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## College Introduces Advisement Video Conferencing

### A NEW WAY TO CONNECT WITH YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Do you ever wish you could collaborate with an academic advisor face-to-face? Well, now you can.

The Office of Academic Advising has recently implemented a video conferencing appointment option, affording enrolled students an opportunity to meet with their academic advisors live, via webcam.



Students can now connect with their academic advisors via online video conferencing.

"Similar to Web conferencing at your job or communicating with your proctor during an online exam at the College, our office has begun leveraging video conferencing software in our advising appointments," said Juliette Punchello, director of Academic Advising in the Office of Learner Services at the College.

To utilize advisement video conferencing, you will need a webcam, Internet connection and Cisco's Jabber software downloaded to your computer or device. Jabber software and instructions for its use can be accessed by visiting [ciscojabbervideo.com](http://ciscojabbervideo.com). Jabber accounts are free and offer video capabilities from anywhere you can find an Internet connection.

To schedule your advisement video conferencing appointment, log into your myEdison® portal and use the AppointmentDesk feature. Once in AppointmentDesk, you will find the new appointment option under the Counseling Section. Once you schedule your appointment, you will receive a confirmation email that will also contain instructions to download the Jabber software. When it comes time for your appointment, you will initiate the video conference from your computer or device and connect with your advisor.

#### READY TO BE ADVISED? HERE ARE SOME TIPS FOR PREPARING FOR YOUR ADVISING VIDEO CONFERENCE APPOINTMENT:

- ▶ **AIM FOR CLARITY:** Test out your video and sound equipment in advance of your appointment and adjust the volume of your computer's microphone as needed.
- ▶ **PREPARE FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT:** In order to have the most productive advising appointment possible, staff suggest that you have some questions prepared and review your Academic Evaluation prior to your appointment.
- ▶ **CHOOSE AN APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENT:** Select a space that is quiet and away from distractions. A public place like a restaurant, the library or a bookstore may not be the most optimum environment for your video conference appointment.

- ▶ **BE PUNCTUAL:** Plan to have your video conference appointment set and ready to go at least 10 minutes prior to your appointment time. This gives you ample time to clear distractions.

"The advisement video conferencing option is just another way that students can connect and communicate with their advisor," said Punchello.

#### WOULD YOU RATHER COMMUNICATE VIA THE PHONE WITH YOUR ADVISOR?

This popular option is still available via AppointmentDesk through the myEdison® student portal or by calling the Advising



Juliette Punchello, director of the Office of Academic Advising

Expressline at (888) 442-8372. To find out more about the best option for your advisement needs, visit [www.tesc.edu](http://www.tesc.edu), select "Current Students" from the main menu and "Advisement" from the dropdown. If you have questions about this new service, contact the Office of Academic Advising by email: [academicadvising@tesc.edu](mailto:academicadvising@tesc.edu). In your email, be sure to include your degree program in the subject line, or call the Advising Expressline at (888) 442-8372, Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., ET. ■

### COURSE NEWS

Note: A complete listing of all undergraduate and graduate courses and their availability may be found on the College website at [www.tesc.edu/courses](http://www.tesc.edu/courses).

#### NEW UNDERGRADUATE ONLINE COURSE:

**SOS-450 Ethics in the Social Sciences**

#### NEW GRADUATE ONLINE COURSES:

**MSI-503 Object-Oriented Application Development**

**MSI-506 Operating Systems**



## Visit the Learner Support Center Online

JUST APPLIED OR TAKING YOUR FIRST COURSE?  
WE HAVE A WEB PAGE FOR YOU

By Anna Krum,  
Senior Student Affairs Specialist

The Learner Support Center (LSC) is pleased to announce its new Web page designed to provide helpful answers to your most frequently asked questions. Be sure to visit the page so that you can also see the faces of LSC staff who will support you in your degree journey:

[www.tesc.edu/current-students/Lsc](http://www.tesc.edu/current-students/Lsc)

We know your time is valuable. Our new Web page is intended to help you manage the administrative functions associated with completing your degree and provide answers to many questions you have, from course

