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## Holiday Greetings from President Larson

*Extending best wishes for a joyful and prosperous holiday season.*

2018 was a very busy and successful year for Edison State. As the year comes to a close, please accept the gratitude and well wishes from Edison State to you, our alumni and community supporters. We hope that you have time for family and friends and allow the warmth of the season to enter your life and sustain you through the New Year.



Dr. Doreen Larson

## Holiday Evening at Edison State Raises Over \$70K for Student Scholarships

The Edison Foundation held the 21st annual Holiday Evening at Edison State on Wednesday, November 28, raising over \$70,000 for student scholarships. The evening featured high-energy brass funk band *Lucky Chops* from New York as the headlining entertainment.

Over 320 guests attended the annual gala, where they enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, drinks, the company of others, and great music, all while supporting countless students in the upcoming academic year with scholarships.

While known for their popularity among students, the *Lucky Chops'* performance proved to be a crowd pleaser, complete with original material, covers, mash-ups, and a holiday hit. The band performed the classic holiday hit "Silent Night," a cover of Arianna Grande's "Problem," a mash-up of Lipps Inc.'s "Funky Town" and James Brown's "I Feel Good," along with original hits "Buyo," "Miami," and "Behroozi," to name a few.

The band's trombonist, Josh Holcomb, expressed to the audience the positive impact that scholarships had made on his and other band members' lives while attending school in New York City and thanked them for supporting such a worthy cause.

"It was an honor to present the creativity and musicianship of the *Lucky Chops* to our community of Edison State supporters," said Edison State President, Dr. Doreen Larson.

Proceeds from the evening benefit The Edison Foundation's General Scholarship Fund, which directly assists recent high school graduates and those returning to the classroom to start, change or advance their careers.





# Lucky Chops Engage Young Musicians at Edison State Music Education Clinics



Following their performance at the 21st annual Holiday Evening at Edison State Community College, the high-energy brass funk band *Lucky Chops* put on two Music Education Clinics for over 370 area junior high and high school jazz students.

*Lucky Chops* set the stage for the second-day music education clinics by performing several of their top songs, including their original composition, "Without You," a cover of The Jackson Five's "I Want You Back," and a mash-up of several genres of music.

The band then took students through the process of composing music using improvisation techniques. Over fifty students had the chance to interact one-on-one with band members, performing improvised solos to The White Stripes' "Seven Nation Army."

One student commented, "I went to the performance during the school day with my band and I got to go up and play with [*Lucky Chops*] and honestly, it was such a huge confidence boost. I learned a lot just from the short time I was up there and plan to use all of the information that I learned from them and during camps."

Junior and senior high schools represented included Ansonia, Arcanum, Benjamin Logan, Hardin-Houston, Lincoln View, Miami East, Miamisburg, Mississinawa Valley, Piqua, Sidney, Tipp City, and Troy.

The Edison State Music Education Clinics were made possible by the *Miami County Foundation*, *The Piqua Community Foundation*, and *The Edison Foundation*.

Photographs from the event, as well as a video, from the day can be viewed online at [www.edisonohio.edu/clinic](http://www.edisonohio.edu/clinic).





# Edison State Community College Charger Country Nights



Kailani Broyles

Dakota Prichard

**DATES:** January 23, 2019 | February 13, 2019 **TIME:** 6:30-8:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Charger Gymnasium Pavilion Suite Box

The Edison State basketball teams are having great seasons, both touting 8-3 winning records! As excitement builds, Edison State President Dr. Doreen Larson and The Office of Business and Community Partnerships invite you to attend one or both *Charger Country Nights* between the January 23rd and February 13th women's and men's home basketball games versus conference rivals Owens Community College and Clark State Community College.

Register to attend to receive **FREE** admittance to the game, **FREE** food and drink, along with a **FREE** Edison State gift. Reserve your ticket(s) for this event by contacting the Office of Business and Community Partnerships at **937-778-7805** or [rhanes@edisonohio.edu](mailto:rhanes@edisonohio.edu).

