

WIRED

Edison State Honors the 2017 Graduates

Nearly 400 Edison State Community College students made that all-important walk down the aisle and across the stage to receive their diplomas on Friday, May 12, 2017.

Edison State President Dr. Doreen Larson gave a speech praising the hard work of the graduates and explained the value of their accomplishments.

"A diploma or certificate does not fluctuate in value. These pieces of paper and the degrees, which they represent, hold their value over time," said Edison State President Dr. Doreen Larson. "For each college graduate, this piece of paper represents obstacles that students refuse to let stand in the way of their success."

During the ceremony, Miami County Commissioner Mr. Greg Simmons delivered a keynote address encouraging graduates to keep moving forward.

"Your life does matter," added Simmons. "You can test it, try it, improve it, and as you move on to the next part of your journey I think you'll find that Edison State Community College has served you well. Conduct yourself in a way that displays integrity and honor."

As the College's first graduate, Simmons noted that, because of his start at Edison State, he was able to reach many goals in life.

This year's graduating class earned over 440 degrees and certificates in such career and transfer programs as arts, business, communications, engineering and manufacturing, health sciences, humanities, mathematics, sciences and social and public services.

The class of 2017 represents thirteen Ohio counties, with 41-percent from Miami County, 22-percent from Shelby County, and 19-percent from Darke County.

Thirty-five of those graduating with an associate degree will also graduate concurrently from high school.



Edison State Receives \$2.5 Million Gift

Edison State Community College is the proud recipient of a \$2.5 million gift from the Robinson Fund via Thom and Pat Robinson. This gift was presented on Tuesday, May 23, at the Piqua Campus, with faculty, staff and community members in attendance.

The funds will be used to build a new 5,200 square foot student career center and campus entry, aimed at the promotion and integration of students into a growing regional workforce. The new complex will serve as a catalyst for students by helping to bridge the gap in the employment process.

"This gift will create an entrance that truly reflects a gateway to career success. It will connect students with employers and other career services at every juncture in their studies at Edison State," said Edison State President Dr. Doreen Larson.



Alumni Spotlight

Melanie Helman, SHRM-CP

Human Resource Generalist at Crayex Corporation

Graduated: May 2006—Associate of Arts Degree

I chose Edison State because... Edison State was a great option to begin my education. I first enrolled in Edison State through the PSEOP program during my junior year at Franklin-Monroe High School. When I graduated high school I had less than a year left to earn my associates degree so I decided to finish it out at Edison State. I knew I wanted to go on and pursue a 4-year degree in psychology but wanted an affordable option that was close to home. I was also honored with the Thomas Alva Edison scholarship and was able to get free tuition that final year.

Since graduating... I transferred to Wright State University and completed my Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology in November 2007. I am now actively working on my Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a Leadership concentration through Bluffton University, which I will complete in May 2017. This program has brought me back to Edison State again through their cohort program where they hold classes once a week.



Melanie Helman

How I have applied skills gained at Edison State to my current role... I specifically remember taking my first speech class at Edison State. Being an introverted person, it was very difficult for me to break out of my shell. I was so incredibly nervous whenever I had to get up and speak in front of the class. While I hated it at the time, it was a huge moment of growth for me and helped to prepare me for giving presentations in a real business situation.

Advice I would give future students... Edison State is a great way to start off your education. Edison State is local, affordable, and allows you to get your college education without breaking the bank. I am very thankful that I started off at Edison State!



Edison State Alumni Night

With the Dayton Dragons—Saturday, July 22, 2017

Come join us on Saturday, July 22 at Fifth Third field for a great night with alumni, friends and family members of Edison State Community College. The Dayton Dragons will be taking on the Burlington Bees as they continue to dominate their division.

With seating down the third base line, you'll be sure to catch all of the action as it happens right before you. Tickets are just \$12.00 and one lucky person, as part of the Dragons' raffle, will go home with a piece of Dragons' merchandise. Space is limited! To reserve your spot, please contact Andrew Hayes of the Dayton Dragons at (937) 228-2287, ext. 129. **Play ball!**





20th Anniversary
Holiday Evening
at Edison State
WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 29, 2017

FEATURING
John Tesh—
Grand Piano
Christmas

For more information or
to purchase tickets visit:
www.edisonohio.edu/holidayevening

EdisonState
Works

“Generating the **NEXT** Workforce”

Edison State Community College is proud to introduce the **Edison State Works** initiative as an Edison State Workforce “Connector Hub” for programs and services provided to students, staff, business and industry, and those residing in the Darke, Miami and Shelby communities and beyond.

