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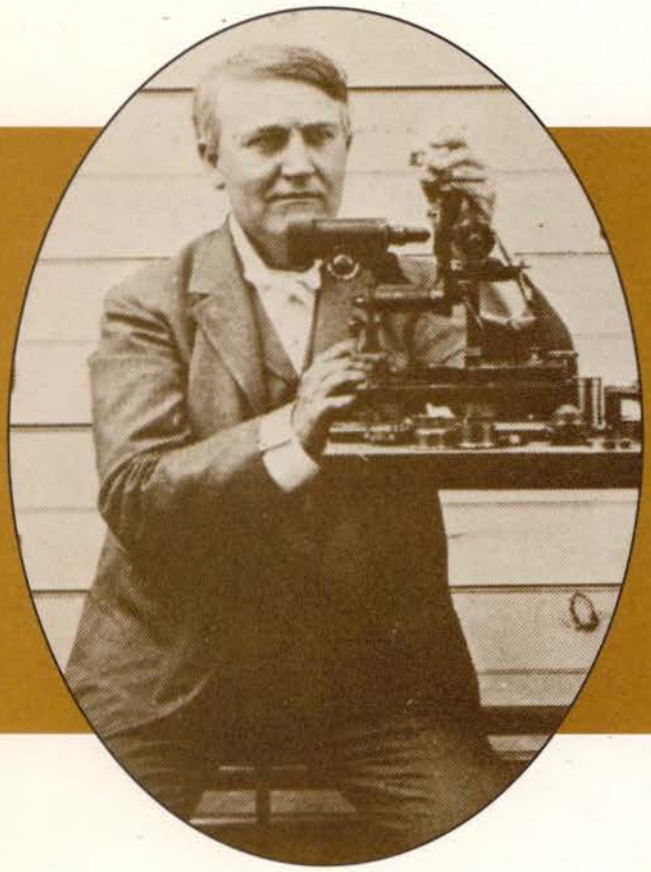

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Dear Friends:

It is my privilege to be the chairman of the Thomas Edison State College Foundation's 1994 Gala. This is the third year that the Foundation has hosted this special event and we are grateful to everyone who has supported the College and the work of the Foundation.

Thomas Edison State College has been referred to as a "star" in the galaxy of higher education by *The New York Times*. Those of us who are familiar with the standard of excellence the college has established, and the outstanding opportunities it offers adult learners, are not surprised by this lofty description. Thomas Edison continues its impressive record of accomplishment as it develops new and inventive ways to meet the unique needs of its students.

Mr. Thomas Edison himself set the standard for lifelong learning. It is in his name that we have established the Spirit of Edison awards. Our first recipients are Frank Hawrylo and Jack Neary - two men whose singular accomplishments and contributions in the community truly reflect the mission of Thomas Edison State College. We are honored to have them accept these awards and grateful for their continuing association with the College.

It is with great pride and pleasure that I welcome you to our Gala and introduce you to the many distinguished people associated with Thomas Edison State College.

Please enjoy the evening and remember to tell your friends about the shining stars you met here tonight.

Sincerely,

Andy Brown

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As chairman of the Thomas Edison State College Foundation, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our Third Annual Gala. This years event features the first Spirit of Edison awards to an outstanding alumnus and an extraordinary community leader. I know you will join me in congratulating Frank Hawrylo '79 and Jack Neary on the many successes and accomplishments which have led to this much deserved tribute.

During my eight years on the Foundation Board, I have been continuously impressed by the quality of individuals associated with Thomas Edison State College. The College's graduates are exceptional achievers, adults who have the inspiration, self-discipline and energy to complete degrees despite the many conflicting demands of family, career and community involvements. Just as impressive are the men and women who lead and advise this institution on its various boards and advisory councils. These volunteers are committed to opening doors of access to higher education to adults throughout the state, nation and world.

Although our annual Gala has earned a reputation as one of the most festive and enjoyable social events of the region, I know you will join me at this time in also reflecting on the powerful work this unique College has accomplished in helping adults around the globe create their own program for success. If you have not already done so, I invite each of you to become an involved member of the College community which is reinventing the future of higher education. Thank you for joining us this evening and for your generous support.

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Welcome to the Third Annual Gala of the Thomas Edison State College Foundation. To those of you who joined us for our 20th anniversary celebration in 1992 and our "splash" at the State Aquarium last year, I'm delighted that the good time you enjoyed in the past has prompted you to return for another memorable evening of festivity, friendship and excellent cuisine. I'm especially pleased to welcome our newcomers to this annual tradition. I hope the time spent with your colleagues and friends this evening will lead you to a better understanding of Thomas Edison State College's mission to serve adult learners, wherever they live and work.

