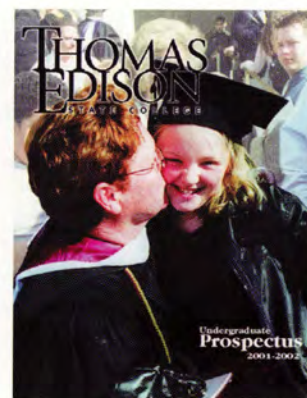
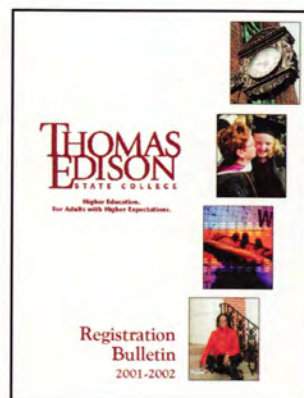
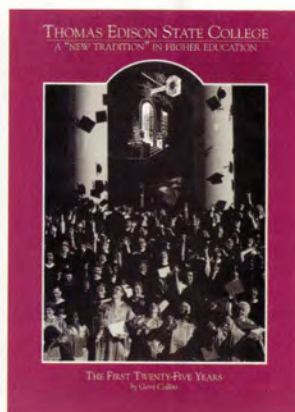


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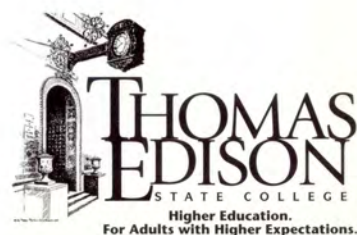
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A Message from the President

Dear Alumni, Students and Friends,

**"I am still learning."
– Michelangelo**

Think about this for a moment. Michelangelo, universally acknowledged as a supreme artist by his contemporaries and exalted still today, believed that even he, a man at the pinnacle of his profession, was still learning.

We could all learn a lesson from this.

This year, Thomas Edison State College celebrates its 30th anniversary. In its 30 years, the College has awarded degrees to more than 18,000 students from all over the world who put forth great effort to continue their learning as adults. Today, more than 8,000 students are presently working to earn degrees from the College.

Like Michelangelo, the College's students understand that learning never ends.

As educators, we understand that while learning never ends, life's circumstances sometimes present temporary roadblocks. Some of the College's students had to take up full time employment right out of

high school. Others postponed a college education to start a family. Still others have decided to pursue college degrees as adults for personal enrichment or career advancement.

Throughout its history the College has given its adult students the tools they need to reach their educational goals.

Thirty years ago, the founders of Thomas Edison State College set out to make higher education more accessible to busy adults. It is extremely rewarding to know that the College has been successful in this mission and has helped to make a tremendous difference in people's lives.

Thomas Edison State College is committed to continuing to fulfill its mission to adult students for the next 30 years and beyond. In its own unique way, our work at the College supports those who, like Michelangelo, want to live lives in which they are "still learning."



Sincerely,

Dr. George A. Pruitt
President

Do You Believe *in Miracles?*



After Surviving Five Strokes, Carla Rockcliff Went On To Advocate for Increased Genetic Screenings; NJ 's Newborns Now Tested for 14 Genetic Disorders, But Rockcliff Says There's Still Work To Be Done

"Do You Believe in Miracles?" was the headline in the ad for Bayada Nurses in the mid-1990s. When Carla Helen Rockcliff read it she had to laugh out loud. After enduring five strokes and pulling through a brain surgery that promised only a 50-percent chance of survival just a few years before, Rockcliff had taken to calling herself a "walking miracle." Since graduating from Thomas Edison State College in 1989, Rockcliff has been dealt some severe challenges to her health. Calling on the same perseverance and determination used to complete her bachelor's degree, Rockcliff has also managed to overcome the difficulties with her health to rise as an advocate for children facing severe genetic disorders.

The Road to Thomas Edison State College

Rockcliff became a registered nurse (RN) in 1965, after graduating from the Newton-Wellesley Hospital School of Nursing in Massachusetts. From that moment on, she strove to earn her bachelor of science degree in nursing (BSN), but Rockcliff found herself having to put her plans on hold.

In 1967, Rockcliff moved to California, where she met her husband, Michael, a single father of a three-year-old daughter. Rockcliff soon found that her husband's new sales position with Random House Publishing frequently prompted the family to uproot and move to a city hundreds, sometimes thousands of miles away. Every time Rockcliff enrolled in a program that would lead to her coveted BSN, the family received word that it was time for another job transfer.

And so it went—until the family moved to New Jersey in 1981. A few years later, Rockcliff received a

postcard in the mail from Thomas Edison State College. She looked into the College's RN-BSN program, and enrolled in 1985.

