

Capital Campus

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College Names New Nursing Dean

Filomela "Phyllis" Marshall, EdD, RN, CNE, takes the helm of the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing

The new dean of the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing, **Filomela "Phyllis" Marshall**, EdD, RN, CNE, is intent on keeping the School on its current trajectory – and what a progression it has been.

Under preceding dean **Dr. Susan M. O'Brien**'s watch, nursing student enrollments grew 245 percent – from 942 in 2008 to 3,252 by May 2012 – making it the largest nursing program of its kind in New Jersey and one of the largest online RN to BSN programs in the country.

"We are honored to have Dr. Marshall leading our nursing program," said **William J. Seaton**, vice president and provost of

New Jersey Board of Nursing, the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

It is familiar ground for Marshall, who possesses more than 25 years of experience in nursing education, healthcare administration and on-ground nursing. At Thomas Edison State College, she has served as associate dean of the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing since 2010. In that capacity, she led the development of the nursing informatics area of study under the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program and was instrumental in the launch of the School's Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program. Since 2001, she has served as a consultant, mentor and chair for the W.



Dr. Filomela "Phyllis" Marshall

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Thomas Edison State College. "Her professional experience and proven track record of implementing successful program initiatives and curriculum development will continue to strengthen the School."

The School was established in 1983 to provide academic and career opportunities for RNs in New Jersey seeking an alternative to a campus-based bachelor's education. Today, the School's programs are accredited by the

Cary Edwards School of Nursing's Curriculum Committee.

Prior to joining Thomas Edison State College, Marshall held escalating positions at Holy Family University in Philadelphia, Pa., most recently as a tenured professor and chair of the university's master of science in nursing program.

"I am delighted for the opportunity to serve the College in this new capacity," said Mar-

shall. "This is an exciting time in nursing education and Thomas Edison State College is at the forefront of this rapidly transforming profession. I look forward to working with the nursing team to continue and enhance the College's position as a leader in providing accessible quality education."

Marshall earned a BSN from Lehman College of the City University of New York (CUNY), an MSN in community health nursing from the University of Pennsylvania's School of Nursing in Philadelphia and an EdD in curriculum theory and development from Temple University College of Education in Philadelphia.

O'Brien will be assuming the role of associate provost for Special Projects and will work alongside Marshall in her new position.

To find out more about the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing, visit www.tesc.edu/nursing.

Flashback:

Twenty Odd Years

Bill Clinton had just become the 42nd president of the United States, Michael Jackson's "Black or White" charted as *Billboard* magazine's number one song, *Silence of the Lambs* won best picture at the Academy Awards, Arthur Ashe was named 'Sportsman of the Year' by *Sports Illustrated* magazine and the three lovelies pictured on the right made their way to Larry Perrone's Waterfront Restaurant for the Thomas Edison State College 1992 Holiday Party. From left to right are **Peggy Bodnar, Sandy Holden** and **Debbie Lutz**.

Bodner is amazed at the growth she's witnessed since she began working for the College. "Much has changed. When I started, all we had was the Kelsey Building and a little townhouse across the street that housed a few staff members." For Holden, the photo conjures

many memories. "Back in 1992, I worked for Dr. Ruth McKeefery, dean of the College," she recalls. "We were busy preparing for the Middle States reaccreditation visit. It is exciting to continue to be part of that process and celebrate in our successful outcomes. That same year, the Academic Programs office moved from 101 West State Street to 167 West Hanover Street. I am now back at '101' and feel as if I am home again. I am proud to be part of the Thomas Edison State College family and extremely grateful to be under the excellent leadership of **Dr. Pruitt**."



Peggy Bodnar, Sandy Holden and Debbie Lutz attend the College's Holiday Party in 1992.

Lutz agrees: "The College has always been an awesome place to work because of what we do – helping people attain their dreams is nothing to sneeze at. From long-time employees to newbies, I get to interact every day with fantastic people. That the three of us are all still here speaks to the College's 'way cool' factor."

Summertime Fun



The **Thomas Edison State College Picnic** was held on July 13 at Rosedale Park in Pennington, N.J. More than 200 staff, family and friends attended the event, which featured great food and companionship as well as the popular Years-of-Service Auction. There were also a number of fun activities, including softball, volleyball and the Backyard Obstacle Course, which appears to have temporarily worn out Jennifer Stark's sons pictured on the left.