This year, we are pleased to present the first Spirit of Edison awards to outstanding individuals from the business and college communities. The Spirit of Edison awards recognize a graduate of Thomas Edison State College and a business leader whose creativity, commitment and entrepreneurial spirit have profound effects on the community. I hope you will take a moment this evening to congratulate and introduce yourself to our first Spirit of Edison recipients: alumnus Frank Z. Hawrylo '79 and John P. Neary of CoreStates.

While the first order of business at the Foundation Gala is to enjoy yourself and have a terrific time, I hope you'll also take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about one of the most exciting developments in the history of learning: distance education. Thomas Edison State College has pioneered the field of distance education, which enables students to learn no matter where they live, thanks to telecommunications advances and educational processes such as portfolio assessment, testing and independent study. Somewhere in your experience you know a bright, energetic adult who never completed a college degree. You can do this person a great service by introducing him or her to the array of educational choices offered by Thomas Edison.

Thank you for your support of the College through this annual Gala. I wish you a wonderful evening.

George A. Pruitt
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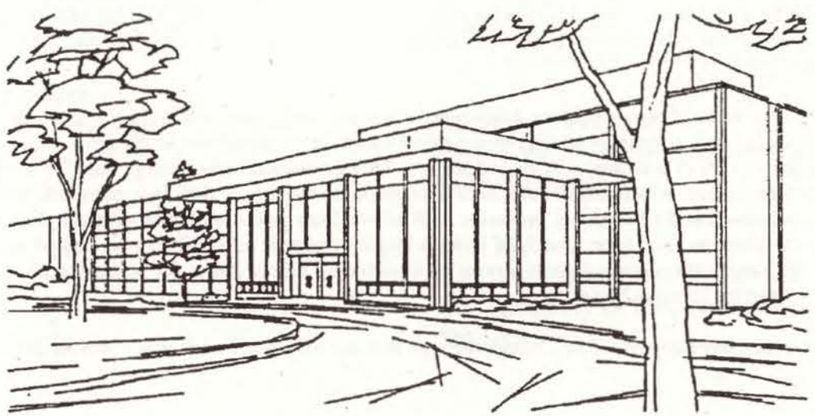
Congratulations to the "Spirit of Edison" award winners!



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Frank Z. Hawrylo '79

What a better way to inaugurate the Spirit of Edison awards than by honoring a contemporary "Renaissance man" who is a prolific inventor, musician and scientist? Frank Z. Hawrylo '79 is a distinguished research scientist and project engineer who holds 40 patents for inventions. In addition, his work has been included in more than 50 distinguished publications. A professional accordionist, he has performed for audiences around the world, including in a private audience with the Pope.

A resident of Mercerville, Frank has been one of the College's most active advocates since his graduation in 1979. A past president of the Alumni Association, he was the first recipient of the Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Service. Other recognition of his achievements includes the RCA Outstanding Achievement for Research Award in 1980 and the David Sarnoff Research Center Outstanding Achievement Award in 1987.

A research scientist with RCA for more than 30 years, he is currently a project engineer leader with Laser Diode Products, Inc., New Brunswick. But in addition to an enviable career at the cutting edge of science and technology, Frank has an even greater source of strength, inspiration and pride: he and his wonderful wife, Elizabeth, have six children and four grandchildren.

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John P. Neary

"You know us, we know you!" That may be the familiar slogan of CoreStates Bank, but it also applies to CoreStates' valued executive vice president, John "Jack" P. Neary. It's impossible to live and work in our region and not know and admire this generous, community spirited individual. At the same time, Jack Neary clearly knows and is dedicated to Thomas Edison State College and its mission to enable adults to complete their education beyond the limitations of time and space.

Jack Neary's smiling face and warm, friendly manner are well known throughout the the Delaware Valley. While his career has been in banking, his avocation has been community service. He is passionate about utilizing his innovative talents and leveraging scarce resources to help community and educational organizations turn their dreams into living realities. Neary's vision, caring, compassion and no-nonsense leadership have had an incalculable impact on organizations as diverse as the Trenton Urban League, the Center for Strategic Urban Leadership at Rutgers-Camden, the Trenton Office of Policy Studies, Young Scholars Institute, NewGrange and the education committee of the Mercer County Chamber of Commerce. Through his leadership, CoreStates New Jersey National Bank has built strong community development partnerships with countless neighborhood organizations ... partnerships which are changing lives and changing neighborhoods. As a board member of the Thomas Edison State College Foundation, Jack has helped the College set and achieve ambitious goals to benefit adult learners.

