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EVENING AGENDA

WELCOME.....	Marjorie Carnevale Gala Chair
GREETINGS FROM THE FOUNDATION CHAIR	John P. Neary
2005 SPIRIT OF EDISON COMMUNITY LEADER AWARD	Helene Garcia
2005 SPIRIT OF EDISON DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARD.....	Frieda Applegate, '85
CLOSING REMARKS.....	Dr. George A. Pruitt, President Thomas Edison State College
COCKTAIL RECEPTION	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
SILENT AUCTION.....	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
DINNER & DANCING TO THE SOUNDS OF DOUBLE TAKE	7:30 pm - 11:30 pm

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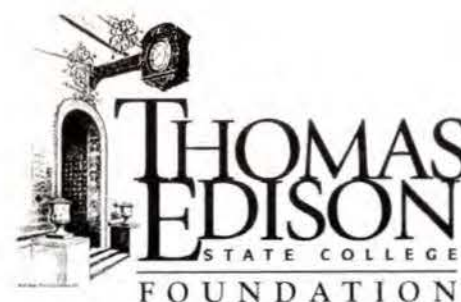
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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 14th annual Thomas Edison State College Foundation Gala, The Grande Ball - 2005. The Gala Committee gratefully acknowledges all of the attendees and contributors whose support has helped to make this evening very special. We thank you for joining us as we present the Spirit of Edison Awards to two outstanding leaders of our community.

The Spirit of Edison Awards are presented each year to those whose professional achievements and community leadership have helped make a difference in the lives of all citizens. This year we are pleased to present the Spirit of Edison Community Leader Award to Helene Garcia, Vice President - Community & Strategic Initiatives at Merrill Lynch. We are also pleased to present the Spirit of Edison Distinguished Alumna Award to Frieda Applegate, '85, co-founder of Project Freedom. Both recipients are outstanding leaders in the community and we are pleased to honor them this evening.

Tonight we not only celebrate our honorees but also the entire family of Thomas Edison State College. By being here, you are helping to support an outstanding institution of higher education with the vital mission of providing flexible, high quality collegiate learning opportunities for adults.

As Chair of the Gala Committee, I would like to thank my fellow Gala Committee members for their continued hard work and generosity to make this evening a success.

Thank you again for joining us this evening as we celebrate the achievements of our honorees.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Carnevale

Marjorie Carnevale
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Dear Friends:

Welcome to The Grande Ball - 2005, the 14th annual gala sponsored by the Thomas Edison State College Foundation. We have been fortunate to have had the opportunity of recognizing remarkable community leaders and alumni at our past galas, and this evening will be no different.

Tonight we will be honoring two outstanding individuals with our Spirit of Edison Awards. Helene Garcia, Vice President - Community & Strategic Initiatives at Merrill Lynch, will receive the Community Leader Award, and Frieda Applegate, '85, co-founder of Project Freedom, will receive the Distinguished Alumna Award. I hope you will enjoy reading about the accomplishments of our honorees as they are described in the following pages. After reading about these two remarkable women, you'll understand why we chose to recognize them tonight.

We'd like to give special thanks to our Gala Committee for the outstanding job that they have done this year in organizing the Grande Ball - 2005. The Committee, spearheaded by Marjorie Carnevale, has grown in numbers again this year with the addition of even more wonderful volunteers from throughout the community. Our sincere appreciation is extended to the new members as they join the Thomas Edison State College family, and special thanks, as always, to our loyal veterans.

As we enjoy tonight's gala, I hope you will take a moment to remember the men and women in uniform who are serving this country both at home and abroad. Approximately 1,500 service members are Thomas Edison State College students who continue to complete their degree programs while deployed overseas, while many Guard members, Reservists and other first responders who served in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast area, were also working towards their degree from Thomas Edison State College. Their sacrifices and devotion to duty deserve our appreciation and recognition this evening.

Have a wonderful time tonight, folks! Thank you for your support, friendship, stewardship and commitment to Thomas Edison State College.

