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NEWSLETTER OF THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE

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Maurice Perilli: Profile of an ideal Thomas Edison candidate

by Arri Sendzimir Parker

Like many of those who are affiliated with Thomas Edison State College, Maurice Perilli is a self-made man. Raised in the Trenton area during the Depression, he entered the family printing business at an early age and let his career evolve from there. "Most of my education came from my work," he said. "My father had a weekly Italian newspaper, and I was setting type at eight or nine years of age. In those days, people were lucky to get through high school; few made it to college."

Over the years, Perilli grew not only within the printing business, but within the community. Upon finishing his military service, he joined the Hamilton Township Planning Board, which led to his running for and winning first a seat on the Hamilton Township Committee, and then as mayor of Hamilton. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Hamilton Hospital, Diversified Health Services and the Hamilton Area

YMCA. His resume lists no fewer than five organizations with which he is still affiliated, and six awards, not including the Volunteer of the Year award he will receive this year from the American Cancer Society of Mercer County.

Today, Perilli is executive vice president and chairman of the board of Roma Federal Savings Bank, and one of the newest members of the fundraising arm of Thomas Edison State College: its Foundation. "I didn't really know anything about Thomas Edison until I was approached to join the Foundation's board," he said. "I attended a Commencement and watched the graduates, and was truly impressed. We have a young man in our office who came to us right from high school, and I've advised him to use Thomas Edison to apply what he's learned toward a degree. For those who have a full-time job, Thomas Edison provides really the best opportunity I know of."



Maurice Perilli

At 76, Maurice Perilli still works at the bank more than 40 hours a week. "But, I love what I'm doing," he said, "so, it's

not really work." Besides hard work, Perilli emphasized education for the workers of today. "For most of the decent positions today, a college degree is just about a requirement. Thomas Edison provides the means for many busy adults to do just that—achieve a college degree."

It's the high-quality of the Thomas Edison education—and of the institution itself—that attracted such a high-caliber board member to the Foundation. Like Perilli, the College has a long record of service, and puts much value in the quality of its programs. The Foundation benefits greatly from the influence of board members and donors like Perilli and his colleagues, who lead and pave the way for the students of tomorrow.

Thomas Edison's many options help adult learners get their degrees

by Nina Malone

"How do I get credit for what I may already know?" Many students and prospective students pose this question to staff at Thomas Edison State College each day. Busy adults juggling work, family, volunteer activities and more often struggle to complete a college degree by commuting to campus. Not so at Thomas Edison, where students are empowered with a number of unique methods of earning credit. These options can speed the adult learner toward the completion of a college degree.

A full listing of all of these options is available in the College's Prospectus. To receive a Prospectus, please contact the Office of Admissions Services at (609) 984-1150. Please tell the admissions representative that you read about it in *Invention*.

Earn credit through Thomas Edison State College programs

Most adults have spent a lifetime honing a talent or skill. Some have been bookkeepers, managers, artists—the possibilities are endless. At Thomas Edison, students can demonstrate that they possess college-level knowledge through *Portfolio Assessment* and *TECEP (Thomas Edison College Examination Program)* tests, gain credit for certain *Licenses and Certificates*, and earn credits through various *Distance & Independent Adult Learning (DIAL)* options such as the *On-Line Computer Classroom* and *Guided Study*.

Portfolio Assessment: This option provides a rewarding method for earning

college credit for the skills and knowledge students have acquired from work, volunteer activities, training programs, hobbies and more. The portfolio, a compilation of information assembled, often like a notebook, is then presented to a faculty consultant for review. If the knowledge documented in the portfolio is equivalent to college learning, the faculty consultant will recommend the award of college credit.

TECEP (Thomas Edison College Examination Program): This is another method of earning college credit for what students already may have learned. TECEP exams cover a wide range of liberal arts, business and professional areas in more than 50 examinations. Most are multiple-choice, with some short-answer or essay questions. The tests, which have been prepared by teams of college faculty who are experts in comparable undergraduate-level courses, are administered twice a month at Thomas Edison in Trenton and at other colleges within New Jersey. However, students who are unable to take the tests at an established center may make arrangements to take their tests with a proctor at any accredited American college worldwide, or at any U.S. military base.

Licenses and Certificates: Thomas Edison State College will grant credit for current professional licenses or certificates that have been evaluated and approved for credit by the American Council on Education and/or the College's Academic Council. A full listing of

approved licenses and certificates is located in the College's Prospectus. Students who have earned an approved license or certificate may simply submit notarized copies and a current renewal card, if appropriate, as well as an official transcript of the course.

Guided Study: Thomas Edison's Center for Distance & Independent Adult Learning (DIAL) offers Guided Study courses on an independent, distance learning basis. Courses are completed by students using text books, video or audio tapes. This provides busy adults with greater latitude in determining where and when to study, since no classroom attendance is required. Written assignments are mailed to faculty mentors who provide feedback and guidance. All courses include a proctored mid-term and final exam, which can be taken at any accredited American college worldwide, or at any U.S. military base. (See information under *TECEP*).

The *On-Line Computer Classroom* uses computer communication to link distance learners with each other, their faculty mentor and the College. It's more than just e-mail—it's a new way to learn, one which allows the student to interact with fellow students and to participate in course "discussions." Students can communicate through computer with Thomas Edison State College over the College's own Computer Assisted Lifelong Learning (CALL) Network.

