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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Alumni, Students and Friends,

At this time we take the opportunity to thank all those who have provided financial support to Thomas Edison State College. During the past year, many individuals, businesses, corporations and organizations that have supported the College have been most generous in their response to our fundraising efforts. As a result, the College has been able to increase enrollment before, both in enrollments and in course offerings. In the past year, we have doubled the number of courses that we offer online. In this *Invention*, you will read about the efforts of the College's Distance Learning (DIAL) course development team to achieve its goal of making all Thomas Edison State College's courses online. DIAL's work is made possible by the generosity of donors to whom we owe our

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Sincerely,

Dr. George A. Pruitt
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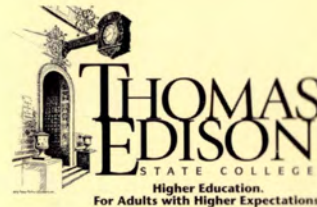
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Directed Independent Adult Learning (DIAL) course development team to achieve its goal of offering all of Thomas Edison State College's courses online. DIAL's work is possible, in large part, through the generosity of donors to whom we owe our thanks.

I would also like to thank all those who have worked so hard to ensure the success of this year's fund-raising efforts. The Thomas Edison State College Foundation Board of Directors has been especially effective in this regard. Under its leadership, the 2004 fund-raising campaign has been a great success. Last year at this time, the College's endowment was \$2,165,322. Today it is \$4,453,003. This growth is indeed extraordinary when you consider today's challenging economic climate.

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COLLEGE RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS TELLY AWARD

Thomas Edison State College, a pioneer in the use of technology to deliver high-quality collegiate learning opportunities to self-directed adults, was recently recognized with a bronze Telly Award. The prestigious award, which honors outstanding achievement in video and film production, was given to the College and its collaborative partner, Midi, Inc., of Princeton, N.J., for a component of the Electronic Communications Systems course. The course was developed with a grant online from the Martinson Family Foundation, a generous supporter of the College.

The course employs the use of Flash technology to present a lecture on the basic concepts of amplitude modulation and also covers the origins of radio. The lecture outlines the dispute over who deserves credit for "inventing" radio and offers a brief history on the work of inventors Guglielmo Marconi and Nicola Tesla. Students also benefit from an interactive demonstration of AM wave modulation. In the Amplitude Wave Modulation simulator section of the course, students can manipulate a sliding scale in one of five areas to see the effect on the modulated wave in the time domain. The component of the course illustrating amplification modulation was selected to receive the award.

"This is the first time the College has used Flash technology in course development," said Dr. P. Henry van Zyl, vice provost for the Center for Directed Independent Adult Learning (DIAL) at the College. "Typically you will have a voice, or talking head, over graphics in an online course. This technology allows the student to be more interactive."

According to van Zyl, Thomas Edison State College is only one of a handful of higher education institutions in the world using Flash technology in course development. "Very, very few schools are doing this kind of thing," he said.

The College collaborated with Midi, Inc., to produce the video component of the course. Dr. J.C. Kinnamon, Midi's senior director of product development was the project manager. "It's always nice to be recognized by Telly," he said. "This is all certainly exciting."

According to van Zyl and Kinnamon, there are similar projects in the works. "We are working on video components for a Software Engineering course for Thomas Edison State College," said Kinnamon.

◀ Aaron Appelstein, course developer, (left) celebrates receipt of a bronze Telly Award with Dr. P. Henry van Zyl, (center) vice provost for Directed & Independent Adult Learning and Cynthia MacMillan, director of Instructional Design & Development. The prestigious award, which recognizes outstanding achievement in film and video production, was awarded to Thomas Edison State College for excellence in a portion of its online Electronic Communications Systems course.



Dear Alumni and Friends of Thomas Edison State College,

It is a pleasure to present you with the 2005 edition of the Thomas Edison State College Foundation Honor Roll of Donors. We give our sincere thanks to those of you who offered your financial resources in support of the College. As always, we welcome those who are new to the Honor Roll. Your financial support is vital to enhancing the outstanding educational opportunities that the College provides to its students.

Enrollment at the College continues to grow, and we now have more than 11,000 students studying throughout the United States and more than 74 foreign countries. A key element in continuing to build on past success has

been the process of placing the College's academic programs into separate schools. Previously, all undergraduate academic programs were under the leadership of a single academic dean. Each of the new schools now falls under the stewardship of a separate dean. In addition, a new Office of Academic Partnerships & Outreach has been established as well as a new School of Professional and Continuing Studies.

The College family was particularly excited to benefit from the generosity of Gary and Diane Heavin. Their \$2 million endowment gift provided the impetus for the College to name the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences in their honor. The Heavin School of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Thomas Edison State College is an inspiring example of personal philanthropy that will allow us to "raise the bar" with our fund-raising efforts as we move into the future.