Jack began his phenomenal career in banking more than 27 years ago with First Pennsylvania Corporation prior to their acquisition by CoreStates. He was also with Manufacturers Hanover Financial Service as executive vice president leading the Financial Services Division's expansion activities and creating a network of 44 offices throughout the Country. While there, he was a member of the board of directors of Manufacturers Hanover Industries Bancorporation. Nine years ago Jack joined CoreStates New Jersey National Bank as head of their Retail Banking Division. Today, he is an executive vice president at Corestates Financial Corp. where he is responsible for corporate marketing and development as well as strategic planning and development for the retail banks.

Jack and his wife, Irene, have four children, Lisa, Colleen, Jon and Ryan. They reside in Churchville, PA.

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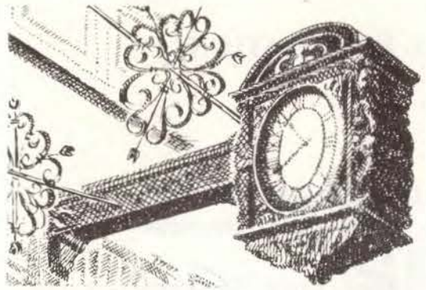
The first recipients are Frank Z. Hawrylo '79 and John P. Neary, who set an outstanding standard for future Spirit of Edison award winners.

The entire College family of students, alumni, trustees, board directors, faculty, staff and administrators extends its heartiest congratulations to these two outstanding citizens.



Capturing the Spirit of Edison the Man, Thomas Edison the College

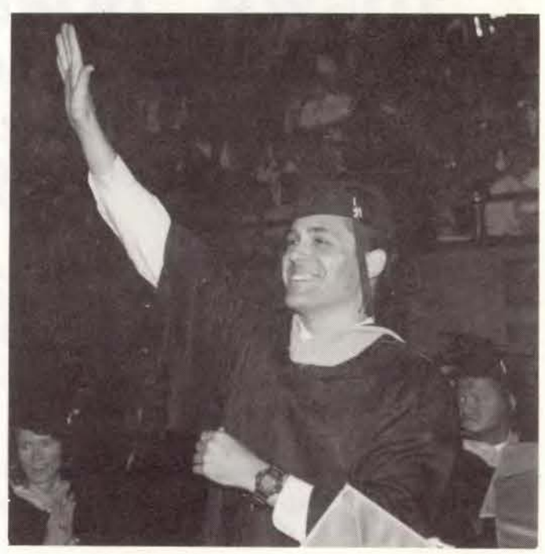
How do you capture the spirit of a man who made more than 50,000 attempts to create the incandescent light bulb? Who was issued 1,000 patents over a distinguished career? Who labored tirelessly in his lab to produce revolutionary inventions which today are taken for granted as necessities of modern life (like the phonograph)? How is it possible to personify the genius of a man who did all this through self-directed learning?

Throughout New Jersey, the nation and the world, the spirit of that genius lives on in Thomas Edison State College, a true "original" in higher education. Like the first rays of light from Edison's fledgling light bulb, the College, since its inception 22 years ago, has illuminated a path to higher learning for more than 10,000 adult learners.

Since Thomas Edison State College conferred its first Associate in Arts degree in July 1972, more than 10,000 associate and baccalaureate degrees have been awarded. The College currently offers the Bachelor and Associate in Arts, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Associate in Science in Management, Bachelor and Associate in Science in Applied Science and Technology, Bachelor of Science in Human Services, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Associate in Science in Public and Social Services, Associate in Science in Natural Sciences and Math and Associate in Applied Science in Radiologic Technology. Edison would be proud of the growth of his namesake, which also enabled him to earn a posthumous degree: the Bachelor of Science in Applied Science and Technology with a specialization in Electrical Technology in 1992. This is an earned, not an honorary degree, based on Edison's extraordinary life and the wealth of documented work he left behind.

OPENING DOORS

Opening doors of access to students has always been at the heart of the Thomas Edison State College mission. Distance technologies such as Guided Study courses, which can be taken at home and on the new On-Line Computer Classroom, where students and faculty "meet" on the screens of their personal computers, bring the highest quality education to adults wherever they live and work. The College's Computer Assisted Lifelong Learning (CALL) Network, called "one of the brighter stars of higher learning" this year by *The New York Times*, enables adults to inquire, apply, enroll, access records, "chat" with advisors and take advantage of many other services using a personal computer and a modem.



The latest portal of access to Thomas Edison's pioneering services is the New Jersey Baccalaureate Degree Completion Program (NJBDCP). Created to meet the need for four-year college services in the southern regions of New Jersey, NJBDCP has quickly spread throughout the state. Currently, six county colleges - Atlantic, Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, Morris and Ocean - have signed-on to this unique program that offers two-year college graduates a seamless transfer to Thomas Edison's baccalaureate programs.