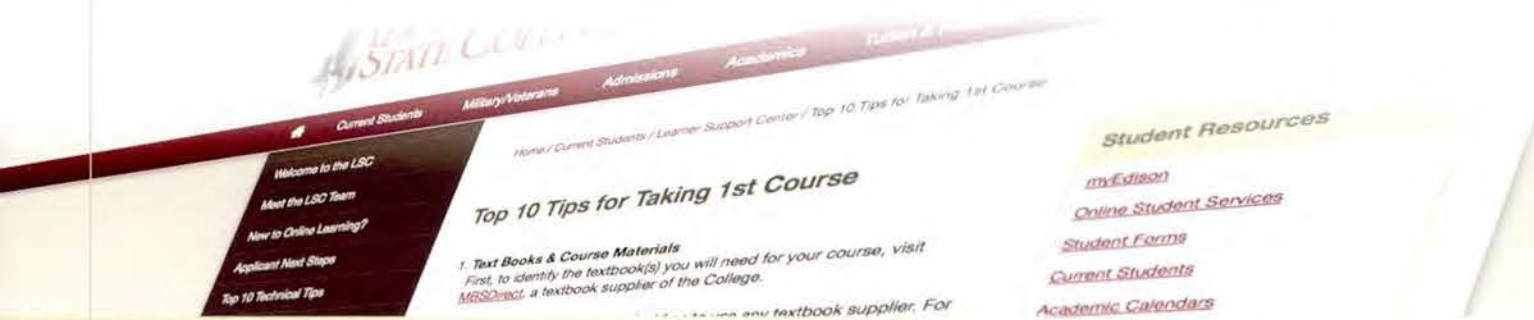
registration to financial aid to testing, 24 hours a day; seven days a week.

Are you looking for clarification on taking courses or need some of your technical questions answered? Check out our "Top 10 Technical Tips" and "Top 10 Tips for Taking Courses" links. On the left, there is an easy to navigate menu of "How do I?" topics that explain how you can transfer credits to Thomas Edison State College, apply for financial aid, track your evaluation, choose and pay for tuition, work with your advisor and more. We hope you can take a few minutes to visit the page.



Anna Krum, senior student affairs specialist at Thomas Edison State College.

We built it with you in mind and know that you will find it a beneficial tool in your degree journey. If you still have questions, feel free to call us at (888) 442-8372, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., ET. ■



## HELPING STUDENTS FINISH WHAT THEY STARTED FOR THE COLLEGE'S ABC PROGRAM, THE MISSION IS COMPLETION

By Carleen Bailly, Academic Advisor,  
Office of Learner Services

The College's Adults Back to College (ABC) Program – focused on increasing the number of New Jersey residents who possess bachelor's degrees – proved to a number of students that they can, indeed, finish what they started.

Norris Browne, BA '14, who was among 16 students completing the ABC Program, explained, "Many of us found ourselves in a vastly changing and competitive economic environment, where our experience in a particular industry is no longer sufficient to guarantee future success. I knew that returning to college to obtain another degree was the only way to make myself more competitive."

Serving as the program's student advisor, I felt privileged to work with students like Norris and play a role in a unique opportunity for others whose college educations were interrupted along the way. Dr. Ann Mester, assistant dean in the Heavin School of Arts and Sciences, served as the program's director, with part-time staff member, Patrice Coleman-Boatwright, serving as the grant's administrator. The program concluded on June 30, 2014.

A total of 260 candidates applied to the ABC Program, which was sponsored by a federal grant for Disengaged Adults Returning to College. To qualify, applicants were expected to have earned at least half of their credits toward a bachelor's degree program prior to applying and had to have left another New Jersey institution of higher education within the last 10 years in good standing. Out of the candidate pool, 84 students who met the criteria enrolled. For an additional 50 students who did not meet the criteria, the application process provided enough incentive to enroll at the College anyway.

