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THE EDISON  
FOUNDATION  
**ANNUAL  
REPORT**

EDISON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## HISTORY

Founded in 1993, The Edison Foundation has raised millions of dollars to support Edison State Community College by providing scholarships for students, emergency assistance for students, mini-grants for employees, athletic program post-season play and equipment, and capital improvements throughout campuses.

## MISSION

The Edison Foundation assists Edison State Community College in meeting its educational and community service goals by providing resources to advance student success.

A MESSAGE FROM

# THE EDISON FOUNDATION



**JENNIFER WILLIAMS**

CHAIR OF THE BOARD  
THE EDISON FOUNDATION



**DR. DOREEN LARSON**

PRESIDENT  
EDISON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



**DR. RICHARD HANES**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
THE EDISON FOUNDATION

As a community college graduate, Edison State holds a special place in my heart. As we continue to endure difficulties related to the pandemic, The Edison Foundation has continued to pay it forward and award scholarships to deserving students pursuing their educational dreams at Edison State. We look forward to a brighter future thanks to your contributions and commitment to investing in our communities.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Williams".

The recovery of our state economy relies on more adults gaining workforce skills that are at the heart of Edison State Community College's curriculum. Your support of The Edison Foundation will help us to reach more potential workers quickly and provide help to those who need it most. Edison State has the capacity, motivation, and focus that is critical as this pivotal point for our state. Your donations will never be more important or have more impact than right now. I thank you for your continued support and enjoy reading about the many accomplishments that your dollars have made possible.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Larson".

The Edison Foundation is blessed with a supportive community in the mission to support the educational and career dreams of Edison State Community College students. Today, the importance of higher education and its positive effect on the economy of our region is even more profound. In partnership with our donors and supporters, The Edison Foundation continues to be positioned to assist Edison State students, faculty, and staff members.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rich Hanes".



**THE PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE  
AWARD FOR PHILANTHROPY**

Emerson  
Fifth Third Bank, Western Ohio  
Paul G. Duke Foundation

Piqua Community Foundation  
Preble County Youth Foundation  
Premier Health Partners/  
Upper Valley Medical Center

Troy Business Park  
Troy Development Council

## THE EDISON FOUNDATION FUNDS

Athletics Fund  
Athletics General Fund  
Blankenship Scholarship  
Board Designated Endowment Fund  
Business & Industry Fund  
Cooperating Collection-Restricted Fund  
D. Douglas King Scholarship Fund  
Darke County Scholarship Fund  
Edison Fund-General Purpose Fund  
Emergency Loan Fund  
Engineering Endowed Scholarship Fund  
General Scholarship Fund  
Holiday Evening Annual Scholarship Fund  
Illuminate the Future Scholarship  
Endowment Fund  
Innovation Academy Fund  
John J. Dugan Endowed Scholarship  
Kathy Clifton Endowment Fund  
Kenneth Yowell President Emeritus  
Scholarship Fund  
Miami Valley Wounded Veterans Fund  
Myers/Vaccaro Scholarship Fund  
Paul G. Duke Academy for  
Community Leadership  
Preble County Youth Foundation  
Endowment  
Resource Development Fund  
River Steward  
Robinson Endowed Scholarship Fund  
Tri-County Scholarship Fund  
Veterinary Technology  
Vaccaro-Myers Scholarship in  
Fine Art/Theater  
William H. Pitsenbarger Fund  
William M. McCulloch Memorial  
Scholarship Fund





Nursing students administered vaccines during a community-wide COVID-19 vaccine clinic held at Edison State.

