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A message from President Chris Spradlin

As President of Edison State, it is my honor to introduce you to the 50th Anniversary Edition of WIRED: The Alumni and Friends Magazine of Edison State Community College. The celebration of our 50th anniversary has been nothing short of amazing! We kicked off the festivities in June of 2023 with FiftyFest, a gathering in our courtyard that saw a great turnout of people enjoying live music and delicious food on a perfect early-summer evening. In late July, we hosted our Drive for Scholarships golf outing, which was a huge success. As the fall semester got rolling, our Disc Golf Tournament and Alumni Experience Series provided more opportunities to celebrate the College's history. The fall term culminated with our Holiday Evening at Edison State event, which generated the second-highest scholarship funding ever received in the event's 26-year history. We recognized alumni athletes from the women's and men's basketball teams, softball and baseball teams, and

volleyball team. With the dawn of 2024, we gave a shout-out to Thomas Alva Edison via a bookmark giveaway on his birthday, February 11, and showed our support for athletics with the Charger Athletics Reverse Raffle. In April, we invited students, staff, faculty, and alumni to showcase their talents in the 50 Years of Talent Competition.

The culmination of our 50th-anniversary celebrations featured the Commencement Ceremony and the Blue & Gold Gala, elegantly concluding the year with a spotlight on the triumphs of our students and the promising future of Edison State.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who joined us in commemorating our history, applauding the achievements of our 2024 graduates, and honoring 50 years of growth with the meaningful gesture of tree gifting. As we embark on the next chapter with 50NEXT, we eagerly invite you to join us in discovering the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

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From the Board of Trustees

Written by Dr. Thomas P. Milligan on behalf of the Edison State Community College Board of Trustees

We are proud to recognize Edison State Community College’s incredible journey, which began as Ohio’s first General and Technical College. Over the years, Edison State has grown into a comprehensive institution with four locations, a robust College Credit Plus program, and numerous associate degree and certificate offerings. Remarkably, in its 50th year, the College is continuing to expand after recently receiving approval from the Higher Learning Commission to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, which is an incredible accomplishment.

Working alongside a group of dedicated trustees, some of whom have served for over half of those 50 years, we have been fortunate to witness many of Edison State’s milestones firsthand. We have seen the Piqua Campus expand and three new locations open to meet the region’s demands. These expansions would not be possible without the generous support of local businesses, like Emerson Climate Technologies, Premier Health–Upper Valley Medical Center, Wayne HealthCare, and Wilson Health, who funded the Emerson Center, a center dedicated to health care education. Local philanthropists Thom and Pat Robinson have also made significant contributions to the College, including the most recent funding to renovate Edison State’s main entrance at the Piqua Campus, the Robinson Student Career Center, which fosters connections between students and businesses. Edison State is grateful to

all donors for their wonderful support of students and College programming.

Edison State is also known for its athletic programs, which have been essential to the college experience. Many student-athletes have gone on to play at four-year universities after their time at Edison State, demonstrating their excellence both on and off the field or court.

We are also proud of the College’s leadership in trustee education, with trustees like Richard Adams, Darryl Mehaffie, Lew Blackford, and others who have received recognition at the state and national levels for their excellence in service.

We want to acknowledge the incredible efforts of the staff and students during the pandemic. The College quickly shifted to online learning and continued to serve its students without missing a beat. This adaptability and commitment to the College’s mission in the face of adversity is truly remarkable.

As co-stewards of Ohio taxpayers’ money, student tuition, and the generous donations of supporters, it has been a great honor to help guide Edison State’s growth and development. The College’s focus on providing cost-effective and high-quality higher education to help students achieve their dreams is evident in everything it does. We are proud to be part of this culture, and we look forward to seeing what the next 50 years will bring.