Several ABC Program webinars were made available to all enrolled students to help them sharpen their academic skills and facilitate their degree journey. Topics included:

- **TIME MANAGEMENT: TIPS, TRICKS AND STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS**
- **RESEARCH MADE SIMPLE: RESOURCES AND SERVICES OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARY**



Carleen Bailly, academic advisor, Office of Learner Services

- **COURSE SELECTION: GETTING THE RIGHT FIT**
- **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY, PLAGIARISM AND ONLINE COURSES**
- **EFFECTIVE TEST TAKING: IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE SCARY**

These webinars remain available through the College's Office of Advisement Web page: [www.tesc.edu/current-students/Advisement.cfm](http://www.tesc.edu/current-students/Advisement.cfm).

## New Jersey State Library Announces New Language Resource

YEARNING TO LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE?  
NJSL'S NEW LANGUAGE LEARNING RESOURCE CAN HELP.



New Jersey State Library (NJSL) is speaking your language. The affiliate of Thomas Edison State College announced a recent addition to the suite of electronic resources it currently offers students: the Pronunciator online language program.

The Pronunciator program contains resources to learn 80 languages and up to 10,000 phrases at your own pace. To help reinforce retention of your new language, the program includes quizzes, audio lessons and pronunciation tutorials as well as language phrase books in PDF format. Learners have the flexibility to move through lessons based on their skill level and learning goals. English as a second language (ESL) lessons are translated from 50 non-English languages.

Pronunciator's features include:

- **AUDIO LEARNING** – of the most commonly used phrases in languages ranging from Afrikaans to Xhosa
- **INSTRUCTION** – in your own language to help you learn, with 50 native languages to get you started
- **SCORED QUIZZES** – help you track your progress and measure your results
- **FREE APPS** – for your mobile device so you can learn wherever you go
- **DOWNLOADABLE AUDIO LESSONS** – and printable phrase books to extend your learning offline

All Thomas Edison State College students can register to use Pronunciator with the barcode on the back of their NJSL borrower's card. If you do not already have a NJSL borrower's card, obtaining one is easy and free. Simply visit [www.njstatelib.org](http://www.njstatelib.org) and select "Get a Library Card" from the top of the page.

To register as a Pronunciator user, visit the NJSL homepage, [www.njstatelib.org](http://www.njstatelib.org). Under the Research Tools tab at the top, choose "Databases" and select "P" from the alpha drop down. Once logged into Pronunciator's homepage, follow instructions to register. After receiving your temporary username and password, choose "Launch Pronunciator" from the homepage. Pronunciator's software will run a quick browser support check and launch the program. The program's technical staff is also available through the site's helpdesk link to promptly answer your questions.

All Thomas Edison State College students, whether in- or out-of-state, have unlimited access to the suite of electronic resources available through the NJSL. As a card holder, you have access to thousands of full text online journal and publication articles, career assistance sites, databases, e-books and downloadable audio books. Have questions about library membership or accessing any NJSL database? Email [refdesk@njstatelib.org](mailto:refdesk@njstatelib.org) to get them answered. ■

## TURNITIN SERVICE IMPLEMENTED

KEEPING YOUR WRITTEN  
ASSIGNMENTS AS ORIGINAL  
AS YOU ARE

Turnitin, the online plagiarism prevention service, is now implemented in many Thomas Edison State College online courses that contain at least one written assignment. The online service is designed to help you improve your writing and citation skills while maintaining the academic integrity associated with your Thomas Edison State College degree.

The originality report that Turnitin generates is structured to point out instances of unoriginal content or citation errors before you submit your assignment for grading. To learn more, visit [www.tesc.edu/turnitin](http://www.tesc.edu/turnitin).

## TAKE YOUR NEXT TECEP® ONLINE

CREDIT-BY-EXAM NOW  
AVAILABLE THROUGH  
ONLINE PROCTORING

Did you know that TECEP® exams are now available through the College's online proctoring service? Online testing has been a popular choice for students taking TECEP® exams since the College began offering the option last year. The College continues to offer the paper/pen option for exam takers who prefer that method.

Flexible scheduling is a hallmark of the TECEP® program, and testing online means that you can take your TECEP® exam 24 hours a day, seven days a week at any time during your three-month term. For more information on TECEP® and other exam options for your next course, visit [www.tesc.edu/TECEP](http://www.tesc.edu/TECEP).