## The Edison Foundation Board Members

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**Edward W. Curry (Darke)**

Retired Executive & Owner

**Regina Duff (Miami)**

Director of Obstetrics—Wayne HealthCare

**Stanley A. Evans (Miami)**

Insurance Agent—Favorite Insurance Agency

**Tim Gleason (Shelby)**

President/Broker—Realty 2000

**Richard Hanes, PhD (Miami)**

VP of Advancement, Strategic Planning  
and Partnerships—Edison State  
Executive Director—The Edison Foundation

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President—Greenville National Bank

**Doreen Larson, PhD (Shelby)**

President—Edison State Community College

**Nancy D. Luce, PhD (Miami)**

Superintendent—Upper Valley Career Center

**J. Kathryn Lukey (Shelby)**

Retired Nurse/Co-Director of Miami-Shelby  
Consortium—Upper Valley Career Center

**Roger Luring (Miami)**

Retired Attorney—  
Miller, Luring & Venters Co, LPA

**Aaron Moran (Darke)**

Superintendent—  
Versailles Exempted Village Schools

**James C. Oda (Miami)**

Edison State Board of Trustees Liaison  
Director, Piqua Public Library

**Eric J. Prenger, M.D. (Shelby)**

Physician Family Practice—  
Wilson Health

**Connie Schneider (Shelby)**

Superintendent—Fairlawn Local Schools

**Julie R. Slattery (Miami)**

Admin. Assistant to VP of IA—  
Edison State  
Secretary—The Edison Foundation

**Tracy Tryon (Darke)**

Retired Teacher—  
Greenville City School District

**John Warner (Darke)**

President/CEO—  
Brethren Retirement Community

**Dean W. Weinert (Shelby)**

President—Mutual Federal Bank

**Jennifer Williams (Darke)**

VP of Finance/CFO—Wayne HealthCare  
Chair—The Edison Foundation

## The Edison Foundation Honorary Board Members

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**D. Ann Baird (Miami)**

Retired from Baird Funeral Home

**Betty S. Laughlin (Darke)**

Retired Registered Nurse—  
Brethren Retirement Community

**William E. Lukens (Miami)**

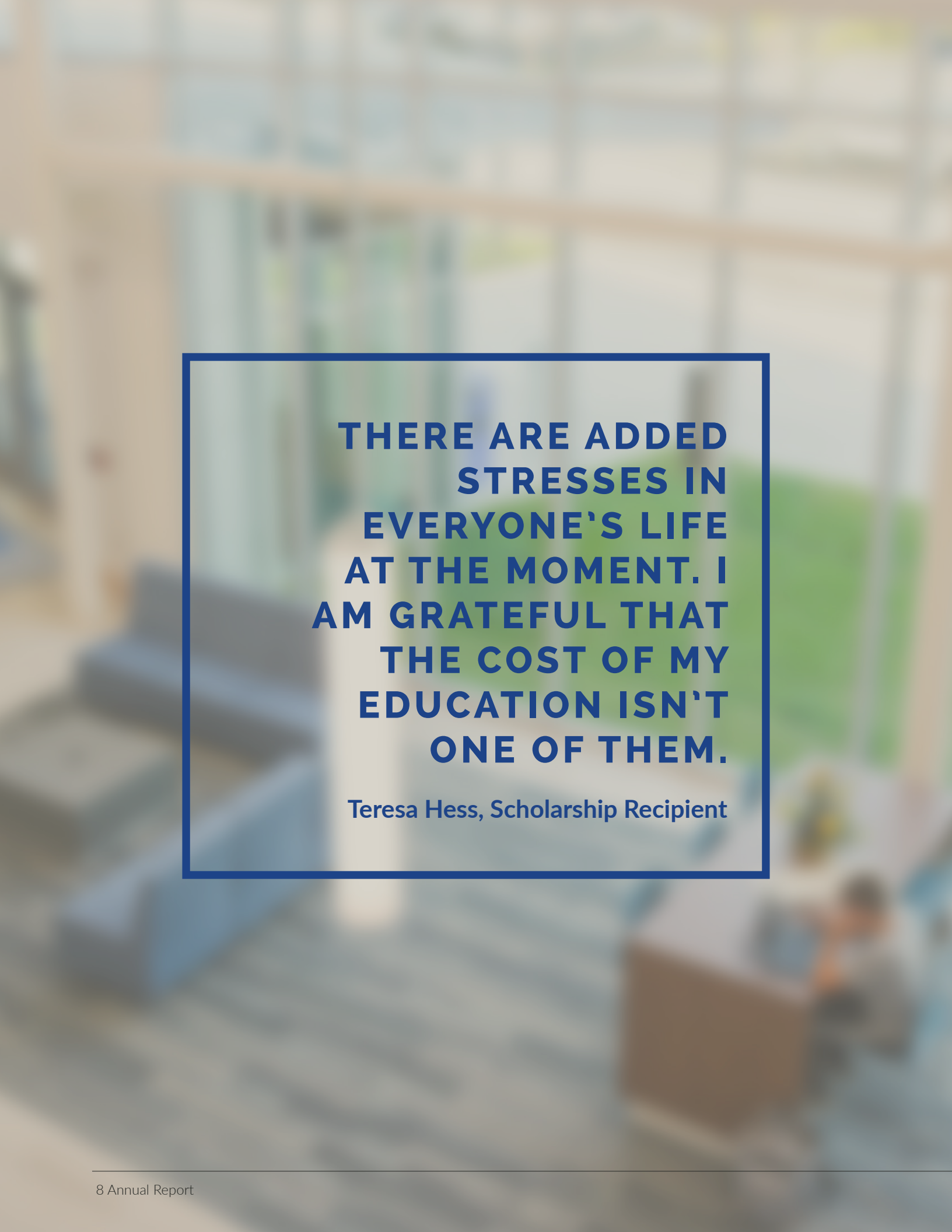
Retired Chairman & CEO—  
Stillwater Technologies, Inc.