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Barrier-free classroom: going on-line with Thomas Edison

More freedom to learn when it is convenient for you—that's Thomas Edison State College's *On-Line Computer Classroom (OLCC)*. The OLCC can link distance learners with each other, their faculty mentors and the College. It's much more than mail delivery—it's a whole new way to learn.

Students "attend" class weekly by computer, pose questions through computer conferencing, submit written assignments on e-mail for evaluation by faculty and participate in discussion sessions with other students on the computer. Exams are proctored and administered at a site convenient to the student's home or office. Even the course materials are delivered directly to the student's door. Textbooks, study guides, video and/or audio tapes, and computer media could be part of the courseware.

For more information, call (609) 292-6317. Or, dial in on-line at (609) 292-7200 (Data-8, Parity-none, Stop-1, Emulation-full, VT-100).

Thomas Edison's many options

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Other programs available through Thomas Edison State College

Besides the variety of programs available from Thomas Edison, a number of other methods of earning credit exist for students: *College-Level Testing Programs*, *Programs Reviewed by the American Council on Education* and *Transfer of Credits from Accredited Colleges*.

College-Level Testing Programs: Similar to Thomas Edison's own TECEPs, college-level testing programs, which offer more than 400 tests for evaluating students' prior knowledge, are recognized through Thomas Edison State College. Students earn credit by demonstrating their college-level knowledge by scoring at a satisfactory level on examinations such as CLEP (College Level Examination Program), ACT PEP (American College Testing Proficiency Examination Program), DANTES Subject Standardized Tests and more. Thomas Edison, in cooperation with a number of colleges and universities throughout the nation, also offers students throughout the opportunity to earn credit by examination for home video courses.

Programs Reviewed by the American Council on Education: Students can often earn credit for courses taken in the workplace, or through union or professional associations, if the courses have been evaluated by ACE (American Council on Education) through PONSI (Council on Noncollegiate Sponsored Instruction). Thomas Edison administers the PONSI program for ACE, a program which provides companies and other noncollegiate course sponsors the opportunity to offer credit recommendations for their programs and courses. To determine college-level credit, courses are evaluated by faculty experts. In addition, many formal military training programs are recommended for credit by the Office on Educational Credit and Credentials of ACE. Army Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) classification scores, Navy Ratings and Marine Corps MOS may also be recommended for credit toward a college degree at Thomas Edison. Credit from the Community College of the Air Force will also transfer to Thomas Edison.

Transfer of Credits from Accredited Colleges: Thomas Edison accepts credit in transfer from other regionally accredited colleges—with no limit on the number of accredited colleges or universities students can attend.

Baccalaureate degree candidates may transfer up to 80 semester hours of transfer credits that have been determined to be "junior/community college and related," including two-year colleges, CLEP general examinations, most hospital-based training programs, lower-level noncollegiate courses recommended by ACE and some licenses and certificates. Students may also transfer a maximum 90 credits from foreign institutions, depending on the recognition the host country has granted to its college. Thomas Edison State College is also a member of the Servicemembers Opportunity College (SOC), which the American Association of State Colleges and Universities administers for the Army and Navy. Through SOC, servicemembers can be assured that their credits will transfer to other SOC colleges. In addition, Thomas Edison also accepts credit for correspondence courses that satisfy degree requirements and that come from regionally accredited colleges.

It's all up to you

The power to complete a degree rests with the student at Thomas Edison State College. Deemed "one of the brighter stars in higher education" by *The New*

York Times, Thomas Edison offers adults a variety of ways that they can complete their college degrees. Better at testing than at independent study? Prefer working on the computer at the end of the day than preparing for an exam? Interested in demonstrating how a decade of accounting experience qualifies for college credit? Only Thomas Edison State College can readily make all those resources available to start adult learners on the way to a college degree.

Each year, nearly 1,000 students earn degrees through the 21st century programs at Thomas Edison State College. Accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Thomas Edison's graduates go on to achieve advanced degrees from institutions such as Yale, Villanova Law School, Harvard University and Princeton University. The College's Bachelor of Science in Nursing is accredited by the National League for Nursing.

It's never too late to start work toward a degree at Thomas Edison. Students can apply and enroll any day of the year. For the more than 10,000 graduates and 8,600 students, the Thomas Edison way is the best way to earn a degree.

Register now for the On-Line Computer Classroom's summer semester

Wouldn't it be great if you could come home from work, start your dinner, put on your comfy clothes and take your Principles of Management course right there in your own kitchen? Technology is changing the way we work and play, and the way we get an education.

The On-Line Computer Classroom now is offered to adult learners in every state and around the world by Thomas Edison State College. It enables any adult with a PC and modem to take classes wherever they live and work.

Registration is now open for summer '95. Classes offered through the "cyberspace classroom" include:

- American Cinema
- Marriage and the Family
- Principles of Management
- Introduction to Marketing
- International Economics
- Major Philosophers
- Social Psychology
- Computers and Society
- Global Environmental Change
- Managing in Organizations
- The Religious Quest

Registration runs through March 31. Late registration is April 3 through April 7. The semester begins on May 1.