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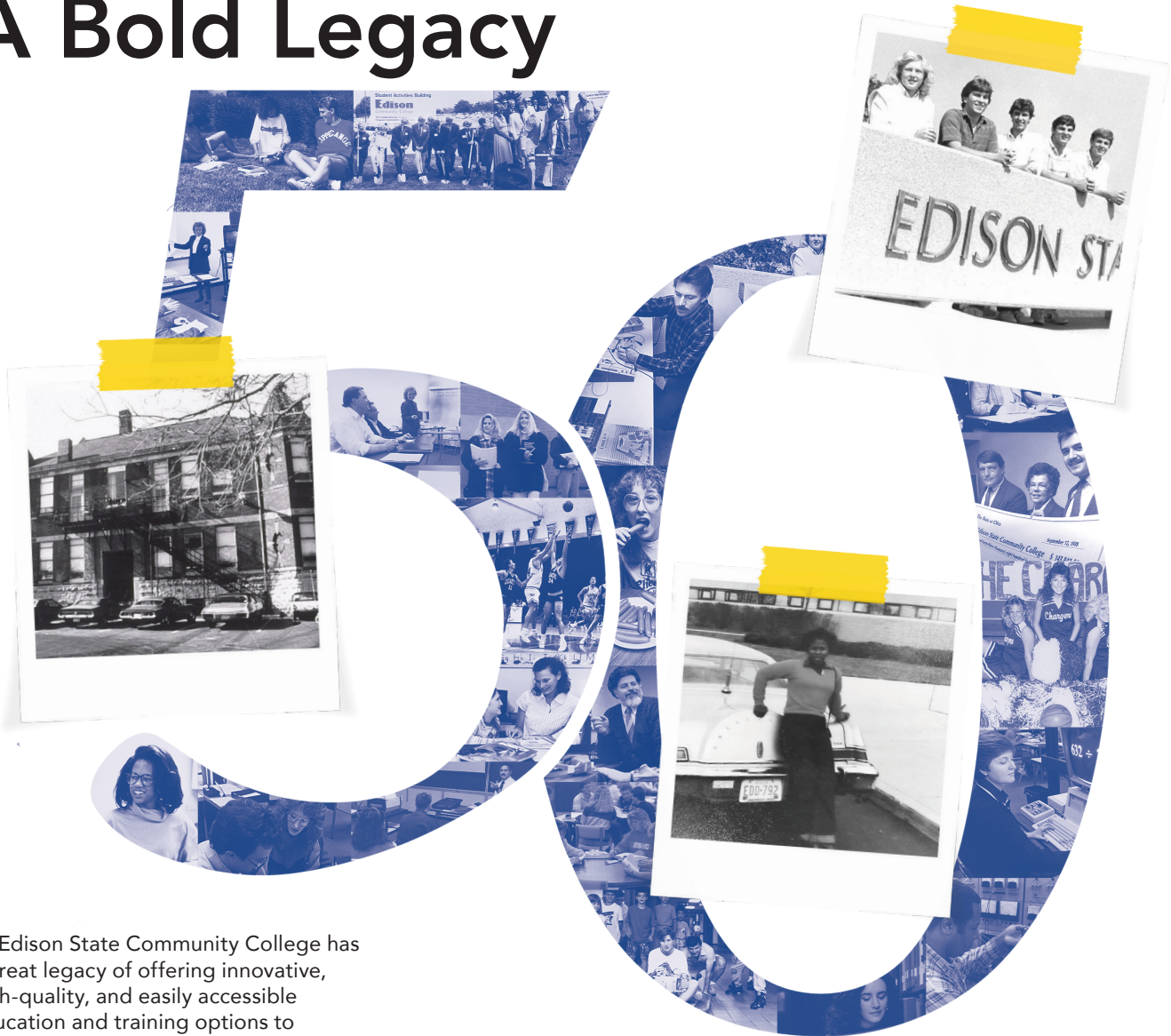
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A Bold Legacy



Edison State Community College has a great legacy of offering innovative, high-quality, and easily accessible education and training options to students. Much like its namesake, the inventor Thomas Alva Edison, Edison State has a rich history. In this narrative journey, join us as we explore the formation of Edison State.

In the late summer of 1968, following the closure of the Piqua Academic Center, the Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce formed an education committee to create a new two-year community college. This institution would offer higher learning opportunities to the Miami, Darke, and Shelby County region.

The first step toward forming the College was securing approval from the Ohio Board of Regents for a community

college taxing district composed of Miami, Darke, and Shelby counties. The Miami-Darke-Shelby Counties Community College District (M-D-S Board) administered the district, with nine elected board members serving—two from each of the three counties and three appointed by the governor.

The M-D-S Board developed an official plan for the College, which included a demonstration of need and prospective enrollment; a description and location of lands, buildings, and facilities, proposed to be occupied by the College; a proposed acquisition of lands and scheduled improvements for

the construction and operation of the College; the proposed organization and program of the College; an estimate of costs; and the proposed budget for the first two years of operation.