**Thomas E. Robinson (Miami)**

Retired SW Ohio Area Sales Manager—  
Dinner Bell Foods, Inc.

**Michael H. van Haaren (Miami)**

Retired President & COO—  
Stillwater Technologies, Inc.



**THERE ARE ADDED  
STRESSES IN  
EVERYONE'S LIFE  
AT THE MOMENT. I  
AM GRATEFUL THAT  
THE COST OF MY  
EDUCATION ISN'T  
ONE OF THEM.**

Teresa Hess, Scholarship Recipient



# A FAREWELL TO HARRY FAULKNER



Harry Faulkner, a life-long resident of Sidney, age 80, passed peacefully on May 29, 2021. His love of community, service, learning, and the law permeated every aspect of his life. He was a 1959 Sidney High School graduate and proudly attended Ohio Wesleyan University and Ohio Northern University Law School. He practiced law with Faulkner, Garmhausen, Keister & Shenk for 52 years.

Harry was energized by serving others in Sidney and Shelby County organizations, including the United Way, YMCA, Dorothy Love Retirement Community, Chamber of Commerce, Salvation Army, Sidney City Schools, and the Amos Memorial Public Library. His leadership roles with the West Ohio Development Council and Community Improvement Corporation of Sidney and Shelby County positively impacted the business climate, attracted companies to develop, and increased economic growth in the area. He loved being a board member for Peoples Federal Savings and Loan and cherished its history. Harry championed education and was proud to represent Ohio Wesleyan University on numerous boards and committees while encouraging prospective students to enroll. He enjoyed the camaraderie of his fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta, as a college student and an alumni advisor. His work with The Edison Foundation was especially significant.

Harry's contributions to these organizations and universities were recognized with lifetime achievement, community service, and other special awards, including the Chamber of Commerce Zenith Award, Sidney High School Hall of Honor, Shelby County Bar Association Award of Merit, and The Terry M. Thomas Friend of Community Colleges Award. His loyalty, leadership, and kindness made a lasting impression on so many and will be forever remembered.

Memorial contributions can be made in his name to the Harry Faulkner Scholarship. Please contact The Edison Foundation at **937.778.7805** or [foundation@edisonohio.edu](mailto:foundation@edisonohio.edu) or visit The Edison Foundation online at [www.edisonohio.edu/foundation](http://www.edisonohio.edu/foundation) to make a contribution.



Scholarship recipients (L to R) Jennifer Wentz of Shelby County, Mary Wood of Darke County, and Rayna Brownlee of Miami County thank donors for their contributions during the 2020 Holiday Evening virtual broadcast.

## 2020 HOLIDAY EVENING AT EDISON STATE: REIMAGINED

Established as both a celebration and commitment to higher education, Holiday Evening at Edison State has become The Edison Foundation's most successful student scholarship fundraiser. The Edison Foundation Reimagined the 23rd annual Holiday Evening at Edison State to feature local artists performing holiday favorites through a virtual format.