The funny thing, Rockcliff remarks, is that she finally found a college she could stay with, even if her husband's job forced the family to relocate again. This is ironic, she says, because 21 years later, the family still lives in New Jersey, in the same house they moved into back in 1981.

Rockcliff's studies at Thomas Edison State College spanned four years. Her two older daughters had recently moved out of the house, freeing up some extra time to study. Often, Rockcliff would work all day teaching Health Occupations and Nursing Assisting at a local high school. (When school let out for the summer, she juggled three part-time jobs.) With the support of her husband, Michael, Rockcliff was able to juggle the demands of caring for their young son and running the home. It wasn't until the late evening hours that Rockcliff would finally settle in—and hit the books—where she would typically study two to four hours at a time, three nights a week, often closing her textbook as late as 2:00 a.m.

"That's the only time that was quiet enough, and wouldn't take away from my husband, my son and my job," said Rockcliff.

Rockcliff received her coveted BSN in the spring of 1989, and walked in Thomas Edison State College's Commencement that fall. In the months in between, her life turned upside down.

Taking Matters Into Her Own Hands

The date on Rockcliff's diploma reads May 1, 1989.

Nineteen days later, at the age of 44, Rockcliff experienced the first of five strokes. At one time, Rockcliff was having as many as 20 temporal lobe seizures (distinguished by the inability to speak and or remember what's happened) each day, with even more at night. She even experienced two seizures while on the stage at Commencement. Her quest to find the cause of her strokes—and ultimately the cure—led her to an unenviable crossroad.

After parting ways with an unresponsive doctor, Rockcliff sought the help of several specialists, one who had helped her find a neurosurgeon specializing in her type of brain injury. The neurosurgeon determined that four areas of dead tissue from the right temporal lobe of Rockcliff's brain needed to be removed. Her chances for

surviving the risky procedure was a grim 50 percent, but without it, death was imminent and certain.

"I choose life," Rockcliff told her doctor, and the nine hour surgery was completed. "Not to have done so would have set a poor example for my children, and devastated my husband."

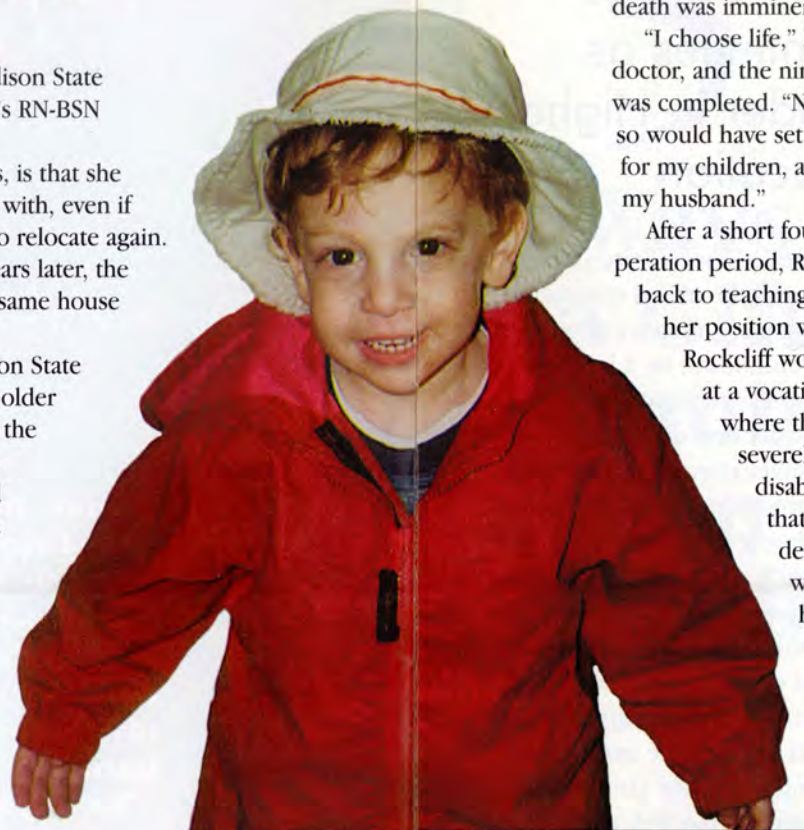
After a short four month recuperation period, Rockcliff went back to teaching. Two years later, her position was eliminated.

Rockcliff worked a short time at a vocational school where the students were severely, emotionally disabled but found that the physical demands of the job were too much for her to handle at that point in her life. Rockcliff had to seek other employment.

It was around that time that Rockcliff opened a copy of *Nursing Spectrum* magazine and spotted the ad for Bayada Nurses. After a brief telephone conversation with the person-

nel coordinator, Rockcliff arrived for an interview the next day. After quickly scanning through Rockcliff's resume, the coordinator told her that Bayada was only considering applicants with current hospital pediatric experience. Rockcliff had years of hospital pediatric experience, but it was two decades old.

