

Thomas Edison State College



Twenty-Fourth Commencement

October 20, 1996

Crescent Shriner's Auditorium
Trenton, New Jersey

*The
Twenty-Fourth Commencement
of
Thomas Edison State College*

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2 p.m.

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Dr. Jerry Ice
Vice President and Provost
Presiding

Order of Ceremony

Processional	<i>"Pomp and Circumstance"</i> by Sir Edward Elgar
Opening Remarks	Dr. Jerry Ice Vice President and Provost
"America the Beautiful"	by Samuel A. Ward and Katherine Lee Bates
Welcome and Introduction	George L. Fricke Chairman Board of Trustees
Conferring of Honorary Degree	Dr. George A. Pruitt President
Doctor of Humane Letters <i>honoris causa</i>	Dr. Frederick S. Humphries President Florida A&M University
Musical Presentation	<i>"Battle Hymn of the Republic"</i> by Peter Wilhousky
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. George A. Pruitt President
Presidential Charge	Dr. George A. Pruitt President
Response for Graduates	Doris E. Rodriguez
Induction into the Alumni Association	Adele Ellis President Alumni Association

Closing Remarks	Dr. Jerry Ice Vice President and Provost
Singing of the Alma Mater	The Pennsbury High School Chamber Choir
Recessional	<i>"Washington Post"</i> and <i>"Semper Fidelis"</i> by John Philip Sousa

Everyone is asked to stand during the Processional, the singing of "Battle Hymn of the Republic," the singing of the Alma Mater, and the Recessional.

Associate in Arts

Michael P. Adelman
Margaret L. Allan
Mark S. Antonek
John J. Ardan
Linda Ault McLaren
Henry J. Bariexca, Jr.
Walter J. Beard
Carol Ann Benson
Patricia A. Bielcik
Kevin J. Brown
Claire B. Bryant
Lloyd D. Burlew
Steven A. Cawley
Jack L. Conwell Jr.
Kathleen M. Cook
Esther L. DeEugenio
Harry J. Delgado
Joseph A. DeSomma
Carolyn S. DiTaranto-Music
Janet Einstein
Howard S. Evans
Thomas J. Fetterolf
Lynn R. Florey
Teresa L. Haase
Ronica K. Hanns
Daniel C. Hearne
Gary A. Hoogwerf
Agnes A. James
Elizabeth A. Jones
Dharuba C. Kalahari
Kathryn C. Kiefer
Deborah R. Koduru
Joseph A. Ladyka, Jr.
Paul Laudanski

Steven B. Leavy
Brian K. Long
Donna R. Lynch
Victor M. Malu
Daniel R. Manrique
Edward McCarthy
Katie McConnell
Elise Mundrick
Robert D. Murray
Bobbi J. Obal
Matthew E. Perkowski
Elizabeth H. Pineda
Todd N. Pisani
Susan C. Podhajny
George A. Polentarutti
Lonnie M. Prater, Jr.
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Eugenia Regencio
Leslie A. Robinson
Michael E. RoCCA
Jessica R. Rona
Osvaldo Sanchez
Mary-Beth Santora
Robert J. Spurr
Michelle G. Tanenbaum
Shelia V. Taylor
Thomas D. U'pdikey
Valerie B. Vaughan
Bernard J. Wanta
Janice A. White
Sharon A. Willis
Arthur L. Wooters, Jr.
Randi E. Zuccarello-Gonnello

Associate in Science in Management

Cecelia M. Blasina
Fran S. Brooks
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M. Gale Ciccone
Kimberly J. Cifelli
Anne M. Costa
Albert G. Curving
Robert L. DeCarli

Frank P. Degnan
David W. Durlin
Geraldine A. Fallon
Roger W. Fenessy
Charles M. Fogarty
Willie Green-Aldridge
Christel Hall
William T. Jordan

Associate in Science in Management, continued

John J. Lawless
Frederick J. Lyle, Jr.
Kathleen L. Lynch-Drummond
Christopher Mirabelli
Rivka Moskovits
Michael G. Nesmith
Shakir Nooruddiz
Teresa A. Pence
Paul E. Pierce

Crystal L. Records
Betsy A. Redinger
Joseph H. Robotin
Wanda H. Sing
Antoinette Slack
Janice C. Stoumpos
Andre J. Thibodeau
Janice M. Traverson
Richard M. Yelmini