There were several important events that led to the establishment of the College. The M-D-S Board filed a lawsuit against the Board of Regents, contesting its ability to function through a local property tax levy. The lawsuit generated a lot of public interest and controversy, and, in the end, the M-D-S Board won. This decision was a turning point in the history of the College as it paved the way for its establishment

as a community college, rather than a technical school or a branch campus.

On January 12, 1973, the Ohio Board of Regents authorized the development of a general and technical college in the Darke, Miami, and Shelby County area. On May 18 of that year, the Regents also granted authority to operate as an approved state-supported institution by issuing a charter in the College's original name, Edison State General and Technical College.

Before that, the Ohio Legislature appropriated four million dollars for constructing and equipping facilities for the permanent campus. In December 1973, the Hartzell-Norris Trust donated a 130-acre site east of Piqua for the campus. Edison State's Board of Trustees selected Freytag and Freytag of Sidney as architects for the first campus building.

Following the governor's appointment of the nine-member Board of Trustees, the College acted to ensure the offering of college courses in the fall of 1973 while the permanent campus was being designed and constructed. The College signed agreements with the Piqua Board of Education to temporarily use Spring Street Elementary School, while working with Wright State University to provide instruction. Under these arrangements, 309 students enrolled in 30 classes during the first term of the 1973-1974 academic year.

Since the College's inception, a lot has changed: thousands of students, alumni, and supporters are now part of the campus community; academic offerings have significantly increased; and three regional locations in Greenville, Eaton, and Troy, along with online offerings to extend the College's reach.

However, the vision to provide accessible higher education to the region has remained, and Edison State students and graduates continue to become part of the greater legacy of making a positive community impact.

Join us as we explore Edison State's rich history, spanning the last 50 years, through our timeline. Relive the remarkable milestones we have achieved along the way. Take advantage of this opportunity to discover our institution's legacy.

Their Perspective

When Edison State staff are asked about what they like about Edison State, the common answer has always been how helpful and friendly the employees are. This trait was already established when I was hired in 1979. At that time, most of the faculty were fairly young, so some of us bonded by playing basketball on Friday afternoons at the Piqua armory. The closeness enjoyed by the early faculty was impossible to maintain as the College grew. Fortunately, the helpfulness and friendliness live on.

Ilden Smith, Professor, 1979-2013

Edison State is a fantastic place to start your collegiate journey. It offers many programs and degrees that will get you a job in the workforce. Its partnerships with other colleges make advanced degrees easier as well.

Matt Kiehl, Alumnus

When asked to write about my career at Edison State, my first thoughts were to dwell on the vast changes that had taken place. Finally, I realized that the main summary of my career was that I started at a community college, it opened a portal that set the course of the rest of my life, and over the years I tried to give back by educating over 10,000 students, working to help many of them find their way in their lives. After that, everything pales.

TR Ruddick, Professor, 1987-2019

Edison State's student-oriented and supportive organizational culture is very palpable. My professors at Edison State taught to the whole person. Edison State will always hold a special place in my heart. It was like a family!

Sabra Tomb, Alumna

Older or younger, with various levels of ability and experiences, non-traditional students found in Edison State the encouragement and support to achieve the entirely traditional goals of self-realization and an expansion of the possibilities in their lives.

Jim Funkhouser, Instructor, 1975-2010

At Edison State, dreams are never too small or big to accomplish. You are never too old or young to achieve them. I am living my dream, have found my purpose in life, and will make a difference in the world.

Amy Thobe, Alumna

A memory from my first year of employment at Edison State always makes me smile. After a successful interview, I was given a brief tour of the aging facility that was known as "the old Spring Street School." The most memorable moment of the tour was when I was led to the basement and told, "this is where the faculty offices will be located." Desks were never stable or level and roller chairs always traveled to the floor drain in the center of the room. I really hoped that the new building would be completed soon.

Keith Roeth, Professor, 1975-2005

Having been on campus almost 39 years as both a student and employee, I have personally seen the valuable role Edison State has had in improving the lives of the individuals who have attended. Participating in this mission has made the time I spent on campus worthwhile as I feel I've contributed to the greater good in our community.

Kim Kiehl, Coordinator of Academic Information

One of my most memorable moments I can recall involves a student from West Virginia who had special needs children. Shortly after moving to the area, her husband was killed while working in a factory. Enrolling at Edison State with an eighth-grade education, she was seeking a way to support her children. After many classes, discussions, and hard work on her part, she received an associate degree from Edison State and went on to obtain a master's degree from Wright State University.