Undaunted, Rockcliff explained, "I need a job, and since I recently had brain surgery, I honestly don't know how much of my pediatrics I remember," she said. "Let me take the tests, just so I can see where I am."



Above: Joshua at 2 years old

Bottom: Carla with Joshua at 16 months, in the backyard of his parents' home.



The coordinator considered this, and agreed. Hours later an exhausted Rockcliff handed over her completed exams, which the coordinator took in for grading.

After a lengthy wait for the results, the coordinator asked Rockcliff to not leave and a few moments later, an executive entered the room, and informed her that she had done better on the tests than most practicing pediatric nurses. Rockcliff was offered a job on the spot.

Outrage Leads to A Change For the Better

In April 1999, Rockcliff received a phone call from Bayada asking if she would be willing to add what was described as a "really sad case" to her caseload. The baby's life expectancy was only three weeks, and Bayada asked if Rockcliff could work as a private nurse for four hours a day, for only one week. "Naturally, I said yes," recalls Rockcliff.

The case was an infant named Joshua, who was born with a genetic disorder called Maple Syrup Urine Disease (MSUD), which prevents the body from breaking down main stem proteins. Sent home from the hospital as a normal newborn, after his first day, the baby's parents noticed he could not eat and was unresponsive. Fortunately, they took him to the pediatrician right away. After a five week hospital stay, Rockcliff began caring for the baby. Despite the dismal prognosis, Rockcliff and her colleagues at Bayada worked hard to save the boy, using Rockcliff's file notes and reports, to convince a skeptical insurance company that nursing care was warranted. After getting the approval, and the baby eligible to see the specialists, Rockcliff's real work began.

At the time that Joshua was diagnosed with MSUD, Rockcliff learned that the state of New Jersey mandated newborn testing for only four of more than 30 known, genetic disorders. Appalled at the laxity of the state's statutes, Rockcliff immediate-

ly began working to change the legislation. In May 1999, Rockcliff launched a grassroots campaign for newborns. Hundreds of volunteer hours later – with help from parents (including Joshua's), many women's groups and pediatricians – resulted in new legislation to test New Jersey newborns for a total of 14 universal metabolic disorders, which, if not detected early, can cause severe health problems, mental retardation and death. In 2001, New Jersey began expanding testing requirements for newborns, first adding four universal metabolic disorders, including MSUD; and in 2002, brought the number up to 14 disorders.

Today, Joshua is a thriving three-year-old whose developmental progress is on par with his peers, if not advanced. His baby brother, Matthew, now 18-months old, also has MSUD, but his condition was detected early because he was screened at birth in Pennsylvania. Treatment began immediately (the treatment can be as simple as using MSUD formula, to which small amounts of protein are added, and regulating the diet when solid foods are added), and Matthew didn't suffer the near-death experiences that marked his big brother's early days.

It was the simple serendipity of a job advertisement that brought Rockcliff and Joshua together. And it's because of her involvement with Josh, that babies in similar situations now have a better shot at getting their lives off to a healthy start.

Rockcliff's work is not yet done. There are over 30 universal metabolic disorders that are treatable if detected early, and it is her goal to have every New Jersey newborn tested for each one.

The Thomas Edison State College alumnus is thankful that she had a second chance at her own life. And, she feels blessed that she was able to help so many others secure a second chance at lives barely begun.

"I consider it a miracle that I was able to draw together all of my experiences and help someone, when really, I could have been dead," Rockcliff said.

College Offers 29 New Online Courses

The 2002-03 academic year presents students with a wealth of new opportunities for online study as the College prepares to launch 29 new online courses, each designed to be completed in 12 weeks.

The courses are designed to encourage participation in discussion forums with fellow students and consulting faculty mentors and allow dedicated students to finish more courses during an academic year.

The new online courses are:

Introduction to Western Archaeology
English Composition II
Environmental Science
Western Civilization I
Western Civilization II
American History II
American Civil Rights Movement
African History and Culture
The Renaissance: Origins of the Modern West
News Writing
American Literature I
American Literature II
Professional Issues, Nursing
Research in Nursing
American Government
Constitutional Issues
Introduction to Psychology
Developmental Psychology
Thanatology: An Understanding of Death and Dying
Worlds of Childhood
Research in Experimental Psychology
Introduction to Counseling
Abnormal Psychology
Organizational Theory
Myth and Culture
Complex Organizations
The Sociology of Work
Drugs and Society

ARC-101-OL
ENC-102-OL
ENS-200-OL
HIS-101-OL
HIS-102-OL
HIS-114-OL
HIS-210-OL
HIS-301-OL
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JOU-352-OL
LIT-111-OL
LIT-112-OL
NUR 405-OL
NUR-418-OL
POS-110-OL
POS-310-OL
PSY-101-OL
PSY-211-OL
PSY-300-OL
PSY-317-OL
PSY-322-OL
PSY 331-OL
PSY-350-OL
PSY-360-OL
REL-371-OL
SOC-361-OL
SOC-362-OL
SOS-304-OL

Two courses will also become available in 2003. They are International Economics (ECO-490-OL) and Dealing with Diversity (SOC-322-OL).