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Questions? Call 937.778.7805 for more information.

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**Put on your little black dress and join us as we celebrate and support women's education!**

**Girls Night Out**  
**LITTLE BLACK DRESS**  
Celebration of Women's Education

**APRIL 17, 2019**

All proceeds support scholarships for women at Edison State.

**Robinson Theater**  
**Social Time**  
6:30-7:00 p.m.  
**Dinner**  
7:00-8:30 p.m.  
(Must be age 21 or over to attend.)

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**TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW @ [www.edisonohio.edu/lbd](http://www.edisonohio.edu/lbd)**

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## Making a Difference in the Lives of Edison State Students

Thanks to 1,202 individual donations to The Edison Foundation, forty Edison State students received scholarships amounting to \$50,825 for the 2018 -19 academic year! On behalf of the students, thank you to those donors for helping the scholarship recipients obtain their educational goals and realize their dreams! This year Edison State student Sophia Terrill of Troy is a recipient of the "Illuminate the Future" Community Scholarship.

Made possible by generous donations from area businesses, organizations, and individuals, this scholarship is awarded to both full and part-time students who demonstrate academic achievement. Sophia is pursuing a degree in elementary education and is excited to be one step closer to her dream of becoming a teacher. Sophia is the oldest in her family of nine and was home schooled. She loves children, teaching and seeing a child's eyes light up when they learn something new.

With appreciation, Sophia states, "I was excited and honored to learn that I was the recipient of this scholarship. Thank you very much. My financial burden is lifted and I can focus my attention on becoming the best teacher that I can be. You have blessed me greatly, and I am encouraged to give to others as you have given to me."

Every donation to The Edison Foundation makes stories like Sophia's possible. Please consider making a special year-end donation to help provide educational opportunities and make a difference in the lives of future Edison State students. Thank you for your support! We simply can't do it without you!



Sophia Terrill



## Edison State In Your Neighborhood

Edison State Community College hosts a variety of alumni and friends events, all aimed at bringing together students, alumni, and friends of Edison State. From Charger Country Night, cookies and cocoa with the president, to putt-putt, campfires and parades, the pictures tell the story. For more information on how to get involved or see when the Edison State Office of Business & Community Partnerships is having their next event, contact the office at 937.778.7806, visit [alumni@edisonohio.edu](mailto:alumni@edisonohio.edu), or follow us on Twitter @EdisonStateAlum





## Over 110 Students Recognized at Annual Scholarship Recognition Dinner

Edison State Community College in partnership with The Edison Foundation recognized over 110 students during the annual fall scholarship recognition dinner. The event provides recipients with the opportunity to meet the patrons that made their scholarships available.

Following networking and dinner, Dwayne Thompson, Edison State alumni, and Piqua City Schools Superintendent talked about some of the obstacles he had to overcome as a first-generation college student.

“I’m a first-generation college student in my family. No one in my family had gone to college prior to me, I had no blueprint, and I had no real knowledge of how I was going to pay for college at that time. I knew college was important to my goals and I simply did not have the means.”

As a lifelong resident of Piqua, Thompson was well-aware of Edison State but initially chose a different route, pursuing education from a four-year university.



Dwayne Thompson

Simply put, my positive experience at Edison State, served as a strong foundation to my post-secondary education and was everything that I needed as a first-generation college student. -Dwayne Thompson

“My first college application after high school was actually accepted to another university. But after speaking with a mentor to help me fully understand the transition process from high school to college, it caused me to cancel my placement and seek a job that I thought would provide me with a stable income. I could not stop thinking about college, however, with a goal to become an educator I reached out to a counselor at Edison State for the first time.”

“After my first visit, my unsure, reluctant, emerging young self, left with confidence, hope, and a plan for my future. I realized after that one meeting that I could afford my education and I would personally have to fund it but I could work while I was taking classes here at Edison State.”



2018 Scholarship Recipients



Thompson credits Edison State for setting him on the path to success. "Simply put, my positive experience at Edison State, served as a strong foundation to my post-secondary education and was everything that I needed as a first-generation college student."