## PSEG Foundation Grant Supports College's New Military and Veteran Portal

*\$70,000 GRANT HELPS U.S. MILITARY AND VETERANS PREPARE FOR CIVILIAN CAREERS IN A GROWING FIELD*

The PSEG Foundation recently awarded a \$70,000 grant to support Thomas Edison State College's online Military and Veteran Portal (MVP), which shows active duty service members and veterans how their military training applies as credit toward a degree and connects them to careers after graduation. The grant, which was made to the Thomas Edison State College Foundation, also enables PSEG to match many graduates coming through the program with job openings at the company.

"Our new MVP portal enables military and veterans to affordably complete a college degree in a timeframe that is convenient for them while providing additional support services and counseling from the time they are prospective students, through their postgraduate careers," said Louis Martini, associate vice president for Military and Veteran Education at the College.

In addition to showing active duty service members and veterans how their military training can be transferred to the College and applied as credit to a degree program, the portal also enables them to view potential degree programs aligned with their military training, learn about possible career options and estimate their education costs – all before they apply.

"The portal gives our prospective students an opportunity to validate prior learning that will facilitate their transition to the workplace," said Martini. "We are immensely grateful to PSEG for their support in this endeavor and in helping us to better serve the brave men and women who defend our country." For more information, visit the College's Military and Veteran Portal: <https://mvp.tesc.edu>. ■



## College Ranked Among 'Top Schools' for Military Students and Veterans

*TESC CONTINUES TO BE DISTINGUISHED FOR ITS MILITARY FRIENDLINESS*

The College has been recognized once again as one of the top educational institutions in the country for serving members of U.S. military and veterans by *Military Advanced Education* (MAE) magazine. The publication has awarded the College a designation of "Top School" in its 2015 "Guide to Colleges & Universities."

"We are pleased about our continuing designation as a top school by MAE," said Louis Martini, associate vice president for Military and Veteran Education at the College. "Our entire culture centers on offering access to flexible learning opportunities that are especially well-suited to the needs of the brave men and women who sacrifice so much for our country."

Data in the guide is a result of questionnaires focused on military-supportive policies enacted at more than 600 institutions of higher education in the country and enables prospective students to target schools that provide the best fit with their degree objectives.

The guide also provides a searchable database that allows prospective students to compare how institutions serving active duty military, veterans and their dependents, score on support services, flexibility, financial assistance and military culture. This year's guide will be published in the magazine's December 2014 issue and on *Military Advanced Education* (MAE) magazine's website, [www.mae-kmi.com](http://www.mae-kmi.com), according to Kelly Fodel, MAE's editor.



"We believe the guide serves as an invaluable tool for both education services officers and transition officers when advising service members or veterans about their educational opportunities," said Fodel. "We designed this database with the military student in mind. We want to help them make informed choices, so we are giving them access to all the survey responses from participating institutions as well as explanations about critical issues like their deployment policies, withdrawal policies, scholarship and financial aid information and



Louis Martini, associate vice president for Military and Veteran Education

support services information," she said.

To find out how you can prepare for your civilian career, advance your rank or earn your degree while serving your country, visit [www.tesc.edu/military](http://www.tesc.edu/military). Do you know someone whose military training and previously earned college credits might count toward a college degree? Tell them to visit the College's Military and Veteran Portal today <https://mvp.tesc.edu>. ■

## Meet a Mentor: Dr. Dwayne Hodges

*DR. DWAYNE HODGES KNOWS THAT THE DEMANDS OF ENGAGEMENT ARE CHANGING.*

As a soldier, scholar and consultant, Dwayne Hodges has seen firsthand the modern evolution of warfare on land, sea and air; and, most recently, in cyberspace.

As an Iraq War combat veteran with more than 20 years of service with the U.S. Army, Hodges' research is increasingly drawn

service medals, among them the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal and the Joint Meritorious Unit Award.

At the College, Hodges serves as a mentor for Homeland Security: Preparedness,



Dr. Dwayne Hodges

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to the nation's intensifying electronic vulnerabilities.