Richard Bollenbacher, Professor, 1976-2010

One of my greatest accomplishments in life will be my investment in someone, not something. Working at Edison State for over 30 years has allowed me to help students reach their goals by providing guidance and encouragement along the way. My professional success comes from making a positive impact on others' lives.

Rhonda Rich, Coordinator of Regional Campus Career Pathways Advising

Edison State gives you what the job market actually needs.

Tim Barhorst, Alumnus



BOLD LEGACY. BRIGHT FUTURE.

Then

Edison State has followed in the footsteps of its namesake, Thomas Alva Edison, and earned a reputation for being an innovator in providing accessible, quality education and training opportunities for its students. The College has grown from its modest beginnings when it offered 30 courses in a rented facility.

Now

Fast forward 50 years, and you'll find not much has changed, except for the thousands of students who've stepped foot on campus, the more than 100 degrees and certificates offered, a handful of accessible in-person locations and convenient online learning options, and tens of thousands of alumni who are positively impacting our communities.

Tomorrow

With its unwavering commitment to excellence, Edison State has set a new standard for academic excellence, innovation, and community engagement. Here's to 50 more years of inspiring and empowering students to achieve their dreams!



The Timeline

As Edison State celebrates its 50th anniversary, it is an opportune time to reflect on its remarkable growth and transformation. Founded in 1973, Edison State has undergone an incredible journey from its early days in a rented facility to becoming a premier institution of higher education in Ohio.



Dr. James Sietz



Spring Street Elementary

Groundbreaking for the Piqua Campus is held on May 24 as a joint event with the ceremony for the first Edison State graduate, Gregory Simmons.

1975



Piqua Campus

College officially changes name to Edison State Community College.

The Charger name is adopted and the first intercollegiate basketball team is formed.

1977

1973

The first state-supported general and technical college is chartered. Board of Regents approve the name Edison State General and Technical College.

Board of Trustees is appointed and approves Dr. James Sietz as the College's first president.

130-acre site on Looney Road is donated by Hartzell-Norris Trust.

First classes are held in Fall 1973—at Spring Street Elementary, located at Ash & Spring streets, in Piqua—for 309 students enrolled in 30 courses.

1976

College moves from Spring Street to new location on Looney Road.

First formal commencement ceremony is held on June 12.

1978

Edison State is declared Ohio's fastest-growing two-year college.

Alumni Spotlight

First Graduate: Greg Simmons

By Samantha Wilt, Edison State Student



Edison State Community College has had many remarkable students graduate over the past 50 years. But Greg Simmons holds a special place in Edison State's history as the College's very first graduate.

Enlisting in the Navy after graduating from Piqua High School in 1967, Simmons served for four years before returning home. He discovered Wright State University offered classes at Piqua High School and began working toward his degree. However, a few classes he needed for his associate degree were unavailable at the high school. Looking for options to avoid driving to the main Wright State campus multiple times per week, he found a new community

college offering classes in Piqua. Based in an elementary school building on Spring Street, Edison State was in its first year of operation when Simmons enrolled.

Simmons looks back fondly on his time at Edison State. He will always appreciate his advisor, who was a great help. Balancing a full-time job and growing family as a full-time student presented its challenges. His advisor recommended ways to navigate his busy schedule and carve out more time for studying. Simmons attended classes on the GI Bill, so he had to maintain a certain GPA to receive tuition reimbursement. Having a support system at home and the College made his full plate more manageable.

By combining his credits from Wright State, Simmons discovered he could graduate from Edison State sooner. Simmons' graduation ceremony in 1975 occurred during the groundbreaking ceremony of the present-day Piqua Campus. He had his own personal graduation ceremony—much to his surprise. Although he went through his program with approximately 20 other students, he was the only one with enough credits to receive his diploma that day. He describes the ceremony

as including a short speech by the College's president and then being handed his diploma.

Simmons ultimately obtained bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Wright State and Parkersburg Bible College.

When asked if he expected Edison State to become what it is today, he responded with a resounding, "Yes." He envisioned how the College would evolve after viewing its original plans and aspirations all those years ago.

He has continued to stay connected with Edison State since graduating. Simmons' late wife was in one of the first nursing courses. "It's become something of a family affair with Edison State," he shared. All of his children attended the College, and several of his grandchildren have also attended.