To register:

Call (609) 633-9242 (between noon and 4 p.m. EDT, weekdays); or

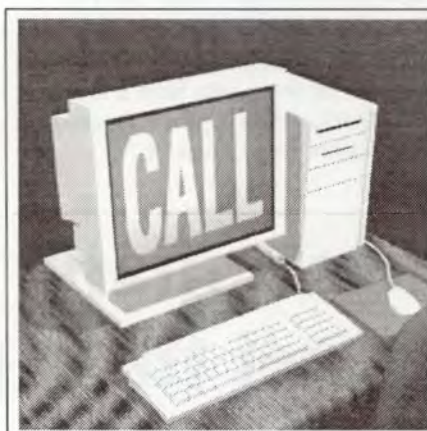
E-mail (609) 292-7200 (Data-8, Parity-none, Stop-1, Emulation-full, VT-100).

For general information about the On-Line Computer Classroom, Guided Study and Distance & Independent Adult Learning at Thomas Edison State College, call (609) 292-6317. If you would like to apply to the College and become an enrolled student, contact the Office of Admissions Services, (609) 984-1150, for a Prospectus and admissions information.

Cyber access to Thomas Edison: the CALL (Computer Assisted Lifelong Learning) Network

Thomas Edison was building its part of the information superhighway long before that phrase was even coined. The result: electronic communications that allow students to do everything from applying on-line to discussing issues with classmates to sending assignments to faculty mentors. CALL enables students to take On-Line Computer Classroom courses, and provides an entrance ramp onto the Internet, as well.

CALL is available to anyone interested in learning more about the College. It can be accessed by telecommunications packages that support the following: Emulation-full; VT 100; File transfer-ZModem; Data-8; Parity-N; Stop-1; Baud-1200/57.6K. The CALL Network data line is (609) 292-7200; upon connection, hit the *enter* key until the USERNAME prompt appears, then enter CALLNET to register as a user. CALL users who enroll may apply for



the free CALL Network Auto Access package, which includes custom software and toll-free access.

For more specific information or technical assistance, please contact the CALL Network Technical Center at (609) 777-4140.

More partnerships to benefit New Jersey county college graduates: the New Jersey Baccalaureate Degree Completion Program

Five more county colleges have signed agreements with Thomas Edison State College to take part in the New Jersey Baccalaureate Degree Completion Program (NJBDCCP), bringing the total number of affiliates to 11. All New Jersey county colleges are expected to be affiliated with Thomas Edison by the end of next year.

The five new additions to the NJBDCCP family are Burlington County College, Mercer County Community College, Middlesex County College, Raritan Valley Community College and Warren County Community College. Others signed to date include Atlantic Community College, Camden County College, Cumberland County College,

Gloucester County College, County College of Morris and Ocean County College. Though the NJBDCCP, county college graduates can take their associate degrees and smoothly transfer to a baccalaureate program at Thomas Edison State College. All of the county college's degree programs will transfer to Thomas Edison, putting a student well on the way to a baccalaureate degree.

For more information about this exciting program, contact the advisement office at the local county college, or call the Office of Admissions Services at Thomas Edison State College, (609) 984-1150.

Earn the degree you deserve at Thomas Edison State College

There's something for everyone at Thomas Edison State College. Students can choose from among 11 degrees while focusing on one of 118 options and specializations.

Liberal Arts

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Associate in Arts (A.A.)

Associate in Science in Natural Sciences and Mathematics (ASNSM)

Business and Management

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA)

Associate in Science in Management (ASM)

Applied Science and Technology

Bachelor of Science in Applied Science and Technology (BSAST)

Associate in Science in Applied Science and Technology (ASAST)

Associate in Applied Science in Radiologic Technology (AASRT)

Human and Social Services

Bachelor of Science in Human Services (BSHS)

Associate in Science in Public and Social Services (ASPSS)

Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

(Limited to registered nurses residing or working in New Jersey)

A full listing of degree programs and methods of earning credit is available in the College's Prospectus. To receive a Prospectus, call (609) 984-1150. Tell the admissions representative that you read about it in *Invention*.

TOPS receives New Jersey EXSL award

The Trenton Office of Policy Studies (TOPS) received a New Jersey Exemplary State and Local (EXSL) Award from the National Center for Public Productivity, in recognition of its significant innovations and achievements. TOPS is one of only 12 programs in the state to receive this designation.

Competition for the award was substantial, with over 350 applicants for the state and national awards (TOPS also received a national EXSL award). Semifinalists were selected through a blind peer review process by officers and executive committee members of the Section on Management Science and Policy Analysis of the American Society for Public Administration, and other qualified experts in the field.

TOPS was created in 1991 to provide independent policy research and analysis for Trenton's city government, and to help develop new programs. As a municipal-collegiate partnership, TOPS has been instrumental in assisting the city of Trenton in identifying and seizing new opportunities for programs and policies. TOPS worked closely with city officials in developing the proposal for Trenton's nationally acclaimed "Weed and Seed"

anti-drug program. TOPS has also made significant contributions to the city's efforts in the areas of strategic planning, human relations, economic development and public health issues.

"The nationally and locally recognized achievements of TOPS have shown that this model of municipal-collegiate cooperation can provide significant contributions to the public interest at a local level," said Dr. Natale S. Caliendo, vice president for Public Affairs at Thomas Edison State College. "Since its inception, TOPS has provided invaluable assistance to the city of Trenton, and has made a significant contribution to the development of thoughtful, innovative and effective public policies for city government."