After graduating from Edison State, Thompson went on to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Ohio University and most recently completed a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education as well as Superintendent Certification from Wright State University.



"Even when I transferred to Ohio University, I would continue to enroll in classes at Edison State when I would come back and work over the summer break. This ultimately allowed me to earn my bachelor's degree in just two-and-a-half years, saving me both money and time."

Thompson has since served as a teacher, principal, curriculum director, assistant superintendent and now superintendent over the past 26 years - all in the Piqua City Schools System. He was selected as the Piqua Teacher of the Year in 1999 and was a finalist for State Teacher of the Year in 2000. His wife, Merrienne, is a teacher at Piqua Central Intermediate School where their 6th-grade twin daughters and 5th-grade son also attend as students.

Made possible by The Edison Foundation, Edison State Community College, and local organization sponsorships, recipients honored were awarded a total of nearly \$130,000 in academic and need-based scholarships. Scholarships awarded will aid in students' pursuit of higher education at Edison State Community College.

## By The Numbers...

- **110+ Students** Recognized for Receiving Scholarships
- **\$130,000 Awarded** in Academic and Need-Based Scholarships
- **1,202 Individual Donations** to The Edison Foundation





# Holiday Evening at Edison State Raises \$70K

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"The scholarship dollars raised as a result of the Holiday Evening at Edison State not only directly impacts our students, but they contribute to the overall morale of Edison State employees as a tangible act of support for our daily work to educate students and help them fulfill their dreams," added Larson. "I am amazed each year with the level of generosity in our community to promote higher education."

Also contributing to the success of the event was the evening's co-chair, Stan Evans, of Tipp City. "What better way to kick off the holiday season – than by attending this event – and giving from the heart," said Evans. "This event helps to fund the many scholarships that The Edison Foundation and the College award each year."

"The level of sponsorship beginning with our presenting sponsors, Edison State Community College, Emerson and Premier Health–Upper Valley Medical Center, all the way through individual ticket sales of the evening makes these scholarships possible."

Holiday Evening at Edison State includes past performances by John Tesh, Tim Janis, Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra, Harry Connick, Sr., Marvin Hamlisch, Australia's The Ten Tenors, Straight No Chaser, The Toledo Symphony Orchestra, and former Tonight Show bandleader Doc Severinson.

To learn more about Holiday Evening and view photographs of the evening's proceedings and attendees, visit [www.edisonohio.edu/Holiday-Evening](http://www.edisonohio.edu/Holiday-Evening).

## Mark Your Calendar... Upcoming Alumni and Friends Events

**January 23** Charger Country Night Basketball Game—**6:30 PM**  
Free Admission/Food/Drinks (registration required)

**February 13** Charger Country Night Basketball Game—**6:30 PM**  
Free Admission/Food/Drinks (registration required)

**March 21** Charger Athletics \$10,000 Reverse Raffle  
Tickets on sale now @ [www.edisonohio.edu/charger](http://www.edisonohio.edu/charger)

**April 17** Little Black Dress Celebration of Women's Education  
Tickets on sale now @ [www.edisonohio.edu/lbd](http://www.edisonohio.edu/lbd)

**May 1** State of the College Presentation by President Larson

**May 10** Commencement—**7:00 PM**







# Edison State Community College and The Edison Foundation Help Slash Medication Costs

Edison State Community College has announced a plan to offer their students, alumni, friends, employees, and partners access to affordable prescription medications with savings upwards of 87% off retail. These savings are made possible by the *SlashRx* program and will be offered at no cost. The Edison State Community College pharmacy savings card, *SlashRx* was designed to give cardholders affordable generic and brand medications and also benefit The Edison Foundation to support Edison State and its' students and staff. The card is accepted at over 67,000 participating pharmacies nationwide including all major retail pharmacies, big box stores, grocery stores and most independent pharmacies and can be used by every member of the family including pets. Everyone is eligible, with no income or age restrictions, and the program can save you money even if you have insurance. No personal information is collected so anyone can use the same card. The focus is to find ways to negotiate deeper discounts with pharmacies, so all individuals and their pets can afford the medications they need. Each card usage benefits The Edison Foundation with a focus on scholarships for Edison State Students. Contact Lorraine Wood for additional information at (856) 644-6441. To print your free card or search for the best price for your medications visit [www.slashrx.com/EdisonCC](http://www.slashrx.com/EdisonCC).