Many thanks to the volunteer Picnic Committee: Nancy Broglie, Rob Burton, Jim Chianese, Jeff Clark, Jack Davis, Ed Gall, Debbie Lutz, Mary Hack, Judy Lucas, Melissa Maszczak, Olga Napoleon, Noreen O'Donnell, Kelli Parlente, Estelle Reeves, Kelly Saccomanno, Linda Soltis, Janelle Smith, Frank Tulli, Melissa Van Aken and Denise Weber.

MIS Self-Service Password

The **Office of Management Information Systems (MIS)** is pleased to announce a self-service password reset feature. Staff will be able to reset their network/e-mail passwords anytime using the Forgot Password link located on the webmail login page <https://mail.tesc.edu>.

To get started, staff will need to edit their profile and answer three challenge questions. Once a profile has been created, staff will be able to use the links on the Self-Service Password Management page to reset or change their password.



This feature will be most useful when staff are off campus and find their password has expired.

To access this feature:

- Open any Web browser
- Enter <https://mail.tesc.edu> on the address line
- Choose the Forgot Password link at the bottom of the page
- Choose Reset my Password or Change my Password

Note: A verification e-mail is sent notifying staff that a change has been made regarding their password or profile.

Father's Day Run for Dad



Thomas Edison State College staff, family and friends participated in the Father's Day Run for Dad event that supports the fight against prostate cancer. Held at Mercer County Park in West Windsor on June 17, the event was sponsored by the American Cancer Society. The College team raised more than \$600 for prostate cancer research. Pictured, from the left, are **Donna Watson, Gary Keel, Shirley James, Linda Vasbinder, Debbie Lutz, John Thurber** and **Nia Abuwi**. Not pictured are staff: **Tonia Brown, Emily Carone, Yeseuratnam Guadarrama, David Hoftiezer, Ann Mester** and **Ann Prime-Monaghan**; and family and friends: **Lisa Balder, Evangeline Brown, Connie Cloonan, Brenda Guadarrama** and **Kenneth Lewis**. A special thanks goes out to Team Captain **Antoinette Lewis**, also not pictured, for bringing the team together.

Staff Supports HomeFront



Mercer County Freeholder John Cimino acknowledged Thomas Edison State College staff for their generosity during the College's summer donation drive supporting HomeFront of Mercer County.

During a typical day, HomeFront provides emergency shelter as well as transitional and permanent housing for more than 450 people in Mercer County – two-thirds of whom are children, according to the charity. Support from area organizations enables HomeFront to provide food, clothing, household goods, case management, rent, utility payment assistance and workforce re-entry support to residents in need. To find out ways you can help, visit www.homefrontnj.org. Pictured with Cimino, from the left, are **Karen Bitner**, administrative assistant, John S. Watson School of Public Service; **Charlene Martucci**, fiscal administrator, Office of Military and Veteran Education; **Misty Isak**, director of Development; and **Shirley James**, professional services specialist, Center for DIAL, gathered around the recent College food collection for HomeFront.

Staff Activities

Dr. Regina M. Riccioni, director, Center for Academic Program Reviews, is a member of the Doctorate in Education Executive Committee at the Graduate School of Education at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.



Dr. Regina Riccioni

Dr. Adrian Zappala, assistant dean, Educational Leadership, Heavin School of Arts and Sciences, delivered a presentation entitled "Degree Completion and Professional Development Options for the Adult Learner at Thomas Edison State College" at the 51st Annual Correctional Education Association Region I Conference held in Cape May, N.J., in May. Zappala, also attended the Management Development Program at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education in Cambridge, Mass., in June.



Dr. Adrian Zappala

Robin Walton, director of Community and Government Affairs, was honored by Executive Women of New Jersey (EWNJ) at its Salute to the Policy Makers 2012 Awards Dinner on May 17, at the Hyatt Regency New Brunswick.



Robin Walton

John P. Thurber, vice president for Public Affairs, was recently honored by the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce for his leadership and service at an event at the Princeton University Art Museum. Thurber currently serves the Princeton Regional Chamber as vice chairman of its board of directors.