Simmons' career journey included a brief stint as a fifth-grade teacher. However, he quickly realized it was not the career for him. He began working as a state probation officer, a position he enjoyed due to his passion for the criminal justice field. His time in the service prepared him for the challenges he would face in his day-to-day work life.

Edison State opens Darke County facility in Greenville, Ohio.

1979



Darke County facility

College graduates 563 students to date and first Associate Degree in Nursing is awarded.

1982



Conrad Burchill

Edison State **Alumni Association** is formed.

1986



Stagelight Players

1981

First faculty/staff recognition ceremony is held.

1984

Conrad Burchill becomes Edison State's second President.

1987

Stagelight Players theater group is established. The first play—"The Mousetrap" is performed in 1988.

Advanced Technology building is completed—with 14 classrooms and 12 labs.

Then

After a year of working as a correctional officer, a Chief Probation Officer position became available. At first, he thought he had no chance of receiving the promotion. After all, five other officers who had all been there longer than him sought the position. However, because of his educational background, Simmons received the promotion.

While working as an officer, he returned to Edison State as a criminal justice instructor, a position he held for 10 years. He later retired after 30 years from the position of West Central Juvenile Facility Director after his wife's cancer diagnosis. Simmons spent most of his time after retirement at home taking care of his wife.

Over time, Simmons became concerned with how the county addressed issues. "A friend of mine told me to quit complaining and do something about it," he said. "So, I did."

Elected commissioner in 2016, Simmons has taken on many responsibilities, which he does not take lightly. Instead, he takes it in stride. The Board of Commissioners works well together by putting their personal

interests aside to do what's best for the county. With this role, his days are long, and the weeks are busy, including traveling to places like Washington, D.C., but his passion for serving his community remains strong.

Despite his busy schedule, he still makes time for activities he enjoys outside of work. He remarried 11 years ago and spends as much time with his family as possible. He likes to watch his grandkids play sports, attend their choir concerts and school plays, and go hunting with his sons every deer season. He believes his greatest life accomplishment is his church. He and his wife founded the Upper Room Worship Center in Tipp City, Ohio. What began as a small gathering of 10 people has grown to 300 to 400 attendees each Sunday. Simmons stepped down as pastor once he became commissioner, and his son took on the role.

Commissioner Greg Simmons is a true example of what hard work and passion can achieve. He has devoted his life to serving his community, and his story of striving for and achieving success is something we hope for all Edison State alumni and current students.



Dr. Kenneth A. Yowell becomes Edison State's third president.

Advanced Technology building is dedicated.

1988

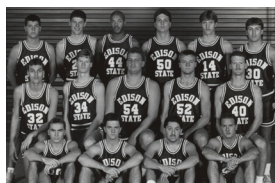


Dr. Kenneth A. Yowell

The Edison State gymnasium is completed. First home basketball game against Cedarville is held.

66-foot tall Edison State Tower is erected.

1994



Edison State Chargers basketball team



Edison State Tower

The first official Edison State website goes live.

The first online course is offered.

1997

1995

Anne Vaccaro and David Myers Gallery is dedicated.

1993
The Edison Foundation is created by the Board of Trustees.

Expanding Opportunity

MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS WITH REGIONAL LOCATIONS

In 1979, Edison State Community College held its first classes in Darke County, at the intersection of Third and Walnut in Greenville. The initial offering consisted of seven classes with 78 students. As the demand for classes increased, Edison State began holding them at Greenville High School.

Having outgrown its space, the Greenville location moved to a larger 7,200-square-foot space at 118 E. Main St. in 1991. The move allowed for the expansion of the educational programs offered to students.

By 2000, the Main Street facility had become too small for the increased usage, and Edison State moved to its current location at 601 Wagner Ave. This move more than doubled the available space, providing more opportunities for students to pursue higher education.

Edison State launched its Agriculture program in 2016. Housed at the Greenville location, this program offers students the opportunity to learn about the agricultural industry and gain hands-on experience.

In 2018, Edison State announced its partnership with the Preble County Youth Foundation and its expansion



Holiday Evening at Edison State

1998

The first **Holiday Evening at Edison State** is held featuring the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra.

The first Academy for Community Leadership is held.

2002



Basic Peace Officer Academy



Study Abroad—Spain

2004

The Basic Peace Officer Academy is established. The first **Study Abroad** trip is taken. Destination—Spain.

Emerson Regional Center of Excellence opens.

2007



Emerson Regional Center of Excellence

into Preble County. This partnership led to the creation of new educational opportunities for students in the area.