On December 2, 2020, Edison State hosted a ninety-minute virtual broadcast of the 2020 Holiday Evening at Edison State Reimagined to celebrate, recognize, and support Edison State students, partners, and the caring, compassionate, and resilient communities it serves.

J. Kathryn Lukey, who has served on both the Edison State Board of Trustees and The Edison Foundation Board, served as Chairperson for this year's event.

"When I was asked to serve as Chairperson of the Holiday Evening, I was honored. Of course, like all of us, we went through some struggles trying to determine the format of this year's event. The Edison Foundation and its board are so talented and dedicated that I am truly proud of how the Holiday Evening came together," said Lukey.

The event featured artists from the Edison State area, who performed holiday favorites for viewers to enjoy from the comfort of home or anywhere with internet access.

Throughout the program, The Edison Foundation incorporated messages of gratitude, acknowledgments to Edison State alumni who are essential workers, compelling student scholarship stories, and a special tribute to the local entertainment and restaurant industries.

In lieu of the phenomenal food offered annually at Holiday Evening at Edison State—this year's event extended beyond student scholarships to also benefit local restaurants. Each ticket from the Reimagined event entitled the purchaser to receive a \$25 gift certificate redeemable at their choice of local restaurants.

"Those who watched the broadcast were informed as they heard from some of our scholarship-winning students and I know they were entertained as well. We were also happy to help out area restaurants who benefited from the gift certificate sales," added Lukey.

As a former school nurse for the Upper Valley Career Center, Lukey understands the value the education available in Miami County presents to the broader communities served. During her career at Upper Valley, she was charged by Dr. Richard Adams to head the Miami-Shelby Consortium, which was established to provide classroom programs, teen events, and teacher education programs to area schools, a position she held for over 15 years.

Additionally, several of Lukey's family members are Edison State alumni, including her son Jeffrey, late granddaughter Chelsea, and granddaughter Veronica.

"Jeff worked with disabled adults as well as at the alternative school in Sidney. His daughter Chelsea passed away a few months after graduating from Edison State due to a rare form of cancer. She was struggling with this diagnosis from age 14 until her death at 23. She was active in high school as a cheerleader, a Big Sister with the Piqua Chapter, and worked weekends at a nursing home in Wapakoneta, all while going to college and fighting her cancer. Veronica began with an associate degree from Edison State and has since continued her education while working at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, now pursuing a master's degree."

Due to COVID-19, the efforts to respond to community needs made The Edison Foundation Scholarship program even more critical. Proceeds from the event were also allocated to the Student Emergency Fund, which aims to help students with unexpected expenditures.

"Of course, the scholarships funded by The Edison Foundation are very important to students in our area. Edison State is a beginning education for many as well as a pathway to a career for others," said Lukey.

# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## EDISON STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

### THOMAS ALVA EDISON

- Emmalee Cecil-Champaign
- Taylor Collins-Darke
- Hailey Cremeens-Miami
- Rebekah Evans-Darke
- August Evans-Darke
- Joshua Fett-Darke
- Caitin Hallum-Miami
- Elise Hays-Darke
- Kendall Hill-Miami
- Ben Hillman-Champaign
- Emma Kennedy-Shelby
- Tyra Lee-Shelby
- Ana Patel-Shelby
- Jack Quinlisk-Shelby
- Makenna Radford-Champaign
- Avery Rench-Miami
- Becca Seger-Shelby
- Isaac Smith-Darke
- Tristan Stanhope-Miami
- Ashley Strosnider-Darke
- Naomi Terrill-Miami
- Elizabeth Wenrick-Miami
- Dylan Whitehead-Shelby

### PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

- Alison Cox-Logan

### TRUSTEE'S SCHOLARSHIP

- Emily Scholl-Darke

### GED

- Abigail Wilkins-Miami

### DIVERSITY

- Jolie Nyiramahirwe-Montgomery

## THE EDISON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

### DARKE COUNTY CAMPUS

- Gianna Bixler-Darke
- Jena Mangen-Darke
- Taylor Stookey-Darke
- Josie Winner-Darke