Dr. George A. Pruitt (right), president of Thomas Edison State College, and Trenton Mayor Douglas Palmer (left) accepted the New Jersey Exemplary State and Local (EXSL) Award from Gov. Christine Todd Whitman at the National Center for Public Productivity's Winter Commission Conference.

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Assistant dean appointed



Esther H. Paist

Photo by Linda Solitis

Esther H. Paist of Newtown, Pa., has been appointed assistant dean at Thomas Edison State College.

In her new position, Paist is responsible for the administration of the Americans with Disabilities Act as it relates to Thomas Edison State College students with disabilities, assisting with the administration of the New Jersey Baccalaureate Degree Completion Program, overseeing printed publications issued by the Office of Academic Programs and other duties as assigned by the dean.

Paist earned her Bachelor of Arts degree, with dual majors in music and English, from Hood College in

Frederick, Md. She received her Master's of Science in music and education from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, and completed coursework for a Ph.D. in musicology from the University of Wisconsin.

Prior to this appointment, Paist was senior editor on the staff of the Independent Study Unit of the University of Wisconsin-Extension's Continuing Education Division and president of Polished Prose, a freelance writing and editing business. She is a published writer, editor and instructional designer who has prepared textbooks and other materials for publication. Paist is also a former employee of the Wisconsin State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Administrative Services appointments



Frank Haggerty

Photo by Linda Solitis

Frank Haggerty of Lawrenceville, N.J., has been appointed director of Administrative Services, and Janet Lee Eickhoff of Pennington, N.J., has been appointed administrative assistant for Administrative Services at Thomas Edison State College. In his new position, Haggerty is responsible for the daily operation of the Office of Administrative Services, including purchasing, contract management, inventory control, fixed asset

maintenance, space and lease management, mail services operation, risk management and general administrative services. Eickhoff is responsible for assisting with those responsibilities.

Haggerty, who was the assistant director of the office for more than a year, brings to this position a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field of administrative and financial management. Prior to joining Thomas Edison, he was the corporate services manager with Eastern Mortgage Services, Inc. Previously, he served as loan administration manager for Eastern. He has also held positions of budget manager of Cenlar Capital Corporation, and manager of financial systems with Chesebrough-Ponds Inc. He holds a baccalaureate degree in commerce from Rider University in Lawrenceville, N.J. Currently, he serves as a member of the Rider University Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Eickhoff earned her master's degree in public administration from Rutgers University, and a Bachelor of Arts in journalism from Ohio University. Prior to this appointment, Eickhoff held a number of support positions at Thomas



Janet Lee Eickhoff

Photo by Linda Solitis

Edison in the offices of Communications and College Relations, Registrar, Human Resources and Administrative Services.

In the spring of 1992, Eickhoff was a volunteer organizer of the Southeastern Ohio Senior Olympics, which hosted over 1,000 participants. Recently, she was recognized by the Association of Government Accountants with a team captain award for outstanding service.

Vice President appointed to Dollars for Scholars board

Michael J. Scheiring, vice president and treasurer of Thomas Edison State College, was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Lawrenceville Township Public Schools Dollars for Scholars program.

Dollars for Scholars is a nonprofit community based scholarship foundation that works to raise funds to provide scholarships each year for deserving seniors at Lawrence High School. Since founding the chapter in 1986, the Board of Trustees has awarded 49 academically talented and highly motivated students with scholarships of \$500 each.



Michael J. Scheiring

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Scheiring was appointed vice president for Administration and Finance at Thomas Edison in 1983, in part because of the creativity and energy he brought to previous positions in state government. Prior to joining the College, Scheiring was director of the Division of Corporate Budget Economic Analysis with New Jersey Transit Corporation. Previously, he served as director of the Division of Management and Planning with Community Affairs and served as a policy advisor in the Governor's Office of Policy and Planning. Beginning in 1991, at the request of Gov. Jim Florio, Scheiring took a two-year hiatus from Thomas Edison to serve as executive director of the Governor's Management Review Commission. Most recently, he was appointed by Trenton Mayor Doug Palmer to serve as chairman of the Trenton Management Review Commission. In addition, he was president of the Lawrence Rotary. Scheiring holds a master's degree in public administration and a bachelor's degree in political science and sociology from Kent State University.

College president receives special award

Dr. George A. Pruitt, president of Thomas Edison State College, received the first annual Thomas C. Streckewald Award from The Greater Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce. The award, named for the late Thomas C. Streckewald, is presented to an individual to recognize outstanding contributions to working adults, corporate enterprises and community service agencies through educational programs, services and activities. Streckewald, who was director of Institutional Planning, Research, and Outcomes Assessment at Thomas Edison, as well as chairman of the Princeton Chamber, died in an automobile accident last March.

"This award exemplifies the ideals by which Tom lived," said Dr. Natale S. Caliando, vice president for Public Affairs at Thomas Edison. "We proudly acknowledge both Tom's contributions to society and Dr. Pruitt's attainments in accepting this new award."

Dr. Pruitt has an impressive record of community service and professional achievement. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Illinois State University, and a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the Graduate School of The Union Institute in Cincinnati.

Beginning his higher education career in 1968 as an instructor at Illinois State, Dr. Pruitt subsequently served as dean of students at Towson State University in Towson, Md., and held three vice presidencies—at Morgan State University, Tennessee State University and with the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning—before accepting the presidency at Thomas Edison in 1982.