Thomas Edison State College Continues as Leader in Higher Education

Thomas Edison State College pioneered the use of innovative technologies in higher education, and continues to be a leader in the use of these technologies.

We offer one of the most comprehensive distance learning programs in the country. Students may choose from more than 130 distance learning courses, including online classes. Distance education courses are provided through several options, including Thomas Edison State College courses offered through the mail, e-mail and online. Online courses are delivered via the Web using the *Blackboard* platform. Many of these courses are media-rich and some do not require textbooks, but rather present all course materials online.

Online courses are designed and delivered as independent study courses, and students in those courses communicate with consulting faculty mentors and fellow students using e-mail and submit assignments to consulting faculty mentors through the Web.

Online credit-by-examination through *e-Pack* courses, which allows students to prepare for a comprehensive final examination by taking a series of chapter quizzes delivered via the Web, is also available.

5 Ways a Gift Annuity Can Benefit You

Thomas Edison State College is considering providing Charitable Gift Annuities. We would like to know if obtaining a charitable gift annuity with the College is something you would consider.

Here are five points to ponder:

1. Attractive Rates

A couple in their mid-80s, are receiving a modest income from their Certificate of Deposit. When the CD matures in two months, they could obtain a gift annuity and start receiving 8.7 percent earnings in quarterly payments.

Gift annuity rates are very attractive for older friends of the College. You can receive as much as 11.5 percent for a two-life annuity and 12 percent for a single-life annuity.

Many folks in their retirement years will be pleased when they compare their low investment rates with the current annuity rates that would be offered by the College.

2. Tax-Free Payments

Part of each annuity payment is tax-free. For example, Mrs. Jones, age 72, would contribute a check for \$10,000 toward a gift annuity. Every year, she would receive \$740 (7.4 percent). Of this amount, \$433.64 is excluded from income taxes. The tax-free portion of the annuity payment is considered "return of principal" and continues through the annuitant's estimated life expectancy.

3. Income Tax Deduction

Because a charitable gift annuity is partly a gift and partly an investment in an annuity contract, the donor who itemizes is entitled to an income tax deduction for the gift portion of his or her annuity amount.

In the case of Mrs. Jones mentioned earlier, her \$10,000 gift annuity would produce a charitable tax deduction of \$3,716.00.

The deduction is available for the tax year when the gift annuity is established. If it cannot be used entirely, the donor has up

to five years to carry forward the unused amount. The tax advantages with the charitable deduction make the effective rate of the gift annuity even higher than the rate used to establish the annuity.

4. Fixed, Regular Payments

It's nice to be able to count on a specific amount of payment no matter what happens to the financial markets. Your annuity payments will remain the same every year. And since gift annuity payments are backed by the full assets of the College, you have assurance that your check will be in the mail (or direct deposited) every payment date for the rest of your life.

5. Personal Satisfaction

Perhaps the greatest benefit of a gift annuity is the personal fulfillment you receive by helping Thomas Edison State College as well as yourself. Your gift annuity assists a worthy cause that continues to provide adults with access to the best choices in higher education.

There are additional reasons for obtaining a gift annuity. Some like the idea of reducing the size of their estate, thus lowering potential estate taxes. Others like the ease and simplicity of establishing a gift annuity.

People with highly appreciated stock can also benefit from a gift annuity. They particularly like the partial bypass of capital gains they receive, which could significantly increase their dividend income.

To find out more about how Gift Annuities can benefit your situation, visit the College's Web site at www.tesc.edu/alumni/waystogive/planned or return the coupon below.

Please complete and return this reply form to:

Thomas Edison State College
Attn: Patty Burch Byers,
Director of Major Gifts
101 W. State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608

Or contact Patty Burch Byers at:
pbyers@tesc.edu
(609) 984-1588

☐ YES, I would like to learn more about a Thomas Edison State College Gift Annuity program

☐ YES, I would like a personalized gift annuity illustration

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____





Celebrating 30 Years of Thomas Edison State College



July 1, 1972

Thomas Edison State College begins in 1971 with the idea that the college-level knowledge adults gain outside the classroom could be measured and applied toward an academic degree. Approved by the New Jersey Board of Education in December 1971, the idea becomes reality with the establishment of Thomas A. Edison College on July 1, 1972. At the same time, the institution moves into its first home at 1750 North Olden Avenue in Ewing Township. The College is aptly named in honor of Thomas Alva Edison, the New Jersey inventor who gained encyclopedic knowledge of many subject areas without attending college classes.