"National defenses traditionally occurred within four domains: land, sea, air and space," said Hodges. "More recently, emergence of a fifth domain, cyberspace, is redefining the ways we identify and engage with our adversaries."

It was during his formative training with the U.S. Army that Hodges became acquainted with the cybersecurity aspects of national defense. His military education spans military police training, airborne school, hazardous material transportation, homeland security and anti-terrorism training, to cyberdefense countermeasures, network security, risk management, cryptography, disaster management planning and technology program management.

"The cybersecurity field fascinated me," said Hodges. "Threats were keeping pace with technological advances and it continues to be an ongoing and rapid-fire learning process. It's not a traditional arms race anymore. The borders are far more amorphous and the potential scale of the threat is mind-boggling. Within the cyber-domain, every Internet-connected system, computer or device serves as a potential entry point. That reality demands that you become a lifelong learner in the field."

Hodges is most likely someone the good guys want in their corner. During his distinguished military career, he was awarded a number of meritorious

Prevention and Deterrence (HLS-420) and Introduction to Criminal Justice (AOJ-102) courses, along with Domestic and Global Intelligence for Security Management (HLS-615) and Technology and Information Security (HLS-625), which he helped develop.

In his literary life, Hodges is the author of the *Cyber Vaccination* series (available on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)) the Healthcare Billing and Management Association's *Cyber Threats on U.S. Health Care Systems* and has also served as a speaker at TEDx talks and on scholarly panels.

Perhaps Hodges' favorite panelists, however, populate the online courses he mentors.

"TESC's learners are focused, with a sense of direction, urgency, determination, goals and a definitive timeline in mind for earning their degrees," noted Hodges. "They represent an interesting mix of academic objectives. Many times, they are driven by changing workforce demands or industry requirements. Still others are busy parents whose children are considering the colleges that they will attend."

Regardless of their motivations, he admires adult learners' tenacity and work ethic.

"When our students take on their course work, they usually mean business," he said. "I truly love being part of their progress and their eventual milestone of earning a degree. They come from all walks of life. That is why I find that the online course introductions are so important at the

beginning of each term. It gives mentors a chance to gauge the level of exposure a student may have to the subject matter and their motivation for taking the course. Some of our students could easily mentor sections of the course themselves, but they just never had the opportunity earlier in their lives to earn their degrees. TESC serves as a bridge for that gap and serves a very useful purpose in their lives. I am also proud to say that I keep up with many of my students long after they've taken our courses."

Hodges holds a Doctor of Education (EdD) degree, a Master of Science in Information Systems Technologies degree and a Master of Science in Public Administration from Wilmington University, Del., where he continues to serve as a professor. He earned his BA degree in sociology with a concentration in criminal justice from Delaware State University and is a graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC) based in Fort Leavenworth. He is a certified information system security professional with the International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium as well as an EC-Council certified ethical hacker.

Outside of academia, he is president and CEO of DH Cyber Security Solutions, LLC, a company that specializes in cybersecurity consulting and disaster recovery planning.

Hodges resides in Delaware with his wife, Marisol; daughter, Aaliyah; and son, Dannie, who provide the inspiration that he said fuels his work. ■



## MILESTONES MADE EASIER

**WANT AN ACADEMIC EVALUATION THAT IS EASIER TO FOLLOW, TRANSCRIPTS THAT ARE A CINCH TO REQUEST AND A MORE AUTOMATED WAY TO APPLY FOR GRADUATION? WE ARE ON IT.**

Ease and convenience are always good news, especially when it comes to milestones in your academic journey. The Office of the Registrar recently made revisions to your Academic Evaluation to make it more user-friendly, streamlined the process of requesting official transcripts and made applying for graduation more convenient.

### ► Changes to your Academic Evaluation:

Every applicant and enrolled student at TESC receives a customized Academic Evaluation. This academic 'road map' shows potential students where their previously earned transfer credits or credits from professional licenses and certifications fit into their degree program and shows current students what courses are left to take in order to fulfill degree requirements. The Office of the Registrar has recently modified the format of your Academic Evaluation so that it is easier to read and more customized to your specific degree plan. If you have not recently viewed your Academic Evaluation, take a moment to familiarize yourself with the new format.