As we continue to grow the size of our endowment, it is important to note that these funds are critical to help support program development and bridge the gap between shortfalls in state funding. State funding as a percentage of the College's operating budget has continued to diminish, and the College depends on private gifts for its "margin of excellence." Your generosity helps to ensure that adult learners continue to have access to flexible, affordable educational experiences of the highest quality.

Let me once again express our special thanks to you, the family and friends of Thomas Edison State College, for your past support and future consideration as we look forward to finishing 2005 on an even higher note.

Sincerely,

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► A PASSION FOR EDUCATION Harold G. Sedgwick Sr.

At age 74, Harold G. Sedgwick Sr. considers himself a lifelong learner. "I am always looking for a mental challenge," he said. "My brain is like a sponge."

Sedgwick has always been curious about new things. When he retired after 40 years as an electrical test engineer, he moved to Arizona where he operates a small 10-acre ranch. "I didn't know anything about keeping horses," said Sedgwick, who refers to his equine baby "Cowboy" as his "1,100-pound, four-legged kid." He recently acquired a Mexican burro he has named "Jenny." "I just thought it was time to learn the differences in caring for a burro now that I've learned all about horses."

Education has always been a passion for Sedgwick. At age, 61, he enrolled in Thomas Edison State College. At the time he had been working several years as a "shakedown" engineer for several of the nation's largest government contractors. "I did a great deal of work supporting the Federal Aviation Administration's Fixed Ground Antennae Radome (FGAR) project," said Sedgwick. Midway through the project, Sedgwick completed his Bachelor of Science in Applied Science and Technology degree in engineering technology. Around the time he graduated from Thomas Edison State College, Sedgwick was told that the federal government had determined that his employment at Raytheon was considered a conflict of interest and that the FGAR project would have to be transferred to another government contractor. "When I left Raytheon and started at Vitro, I got an immediate \$5,000 raise because I had my degree," he said.

In addition to the salary increase, Sedgwick found his new degree opened doors professionally. "I was able to move into another area of testing," he said. According to Sedgwick, he was able to make the jump from "shakedown" testing to operational testing, where he had more responsibility and professional challenges. "Operational testing ensures that the equipment meets governmental standards as opposed to 'shakedown' testing, which comes after the government has approved the completion of the project," he said. "After getting my degree, I was able to develop operational test procedures, write reports and make recommendations, which was an area I enjoyed more."

Sedgwick's commitment to education did not wane when he retired. He recently enrolled in Thomas Edison State College's Master of Arts in Professional Studies degree program. His area of emphasis will be in project management. "Education has always been important to me, and Thomas Edison State College provided me with the perfect way to get my degree and still have a demanding career as an electrical engineer."

Sedgwick is a regular contributor to the College's annual fund because he feels that it is important to give back to his alma mater. "This is something important," he said. "I always found time to volunteer for the annual Phonathon when I was still living in New Jersey," he said. "The thing that is so special about the College is that everyone there wants you to succeed. That is what makes Thomas Edison State College so special."

Does Sedgwick plan on returning for Commencement when he finishes his graduate degree? "Oh yes," he said emphatically. "I had the honor of attending commencement when the College gave Thomas Edison a posthumous degree in 1992." He anticipates that his experience will be every bit as memorable the second time around.



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► PROFESSIONAL GROWTH
Sandy Holden

From her desk at Thomas Edison State College, Sandy Holden has seen significant growth during the nearly 25 years she has worked as a College staff member.

"When I started as a clerk in the registrar's office," she said. "All of us were working in the same building at 101 West State Street," she recalled. Today, the College has more than 200 full-time employees working in three buildings. "We've grown so much since I first came to work here."

"I donate to the Eklund scholarship fund because I feel I need to do something to keep Tom's passion for the College's mission alive."

After a promotion to senior clerk and an assignment in the Office of Test Development, Holden then went to work as an administrative assistant to Dr. Ruth McKeefery, one of the College's first academic deans. She has worked for each successor ever since and has witnessed the College's profound growth. The latest milestone Holden has experienced is the reorganization of the College's academic programs into schools. "I've never had time to get bored," she said of her job. Not only has Holden enjoyed professional growth at the College, she's had personal growth as well. In 1997, she graduated with an Associate in Arts degree and is working toward her baccalaureate degree at the College.

Holden supports the College financially not only because it is her alma mater. "The College has been very good to me," she said. "I donate to the Eklund scholarship fund because I feel I need to do something to keep Tom's passion for the College's mission alive." Thomas M. Eklund, the associate dean for Academic Advisement at the College, was killed in an automobile accident in 1994. "Tom's office was next to mine for several years," explained Holden. Not only was he a colleague, he was a friend."