**June 1973 -
June 1979**

Dr. James Douglas Brown, Jr., director of the College since Sept. 1, 1972, is appointed president of the College, which is renamed Thomas A. Edison College of New Jersey. In June, 70 students are awarded the College's first Associate in Arts degrees. Also, the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools accepts the College as a candidate for accreditation.



Dr. James Douglas Brown, Jr.

March 1974

The College launches its own testing program the Thomas Edison College Examination Program (TECEP®).

January 1976

The Thomas A. Edison Foundation is established as an entity of the Board of Trustees.



Members gather for the first Foundation Board Meeting

**July 1979 -
Summer 1982**

Dr. Lorraine R. Matusak becomes the College's second president.



Dr. Lorraine R. Matusak

September 1979

The College moves into downtown Trenton, at a time when other institutions are leaving cities. After three years at the Forrestal Center, the seven-year-old college needs room to grow. They find it in the landmark Kelsey Building, at once satisfying two needs: the College's need for space, and the city's desire to preserve the building's historic use as a school. It was the perfect match.

1983

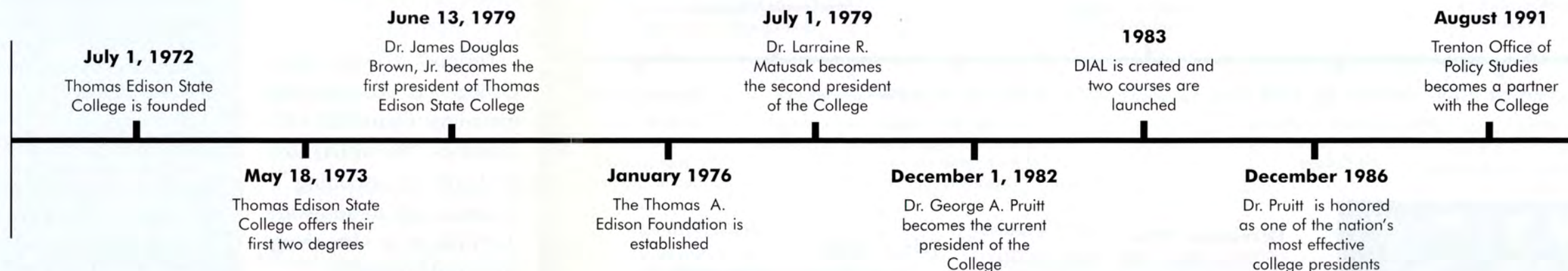
The Center for Distance & Independent Adult Learning (DIAL) is created and launched with two Guided Study courses.

July 1, 1986

The State College Autonomy legislation is passed, empowering Thomas A. Edison State College and eight other state colleges to control resources and daily operations.

December 1986

Dr. Pruitt is honored by the Exxon Foundation as one of the nation's most effective college presidents.



May 18, 1973

Modeled after Regents External Degree Program, New York State Department of Education, the College operates as a department within the Department of Higher Education. Within the first six months, it becomes obvious that the Regents model would not serve well over time and, on May 18, 1973, Thomas A. Edison College becomes an independent state college with a nine-member board of trustees. The College earns authorization to offer two degrees: the Associate in Arts and the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

October 1973

Dr. Arnold Fletcher, for whom the prestigious Arnold Fletcher Award is named, joins the College as vice president for Academic Affairs.



Dr. Arnold Fletcher

March 1976

The College moves to the Forrestal Campus in Princeton.

April 1976

The rapid progression from idea to institution illustrates two traits that characterized Thomas Edison State College from the beginning—a pioneering spirit, matched by a determination to get things done. Less than five years after its establishment, the College receives full accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools in April 1976.

1980

The College's name changes to Thomas A. Edison State College.



December 1, 1982

Dr. George A. Pruitt becomes the third president of the College.



Dr. George A. Pruitt

1990

The College begins using its current name: Thomas Edison State College.

August 1991

The College establishes the Trenton Office of Policy Studies as an innovative policy partnership with the city of Trenton.



Dr. George A. Pruitt presents Rita Novitt flowers at the Gala

1993

Dr. Pruitt is named one of the nation's most effective college presidents by the Exxon Education Foundation. The College adds the Academic Center on West Hanover Street and the Kuser Mansion on West State Street to its Trenton campus.

February 21, 1994

The College is identified as "one of the brighter stars of higher learning" by *The New York Times*.

July 11, 1995

Thomas Edison State College holds its first Memorial Golf Classic to honor the memory of Thomas C. Streckewald, a College administrator who was killed in a car accident in March 1994.