Sincerely,

John P. Neary, Chairman
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Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to The Grande Ball - 2005. We are delighted to have you join us for what promises to be a fun-filled evening of celebration as we recognize the outstanding accomplishments of our Spirit of Edison Award recipients.

Tonight, the Thomas Edison State College Foundation honors two outstanding and dedicated individuals who have contributed greatly to our community and who embody the "Spirit of Edison." Helene Garcia, Vice President - Community & Strategic Initiatives at Merrill Lynch, will receive our Spirit of Edison Community Leader Award. Frieda Applegate, '85, co-founder of Project Freedom, will receive the Spirit of Edison Distinguished Alumna Award. The Foundation is proud of the accomplishments of these two leaders, both of whom have done great things for this community through their selfless service. We are grateful for their support and advocacy on behalf of the College.

This event is also our annual celebration of the growth and success enjoyed by the College as it provides flexible, high-quality collegiate learning opportunities for self-directed adults. This year, the College is poised to embark on a significant growth era in its history. During the past several months, the staff at the College has worked to complete a strategic plan that is transformational. This plan will guide us to the next level in terms of growth and our ongoing pursuit of excellence in all things.

We thank the family and friends of Thomas Edison State College for our past successes and for our continued progress. It is with your support and advocacy that the College continues to be the first choice for adult learners. I hope that as you enjoy this wonderful celebration, you also allow us to acknowledge the very important role that you all play in the success of this institution.

Warmest Regards,

George A. Pruitt
President

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The Thomas Edison State College Foundation Board of Directors and Thomas Edison State College gratefully acknowledge and thank each of you who participated in making The Grande Ball - 2005 a successful evening!

Thank you to the Ad Journal sponsors for their many warm wishes and support.

Thank you to our many friends and businesses who provided gifts and services for our Silent Auction.

Thank you to all of our sponsors and friends who attended and supported The Grande Ball - 2005 and our honorees.

Thank you to the law firm of Stark & Stark for its generosity and hospitality in hosting and catering the Gala Committee meetings.

Thank you to the Thomas Edison State College Office of Development staff, Patty Burch Byers, Debi Devigili, Rose Breining and Cindy Prisco, for their hard work and dedication.

Many, many thanks to The Grande Ball - 2005 Committee for their hard work, time, and dedication in making this evening a great success!

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FIRST COURSE

Forrestal's Own Wild Mushroom Bisque with Pastry Crouton

SECOND COURSE

*Italian Leaf Salad with Dried Cranberries, Walnut Crusted Goat Cheese,
Topped with Apple Cider Vinaigrette*

CHOICE OF ENTREE

*Grilled Filet Mignon with Herb Demi Glace and Stout Onion Confit
Served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Fresh Vegetable*

—or—

*Seared Orange Roughy with Chive Beurre Blanc
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DESSERT

*Truffles and Pastries Served with Fruits and Cheeses
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Embodying the Spirit of Edison

The Thomas Edison State College Foundation is pleased to present the Spirit of Edison Awards. The prestigious Spirit of Edison Awards are bestowed each year to recognize community leaders and alumni whose creativity, commitment and entrepreneurial spirit reflect the pioneering genius of Thomas Alva Edison.

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 or international level, which is fitting, given the global nature of Thomas Edison State College's distance education programs.

A special category, the Spirit of Edison Family Award, is occasionally awarded to a friend of the College who demonstrates outstanding service and dedication on behalf of Thomas Edison State College. **Helene M. Garcia** will receive the Spirit of Edison Community Leader Award; **Frieda M. Applegate, BA '85** will receive the Spirit of Edison Distinguished Alumna Award. See recipient biographies on the pages that follow.

Spirit of Edison Awards Criteria

- * Adherence to a high standard of excellence, innovation and imagination in their careers;
- * 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 our quality of life through the continued availability of higher education for adults; and
- * Distinguished service at the community, national or international level.

2004 Award Recipients



Dr. George A. Pruitt (center), president of Thomas Edison State College, with Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes (right), '92, '00, recipient of the 2004 Spirit of Edison Distinguished Alumnus Award, and Suzanne Svizeny (left), Wachovia Market President for Southern New Jersey, who accepted the 2004 Spirit of Edison Community Leader Award on behalf of Reginald E. Davis.