### ADULT LEARNER

- Stephanie Bailey-Darke
- Michelle Riley-Shelby

### PREBLE COUNTY YOUTH FOUNDATION

- Audra Burger-Preble
- Walker Harris-Preble
- Erianna Macklin-Preble
- Emily Stockwell-Preble

### LITTLE BLACK DRESS

- Layne Claudy-Darke

### RAY & BETTYE LAUGHLIN

- Christopher Guillermin-Darke

## SUSIE WISE

- Courtney Foster-Darke
- Angelina Walker-Shelby

### KENNETH S. YOWELL

- Victoria Heuing-Shelby
- Zara McReynolds-Miami

### VALANDINGHAM

- Sean Grapes-Montgomery

### TRI-COUNTY TRUST

- Alexis Monnin-Shelby
- Jacqueline Olwine-Darke
- Mary Wood-Darke

### THOMAS & PATRICIA ROBINSON

- Sarah Beck-Shelby
- Ashley Bloomfield-Miami
- Kyle Ramey-Darke
- Diana Tuttle-Auglaize

### CHARLES RIDENOUR

- Montana Robbins-Shelby

### PITSENBARGER

- Kayla Arnold-Miami
- Alexandra Joseph-Auglaize

### KATHY ODA

- Laurel Butt-Miami

### MYERS-VACCARO ENGINEERING

- Kevin Riley-Shelby

### DRIVE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

- Madisyn Allen-Shelby
- Devin Alston-Miami
- Ashley Asher-Miami
- Casey Breuning-Mercer
- Tyler Gates-Miami
- Lydia Heidenreich-Miami
- Ellie Holthaus-Shelby
- Emily Kindell-Miami
- Jennifer Wentz-Shelby

### VACCARO-MYERS

- Hannah Hopkins-Shelby

### MIAMI VOITURE ET 8

- Wendy Burchett-Miami

### MIAMI COUNTY FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

- Matthew DeFalco-Miami

### WILLIAM M. MCCULLOCH MEMORIAL

- Paige Pelarske-Montgomery

### ILLUMINATE THE FUTURE COMMUNITY

- Lindsey Albers-Darke
- Ethan Amsden-Shelby
- Isaiah Baughman-Shelby
- Carley Boeckman-Mercer
- Erika Bohman-Darke
- Jennifer Bole-Montgomery
- Aaron Brautigam-Shelby

- Kailee Bush-Darke
- Bryson Church-Miami
- Alison Cox-Logan
- Brittany Davis-Miami
- Cannon Dishman-Miami
- Brian Downing-Shelby
- Tyler Gates-Miami
- Paige Graham-Miami
- Natalie Klosterman-Shelby
- Olivia Love-Miami
- Amy Powell-Montgomery
- Latisha Jackson-Miami
- Courtnie Smith-Logan
- Tia Thacker-Champaign
- Carrie Toler-Mercer

### ILLUMINATE THE FUTURE EMPLOYEE

- Hannah Allen-Logan
- Kendall Carter-Montgomery
- Karlee Farmer-Montgomery
- Deaton Koval-Clark
- Ahlam Partee-Miami
- Brittany Robbins-Logan
- Madison Rose-Champaign
- McKenzie Varady-Miami
- Sharea Waddle-Darke

### D. DOUGLAS KING MEMORIAL

- Olivia Wright-Darke

### HOLLY HAHN MEMORIAL

- Jolie Nyiramahirwe-Montgomery

### JOHN J. DUGAN MEMORIAL

- Kristi Barnes-Miami

### DONNELLY NURSING

- Rayna Brownlee-Miami
- Megan Crusey-Miami

### SHERYL BRINLEY MEMORIAL

- Kaitlyn Turner-Darke

### MARY REBECCA ALLEN MEMORIAL

- Garrett Wibbeler-Auglaize

### KATHY CLIFTON

- Brooke Deaton-Miami

### FRED VERCELES MEMORIAL

- Matheus Silva-Darke

### MIAMI VALLEY WOUNDED VETERANS

- Laura McKenzie-Champaign

### FRED FREED MEMORIAL

- Stephanie Osborne-Miami

### ANNA HUDELSON MEMORIAL

- Leslie Ralston-Shelby

### GREG & ALYSSA BLANKENSHIP

- Christopher Spencer-Miami

### TROY LIONS CLUB

- Ryan Levan-Miami

The Edison Foundation, Inc. Statement of Financial Positions  
(Balance Sheet)