The first annual Thomas C. Streckewald Golf Classic

January 1996

Thomas Edison State College offers its first master's program, the Master of Science in Management degree.

March 1997

The Institute for Public Policy is renamed the John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy to honor the memory of the late assemblyman who was the nation's first African-American to chair a state appropriations committee.

June 16, 1997

Forbes Magazine recognizes Thomas Edison State College as one of the top 20 colleges and universities in the nation in the use of technology to create learning opportunities for adults.

September 2000

The College launches its second master's degree, the Master of Arts in Professional Studies.

October 2000

Thomas Edison State College signs a Memorandum of Agreement with the University of South Africa (UNISA), granting the College the right to adapt and offer more than 2,000 high quality distance education courses developed fully or in part by UNISA.



Signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between Thomas Edison State College and UNISA

March 5, 2002

Dr. George A. Pruitt, president of Thomas Edison State College, is appointed to Gov. James E. McGreevey's newly formed Education Cabinet. The Education Cabinet's goal, according to a statement from the governor's office, is to make the state's education system "a seamless web from preschool to college and beyond so that students are prepared to meet the needs of New Jersey's businesses and have the skills necessary to help them compete in the changing economy."

October 24, 1992

The Thomas Edison State College Foundation holds its first Gala

December 1993

Dr. Pruitt is honored as one of the nation's most effective college presidents

July 11, 1995

The College holds the first Thomas C. Streckewald Memorial Golf Classic

July 1, 1996

The College and the New Jersey State Library become affiliates

October 2000

The College and UNISA sign a Memorandum of Agreement

March 5, 2002

Dr. Pruitt is appointed to the Education Cabinet by the Governor

October 25, 1992

Thomas Edison is awarded an honorary degree from the College

February 21, 1994

The *New York Times* calls the College "one of the brighter stars of higher learning"

January 1996

The first Master of Science in Management degree is offered



Dr. George A. Pruitt presenting Barry Sloane with an honorary degree on his great-grandfather's behalf

December 1994

Thomas Edison State College presents the first Spirit of Edison Awards at the third annual Foundation Gala.



Dr. George A. Pruitt and the first two Spirit of Edison Award Winners

July 1, 1996

In a historic move without parallel in other state governments, Gov. Christine Whitman signs an executive order transferring the New Jersey State Library from the Department of Education to Thomas Edison State College.



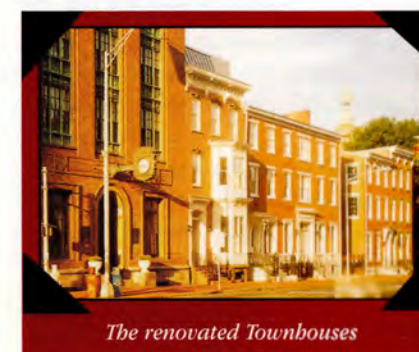
Celebrating the joining of The New Jersey State Library and Thomas Edison State College

June 1995

Thomas Edison State College creates the Institute for Public Policy to provide practical solutions to challenges faced by decision makers in the public and private sectors.

January 2000

Thomas Edison State College completes a meticulous and painstaking refurbishment of five historic 19th-century townhouses, returning them to their original architectural structure and style. The buildings house the College's electronic classrooms, computer labs and educational conference and training rooms, as well as the College's distance learning support, development and delivery facilities, linking students and faculty at dozens of colleges throughout the country and around the world.



The renovated Townhouses

September 2000

The first Master of Arts in Professional Studies degree is offered

February 2002

The Watson Institute launches Leadership Trenton

April 10, 2002

Thomas Edison State College is the third largest degree provider for the eArmyU program

January 2001

Thomas Edison State College is chosen as a partner college for the U.S. Navy's new Navy College Program Distance Learning Partnership, and partners with the U.S. Army as a participant in the eArmyU program.

October 4, 2001

Thomas Edison State College and Tramp Steamer Media, LLC held the first Trenton Forum On Interactive Publishing: "The Role of Content Online: The Realities Behind the Buzzwords." Notable interactive and publishing experts participated in the Forum which offered information on how organizations can use interactive publishing to help them meet strategic goals.

February 2002

The Watson Institute for Public Policy launches Leadership Trenton, a program to develop a network of emerging civic leaders.

April 10, 2002

Thomas Edison State College marks a milestone in its newest partnership with the United States Army by completing the 1,000 undergraduate student agreement for the eArmyU program, which enables U.S. enlisted soldiers to obtain associate, baccalaureate and master's degrees as well as professional technical certifications using laptop computers to access online courses while they serve in the Army. Thomas Edison State College is the third largest degree provider for this cutting-edge program, which includes 23 institutions of higher education.