John P. Thurber

Sylvia G. Hamilton, associate vice president, Enrollment Management, and **David Hoftiezer**, director of Admissions, were 2012 Summer Fellows at the Vanderbilt Peabody Professional Institute for Senior Academic and Enrollment Services Professionals in Nashville, Tenn.



Sylvia G. Hamilton

Senior evaluators **Kristin LoBasso** and **Christine Carter** co-presented "The Credit Assessment Funnel: How Non-Traditional Credit Assessment Reviews Become Part of Individual Student Degrees" at the College's 2012 National Institute on the Assessment of Adult Learning on June 6 in Atlantic City, N.J.

Janelle Smith, special services representative, was recently admitted into Columbia University, where she will complete a program in United Nations studies and attend a fall conference at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City.



Janelle Smith

Mary Beth Lynch, assistant director of Evaluations, and **Christine Carter**, senior evaluator, co-presented at the 2012 AACRAO (American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers) Transfer Conference in Chicago, Ill. The presentation was titled, "Serving Those Who Serve Our Country: Evaluating Military Training and Occupations." In addition, Lynch was asked to moderate a roundtable discussion titled, "Non-Traditional Transfer Students."

David Hoftiezer

Welcome New Staff



Jasmine Bundy has been appointed Learner Support representative in the Office of Admissions. Bundy is located on the 1st floor of the Canal Banks Building and may be reached at extension 3042.



BonnieJean Gallagher has been appointed clerk typist in the Office of Admissions. Gallagher is located on the 1st floor of the Canal Banks Building and may be reached at extension 3303.



Jeffrey R. Hardifer has been appointed systems coordinator in Management Information Systems. Hardifer is located on the 2nd floor of the Canal Banks Building and may be reached at extension 2485.



Kayana M. Howard has been appointed Learner Support representative in the Office of Admissions. Howard is located on the 1st floor of the Canal Banks Building and may be reached at extension 3030.



Lauren Kirk has been appointed program assistant, Undergraduate Programs, in the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing. Kirk is located on the 3rd floor of the Townhouses and may be reached at extension 3330.



Steve Weinblatt has been appointed as a professional services specialist in the Center for Directed Independent Adult Learning. Weinblatt is located on the 2nd floor of the Townhouses and may be reached at extension 2120.

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Cathy Punchello-Cobos, senior associate registrar and director of Academic Records, recently graduated from the HERS (Higher Education Resource Services) Bryn Mawr Summer Institute, held June 17 – July 1 at Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Dr. Nicky Sheats, director, Center for the Urban Environment, was invited to serve as a member of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Environmental Justice Advisory Council for a three-year term.

Carleen Bailly, program advisor, co-presented as part of a binary session, "21st Century Cheating AND Academic Integrity: Issues of Academic Integrity in the 21st Century College Environment," at the 2012 National Institute on the Assessment of Adult Learning.

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Staff Development



Learner Services staff participate in a recent professional development workshop.

As part of ongoing professional development for its team members, the Office of Admissions, invites consultants to come to the College for seminars and workshops. **David Hoftiezer**, director of Admissions, found this year's presenter while attending the annual MSACROA (Middle States Association of Collegiate Registrars and Officers of Admission) conference last November in Philadelphia. Hoftiezer attended the Franklin Covey workshop "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People," which was presented by James Caldwell, associate vice president of Academic Affairs at Salus University in Elkins Park, Pa.

"After speaking with Mr. Caldwell, we determined it was something we should bring to the College," Hoftiezer explained. "After further discussion, it was decided that the presentation could benefit professional staff throughout the Learner Services offices."

This year, two sessions were offered to accommodate all those interested. Approximately 50 staff from the various Learner Services areas, attended the two, one-day sessions, which were offered in July in the Canal Banks Building.

Good Morning!



Tom Phillips, Human Resources manager, serves scrambled eggs to **Tracy Tosti**, associate director, Office of Administrative Services, at the Aug. 15 Pancake Breakfast held at the Canal Banks Building. More than 50 staff enjoyed sausage, eggs, coffee and juice as well as plain and chocolate chip pancakes at the Human Resources fundraiser, which garnered \$200 to support the Thomas Edison State College 2012 Holiday Party.