<b>Assets</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Cash & Cash Equivalents	375,884	587,228	1,420,763
Dividends & Interest Receivable	3,921	3,715	5,478
Pledges Receivable	7,611	7,677	5,910
Investments	3,094,538	2,470,973	2,266,096
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>3,481,954</b>	<b>3,069,593</b>	<b>3,698,247</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>			
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable-Related Party	1,000	236,855	92,763
Net Assets		2,832,738	3,605,484
Without Donor Restrictions	1,669,241	1,192,137	1,275,613
With Donor Restrictions	1,811,713	1,640,601	2,329,871
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>3,481,954</b>	<b>3,069,593</b>	<b>3,698,247</b>

The Edison Foundation, Inc. Statement of Activities & Changes in Net Assets  
(Income Statement)

<b>Revenues and Other Support</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Contributions	214,509	433,546	405,123
Investments	621,012	34,489	253,453
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>835,521</b>	<b>468,035</b>	<b>658,576</b>
Program Services	119,427	1,134,850	1,558,472
Management & General	43,587	47,658	48,369
Fundraising	24,291	58,273	61,260
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES &amp; DISTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>187,305</b>	<b>1,240,781</b>	<b>1,668,101</b>
<b>CHANGES IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>648,216</b>	<b>(772,746)</b>	<b>(1,009,525)</b>
<b>NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>2,832,738</b>	<b>3,605,484</b>	<b>4,615,009</b>
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>3,480,954</b>	<b>2,832,738</b>	<b>3,605,484</b>

## THE EDISON FOUNDATION AWARDS MINI-GRANTS

The Edison Foundation mini-grant program is designed for employees of Edison State Community College to utilize in the advancement of the college mission and strategic plan. The Edison Foundation Chairperson Jennifer Williams along with former Chairperson John Warner serve as members of the mini-grant program and announced distribution.

### \$8,353 AWARDED IN FALL 2020

- \$1,000 to Michelle Dancer/Kerry Dowling for the Nursing Department
- \$1,000 to Elisha Hicks for the Early Childhood Education Department
- \$1,000 to Rachel Carlisle for Regional Locations
- \$1,000 to Levi Smith for the Advanced Computing Program
- \$1,000 to Levi Smith for the Cybersecurity Program
- \$1,000 to Darlene Francis for the Healthy Lifestyle Program
- \$500 to Amy Borgert for the Student Services Department
- \$670 to Harold Hitchcock for the Maintenance and Facilities Department
- \$625 to Heather Lanham for the President's Office
- \$558 to Andrea Francis for the Marketing and Communications Department

### \$7,487 AWARDED IN SPRING 2021

- \$1,000 to Lin Roberts for the Friends of the Bear's Mill
- \$878 to Jessica Hill for the Marketing and Communications Department
- \$1,000 to Rhonda Rich & Melissa Eve for the Regional Locations
- \$909 to Jill Bobb for the Paramedic Program
- \$700 to Tom Burelison for the Maintenance and Facilities Department
- \$1,000 to Roger Fulk for Student Skills Training
- \$1,000 to Velina Bogart for Student Pantry Items
- \$1,000 to Amy Crow for Student Device Charging Stations

## STUDENT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND

The Edison Foundation has joined together with Edison State Community College to provide funding for student emergency needs. After a yearlong study, The Edison Foundation Board of Directors approved the formation of the Student Emergency Assistance Fund in June 2020, along with budgeting \$5,000 for FY21 as startup funding. The newly formed fund is a critical lifeline of support that provides immediate aid to students threatened as a result of unforeseen circumstances.

As families continue to endure record hardship and financial loss due to today's events, students are at an even greater risk. The Student Emergency Assistance Fund helps to ensure that even in these uncertain times, students at Edison State can pursue their educational goals and realize their dreams.