"Applause, Applause"

Susanne Ardolino **'00, BA Communications**

Since obtaining her degree from Thomas Edison State College, Susanne Ardolino is finally doing something she loves! As a speech coach (communications specialist) for corporate speakers, Susanne works closely with executives who seek to develop and refine their presentation skills. From writing and editing, to improving voice and appearance, Susanne finds that being able to make people feel good about themselves is both satisfying and rewarding.

Edward J. Bennett **'01, BSAST Aviation**

Since graduating from Thomas Edison State College last year, Edward Bennett has been very busy. On Dec. 24, 2001 he married Maureen A. Reilly of Nutley, NJ, at the former home of Norman Rockwell in Arlington, VT. After the wedding, the newlyweds spent a few days in Vermont. Soon after, on Jan. 2, 2002 he left for a year of active duty with the 108th Air Refueling Wing of the New Jersey Air National Guard, McGuire Air Force Base. Ed was also recently promoted to Master Sergeant.

Herman (Mark) Bogantz **'94, BSAST Aviation**

Thomas Edison State College has been a great building block for Herman (Mark) Bogantz. He recently received a masters of aeronautical science degree with a specialization in aviation management. Since graduating from the College, Herman was promoted twice. His education also helped him earn credentials as a Volunteer Airworthiness Safety Counselor for the FAA. Now that Herman has a full understanding of what education is all about, he is teaching college classes in the evening, and thinks it is just as fun being on the other side of the exams!

Rev. T. Patrick Bradley **'98, BA Social Sciences/History**

Rev. T. Patrick Bradley was appointed to the Governor's Domestic Violence Elimination (DoVE) Council in Wyoming and was named the "Faith Community" representative on the council by Gov. Jim Geringer in January 2002. Rev. Bradley is working to build a bridge between mental health professionals and clergy, in an effort to eliminate domestic violence in Wyoming. He holds a master's degree in counseling from Colorado Christian University. He credits Thomas Edison State College with giving him the credentials he needed to complete his master's degree and pursue a career as a hospital chaplain.

Henry Brooks **'91, BA Music**

Henry Brooks is celebrating his ninth year as organist and choir director at the Eastchester Presbyterian Church in Eastchester, N.Y.

Billy W. Cox, Jr. **'01, BA Social Sciences**

After completing his undergraduate degree at Thomas Edison State College, Billy Cox graduated from Touro University International, Los Alamitos, CA with a master's degree in business administration, and a GPA of 3.89. He is now enrolled as a candidate in Touro's Ph.D. program for business administration.

Kenneth A. Jenkins **'97, BSAST Nuclear Engineering Technology**

After graduating from Thomas Edison State College, Kenneth Jenkins continued his higher education at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC, from which he graduated in December 2001. After that, he earned a Master of Science degree in occupational safety and health. Kenneth now works for Southern Nuclear Operating Company as a health physics instructor at Vogtle Electric Generating Plant near Augusta, GA.

Patricia LaRosa **'96, BSN**

Patricia LaRosa has been inducted in Sigma Theta Tau (Nursing Honor Society) and has received a MSN from the University of Phoenix.

Marita A. Lawler **'98, BSHS Mental Health & Rehabilitation**

Marita A. Lawler will appear in the 2002 edition of Who's Who in America and in the 23rd edition of Who's Who of American Women. In addition, her poetry has been published and is featured online at poetry.com.

Maryanne Brown-MacKay **'93, BSBA Management of Human Resources**

Maryanne Brown-MacKay is a graduate student at the University of Delaware, where she is completing a master of arts degree in liberal studies. She is founder and president (1999-present) of the Penns Grove Historical Society.

Renee Miller **'87, AA** **'88, BA Humanities**

Renee Miller received an MA degree in educational administration and supervision in 1992 from St. Peter's College. She is now working as a vice principal in Newark, N.J.



Renee Miller

Claudia Newton **'01, BSBA Human Resource Management**

Claudia Newton is pleased to say that she has received a supervisory position at Blue Cross and Blue Shield since receiving her BSBA last year from Thomas Edison State College.

John Schneyer **'92, BA Computer Science**

After receiving his degree from Thomas Edison State College, John Schneyer participated as a consultant to the Mount Olive, N.J. middle school in a three-year national project to instill rational processes into middle school curriculums and administrative practices. Sponsored by the Tregoe Educational Forum and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, this project brought middle school teachers and administrators from across the country together twice a year for training and process deployment. John also worked regularly with the Mount Olive middle school on specific issues within the school district. This was volunteer work done outside of John's regular duties as manager, IT Quality Assurance, for BASF Corporation. It was a busy year for John in 2001. He received a Master of Science in management degree and an MBA from the School of Management at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). He also spent three months in Europe helping to establish a new IT company. Then, later in 2001, John took advantage of corporate downsizing to start a new career in real estate with Weichert Realtor's in Roxbury, NJ. John remains active in his community as an assistant scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 54 and has been both a basketball and soccer coach.