Associate in Science in Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Carolyn E. Dallmann
Willard J. Hoppe
Joy G. Jansson
Melissa Klein

Nancy C. Mullett
Robert A. O'Halloran
Francis P. Pacullo

Associate in Science in Public and Social Services

Myles A. Cappiello
Adrienne Carbone
Suzan J. Goldner
James A. Hanratty
William R. Kisby

Kieran May
Robert W. Nelson, Jr.
Patrick J. O'Reilly
David A. Paprotna
Gloria I. Racine

Associate in Science in Applied Science and Technology

Robert J. Adams II
Bruce A. Alcorn
Helen L. Allen
Eric J. Amareescu
Blaine G. Anderson

Bruce W. Anderson
Terry W. Anderson
Richard J. Andrews
Jeffrey S. Arndt
Samuel J. Ascherman

*Associate in Science in
Applied Science and Technology, continued*

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Michael E. Barnhart	Quynh N. Le
Jimmy R. Barrett	Kenneth A. Lounsbury, Jr.
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Thomas A. Beckett	Brian T. Marshall
Donald C. Binkley	Alexander C. McGalliard
Richard B. Blankenship	Vern E. Mehrer
Gene F. Boccia	Francis M. Mitchell
Larry H. Brown	Benjamin J. Moore
Michael S. Burke	Warren H. Moore Jr.
Scott F. Bussey	Gene W. Morton
John A. Cook	Anil T. Nair
Eric T. Cooley	Kenneth A. Olcott
Dwayne R. Cox	Erik F. Olson
Robert A. Csillag	Donald C. Osborne
Patricia B. Cummings	Paul R. Papandrea
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Robert P. Defibaugh Jr.	David J. Pirrocco
Robert P. Disbrow	Michael J. Ponsetto
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James A. Fine	John M. Riley
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Scott M. Kiser	James M. West
David B. Kluge	Ronald J. Wildmann
Vance E. Landas	Joseph E. Wyjas
Ralph C. Larzo	Gregory M. Youngblood

Associate in Science in Radiologic Technology

Geraldine A. Burghart

Bachelor of Arts

Cheryl L. Adelman	Carol L. Chalela
Neelam Agnihotri	Lori L. Chilson
Stephen K. Akina	Marie R. Cifelli
Frances R. Alberta	Ruchama R. Cohen-Firman
Bryon H. Allen	Linda D. Collins
Georgianna Allen	J. Stephen Colwell
Julie A. Altura	Betty Ann T. Conrad
John J. Arden	Nikola C. Conrad
Menuchah R. Armel	Ellen Coull
Candida D. Arrizu	William V. Craft
Gary D. Augustine	Patricia B. Cummings
Craig S. Badura	Edward T. Dagistino
Cynthia A. Baker	Kennard Daniels
Peter Baldacchino	Teri E. Danowitz
Linda F. Bane	Barbara Y. Davis
Joseph J. Barish	Gail E. Davis
Deborah A. Barnes	Roy J. Dawson III
Corey A. Barum	Sharon S. De Bevoise
Karen R. Barzily	Patricia A. Dean
Anna Beliaeva	Anthony DeAngelis
Meridee T. Bell	John T. Defino, II
Chaim Ben Daniel	Louis D. DeRosa
Michael Benzwie	Mittie F. DeShields
Ross Bergman	Miriam Dick
Rivka Bernstein	Linda M. Dickey
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Adrienne E. Betar	Mark E. Dorrier
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Marni C. Blisko	Lois M. Duff
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Douglas A. Bowker	Catherine Dupuy
Michael A. Brandolino	Indu Dutt
Neal Bravin	Karen A. Eberhardt
Gittie Y. Brody	Karen Eisman
Leslie L. Brown	Barbara A. Elliott
Susan M. Brown	Amy D. Entel
Peter F. Browne	Ralph Esagui
Melaine S. Bruner	John W. Essick
Alan C. Bruzzi	Marian Falconio
Michael C. Burnham	Barbara R. Fassbender
Henry R. Burnstein	Karen L. Fenton
Christopher D. Bushnell	George S. Fest
Barbara J. Butler	Michael A. Filipczak
Emilio Cabrales Jr.	Tammy A. Fischbach
Lorraine I. Caris	Robin A. Fischberg
Linda G. Carroll	Robert E. Flinn
David L. Caruthers, II	Kelly J. Fox
Terry L. Casdorph	Kathleen S. Frederick