## THE 2ND ANNUAL DRIVE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Fifteen teams of golfers teed off in support of student scholarship opportunities at The Edison Foundation's 2nd Annual Drive for Scholarships Golf Scramble on September 25, 2020. The scenic Piqua Country Club golf course, coupled with beautiful weather, contributed to a perfect day for golf.

The Mutual Federal team placed first in the scramble and consisted of the following golfers: John Wade, Jim Heistan, Eric Noble, and Kevin McClurg. Taking second place was the Edward Jones–Chris Slattery team, consisting of: Chris Slattery, Denny Steinke, Scott Bradley, and Jeff Slattery, and third place was taken by the Edison State team comprised of Bruce McKenzie, Chris Spradlin, Chad Beanblossom, and Steve Sykes.

In addition to 18-holes of golf, the scramble included lunch, a skins game, and raffle prizes.

### Event sponsors included:

**Lunch sponsor** Park National Bank

**Putter sponsors** Premier Health–UVMC,  
Dr. Doreen and Len Larson, Ray & Bettye Laughlin

**Student scholarship sponsors** Orbis (Menasha)  
and Dr. Eric Prenger

**Hospitality cart sponsors** Greenville National Bank  
and Clark Schaefer Hackett CPAs & Advisors

**Prize sponsors** The Scott Family McDonalds and VPP  
Industries; Team Picture Sponsors Greenville Federal

**Raffle prize donors** Dayton Dragons and Edison State

**Tee/Green sponsors** AIM Media, Baird Funeral Home,  
Brethren Retirement Community, The Edison Foundation,  
Edward Jones Investments–Chris Slattery, Fifth Third Bank,  
Franklin University, Galbreath Realtors, Hamler-Gingrich/  
Favorite Insurance, Dr. Rick and Beth Hanes, Hartzell  
Propeller, Inc., Koverman Staley Dickerson Insurance,  
Marias Technology, Murray Wells Wendeln Robinson CPAs,  
Wayne HealthCare, and Westerheide Construction, Co.

All proceeds from the event directly benefited the student scholarship program, which provides Edison State students with the opportunity to attain higher education.



Photograph by Mike Ullery

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# FRED VERCELES

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## LEAVING A LEGACY

The Edison Foundation is honored to announce the establishment of the Fred Verceles Scholarship. The scholarship's initial funding has been made available through generous donations by his wife Linda, other family members, and friends in celebration of Fred Verceles, who passed away on July 29, 2020.

Learning was Fred Verceles' love from an early age. As a young boy, he treasured books from the library. However, his school advisors saw that his family was too poor to send him to college, so they put him in non-college prep classes like art and music, where he excelled. He dropped out of high school his senior year to join the United States Marine Corps, where he was marched into a room to take his GED.

Soon he discovered community colleges. Even though he didn't think he was smart enough to attend, he signed up for classes. He began to collect credits slowly but surely. Right around the time he was sent to Vietnam, he was notified that he qualified for the Boot Strap Program. He was allowed to go full-time to a university for eighteen months to complete his bachelor's degree, fully paid for by the military.

Soon after, he completed his master's degree on the weekends through the G.I. Bill. After serving for twenty-four years with tours in Vietnam and Okinawa, he retired as a Sergeant Major and applied to teach at Edison State. Starting as an adjunct instructor, he retired fifteen years later as an associate professor.

During his time at Edison State, he had two responsibilities outside of classroom teaching. He went to workplaces in the tri-county area and taught managerial skills to the workers, encouraging them to come to the college to start their education. He was also a new student advisor, where he encouraged prospective students to think about attaining an associate degree. He often told them about how he started his education at community colleges.

He continued advising for almost ten years after retirement. He was hoping to pay it forward, thinking of all the financial help he received, by starting a scholarship in his name. Establishing the scholarship was the last item on his "to-do" list before he passed.

Individuals interested in celebrating Fred by contributing to the Fred Verceles Scholarship may contact The Edison Foundation at **937.778.7805** or [foundation@edisonohio.edu](mailto:foundation@edisonohio.edu).



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