Joseph A. Scoli **'01, BSBA**

Joseph Scoli has been accepted at New York Law School. He will finish his first year in May 2002.

James A. Yost **'01, BA Liberal Studies**

James A. Yost will receive his MBA with a concentration in global technology from American InterContinental University, a private business school in Atlanta, GA. Yost was accepted by two medical schools, one in Kansas City and one in St. Maarten. He has chosen the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine in St. Maarten to get the full international experience in medicine. He thanks Thomas Edison State College and will always hold the College dear for the opportunities it gave him.

"Applause, Applause"

Information for *Invention*

New Job? Promotion?
Award? Marriage? Baby?

If it's news to you, it's news to us!

As a member of our family of Thomas Edison State College alumni, we invite you to tell us about the exciting things happening in your life. Let us know what's new with you since you graduated from Thomas Edison State College and we may include your updates in a future issue of *Invention*. Please tell us how your experience at the College changed your life. To contact us, please fill out the form below and mail it to: Thomas Edison State College, *Invention* Editor, 101 W. State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608; fax it to (609) 984-1376; or e-mail your good news to akrum@tesc.edu. Feel free to send us photos to accompany your news. We'll publish them as space permits.

Thank you for this opportunity to better serve our valued Thomas Edison State College alumni family.

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and wish to join the Alumni Board
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Online Alumni Newsletter

Keep in the loop! The Office
of Development and Alumni
Affairs sends out a monthly
online newsletter to keep alumni
up to date on College and
alumni events and news. If you
haven't received one yet and
would like to get on the mailing
list for the newsletter, please
e-mail us at alumni@tesc.edu.

And the Winner is... Robert Lillis, MSM Student

Robert is the winner of a
round of golf to be played at the
Thomas Edison State College
Foundation's Thomas C.
Streckewald Golf Classic on
June 17, 2002 at Olde York
Country Club in Columbus, NJ.

For the third consecutive year,
the Alumni Association purchased
a ticket (\$250) and raffled it off to
participating alumni and students.
A total of 15 entries were received.

Joseph McNamara, executive
vice president of the Association,
said "the Association is happy to
support the Foundation's golf
outing and at the same time, treat
an alum to a day on the links."

The alternate, should Bob not
be able to attend, is Barbara Fitch,
B.S. student.

Alumni & Foundation News

Alumni Association First Annual Golf Outing for Alumni and Students

Because everyone needs a
chance to blow off some steam in
a fun way, the Alumni Association
is hosting its first Alumni and
Student Golf Outing (not to be
confused with the Foundation's Thomas
C. Streckewald Golf Classic held in June).

"It is our hope that this will become an
annual tradition," said Patricia
Memminger, director of Alumni Affairs.
"This is our first attempt at a golf
outing, and we are looking forward to the
support of alumni and students. So, take
the day off from work and relax with your
fellow alumni and students!"

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Gambler Ridge Golf Club

Cream Ridge, New Jersey

Individual golfer: \$65

Shot gun start: 12:30 p.m.

For details and a registration form,
call Patricia Memminger at
(609) 633-8592, or register online
at www.tesc.edu/alumni/cnews.php.



Attention Students!

Apply Now for the Alumni Association Annual Scholarship

The Alumni Association is accepting applications for its
annual scholarship, which is presented at its annual meeting
on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002. The scholarship covers the
enrollment fee for one year, and is available to currently
enrolled undergraduate students. Scholarship Committee
Chairman Nate Zauber said that "the committee is thrilled to
help students meet their college education costs."

For more information, call the Alumni Office at
(609) 633-8592 for an application, or visit the "Alumni
& Friends" section of the College's Web site at
www.tesc.edu/alumni/services.php.

Alumni Annual Awards

Nominate an alumnus/a or yourself (don't be shy)!
Through July 31, the Alumni Association will accept
nominations for the three annual alumni awards:

- **Outstanding Professional Achievement:**
presented to a graduate whose professional
accomplishments stand out in his/her field to
earn the professional recognition of his/her
colleagues.
- **Outstanding Service to Society:**
presented to a graduate whose voluntary
efforts contributed to the advancement of a
cause to improve society or the quality of life
in his/her community.
- **Outstanding Service to the Alumni
Association:** presented to a graduate whose
service has significantly enhanced the growth
and development of the Alumni Association.

The awards will be presented at the Alumni Association's
annual meeting on Saturday, October 12, 2002. If you need
more information call the Alumni Office at (609) 633-8592 for
an application, or visit the "Alumni & Friends" section of the
College's Web site at www.tesc.edu/alumni/awards/.



Show your school pride!

Check out the College's souvenirs at www.tesc.edu

