuries in the great European universities, the outward sign of the bringing together of students and privileged persons under the same discipline.

To preserve their dignity and meaning, it early became necessary for these universities to set rules for academic dress. American universities agreed on a definite system in 1895 and set up a suitable dress code of academic dress for the colleges and universities of the United States. In 1932 and again in 1959 the American Council on Education revised the code which, for the most part, governs the style of academic dress today.

THE GOWN. The flowing gown comes from the twelfth century. Many think it was worn in olden times as protection against the cold of unheated buildings. It has become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it completely covers any dress of rank or social standing underneath. It is black for all baccalaureate and above degrees, with pointed sleeves for the bachelor's degree; oblong sleeves for the master's degree; and bell-shaped for the doctor's degree. For the bachelor's or master's degree, the gown has no trimmings. For the doctor's degree, it is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves in the color distinctive of the faculty or discipline to which the degree pertains. More recently, the official colors of the college have been used in the gown or its decorations.

THE CAP. When Roman law freed the slave, he won the privilege of wearing a cap. And so the academic cap is a sign of freedom of scholarship and the responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. Old poetry records the cap of scholarship as square to symbolize the book, although some authorities claim that the mortar board is the symbol of the masons, a privileged guild. The color of the tassel on the cap denotes the discipline.

THE HOOD. Since almost all of the students and faculty in the medieval universities were clerics (minor church ecclesiastics) and were tonsured, the hood served to cover the shaved head from the cold of unheated buildings. Eventually the hood was superseded by the skull cap and evolved into a headdress more or less like those in use today. Heraldically, the hood is an inverted shield with one or more chevrons of a secondary color on the ground of the primary color of the college. The color of the facing of the hood denotes the discipline represented by the degree; the color of the lining of the hood designates the college or university from which the degree was granted.

The associate degree is a modern degree which dates back only several decades rather than centuries. In the hierarchy of the academic world, the associate degree is the modern entry point. Its equivalent in the guild of teachers would be that of a junior apprentice.

The hood is not worn by the associate graduate. The associate's cap and gown are grey.

THE MACE. The mace — a heavy staff or club fashioned entirely of metal with a metal head — was originally a weapon of war. In the sixteenth century, it became a ceremonial standard and a scepter of office. It resembled the original weapon and was carried before officials at ceremonial occasions. It is still in use in the House of Commons, where it lies upon the table before the speaker as a symbol of the authority of the House.

The mace of Thomas Edison State College was designed by the College and was inaugurated as the scepter of office at the October 1990 Commencement ceremony. It is a solid maple scepter with a two-sided medallion mounted to the head by a brass collar. There are three brass bands on the shaft, upon which the names of the College's three presidents and their terms — James Douglas Brown, Jr., 1972-1978; Larraine Rose Matusak, 1979-1982; and George A. Pruitt, 1982-present —are inscribed. The mace shaft and base are finished in mahogany.

Carried in the procession by Dr. Ruth McKeefery, dean of the College, the mace symbolizes the authority of the Office of the President.

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DR. FRANK NEWMAN

Dr. Frank Newman is president of the Education Commission of the States (ECS), a national organization created in 1965 as an interstate compact to help state leaders formulate public policy in education. The commission focuses on the reform and improvement of education at all levels, from preschool to post-graduate education.

Prior to becoming president of ECS in 1985, Dr. Newman served as president of the University of Rhode Island from 1974 to 1980. He was recently a presidential fellow at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. He has authored a number of books on higher education, including *Choosing Quality: Reducing Conflict Between the State and the University* and *Higher Education and the American Resurgence*.

Dr. Newman holds a Ph.D. in history from Stanford University, a Master of Science in Business from Columbia University, a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Brown and a Bachelor of Arts in Naval Science and Economics, also from Brown University.

Response for Graduates

MAUREEN B. KANE

Maureen B. Kane is a partner in the management consulting firm Capitol Performance. Kane has over a decade of experience in the fields of finance and human resource management, holding a variety of positions including director of corporate finance, human resource manager, assistant treasurer, and benefits and compensation manager.

An Arnold Fletcher Award recipient and the College's 10,000th graduate, Kane had six credits from another accredited institution when she enrolled at the College in 1988. She completed her Thomas Edison degree program in May of 1993, earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree with a double major in finance and marketing. She used various methods to earn her degree including testing, portfolio assessment and Thomas Edison's Guided Study program, as well as the Program on Noncollegiate Sponsored Instruction (PONSI), through which college credit is awarded for education courses completed in a corporate setting. To round out her degree program, Kane also attended classes at an accredited community college.

Kane, a resident of Middlesex, N.J., is enrolled in the MBA program at Rutgers University.

AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountains' majesties
Above the fruited plain.
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears.
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

Music by Samuel A. Ward
Words by Katherine Lee Bates

ALMA MATER

Here's to our College
Our alma mater
You met the challenge of our needs.

Age didn't matter
Only our knowledge
We did indeed
Dare to succeed
In college.

You served our lifelong dream
You answered every need
Now on this day we pay you
Tribute-Honor.

Here's to our College
Our alma mater
All hail to thee
Edison State
All hail to thee.

Thomas Edison
State College
All hail to thee

Words and music by Roy Meriwether