Dr. Pruitt has unselfishly given of his time to assist people and organizations in achieving their goals. Among his many professional and civic activities, Dr. Pruitt serves as the chairman of the Oversight Committee for the Capital City Redevelopment Corporation in Trenton, and as a member of the Committee on Urban Affairs of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

He is a member of the Labor/Higher Education Council of The American Council on Education (ACE) and the boards of trustees of The Center for Analysis of Public Issues and The



Dr. George A. Pruitt

Union Institute. He is a member of four boards of directors: New Jersey Division, American Cancer Society; SEEDCO, New York, N.Y.; Mercer County Chamber of Commerce; and Mercer Medical Center, Trenton, N.J. He also serves on the Board of Managers of the Trenton Savings Bank, Trenton, N.J., and is an Advisor to Group XII of the Kellogg National Fellowship Program, Battle Creek, Mich. As a board member with the Mercer County Chamber, Dr. Pruitt chaired the Chamber's Education Committee, which completed a two-year study of the Trenton public school system. He is a member of the Commission on Education Credit and Credentials of ACE, and has served on and chaired many other boards, councils and committees during his distinguished career.

Dr. Pruitt was named One of the Most Effective College Presidents in the United States by the Exxon Education Foundation in 1986. He received the Doctor of Public Service, honoris causa, in 1990 from Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts, and received an honorary doctorate and the Alumni Achievement Award from Illinois State University. In 1992, Dr. Pruitt received the Humanitarian Award of the New Jersey region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, as well as numerous other awards and citations for service.

He is listed in *Who's Who in America*, *Outstanding Educators of America*, *Leaders in Education* and *Who's Who Among Black Americans*. In 1993, he was named Educator of the Year by *Black New Jersey Magazine*.

Each One, Reach One: alumni help show students the way

"I wish there were some way I could give something back to the College for all the help it gave me."

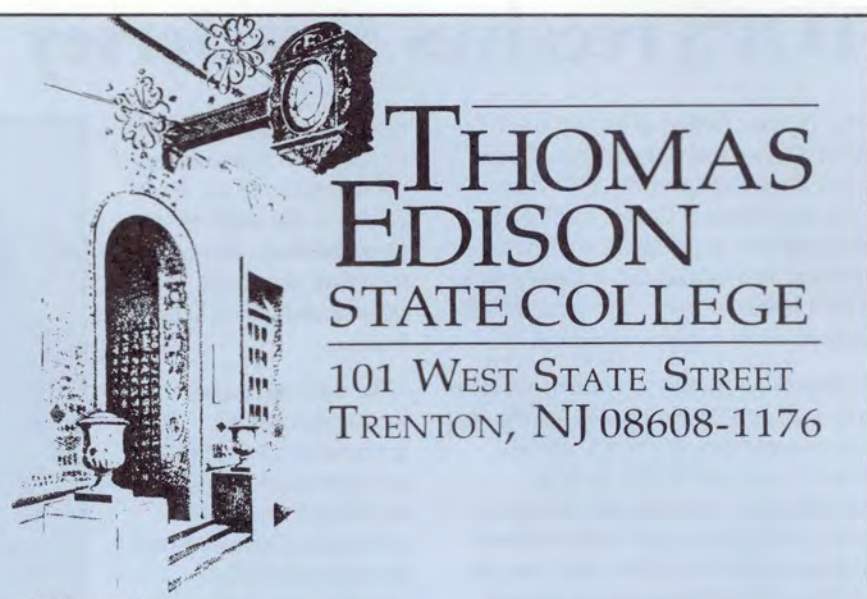
Most of Thomas Edison State College's alumni have expressed this sentiment for the support, guidance and assistance the College gave them while they were in pursuit of their degrees. Now, there is a simple way for alumni to give something back while helping a friend, loved one or co-worker in the process—by recommending a student to Thomas Edison State College.

By spreading the word about Thomas Edison, alumni have the chance to help others achieve the dream of a college degree. In most cases, the variety of programs, many methods of earning credit and helpful staff that made a

graduate's experience at Thomas Edison fulfilling can do the same for someone else who is searching for the perfect way to complete a degree.

Dubbed the "Each One, Reach One" campaign, this student recruitment program is as simple as telling someone you know about Thomas Edison State College and telling them to contact the Office of Admission Services to request a Prospectus. The Office of Admission Services can be reached at (609) 984-1150. Make sure to remind them to say that they heard about the College from a Thomas Edison alumnus/a.

Come on board with the *Each One, Reach One* campaign! Tell a prospective student to call today.



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COLLEGE CALENDAR

February 27–March 31

Guided Study and On-Line Computer Classroom registration for summer semester 1995. Late registration: April 3–7. Semester starts May 1.

March 2

ACT PEP Test, Trenton, N.J.

March 3

ACT PEP Test, Trenton, N.J.

March 4

Pre-Phonathon, Thomas Edison State College, 10 a.m.

March 7

Information session, Camden (N.J.) Office, noon.
Pre-Phonathon, Thomas Edison State College, 6 p.m.

March 9

Pre-Phonathon, Thomas Edison State College, 4th Floor, 6 p.m.

March 11

Advisement appointments for Program Planning and Portfolio Assessment, Thomas Edison State College.
TECEP Test Administration. Testing Workshop, Thomas Edison State College, 9:30 a.m.

March 13

Pre-Phonathon, Thomas Edison State College, 6 p.m.