### ► National Student Clearinghouse:

The Office of the Registrar has authorized the National Student Clearinghouse to provide online transcript ordering and enrollment verifications electronically 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Students can visit the National Student Clearinghouse website at [www.studentclearinghouse.org](http://www.studentclearinghouse.org) to order their transcripts and receive email and text notifications that include status updates as their request is being processed. Transcripts are then issued through an electronic exchange with other participating institutions. This makes sending your transcript faster and more efficient than ever.

### ► Apply for graduation online:

This is a milestone, and we want nothing to stand in your way. The Office of the Registrar is currently developing an online *Application for Graduation* that will be integrated into your Online Student Services account. After logging into Online Student Services and reviewing your Academic Evaluation to determine if you have completed your degree requirements,

By Jennifer Stark, assistant director,  
Academic Records and Registration



you will be able to complete the *Application for Graduation* and make any applicable fee payments on the same Web page. Not sure whether or not you have fulfilled all your degree requirements? Speak to an academic advisor. Advising appointments can be made through the myEdison® AppointmentDesk feature or by calling the Advisement Expressline at (888) 442-8372.

Do you still have questions regarding your Academic Evaluation, requesting your transcripts or applying for graduation? The Office of the Registrar is here to help. Email us at [registrar@tesc.edu](mailto:registrar@tesc.edu). ■

## SCHOOL OF NURSING STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

**NJLN SUPPORT IS JUST ONE OF THE PERKS OF RECIPIENT'S PROFESSION**

Garfield Morgan chooses his professional memberships carefully. With so little downtime, he has to be selective. The W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing BSN student is a member of the New Jersey League for Nursing (NJLN) and encourages his co-workers to consider similar affiliations. As a working RN, his membership had been especially significant.

"As a new nurse, I felt it was important to join organizations like NJLN that support and advocate for our field," said Morgan, who splits his work week between a hospital floor and rehabilitation center in northern New Jersey. "As a NJLN member, I became aware of its scholarship opportunities. Once I applied, I was selected as a recipient."

According to its site, the NJLN advocates collaboration among nursing professionals and promotes leadership and education in nursing practice. The organization also provides scholarships to RNs, like Morgan, who are advancing their careers.

He accepted his scholarship award on Nov. 7, at the NJLN's Nurse Recognition Awards Gala in Edison, N.J. "Garfield exemplifies our School's core value that continuing education and expanding competencies fuels the momentum of our profession," said Dr. Filomela "Phyllis" Marshall, dean of the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing. "We are extremely proud of his achievement."

Because the healthcare field is constantly evolving, Morgan noted that it is imperative that those in his profession consider education a lifelong endeavor. "As RNs, we have the opportunity to treat and comfort our patients in various and evolving ways," he said. "Being able to help my patients while expanding my capabilities is why I chose the profession. It makes every day truly rewarding."

Morgan said that the \$1,000 scholarship will help him to continue to pursue his education, and he plans to reciprocate by serving as an example to others. He noted that what he is learning in his online courses is already influencing his work.



Garfield Morgan, NJLN scholarship recipient.

"I'm already applying my Nursing Informatics (NUR-340) and Advancing Nursing Practice (NUR-342) courses to my daily regimen," said Morgan. "These courses in particular have broadened my understanding of information technologies in nursing and professional practice standards."

To find out more about the programs available through the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing, visit [www.tesc.edu/nursing](http://www.tesc.edu/nursing). ■

## COLLEGE PRESIDENT HONORED BY N.J. LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

**DR. PRUITT CITED AS MAKING SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE STATE THROUGH PUBLIC SERVICE**

Thomas Edison State College President Dr. George A. Pruitt, was selected by the New Jersey State League of Municipalities (NJLM) to receive the association's 14th annual Distinguished Public Service Award.

University, Towson State University, Morgan State University and Tennessee State University.

He is chair of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, Philadelphia, Pa.; past chairman and current member of the

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The award is given to honor individuals or organizations that have made substantial contributions to the state of New Jersey through distinguished public service.