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Virginia Lofft

LIFELONG LEARNING

During her time as a student at the College, Lofft served as one of two student trustees. She said the experience serving with the Board of Trustees gave her an even bigger appreciation for the mission of the College. "I had the unique opportunity to see the business side of running the College," she said. "I saw how efficiently the College was run and just how progressive it is in its approach to higher education."

Lofft graduated in 2002 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications. At age 70, she was ready for a new challenge. She enrolled in the Master of Arts in Professional Studies (MAPS) degree program and graduated in 2004. "I never thought in my wildest dreams that I would get a master's degree," said Lofft. "Thomas Edison State College made it all possible."

"Intellectual curiosity is the best strategy for maintaining one's health," said Lofft. Today, in addition to golf and gardening, she is working on revisions to a novel she completed as part of her MAPS degree capstone project. "I want my mind to stay active," she said. As a result of my study at Thomas Edison State College, I have opened an awareness of interest in several subject areas." Lofft said she continues to study even though she is not formally pursuing a degree. "I am diving more deeply into literature, philosophy and physics," she said.

Lofft is a regular contributor to the College's annual fund. "Giving financially is my small way of helping the College," she said. "It is important that we all do our part in allowing the College to keep doing what it's done so well for more than 30 years."

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After a long and distinguished career in publishing, Virginia Lofft retired and turned her attention toward pursuing a lifelong dream—a college degree.

"I had risen through the ranks of reporter and editor," she said. "Along the way, I had gone to college and had collected a number of credits here and there." In 1992, she moved from her position as editor in chief at *Successful Meetings* magazine to vice president and publishing director at Adams Business Media, where she oversaw production of six national publications.

Despite her professional success, Lofft said that a college education was "something I always wanted." She learned about Thomas Edison State College from a friend and enrolled shortly after her retirement. According to Lofft, when she learned that she could transfer all her previously earned college credits into a degree program at Thomas Edison State College, she said "There was no way I could pass up the opportunity. It was a dream come true."

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Ron Leven's career has been a smorgasbord of experiences. During the last three decades, the 47-year-old has held positions in just about every area of IT imaginable.

The father of two confesses that his work history has been rich and varied. While a student at Mercer County Community College (MCCC) he was offered an internship at Western Electric and was able to find full-time work within four months after he graduated with his associate degree in data processing.

Leven's first job was at Transamerica Delaval in Trenton, N.J., where he worked as an applications programmer. "I had only worked there one year when I accepted a better offer."

Leven found himself climbing the career ladder. During the next several years, he worked a series of positions that came with increasing responsibility. The list of corporations where he has worked reads like a "Who's Who" of New Jersey businesses. His resume includes stints at McGraw-Hill, Educational Testing Service, the State of New Jersey, Legent Corporation and Computer Associates.

During his time working for the New Jersey Department of Higher Education as a network communications systems manager, Leven managed a staff of eight. As he was being groomed for upper management, he knew that he needed his baccalaureate degree in order to advance his career.

According to Leven, he looked at several schools. He was married and the father of two young daughters at that time. He worried that the requirements to attend class and study time would take away from family time, which has always been a high priority. A professor at MCCC suggested he look at Thomas Edison State College.

Leven found that the flexibility of credit earning options at Thomas Edison State College fit perfectly into his lifestyle. "I could play with my girls, read them their bedtime stories, and, after they went to sleep, I'd be able to go online and do my classwork," he said. Leven graduated in 1998 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in information systems.

"The thing that really attracted me to Thomas Edison State College was the flexibility," said Leven. "All my credits transferred right into my baccalaureate program." Leven put his skills learned on the job to use in the College's Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) program. He was able to

document his college-level knowledge in a portfolio, which was reviewed for course credit. "I also received college credit for the Certified Public Manager (CPM) training I received when I worked for the State of New Jersey," said Leven. "I was even able to take upper-level courses on campus at Mercer and transfer those credits toward my degree program at Thomas Edison State College."

When the IT boom waned in the late 1990s, Leven, like many working in his field, found himself caught up in the corporate merger maelstrom. Leven credits his education for his ability to survive all the corporate mergers.

Today, Leven is working as a systems engineer/administrator for the Sarnoff Corporation in Princeton, N.J. "One of the first things they asked me during the interview was whether I had my degree," he said. "Having my bachelor's degree helped open the door for me in a competitive job market," he said. He has been with the company for five years and

is a data recovery specialist. "We have scientists working on some of the world's most cutting-edge technologies," said Leven. "It's my job to protect the intellectual assets."

Leven gives consistently to Thomas Edison State College because he feels it is important to support high-quality educational programs for adults. "Thomas Edison State College has excellent programs," said Leven. "I feel it is important to give to programs that support adult learners." Leven credits the College for his career longevity and encourages other alumni to give generously. "It's a good cause," he said. "My contribution to the annual fund is my way of supporting the effort."