## Get Your Own Personalized Paver

### A lasting campus legacy...

Leave your mark on Edison State Community College by purchasing a personalized paver that will be placed in the courtyard at the Piqua Campus. Proceeds from the pavers go into The Edison Foundation Scholarship Fund.

**Personalized pavers** are a wonderful way to honor a family member, friend or co-worker by purchasing a paver in their name. Not only will you be honoring someone special... you will be helping Edison State students by providing scholarships and other opportunities.



Pavers are available in the following sizes:

Paver Size	Text Personalization	Price
4" x 8"	3 lines of text   14 characters per line	\$125
8" x 8"	5 lines of text   14 characters per line	\$250

**NOTE** All spaces, special characters and/or punctuation count as characters. Symbols may incur additional fees.

Call the The Edison Foundation office at **937.778.7805**, or complete and email the **PDF form** that can be found at [www.edisonohio.edu/pavers](http://www.edisonohio.edu/pavers) to [foundation@edisonohio.edu](mailto:foundation@edisonohio.edu) to place your order. Payment may be made by check or credit card. Completed form and payment should be delivered to The Edison Foundation or mailed to:

**The Edison Foundation | 1973 Edison Drive | Piqua, Ohio 45356**



# Alumni Spotlight

## **Robert "Bobby" Benshoff (2016)**

Bobby was sworn in as a police officer for the City of Sidney. Prior to the swearing in ceremony, Benshoff had been employed by the Sidney Police Department as a dispatcher. He is life-long resident of Sidney and graduated from Sidney High School. He holds an Associate degree in criminal justice from Edison State Community College and expected to graduate from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy at Edison State.

## **Dee Eilerman (2013)**

Dee has worked as an RN with Premier Health at Upper Valley Medical Center since graduating from the Edison State Nursing program. Dee was hired on after graduation to the Progressive Care Unit where she worked for a little over a year then transferred to the Emergency Department and currently works full time in Ambulatory Surgery. She serves on many committees at the hospital including Shared Governance, Coordination Council, Unit Council and Employee Communication Committee. Dee has also worked part time at an Oncology office in St Mary's. She has acquired her BSN and plans to begin working towards her Master's in Nursing Education. Recently Dee has become a certified Zumba instructor.

## **Kathy Etter (2015)**

Kathy was promoted from administrative officer to banking officer with Second National Bank of Greenville. Etter joined SNB in May 2005 as a credit analyst and currently is the lead credit analyst and credit department supervisor. Etter has an associate degree in business administration from Edison State Community College. She also attended the Ohio Bankers League School of Commercial Lending Essentials and completed the RMA Series 6 training program "The Decision Lending Process." Etter resides in Piqua with her husband.

## **Kimberlee Freeman (2001)**

Kimberlee has been honored with the Indiana University Excellence in Nursing Award. Starting as an LPN in 1998, Freeman continued her educational journey receiving an ASN from Edison State Community College, a B.S.N. from Indiana Wesleyan University, a M.S.N. from Ball State University and a Doctorate of Nursing Practice from Indiana University in 2017. Freeman serves as Wayne HealthCare Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer. During her tenure at Wayne HealthCare, she lead an initiative to redesign the care delivery model as well as facilitating a \$42 million expansion to include Preoperative services, the emergency department and ICU. Freeman is a certified nurse executive advanced through ANCC. She serves on the boards of the Northern Miami Valley American Red Cross, the American Organization of Nurse Executives Advocacy Board, the Edison State Community College Nursing Advisory Board, the IU East School of Nursing and Health Sciences Advisory Council, and the Upper Valley Center JVs Nursing Advisory Board. She also is involved with the Ohio Organization of Nurse Executives, the Ohio Nurses Association and the Oncology Nurses Association.