Dr. George A. Pruitt, president of Thomas Edison State College (left), received the Distinguished Public Service Award from the New Jersey League of Municipalities at the league's annual conference on Nov. 20 in Atlantic City. Pruitt is pictured with Stone Harbor Mayor Suzanne M. Walters, league president, and Dr. James W. Hughes, dean of the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University, who was also honored at the event. Photo: Hal Brown.

"Dr. Pruitt's focus on improving access and retention for scores of adults returning to earn their college degrees has been exemplary," said William G. Dressel Jr., NJLM's executive director. "The League was pleased to honor someone whose commitment to higher education is such an important driver of our state's prosperity."

Serving as Thomas Edison State College's president since 1982, Pruitt has also served in executive leadership positions at Illinois State

MIDJersey Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Trenton, N.J.; chairman of the Board of Directors for Structured Employment Economic Development Corporation (SEEDCO), New York, N.Y.; and chairman of the Board of Directors for Capital City Partnership, Inc., Trenton, N.J. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), Washington, D.C.; member and past chairman of the New Jersey President's Council; and member of the Mayor's Economic Advisory Council (MEAC), Trenton, N.J.

Pruitt has served in an advisory capacity to five secretaries of education under three U.S. presidents. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Illinois State University and his doctorate from Union Institute & University in Cincinnati. In a study of presidential leadership funded by the Exxon Education Foundation, Pruitt was identified as one of the most effective college presidents in the United States.

Both he and Dr. James W. Hughes, dean of the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, accepted the Distinguished Public Service Award during the NJLM's Annual Delegates Luncheon on Nov. 20 at the Sheraton Convention Center Hotel in Atlantic City, N.J. The award was presented by League president and Stone Harbor Mayor Suzanne M. Walters.

Headquartered in Trenton, N.J., the NJLM is a voluntary association created to help New Jersey communities by pooling information and resources. Established by state statute in 1915, the NJLM serves local officials from 565 member municipalities throughout the state. ■

## College Celebrates Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program Graduates

**2014 PINNING CEREMONY HELD FOR GRADS**

The W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing honored graduates of its 2014 Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program with a pinning ceremony and reception on Sept. 18. The class represented students who came to the program with non-nursing undergraduate degrees and who diligently fulfilled their nursing degree requirements within one year.



Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN graduating class: First row from left to right: Susan Banon, Amy Mittelstaedt, Jacqueline Keehn and Leslie Rodrigues. Second row from left to right: Kristin Tilbury, Lindsey Smith, Lily Boros, Uliana Stoiko, Charmi Patel and Omolola Obeni.

The pinning signifies a ceremonial entrance into the profession for students who are now eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for registered nurses.

Do you know someone who would like to become an RN? Applications for our October 2015 term are due to the Office of Admissions with required documents no later than June 1, 2015. Please note: The program is designed for full-time study only and due to its rigorous nature, outside employment is not recommended. To find out more about this and other programs available through the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing, visit [www.tesc.edu/nursing](http://www.tesc.edu/nursing).



# Academic Calendar

March 2015

April 2015

May 2015

Registration Dates

Jan. 23 - Feb. 14, 2015

Feb. 20 - March 21, 2015

March 27 - April 18, 2015

Late Registration

Feb. 15 - 19, 2015

March 22 - 26, 2015

April 19 - 23, 2015

Course Transfer Period

Jan. 23 - March 6, 2015

Feb. 20 - April 10, 2015

March 27 - May 8, 2015

Term Start Date

**March 2, 2015**

**April 6, 2015\***

**May 4, 2015**

Midterm Exam Week\*\*

April 13 - 19, 2015

May 18 - 24, 2015

June 15 - 21, 2015

Final Exam Week\*\*

May 18 - 24, 2015

June 22 - 28, 2015

July 20 - 26, 2015

Term Ends

**May 24, 2015**

**June 28, 2015**

**July 26, 2015**

\*Term start date applies to both graduate and undergraduate courses.

\*\*Select courses have midterm examinations or online proctored midterm and final examinations; please refer to your course materials for details.

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