Previous Award Recipients

(pictured left to right with Dr. George A. Pruitt)



2003
Al Maghazehe - Community Leader Award
Barbara Armand, '93 - Distinguished Alumna Award
Maria P. Imbalzano - Family Award



2002
Thomas Bracken - Community Leader Award
Bonnie Watson Coleman, '85 - Alumna Award



2001
S. John Quattrone - Family Award
Toni Marotta-Brinton, '83 - Alumna Award
Dennis Bone - Community Leader Award



2000
Eric Pennington, '87 - Alumnus Award
Albert Stark - Community Leader Award
Maurice Perilli - Family Award



1999
John J. McCann, '90 - Alumnus Award
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Nicholas L. Carnevale - Family Award



1998
Dr. Suren N. Sehgal - Community Leader Award
Rita A. Novitt - Family Award
Dr. Marc Jordan Ben-Meir, '84 - Alumnus Award



1997
John J. Heldrich - Community Leader Award
The Hon. Joseph Rodriguez - Community Leader Award
Howard E. Butt, '95 - Alumnus Award



1996
Paula Vaughan, '90 - Alumna Award
Richard J. Gillespie - Community Leader Award



1995
Steven deSouza, '76 - Alumnus Award
James Kilgore - Community Leader Award

Helene M. Garcia



Throughout her career, Helene M. Garcia has made an impact in the community.

Her passion and intellect has benefited many outstanding organizations and causes focusing on education, commerce, the arts and teaching the deaf. In recognition for her extraordinary civic commitments, Garcia is being honored tonight with the Spirit of Edison Community Leader Award.

As vice president – Community and Strategic Initiatives at Merrill Lynch, Garcia directs community relations activities surrounding the company's New Jersey Home Office locations, grants, educational programs, and employee volunteer programs.

Over the course of her career at Merrill Lynch, which spans more than 16 years, Garcia has held several positions focusing on business analysis, systems development, strategic planning, software management, and, most recently, community leadership. At the outset of her Merrill Lynch career, she participated as part of the original analysis team for the rewrite and reengineering of the Cash Management Account (CMA) system and the supporting operations areas.

Garcia currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce. She also serves on the Foundation Boards of Mercer County Community College and The College of New Jersey. In addition, Garcia has served on the Boards of the State Theatre, the Mercer County Chamber of Commerce, the Trenton Public Education Foundation, the Mercer County Workforce Investment Board, the Katzenbach School for the Deaf, the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton Foundation and others.

Garcia is a 2002 Leadership New Jersey Fellow. Leadership New Jersey recognizes individuals who are leaders in their careers and in service to their communities. As a result of Garcia's leadership in the community, Merrill Lynch has earned several awards, including the New Jersey Business & Industry "New Good Neighbor Award", the City of Trenton Community Leadership Award, the Ewing Education Foundation Corporate Citizenship Award and the Hopewell Education Foundation Corporate Award.

In addition, Garcia's work played a key role in the company earning the 2004 Corporation of the Year award from Mercer County Community College, the 2005 Corporation of the Year award from the Greater Mercer County Chamber of Commerce, and others. In 2004, she was selected as a Tribute to Women Honoree of the YWCA Princeton.

Garcia is a graduate of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, and has a certificate from Boston College for Corporate Community Relations. She lives in Lawrenceville, N.J. with her husband, Steve.

Frieda M. Applegate, '85



The work accomplished by Frieda M. Applegate has touched people all over the world—from the quiet suburbs of Mercer County to the remote mountains of Brazil.

For her extraordinary efforts, which have transformed the lives of the underprivileged and physically disabled, she is being honored tonight as this year's recipient of the Spirit of Edison Distinguished Alumna Award. Applegate earned a Bachelor of Science in Human Services degree from Thomas Edison State College in 1985.