March 14

Basic Skills Test, Trenton and Camden, N.J.

March 18

CLEP Test, Trenton, N.J.

March 22

Information session, McGuire Air Force Base (N.J.), 9:30 a.m.

March 23

Information session, Newark (N.J.) Office, noon.

March 26–March 28

Alumni Annual Fund Spring Phonathon, Thomas Edison State College

March 28

TECEP Test, Trenton, N.J.

March 30

Information session, Thomas Edison State College, noon.

April 1–4

Alumni Annual Fund Spring Phonathon

April 10

Basic Skills Test, Trenton and Camden, N.J.

April 12

TECEP Test, Trenton, N.J.

April 14

Good Friday—College closed.

April 18

CLEP Test, Trenton, N.J.

April 22

Advisement appointments for Program Planning and Portfolio Assessment, Thomas Edison State College.

April 27

Information session, Thomas Edison State College, noon.

April 29

TECEP Test, Trenton, N.J.

For information:

Admissions information: (609) 984-1150
Advisement appointments for enrolled students: (609) 292-2803
Alumni Annual Fund Spring Phonathon: (201) 877-1450
Guided Study and On-Line Computer Classroom:
General Information, (609) 292-6317
Registration, (609) 633-9242

Testing:

ACT PEP, (609) 633-2844
Basic Skills, General Questions, (609) 984-1130
Basic Skills, Registration, (609) 633-2844
CLEP, (609) 984-1181
TECEP, (609) 633-2844
Portfolio appointments for enrolled students: (609) 984-1141

Spirit of Edison Gala recognized two



The two distinguished citizens who exemplify the Spirit of Edison at Thomas Edison State College pause during the Gala to talk with College President Dr. George A. Pruitt (center): John P. Neary (left) and Frank Hawrylo '79.

The first *Spirit of Edison* awards were presented during the 1994 Gala fundraising dinner-dance sponsored by the Thomas Edison State College Foundation on Dec. 3.

John P. Neary, executive vice president of CoreStates, and Frank Hawrylo '79, a research scientist at Laser Diode, Inc. with more than 40 patents to his credit, received the Foundation's highest honors, which will be bestowed each year on a deserving graduate and an active member of the community.

The 100th anniversary of Edison's invention of the motion picture camera was the theme of a glittering event, which attracted some 230 friends of the College to an unforgettable evening of dining, dancing and socializing in the Princeton Marriott. Proceeds benefit the Foundation, which supports higher education for adults wherever they live and work through Thomas Edison State College.



▲ Fred J. Abbate, chairman of the Board of Trustees at Thomas Edison, enjoys a moment with Rita A. Novitt (right), a member of the Thomas Edison State College Foundation Board of Directors and its Gala Committee, at the Gala reception. Rosemary Abbate looks on.

▼ Barbara Lynch, a BSHS student at Thomas Edison and active volunteer for the Alumni Association, delights in a dance with Timothy Johnson during the Gala.



Make a difference today and tomorrow: planning for the future

by S. John Quattrone, president, S. John Quattrone & Associates

Most of us take great pride in the direction we have taken in life. We exercise control in our work lives, in the decisions we make about home and family, and over our personal wishes. Many of us never stop to think that our wishes could be lost if we don't plan for them. Having a will in place to assure that our wishes for our loved ones and friends are carried out after we are gone is something many people avoid—until it's too late.

In most states, a general will is provided for anyone who doesn't create one during his or her lifetime. Unfortunately, a state-imposed will lacks the personalization that most of us would like. The state decides who administers your estate, how much that person will be paid, how your assets are distributed, who the guardian will be for your minor children and more. Are these the decisions that you'd like left to a state or a court?

It's easy to make sure that your wishes are carried out in the future as they were during your lifetime. Wills aren't just for the rich or the old. No estate is too small, no special keepsake or property too insignificant. Wills can be used to distribute property, identify the guardian of minor children, remember special friends and organizations, and much more. It can and should be changed throughout your lifetime as your situation and goals change. Most wills are prepared by attorneys, whose fees are less than the cost to settle an estate intestate (without a will). Simply, a will protects your wishes and those whom you'd like to remember.

Many individuals choose to remember a special organization or charity in their wills. This can be done in the form of an outright bequest, a bequest of residuary estate, a bequest of percentage of residuary estate or a contingent bequest. These different options provide



S. John Quattrone is a member of the Board of Directors of the Thomas Edison State College Foundation, and co-chairperson of the Legacy & Planned Giving Committee. The Foundation is a nonprofit corporation affiliated with Thomas Edison State College which raises funds to support higher education for adults and other initiatives of the College.

different levels of support for the organizations that you wish to support. In all cases, this support can be done in conjunction with support for family and loved ones, benefiting all those that you cared for during your lifetime.

Perhaps the College made it possible for you or a loved one to achieve a degree; perhaps you admire the good work the College does to support adults, regardless of age, race or previous academic record; perhaps you want to leave a legacy toward educating adults in the future. The Office of Development at Thomas Edison State College can provide guidance and assistance for including the College in your will.

For more information, contact the Office of Development, Thomas Edison State College, 101 W. State St., Trenton, N.J. 08608-1176, (609) 984-1588.

New member named to Foundation Board



Maria P. Imbalzano, Esq.