Bachelor of Arts, continued

Robert P. Friedman
Ruchie Friedman
Kelly D. Frizzell
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Marie E. Galdi
Tefferi K. Gashaw
Linda L. Gentile
Lisa J. Gervais
Joseph V. Giaconia
Patricia A. Gianotti
Carrie A. Golden
James C. Granelli
Alexander K. Gray
Ilana T. Greenberg
Christopher Grendysa
Mary J. Gresham
Elizabeth A. Griffiths
Aviva Grobman
Adina E. Grossman
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Charles J. Hackett
Chris D. Haddox
Robert E. Hall, Jr.
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Elona L. Harkins
Bobbie B. Harris
Dana A. Harris
Deborah M. Harris
Lauren D. Hart
Carol C. Hartmaier
David J. Hazelton
Karen L. Henderson
Jessica R. Herman
John M. Hiller
Thomas A. Hoffman
Dwight T. Holmes
Gregory K. Hotchkiss
Mary I. Hubley
Kenneth A. Hudson
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Töre Ingholm
Batsheva L. Israel
Essien E. Ita
Leanne B. Jacobson
Carol L. Jendrisak
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Thomas R. Johnson Jr.
Karen E. Jones
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Sekrett V. Love
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Rosa B. Martinez
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John E. McArdle
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Razwaniz Mirzain

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Vincent A. Persichetti
Paula K. Pierce
Rose T. Pinto
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Vincent A. Ponatarelli
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Ann E. Poshka
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Michele B. Pulis
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Robert W. Rafferty
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Michael Robinson
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Gary A. Sargent
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Guy Soncelli
Kathleen M. Soucek
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Robert M. Stemmer, Jr.
James R. Stone
Kennick D. Straughan
Amanda J. Strickland
Ilka Strobel
Inge V. Studzinski
Lalitha Subramanian
Karen M. Suter
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Scott J. Talochino
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Adrien Thomas
Kendall B. Thompson
Barbara F. Thomson
Ricardo A. Topping
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Bachelor of Arts, continued

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dee H. Vogt	Susan Young
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Michelle K. Weisbard	Diana Zaater
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Gifford Whitehurst, Jr.	Harold Zislin
Kimberly J. Wiggins	

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Nesthorne Antoine	Scott F. Bussey
Eric M. Archey	John J. Byrne
Robert Auburger, Jr.	Randall B. Cade
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William D. Barchet	Samuel G. Campbell
James G. Beard	Stephen L. Campbell
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Donald R. Belkofer, III	Carol A. Cernicky
Keith A. Benjamin	Clay C. Chaffee
Joseph G. Bennett	Ronald C. Chambers Jr.
John H. Bishop III	Joey A. Chesney
Julie A. Blankenship	William T. Chirnick
John A. Bohacheff	Mark H. Christopher
Michael V. Bongers	Christuan B. Cleary
Gennadiy Borisov	James J. Costedio
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John Breakfield	Charles W. Craft
Wesley D. Brenton	Daniel N. Cramer
Michael J. Brescio	Jennifer C. Crane