Reaching out to the business community is another way Thomas Edison State College provides access to men and women seeking a college degree. Through the Center for Corporate and Public Partnerships, Thomas Edison has cultivated corporate clients since 1983. Working through the Office of Corporate Programs and in conjunction with PONSI (Program on Noncollegiate Sponsored Instruction), businesses are able to document the credit value of their inservice programs, create tailored programs to meet their employees' needs and accommodate the changing winds of the corporate culture through education. For the past few years, a Corporate-Higher Education Colloquium has been held to bring together experts from across the nation to further these beneficial partnerships.

REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

Thomas Edison State College has left its mark in other areas of academia, as well. The National Institute on the Assessment of Experiential Learning, created in 1989 as the only national program dedicated to advancing the field of experiential learning, annually attracts an impressive group of educators from around the globe.

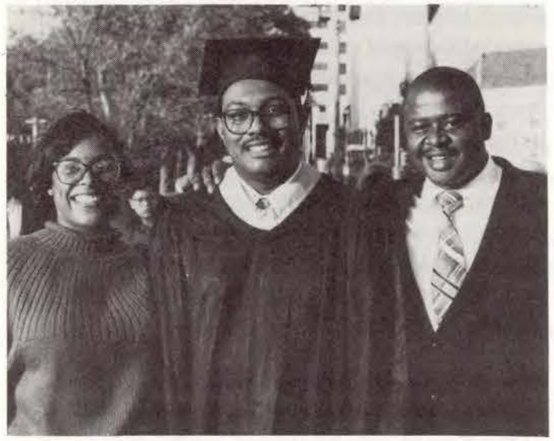
Locally, the Trenton Office of Policy Studies (TOPS) partners Thomas Edison with the city of Trenton in a unique collegiate-municipal collaboration to analyze emerging public policy issues which impact the city, and to formulate recommendations and plans for addressing municipal problems. Its leadership and commitment to both public service and higher education has garnered TOPS several local, state and national awards. The College is also working with the city through the Trenton Management Review Commission to provide private/public support in undertaking management review of city operations to improve the productivity of Trenton government.

The College assisted the state of New Jersey by loaning an executive to serve as the first director of the Governor's Management Review Commission. The Commission was charged with undertaking a statewide audit of government, which resulted in recommendations saving $1.8 billion to New Jersey citizens. Also on the state level, the College has partnered with the New Jersey Institute of Technology on the

HINT (Healthcare Information Network Technologies), a million dollar study on utilizing technology in the delivery of healthcare to make recommendations that will result in streamlining and reducing healthcare administrative costs.

GLORIOUS PAST, PROMISING FUTURE

During its impressive tenure, the College has had only three presidents. The first was Dr. James Douglas Brown, Jr., who served from the College's original offices on North Olden Avenue in Ewing Township. Dr. Larraine R. Matusak succeeded Dr. Brown in 1978, shortly before the College's move to the historic Kelsey Building on West State Street in Trenton. Twelve years ago, Dr. George A. Pruitt accepted the appointment as president. It is Dr. Pruitt who has not only charted the course , but also has steered the College toward the future. Honored by the Exxon Foundation as one of the nation's most effective college presidents, he was cited for outstanding service and unfailing dedication to the institution and its students during his 10th year with the College.



The College, its leadership and programs are a tribute to its illustrious history. Even the Kelsey Building is alive with history. Originally built by Henry Cooper Kelsey, a banker and politician with an appreciation for artisans, the Kelsey Building is a dedication to his wife, Prudence Townsend Kelsey, who died in 1904. The building was dedicated in 1911 as a school for Industrial Arts. In 1979, when Thomas Edison was looking to move from its cramped office spaces in the Forrestal Center outside of Princeton, the state was looking for an appropriate tenant for the landmark Kelsey Building, while the city sought to preserve the building's historic use as a school. All three concerns were brought together when state Senate President Joseph P. Merlino persuaded Gov. Brendan T. Byrne that the brick brownstones, along with the Kelsey Building, were ideal for College expansion. At a time when developers were threatening the residential character of the State House Historic District, that marriage of the block's architectural gem and its less showy neighbors satisfied the College, the state and the city.

Today, Thomas Edison State College's presence has expanded throughout the city and the state. The College's Trenton campus embraces the Academic Center at 167 E. Hanover St. and the Kuser Mansion at 315 W. State St., home of Admissions Services, Public Policy Studies, the Center for Corporate and Public Partnerships, Human Resources and Distance & Independent Adult Learning. The College also maintains offices in Newark and Camden. But, like the irrepressible spirit of the man himself, Thomas Edison State College isn't contained by bricks and mortar. The College's reach is felt by the flight engineer in Hawaii who completes her assignments on her laptop at 20,000 feet ... by the working mother who logs on after her kids have gone to bed ... by the business executive who never quite finished his degree while climbing to the top of the corporate ladder ... and by countless others whose will and determination keep Thomas Edison State College at the forefront of progressive higher education.

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