Maria P. Imbalzano, Esq., of Lawrenceville, N.J., a partner with Stark & Stark in Princeton, N.J., has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Thomas Edison State College Foundation. A nonprofit corporation affiliated with Thomas Edison State College, the Foundation raises funds to support higher education for adults and other initiatives of the College.

Imbalzano received her bachelor of arts degree from Rutgers University and her

J.D. from Fordham University School of Law. She has bar admissions in New Jersey; New York; the U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey; and the U.S. Supreme Court. Imbalzano is a member of the Mercer County Bar Association, the N.J. State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and the Mercer County Estate Planning Council, for which she is past president. She also holds a position on the Supreme Court of New Jersey District Ethics Committee—Mercer County District VII.

Imbalzano is a member of the board of the McCortin Scholarship Committee and a board member and member of the executive committee of the American Cancer Society. She also served as a member of the Thomas Edison State College 1994 Gala Committee.

"Maria Imbalzano has made significant contributions both in the business world and in the community," said Dr. Natale S. Caliendo, vice president for Public Affairs at Thomas Edison. "She will be an invaluable addition to the College family as a member of the Foundation Board."

Annual Spring Phonathon scheduled

by Linda Soltis

This spring, the bells will be ringing—the phone bells, that is. Graduates, students, staff and volunteers of New Jersey's only state college created strictly for adult learners will once again take to the phones in what has become an annual spring tradition: the Thomas Edison State College Alumni Annual Fund Spring Phonathon.

The College will hold its 1995 Alumni Annual Fund Spring Phonathon on Sunday, March 26 through Tuesday, March 28, and Saturday, April 1 through Tuesday, April 4. Calls will be made from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on week-

day evenings, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, and from noon to 9:30 p.m. on Sundays.

"Alumni continue to demonstrate their enthusiasm for and commitment to Thomas Edison State College," said Annette Singer, director of Alumni Affairs. "This year, the alumni have made an all-out effort to encourage and involve students and College staff to become more active in supporting the College, especially at the Phonathon. Over 100 volunteers will be working hard to reach this year's goal of \$75,000."

Thomas Edison State College affords busy adults the opportunity to earn associate and baccalaureate degrees using a variety of options. Depending on their individual goals and learning styles, students can earn credits through college equivalency examinations, assessment of college-level knowledge acquired on-the-job or elsewhere, independent study, the On-Line Computer Classroom, Guided Study and transfer of credit. The College has pioneered the technological delivery of higher education services through its Computer Assisted Lifelong Learning (CALL) Network, which opens access to higher education to adult students throughout the nation. Over 8,600 adults are currently enrolled in the College's 11 degree programs.

Since they never had the experience of going to classes together, cheering for the home team or other activities commonly associated with college life, many alumni find that this annual event is one way they can join together and actively support the College. Many alumni and students go out of their way to participate at the Phonathon.

Thomas Edison alumni live in every county in New Jersey, as well as every state in the country. Many have never seen the College's headquarters in Trenton, having worked with the College's advisers via mail, telephone and/or personal computer to earn their degrees.

Alumni and students interested in helping with the 1995 Alumni Annual Fund Spring Phonathon can call the Office of Alumni Affairs at (201) 877-1450.



Raymond Barton '94, chair of this year's Phonathon effort, works out details for the March Phonathon with the Alumni Annual Fund Committee.



Joe Kulak '92, '93, last year's Alumni Annual Fund Phonathon co-chair, puts a smile in his voice while phoning his fellow alumni.

Matching gifts can double or triple a contribution to the College. During last year's Alumni Annual Fund Phonathon, Glori Bine '94 (left) and Toni Osavi '88 discuss the matching gift program.



Two honored by Alumni Association

The Thomas Edison State College Alumni Association honored two individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Association and Thomas Edison State College over the past year. Barbara Lynch received the first Student Award for Outstanding Service for her efforts as a student volunteer, and Christopher Wynings '82 received the TEAM (Thomas Edison Alumni Merit Award) for his leadership as treasurer.

Lynch, a BSHS student, has worked on a number of Alumni Association committees, including Regional Meetings, Commencement and the Alumni Annual Fund. Wynings, chair of the Budget Committee, earned his TEAM award because of his diligent and innovative work in providing financial guidance to keep the Association running smoothly, thus helping to set a sound financial course for the future.

"Barbara sets the example for all students who want to help, but think that you have to be a graduate to become involved," said Annette Singer, director of Alumni Affairs. "Chris and Barbara's commitment and loyalty to the College are fine examples for other volunteers to follow. We are very proud of them!"



Highlights

One of our best . . .

by Linda Soltis

Raymond Barton '94 didn't like public speaking. He avoided it at all costs until one of his employers called upon him to close a meeting with a few words. When he protested, Barton was told that no one was leaving until he spoke. Barton admitted that he broke all the rules of public speaking that day, but is now able to address audiences in the hundreds without a worry.

So, when he decided to pursue his Bachelor of Arts degree at Thomas Edison State College, guess what Raymond Barton chose as his major—public speaking.

"I could have majored in a number of areas," Barton explained. "But, I decided to inject a little bit of irony by choosing public speaking.

"My decision to complete my education was more for me than anything else," Barton added. "A friend told me he wanted to go back to school, and I said 'me, too.' He gave me some information about Thomas Edison and I went on and got my degree. He's still thinking about it."

