
*Welcome to the
Retirement Dinner
in Honor of
Ms. Gerri Collins*



Thomas Edison State College

*May 9, 1997
Roman Hall Restaurant
Trenton, N.J.*

Gerri Collins

Gerri Collins has made major contributions to the success of Thomas Edison State College. She came to the College in 1977 as an academic counselor. In 1981 she became the assistant to the vice president for Academic Affairs, and in 1982 became executive assistant to the president. Previous to her work with Thomas Edison, she served as a faculty member at Union County College, Cranford, N.J.; registrar's assistant at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.; research assistant and writer for Purdue-Hall Publishers, Inc.; and, manager and public relations coordinator for the Roy Meriwether Trio, a nationally recognized jazz group.

Gerri Collins, a skilled advisor, is sensitive to the needs of the adult student, and is highly regarded by the students she has counseled. She strongly influenced the development of a variety of student services for the College, including planning, advisement, academic evaluation and examinations.

As executive assistant to Dr. George A. Pruitt, Gerri Collins made significant contributions to virtually every area of the College. She coordinated the activities of the Board of Trustees, and prepared the quarterly and annual reports to the Board. She was instrumental in developing policies and maintaining high standards for affirmative action.

Gerri Collins' influence extended beyond the College. She was a founding member of the New Jersey chapter of the National Association of Presidential Assistants in Higher Education, served as its vice president and made presentations at the national meetings.

Gerri Collins has made a unique and very special contribution to the entire Thomas Edison community as the researcher, writer and editor of the 25th anniversary history of the College, Thomas Edison State College, A "New Tradition" in Higher Education. Her creative, enthusiastic approach to this arduous endeavor has resulted in a very tangible gift to us all.

Gerri Collins' legacy will endure through the lives of the many students, alumni, staff, faculty, board members and other colleagues she has personally touched. We are grateful for all she has done for her Thomas Edison State College family.

Retirement Dinner Program

5:30 p.m.	Reception
6:45 p.m.	Welcome Dr. George A. Pruitt President Thomas Edison State College
7:00 p.m.	Dinner
8 p.m.	Introduction and Reflections Dr. Jerry Ice Vice President and Provost Mr. George Fricke Chairman, Board of Trustees Mr. Michael Scheiring Vice President and Treasurer Dr. Arnold Fletcher Vice President for Academic Affairs Emeritus Ms. Rita Novitt Member Foundation Board of Directors Dr. Ruth McKeefery Dean Emeritus Presentation of Gifts Dr. George A. Pruitt
Closing Remarks	Dr. Jerry Ice

Music provided by the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra

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