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Based on the belief that a city's greatest resource is the quality and commitment of its civic leaders, the Leadership Trenton program is one of the many initiatives at Thomas Edison State College that consistently receives financial support from Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc. Developed by The John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy, the program builds and expands on a network of local civic leaders to make the future brighter for the city of Trenton.

Peg Forrestel, Janssen's director of Contributions & Community Affairs, indicated that there are certain characteristics that she looks for in projects that Janssen Pharmaceutica funds. "We prefer to support projects which not only address the current needs of the community, but also include programs that work to address the underlying causes of the issue," said Forrestel. "We also want to see that the organization is measuring the effectiveness of its project and making modifications if necessary."

According to Forrestel, Janssen Pharmaceutica has chosen to support the Leadership Trenton program because of the strong emphasis placed on the development of civic infrastructure and new leaders who will advocate strongly for the community. "Leadership Trenton brings together individuals with diverse backgrounds and experiences who have shown that they are committed to improving their community," said Forrestel. "From this starting point, Leadership Trenton provides further information on the issues facing Trenton and Mercer County and how they interrelate as well as the resources that are available." Another appealing feature of the Leadership Trenton program is that it provides a network to participants with whom they can collaborate in the future.

As a Johnson & Johnson company, Janssen Pharmaceutica relies on a credo in its giving philosophy. According to Forrestel, this credo "identifies our responsibilities to our customers, our employees, the communities in which we live and work, and our shareholders." Janssen Pharmaceutica supports the community financially and environmentally through organizational leadership and through time donated voluntarily by its employees.

Janssen Pharmaceutica feels that it is important to support programs such as Leadership Trenton to do its part in fostering civic engagement and improving the quality of life in the city of Trenton. "Just as each citizen has an obligation to help address the issues facing their community, so do we," said Forrestel.

NEWS

NEW CORPORATE CHOICE PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE

A new Collegewide program called the Corporate Choice Program was launched in January. The program is designed to render Thomas Edison State College the educational partner-of-choice for major corporations. While the focus will initially reside with companies with a significant presence in New Jersey, many of these organizations are global. This new program is the result of a recommendation developed by the Tuition Reimbursement Goal Team, which was charged with the task of exploring ways in which the College could work with corporations that provide tuition reimbursement for their employees.

Thomas Edison State College alumni are being asked to assist the Corporate Choice Program team in identifying companies that have educational benefits for employees. Alumni who have been the beneficiaries of tuition reimbursement programs are ideal ambassadors to assist the College in introducing management and colleagues at these companies to the

flexible, high-quality educational programs offered at Thomas Edison State College. According to Sylvia G. Hamilton, program coordinator for the Corporate Choice Program, "Alumni can support our efforts by looking inside their companies, and identifying the senior executive-level touch points and decision makers who are responsible for tuition assistance and/or employee education, training and professional development. The title may differ from one company to another, but the functionality and level of influence are the keys to introduction and access for us. Alumni involvement will be instrumental to the program's success."

If you or someone you know is a vice president of Human Resources, vice president of Corporate Education and Training, chief learning officer, or in some other senior-level management position, please contact Hamilton at shamilton@tesc.edu or by phone at (609) 777-3083 ext. 4201.



GOLF NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 6, 2005

The annual golf outing, which is sponsored by the Thomas Edison State College Foundation, raises funds to support The Thomas C. Streckewald Endowment. The endowment supports staff development programs at the College and is named in memory of Tom Streckewald who served as director of Institutional Planning, Research and Outcomes Assessment. Streckewald died in an automobile accident in 1994.

The 11th Annual Thomas C. Streckewald Annual Golf Classic is scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2005. The event planning committee received wonderful feedback after last year's event and has elected to hold the golf classic again this year at Sea Oaks Country Club in Egg Harbor Township, N.J. Sun Bank will again be the Eagle Sponsor of the event, and Eric Lear is event chairman for a second year.

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Guy Eddon received his master's degree in computer science from Brown University in May 2004. He is now pursuing a doctoral degree and hopes to work in either academia or an industrial research center. He also presented a paper at the Parallel and Distributed Computing Systems (PDCS) conference in San Francisco, and was invited to present at the computer science department of the American University of Beirut. In the spring of 2005, he will be the teaching assistant for Introduction to Software Engineering, an undergraduate course at Brown University.

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Kathleen Holt, formerly Kathleen Conklin, founded the Black Rock Foundation, a New Jersey nonprofit corporation, in memory of her son Peter P. Black IV. The primary mission of the foundation is to encourage prayer for the healing of addictions. The Black Rock Foundation's logo is a tie-dyed ribbon, serving as a reminder to pray.

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