Barton is branch manager/international specialist with ABF Freight System in Neptune, N.J. He has been with ABF, a national carrier, for three years, but has worked in the field for over 21 years. It was his job at ABF that ultimately lead to his participation with the College's Alumni Association.

"I got a phone call to help with the Phonathon last year, but because of business commitments, I had to cancel,"



Raymond Barton

Barton said. "I felt guilty! I called to see if there was anything else I could do, and was invited to a meeting. I really enjoyed myself."

It wasn't long before Barton found himself reorganizing his time and rearranging his schedule so that he could become more involved with the Association. Not only did he join the Alumni Annual Fund Phonathon Committee, Barton volunteered to be the chair.

"I wanted to get the feeling of belonging that alumni at other institutions experience," Barton explained. "I wanted to meet alumni who, like myself, wouldn't have had the opportunity to get a degree

if it hadn't been for Thomas Edison State College.

"And, I wanted to help. The success of the organization is based on the interest of the alumni, and our goals at Thomas Edison are attainable if we work together. People want to do more, and they will if they know we are out here."

Barton and his wife of 25 years, Pamela, live in Toms River, N.J. They have four children ranging in age from eight to 24. In his spare time, Barton creates stain glass windows—some take as long as nine months and 800 to 1,500 pieces of glass. He is also "into" music and good books. Right now, however,

Taking Thomas Edison on the road

The College's successful program of meeting and greeting alumni and students around the nation continues to draw rave reviews. Over the past few months, the Regional Meetings program has brought Thomas Edison State College President Dr. George A. Pruitt to Seattle, Wash., Boston, Mass., and San Francisco, Calif. Dr. Pruitt, in turn, brings good news about the College, especially the upcoming Master of Science in Management program.

Alumni and students who are interested in taking part in the Regional Meetings program can contact the Office of Alumni Affairs, 153 Halsey St., 5th floor, Newark, N.J. 07102-2898, (201) 877-1450.

it's the challenge of the Phonathon that has him excited.

"The Phonathon is paramount to the College in these difficult times with cut backs in state funding and the tight economy," he explained. "Raising money is so important that we are going to approach it in a couple of different ways. I'm looking forward to a lot of support and great success."

Now, the man that once feared public speaking will be speaking to the public for Thomas Edison State College.

APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE

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Dr. George E. Stevens (B.A.) of Rochester Hills, Mich., will assume the post as dean of Kent State University's College of Business Administration and Graduate School of Management in Kent, Ohio, on June 1. He and his wife, Pat, are both Kent graduates. Stevens received his doctoral degree in business administrations from Kent in 1979.



'86

Barbara G. Dan (B.A.) of Las Vegas, Nev., founded and is the publisher of Eden Publishing in The Lakes, Nev. Dan, whose publishing company is bringing out its sixth book since May 1994, just completed a 10,000 book promotional tour, coast-to-coast, with authors John Dan and Fern A. Ritchey.

"The adventure goes on," Dan writes. "How thankful I am for the doors my degree from Thomas Edison opened up, including my M.A. from the California State University, Dominguez Hills, in 1988. Since then, I've written eight novels and I'm neck-deep in printer's ink!"

'90

Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Oleksak (B.A.) of Sarasota, Fla., graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal studies from Seton Hall University in South Orange, N.J. At age 75, he is one of SHU's oldest undergraduates. Oleksak, who is retired from the United States Air Force, says he enjoys college life. In addition to his B.A. in humanities from Thomas Edison, Oleksak also earned three associate degrees: applied science and technology (aviation); marketing; and liberal studies.

'91

Franklin P. Solomon (B.A.) of Merchantville, N.J., received his Juris Doctor degree in May from Rutgers University School of Law at Camden, N.J. He was twice named to the Dean's List, and was awarded the school's Tax Honors with Distinction certificate for achievement in his coursework concentration in tax law.

Earlier in 1994, Solomon was a member of the three-person team representing Rutgers Law at the Wagner Moot Court Competition, a national tournament of legal writing and oral advocacy dedicated to current issues in labor and employment law. He also received state certification as a mediator through the

law school's Community Outreach program, and served on the Camden Municipal Court's Community Dispute Resolution Committee, a panel that helps citizens resolve disputes and avoid formal court proceedings.

"When I decided I wanted to change careers and attend law school, I didn't have a college degree," Solomon writes. "The admissions director at Rutgers suggested that I complete my studies at Thomas Edison. Through testing and portfolios of my work, I was able to complete my undergraduate requirements and go on to law school."

Solomon is now working at the law firm of Tomar, Simonoff, Adourian & O'Brien in Haddonfield, N.J.

'93

Ronald C. Glidden (BSHS) of Lee, Mass., formerly a sergeant on the Nantucket Police Department, was recently appointed as police chief for the Lee Police Department in Massachusetts. Glidden also was accepted into an M.A. in Criminal Justice program at Anna Maria College and expects to graduate in June of 1995. He credits both his professional career advancement and his desire and ability to further his academic career to the experiences in nontraditional learning he gained at Thomas Edison State College.

Jill Gregg (B.A.) of Oregon, Ohio, received a master's in Library and Information Science from Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich. Gregg is a librarian in the business department of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library System.

If you would like news of your accomplishments included in the *Applause, Applause* section of *Invention*, please send information to:

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You may enclose a black-and-white photograph for consideration.

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Jean Stewart celebrates Commencement Day at Thomas Edison State College with her daughter, Heather.

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