## **Daniel Hance (2014)**

Daniel served his country well and has retired from the United States Army, where in his last role he served as a Cavalry Troop Commander. Hance is now CEO of The Catalyst. The Catalyst is a comprehensive Military-to-Civilian Transition Entity and the first fully accredited five week mini-MBA Program, exclusively for selected transitioning high potential military talent and spouses.



# Alumni Spotlight

## **Brandi Miles (2017)**

Brandi was deployed as a full-time Road Deputy for the Logan County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Miles is a military veteran and recent graduate from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy Certification at Edison State.

## **Phu Camelia Ong (2011)**

Phu Camelia is currently studying at California State University, Long Beach working toward her Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. Ong has been recognized as Employee of the Month at both the Retirement Housing Foundation in Poway, California and the Koester Pavilion Center in Troy. After graduating from Edison State, Ong received her Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology from Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California.

## **Logan Ressler (2018)**

Logan earned the highest degree achievable in the national FFA organization, the American FFA Degree which shows an FFA member's dedication to their chapter and the state FFA association. Since graduating from high school, Ressler earned his associate degree in agriculture from Edison State, and he currently is enrolled at Wright State where he will complete his Bachelor's degree in agriculture.

## **Erika Shellhammer (2002 )**

Erika has joined the law firm of Coolidge Wall Co., L.P.A., as a paralegal in its Litigation Department. Erika brings more than 25 years of experience to the firm. She has focused on litigation paralegal support for the past 18 years with firms in Dayton and Troy. Erika supports attorneys in all aspects of litigation, including discovery, research and trial preparation. Erika is a graduate of Edison State Community College with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Legal Assisting and lives in Tipp City, Ohio.

## **Brady Wise (2017)**

Brady was honored with the Dayton Children's Outstanding New Graduate Award! His nomination arose from his nursing peers from a pool of over fifty new graduate nurses. Brady started his career at Dayton Children's as a House Float, working in every unit for the first year. He found his home and passion for critical care in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit where he now works. Brady has been working on his BSN from Ohio University and will graduate this month. Brady is a graduate of Edison State with an Associate degree in Nursing

## **Joseph Wolfe (2017)**

Joseph was sworn in on December 3rd as a patrol officer for the City of Greenville. Originally from West Virginia, upon moving to Ohio Wolfe received his Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy Certification at Edison State.

## **Wyatt King (2018)**

Wyatt earned the highest degree achievable in the national FFA association, the American FFA Degree, which shows an FFA member's dedication to their chapter and the state FFA association. Since graduating from high school, King has continued his education earning his Associates degree in agriculture from Edison State.



### A note from The Edison Foundation!

Make a 2018 tax-deductible gift to **The Edison Foundation**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization formed to support the educational and community service goals of **Edison State Community College**. *All gifts are appreciated* and provide scholarships and academic program support.

#### **DONATION YEAR-END DEADLINES:**

**By check**—must be postmarked (U.S. Mail) by Dec. 31, 2018, or hand-delivered to our office on campus by 4:00 p.m. on December 28, 2018. Please mail gifts to:

**The Edison Foundation**  
1973 Edison Drive  
Piqua, OH 45356

**Gifts by credit card**—if sent by mail, must be postmarked (U.S. mail) by December 31, 2018; if made online, **The Edison Foundation** must receive transaction details by 4:00 p.m. EST on Dec. 28, 2018. **The Edison Foundation** accepts donations via PayPal on Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. The secure site is: [www.edisonohio.edu/donate](http://www.edisonohio.edu/donate)

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Thanks for your support of **Edison State Community College** through **The Edison Foundation!**

#### **DID YOU KNOW...**

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The newsletter contains alumni and friends highlights, information and events that Edison State Community College supports and hosts on an ongoing basis. For more information, contact the Edison State Office of Business and Community Partnerships at

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