The connection hub in the West Hall of the Piqua Campus serves as an area for businesses and organizations to connect with students, faculty and staff to promote alumni success stories, provide potential connections associated with careers for students and assist through support by mentoring and scholarships. **Edison State Works** is a tightly bound initiative to the Edison State mission statement and strategic plan which states: “Edison State Community College provides the learning opportunities, support services and commitment that enables students to complete their educational goals and realize their dreams.”

See how **Edison State Works** can benefit you!
Call **937.778.7806** today for more information.

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:



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

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

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 to 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

Upcoming Edison State Alumni Events

Join other fellow Edison State Alumni and get acquainted with new friends. It's all part of the Alumni events happening at Edison State. For more information on upcoming events, talk with Rick at 937.778.7806.

- September 7** Sidney–Buffalo Wild Wings
- September 14** Troy–Buffalo Wild Wings
- September 21** Piqua–Buffalo Wings & Rings
- September 28** Greenville–Buffalo Wild Wings

The Edison Foundation awards \$37,425 for 2017–2018 scholarships!

Darke County

Charity Barnes
Terin Ellis
Casey Garrett

Thom & Patricia Robinson Scholarship
ESCC Employee Scholarship-Full Time
Sheryl Brinley Memorial-Business & Professional Women's Scholarship
D. Douglas King Memorial Scholarship
ESCC Darke County Scholarship
ESCC Darke County Scholarship
ESCC Alumni Association Scholarship

Amanda Jones
Wyatt King
Katelyn Kingery
Max Voisard

Miami County

Carley Brown
Alyssa Byers
Lauryn Gray
Patsy Guenther
Claire Hilleary
Harlei Jenkins
Isatou Kassami
Kakoda Kitchen
Brooke McName
Janice Moore
Jacob Oglesbee

Donnelly Nursing Scholarship
ESCC Employee Scholarship-Part Time
Miami County Republican Women's Scholarship
Kathy Oda Memorial Scholarship
Tri-County Trust Scholarship
Miami County FOP Bruce Brand Memorial Scholarship
Mary Rebecca Allen Memorial Scholarship
ESCC Employee Scholarship-Part Time
Edison Foundation Scholarship
Illuminate the Future Scholarship-Community
William McCulloch Memorial Scholarship

Christine Ramos
Kristina Romie
Emma Smith
Jennifer Tellez
Sophia Terrill

John J. Dugan Memorial Scholarship
Illuminate the Future Scholarship-Community
Thom & Patricia Robinson Scholarship
Holly Hahn Memorial Scholarship
Miami County Republican Women's Scholarship

Shelby County

Lillie Clinton
Rebecca Deloye
Audrey Fields
Olivia Hageman
Stephanie Lewis
Kristen Strunk
Dawson Westfall

Edison Foundation Scholarship
ESCC Employee Scholarship-Full Time
ESCC Employee Scholarship-Full Time
Dr. Kenneth Yowell Emeritus Scholarship
Charles E. Ridenour Memorial Scholarship
ESCC Alumni Association Scholarship
Thom & Patricia Robinson Scholarship

Other: Auglaize, Champaign, Logan, Montgomery

Keighly Burt
Maurizia Harvey
Mariah Cornett
Anna Pomeroy
Brandon Rose
Lee Tanner
Dylan Watson

Samuel Valandingham Memorial Scholarship
Edison Foundation Scholarship/Chelsea Lukey Mem.
Edison Foundation Scholarship/Chelsea Lukey Mem.
William Pitsenbarger Memorial Scholarship
Myers-Vaccaro Engineering Scholarship
Greg & Alissa Blankenship Scholarship
ESCC Employee Scholarship-Part Time

A note from the Edison Foundation!

Make a 2017 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, 2017, or hand-delivered to our office on campus by 4:00 p.m. on December 29, 2017. 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, 2017; if made online, **The Edison Foundation** must receive transaction details by 4:00 p.m. EST on Dec. 29, 2017. **The Edison Foundation** accepts donations via PayPal on Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. The secure url is www.edisonohio.edu/donate

Gifts of stock—to receive tax credit in 2017, must be received and handled by our broker (Fifth Third Bank). Please contact Megan Dauber at 513-534-3557 or megan.dauber@53.com for a year-end gift or to ask further questions, please contact **The Edison Foundation** at foundation@edisonohio.edu or 937-778-7805.

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

DID YOU KNOW...

WIRED is an alumni newsletter published by the Edison State Alumni Association.

It contains alumni highlights, information and events that Edison State Community College supports and hosts on an ongoing basis. For more information on how you can become part of The Alumni Association, contact the Edison State Alumni Office at 937-778-7806 or at

alumni@edisonohio.edu

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