A graduate of Princeton High School and Orange Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Orange, N.J., she began her career as a registered nurse at McGuire Air Force Base in Wrightstown, N.J., and later at Helene Fuld Medical Center in Trenton, N.J. After her appointment as director of the Nottingham Recreation Center for the Physically Limited, the idea was generated to develop housing that would allow physically disabled individuals to live independently.

In 1984, Applegate joined Norman Smith to establish the nonprofit housing organization Project Freedom. The organization was inspired by the belief that people with disabilities have an opportunity to live as independently as possible, and, with the proper assistance, be engaged and productive members of society.

Applegate was soon orchestrating an array of support services and self-sufficiency training programs for adults with disabilities and forming new collaborations with public and private organizations to build, finance and equip Project Freedom's first facility.

Applegate is also a member of the New Jersey Rotary's District 7510 and its Hamilton/Washington Sunrise Club. A member since 1992, she served as club president from 1999 to 2000 and served as the District's Centennial Governor from 2004 to 2005.

Through her Rotary Club efforts, Applegate vigorously advocated for children's rights by promoting the Early Act and Adopt-a-Child/Save a Life programs. Applegate and other Adopt-A-Child supporters joined forces with the Rotary Club of Campinas-Alvorada in Brazil to secure a grant that provided a residential facility with dormitories, a cafeteria, classrooms, a working farm, infirmary and a recreational center. The children are now offered a refuge along with education and training in marketable job skills that will enable them to become contributing members of society.

Applegate has been recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow three times and earned several other awards from Rotary and other organizations for her outstanding record of community service.

In 1995, Applegate received The Social Compact Award, which recognizes successful business initiatives in lower-income communities. The award was presented to her in Washington, D.C., by Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan.

Applegate lives in North Crosswicks, N.J. and has been married for 48 years to Vernon Applegate. The couple has three children, Lisa McGinty, Vernon Applegate and Cara Halleus; and two grandchildren, Ashley and Meagan McGinty.

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We've built our entire academic program around the unique needs of adult learners, removing the barriers that limit many excellent undergraduate and graduate school candidates who juggle family and career responsibilities. Those barriers are largely time and place. Most adults cannot put their lives on hold to sit in a classroom at a specific time and place.

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For more than 30 years, Thomas Edison State College has been a pioneer in using the latest technologies to develop flexible, high-quality educational programs for working adults. In addition to taking classes online or through guided study, students may earn credit through college-level learning acquired outside the classroom or by transferring credit earned from other regionally accredited colleges or universities.

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In addition, the College is one of the largest providers of collegiate education to military personnel and has a long tradition of developing education programs designed specifically for the United States military, regardless of where they are deployed.

The College's success is due in large part to an ongoing commitment to innovation and growth. In response to increased enrollment and a growing demand for educational programs, the College has

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- School of Professional and Continuing Studies
- Graduate School

The College is proud of its mission to help adult students achieve their educational goals. As the College continues to evolve and grow, it will pursue new and unprecedented ways to provide the highest quality educational opportunities for new generations of adult learners interested in fulfilling their academic dreams.