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Christine D. Dahl	Robert K. Hemchak
John E. Daly	Sam E. Henderson Jr.
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Robert D. Daniels	Eamon J. Hickey
Jeffrey M. Davis	Glenn C. Hicks
Michael M. DeBartolo	Edwin M. Hicks III
Frank G. Delmore	Richard L. Hines
Joseph D. Di Iorio	Robert J. Hing Jr.
Nkhrumah B. Dickson	Timothy J. Homer
Derek T. Dodds	Rick J. Indrebo
Greg W. Downs	Sajan Itty
John P. Dreyer	Samuel R. Ivestine
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Raymond V. Duckworth III	Calvin R. Jarvis
Bradley A. Eccles	Glen H. Jelliff
Kenneth J. Edgar	Roy J. Johnson Jr.
Gregory K. Edmondson	Jeffrey W. Jones
Charles F. Edwards	Keith W. Jones
Joseph J. Enders	Joseph A. Kain Sr.
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John J. Evatz	Thomas W. Kimmel
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Charles E. Fletcher	Thomas J. Koury
Daniel L. Foltz	Dewey D. Lackey
Walter E. Fountain	Patricia L. Lanmer
Manuel E. Garcia	Frank A. Larson
Glen F. Gardner	William R. Lenz Jr.
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Gerald L. George	Peter S. Lindauer
Pavol Getlik	William W. Lopkoff
David A. Gidzinski	Nicholas T. Lucas
Julio E. Gil-Pulgar	Henry E. Lusz
Charles C. Giles III	Henry S. Lynn
Daniel S. Glickson	Jorge P. Martins
Frederick O. Gockel	Gerald G. Mattson Jr.
James D. Goodman	David W. McCallum
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William J. Gross	Beda-Hilarion N. Mejorada
Gary D. Haddle	Kirk S. Miles
Nancy A. Hall	Cokey W. Mills
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Rudolf J. Pata	Gregory R. Starker
Richard M. Pearson	David C. Steckling
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Thomas A. Rey	Arlie D. Wells
Ronald G. Rhoades	William R. Wharmby
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Joseph B. Robinson	Allen L. Wood
Thomas E. Robinson	Willie L. Wright Jr.
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James E. Saul	Michael Wyles
Larry A. Schmitz	Mark J. Zalagens
Perry Schnuck	James R. Zona

Bachelor of Science in Human Services

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Joseph Bellino	Vincent C. Means
Stephanie J. Bordonaro	Antoninette Niemiec-Moon
Theodora A. Bouboulis	Carl W. Norter III
Anne R. Bradley-Sosis	Steven L. Padula
Bonnie Breslin	David A. Paprota
Victoria A. Cece	Henry P. Pasqualini
Joyce L. Chase	Patricia A. Peppi
Donna L. Corless	Christine C. Postorino
Ernest Council, Jr.	Vivian S. Price
Nathaniel Dixon	Barry W. Roberson
Michael W. Dowling	Brenda C. Schneider
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Laurie Feldman	Peter P. Segge
Michael R. Francis	Nancy L. Shepard
Scott A. Goess	Sara P. Smith
Daniel P. Headley	George H. Solomon
Donna T. Hennigan	Ilsa B.J. Spector
Steven R. Henry	Keith S. Stewart
Douglas S. Hildebrandt	Ralph F. Terracciano
Steven M. Hoffman	Leisha A. Thompson
John K. Kriger	Arthur S. Villaruz
Marilyn A. Layton	Sharon J. von Gorski
John M. Lehnert	Stephen J. Wenger
Richard J. Lindsay	Robert G. Wolff
Renee Low	Kacey K. Yusem

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

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Kelly R. Barker	Albert G. Curving
Joseph P. Bell	James F. Dean
Eric F. Benjes	Deborah S. Deane
Paul W. Bennett	Ralph M. Dembowczyk
Patricia A. Berlinski	Peter J. DeSilva
Yvette Blasini	Joseph A. DeSomma
Elaine B. Buzzell	Diana E. DiMarco
Celeste Carpiano	Judith A. England-McCarthy
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Charles W. Chan	Stanley C. Ferguson

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, continued

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Sandra L. Geise
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Gregg B. Goldman
Owen C. Gore
Wendy B. Greenhalgh
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Veronica L. Hoff
Joan F. Hoffman
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Michael Hoydis III
Donald K. Huff
Michele J. Huffman
Amy J. Hymes
Christine A. Iapalucci
Stephen J. Inge
Jacqueline S. Ingels
Sue Isaack
Lauren R. Jaloway
Robert T. Kennedy
Virginia Kilcoyne
Elaine Kling
Norma V. Kornweibel
Dipti Kothari
Michael R. Kulick
Michelle C. Lantz
Diane Lasky
Yoon K. Lee
Robert G. Lees
Susan F. Lukowicz
Thomas J. London Jr.
John A. Lupack
Barbara M. Malone
Pedro Mandes
Connie M. Mason
Christine E. Mazza
Lynne E. McCormick
Joseph C. McDermott

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Dawn E. Middlestead
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Gregory A. Moore
Christopher R. Moran
Vicki L. Mulak
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Denise C. Pallies
Glenn Pannenburg
Melroy Paterson, Jr.
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Rocco G. Perna
Ellen M. Peterson
Juanita A. Petty
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Lucia A. Phillips
Diane W. Potorski
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Andrew M. Richmond Jr.
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Sonia R. Scheider
Jolene Schwartz
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John C. Sermania
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Preeti R. Shah
Denise B. Sherman
Charlotte J. Shipley
Ilene N. Shrank
Antoinette Slack
Richard H. Smith, II
Terrence C. Spencer
Lorri L. Stemmer
Timothy J. Swann
Diane A. Swart
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Laura S. Termini
Joseph T. Tibaldi
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Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, continued

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John L. West
Joseph P. Westenberger

Debra T. Williams
Serkan Yesilicimenli
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Christopher R.C. Young
Elsie R. Young

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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Bonnie M. Butler
Kim K. Choma
Nancy E. Chudoff
Jennifer L. Cittadino
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Catherine T. Hanhart
Luanne B. Hill
Sharon M. Kurtz
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Arnold Fletcher Award

The Arnold Fletcher Award recognizes Thomas Edison State College baccalaureate graduates for exceptional achievement in independent learning. Students selected have demonstrated excellence and have earned a large number of credits using one or more of the innovative learning modes recognized by the College: Assessment of Prior Learning through Portfolio, Testing, Guided Study, Correspondence Courses and Nursing Performance Examinations.

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

The Selection Committee, composed of the associate dean of Liberal Arts Programs, associate dean of Business Programs, associate dean of Applied Science and Technology Programs, associate dean of Human Services Programs, director of the Nursing Program and the academic dean, has chosen the following to receive the Arnold Fletcher Award at the Oct. 20, 1996 Commencement:

Bachelor of Arts degree

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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 principal 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 headress 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 are inscribed: James Douglas Brown, Jr., 1972-1978; Lorraine Rose Matusak, 1979-1982; and George A. Pruitt, 1982-present. The mace shaft and base are finished in mahogany.

Carried in the procession by Dr. Patricia Sparks, the academic dean, the mace symbolizes the authority of the Office of the President.

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Dr. Frederick S. Humphries is president of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University of Tallahassee, Fla., a post he has held for 11 years. Prior to his tenure at Florida A&M, Dr. Humphries served as president of Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tenn.

During his distinguished career in higher education, Dr. Humphries has received much recognition and many honors. These include Drum Major for Justice Award in Education from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Women's Division in 1992; President's Award for Excellence in Higher Education from 100 Black Men of America, Inc., in 1991; Thurgood Marshall Educational Achievement Award from the Johnson Publishing Company in 1990; Distinguished Alumnus Award presented by the Faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Pittsburgh, on the 100th Anniversary of awarding the university's first Ph.D. in 1986; Centennial Medallion from Florida A&M on the university's 100th Anniversary Celebration; and others too numerous to mention from such impressive institutions as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of the Governor of Tennessee.

The author of many papers and publications, Dr. Humphries is a sought-after consultant in the field of education. He earned his B.S. in Chemistry magna cum laude from Florida A&M University, and his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh. He taught chemistry at Florida A&M and at the University of Minnesota before moving on to program directorships. He directed undergraduate and graduate programs in science and the humanities at the Institute for Services to Education and at Florida A&M before his appointment as president of Tennessee State in 1974. He also served as second lieutenant in the United States Army Security Agency from 1957-1959.

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Dr. Humphries resides in Tallahassee, Fla.

America, the Beautiful

Music by Samuel A. Ward

Words by Katherine Lee Bates

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.

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ALMA MATER

Words and Music by Roy Meriwether

Here's to our Col - lege, our Al-ma Ma - ter. You met the
chal - lenge of our needs. Age did-n't mat - ter, on-ly our
know - ledge. We did in - deed dare to suc-ceed in col - lege. You served our
life - long dream. You an-swered ev 'ry need. Now on this day we pay you
Tri - bute, Hon - or. Here's to our
Col - lege, our Al - ma Ma - ter. All hail to thee, Ed - i - son State, All
hail to thee. Thom-as Ed - i - son State
Col - lege. All hail to thee. To
thee.