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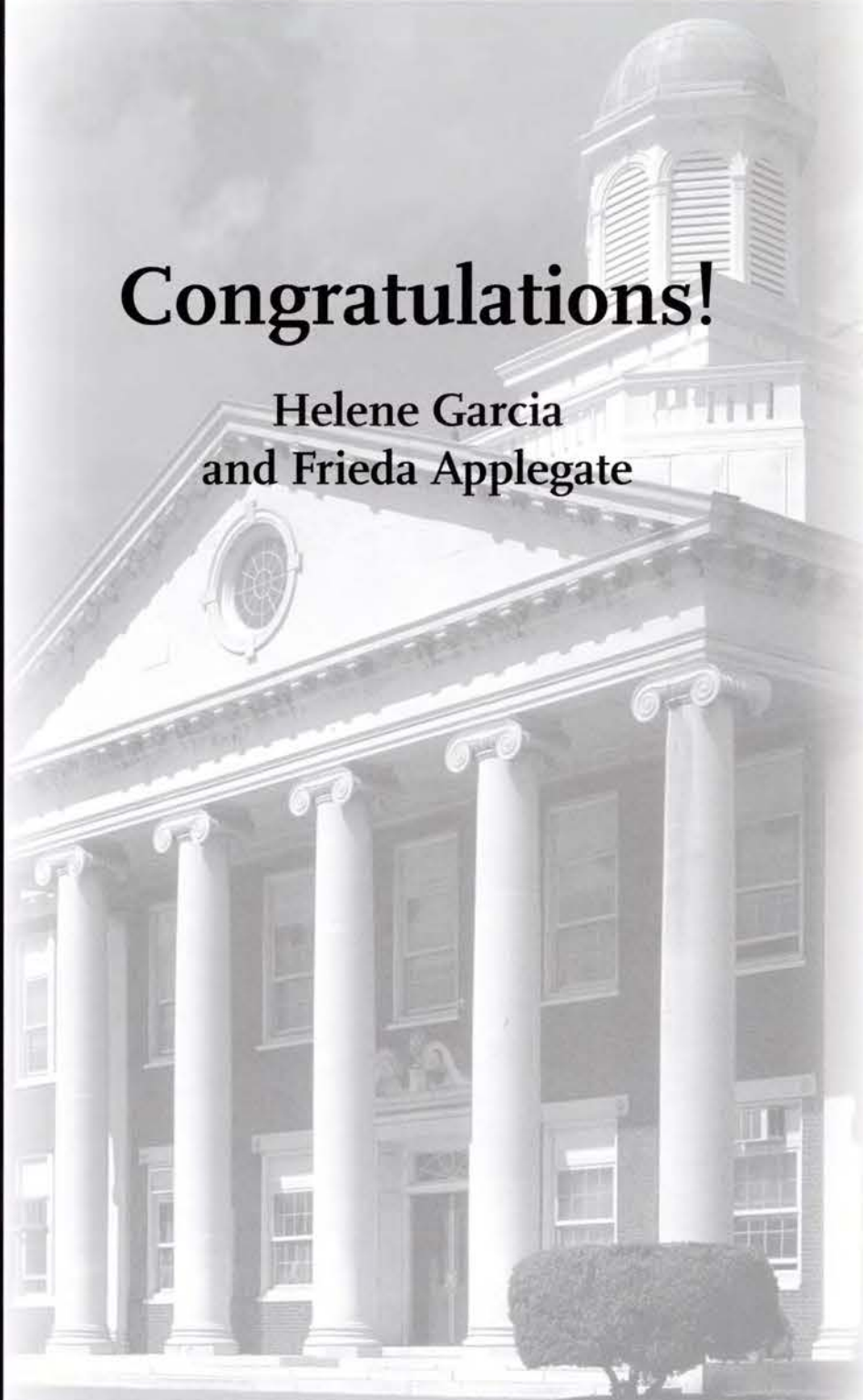
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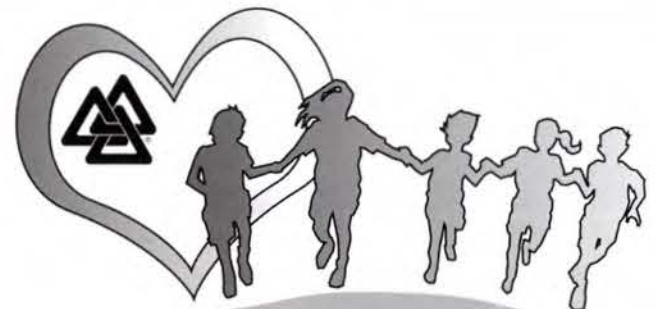
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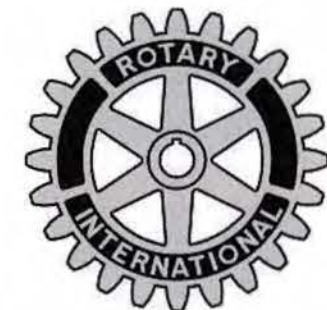
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