Opened in 2019, Edison State at Eaton serves the needs of Preble County students. This location provides a variety of educational programs, including the Miami Valley Career Technical Center's Aspire program, which helps students prepare for their future careers. Edison State at Eaton also created a scholarship for Preble County students, providing financial assistance to those who need it most.

The first cohort of the Equipment Maintenance and Factory Automation certificate program began at the Greenville location in 2019. Students in this program learn about modern manufacturing processes and how they work.

That same year, Edison State opened its Troy location, which houses the Medical Assistant and Physical Therapist Assistant programs. Edison State at Troy is co-located with Franklin University, making it easier for students to complete their bachelor's degrees. Additionally, to meet the increased demand from area employers, Edison State launched the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program at its Troy location.

In 2020, Edison State launched a new paramedic certification program at the Troy location, building on the success of the EMT program.

From 2020–2023, Edison State housed a Central State University Extension Office at its Eaton location. This partnership provided students with additional educational opportunities and resources.

The Troy location expanded in 2022 by adding 2,000 square feet to accommodate growing programs. The expansion allowed for the addition of new programs and resources.

From 2022–2024, the Medical Assistant program at the Troy location expanded to include a Medical Coder certificate with an internship. This program provides students with the knowledge and skills they need to work in the medical coding field. Additionally, because of the increased need for medical coding specialists, the College added a course in electronic health records in 2024.

Just as with the main campus, Edison State's regional locations remain committed to meeting the needs of area communities. The College consistently evaluates and makes changes to location, program, and course offerings to better meet those needs.



Duke Foundation Disc Golf Course

Dr. Cristobal Valdez becomes Edison State's fourth president.

2011



Diversity Committee

The College is a finalist for the **AACC Outstanding College/Corporate Partnership Award**.

Edison State baseball team places first in division.

2014



Dr. Doreen Larson

2009

Duke Foundation 18-Hole Disc Golf Course is established.



Dr. Cristobal Valdez

2013

The College serves 4,000 students in over 30 technical fields.

The **Diversity Committee** is established.

Edison State receives a **Partnership for Excellence Award**.



Edison State Chargers baseball team

2015

College Credit Plus program begins.

Dr. Doreen Larson becomes Edison State's fifth president.

Academic Advancement

For the past five decades, Edison State has been expanding its course offerings to meet the demands of the job market. Today, the College offers almost 500 courses that equip students with the skills they need to succeed in the workforce. The list of degree pathways currently offered can be found below.



Associate of Arts–University Transfer
Arts, Humanities, Communication



Associate of Science–University Transfer
Science, Mathematics



Business
Accounting, Agriculture, Agricultural Maintenance, Banking, Business Management, Entrepreneurship, General Business Studies, Human Resource Management, Marketing, Paralegal Studies



Engineering & Manufacturing
Advanced Manufacturing Systems, Agricultural Maintenance, Automation & Robotics, Aviation–Professional Pilot, Electro-Mechanical Engineering, Electronics Transfer, HVAC/R, Industrial Equipment Supervision, Industrial Operations, Mechanical Design, Mechanical Transfer, Operations Technology



Health Sciences
Medical Laboratory Technician, Nursing: LPN/ADN Transition, Registered Nursing, Registered Nursing to Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Respiratory Care, Veterinary Technology



Information Technology
Business Systems, Cybersecurity, Graphic Design, Network Administration, Systems Administration, Web Design, Web Development



Social & Public Services
Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice–Computer Forensics, Early Childhood Education, Social Services

Please visit www.edisonohio.edu/programs to view all available offerings, including certificates and additional details.

*Awaiting full approval.



Edison State receives the **ACT Career Preparedness Award**.
The first issue of **WIRED–Alumni & Friends** magazine is published.

2016



Robinson Student Career Center ground-breaking

Edison State at Eaton ribbon-cutting.
Edison State at Troy ribbon-cutting.
Illuminate the Future scholarship campaign begins.

Ribbon-cutting ceremony for the completed Robinson Student Career Center.

2019



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2018

Groundbreaking for the **Robinson Student Career Center**.



Edison State at Eaton ribbon-cutting



Edison State at Troy ribbon-cutting



Robinson Student Career Center ribbon-cutting



Alumni Overview

19,218
Degrees &
Certificates Awarded

14,070
Students Awarded
Degrees & Certificates

9,171
Female Students Awarded
Degrees & Certificates

4,899
Male Students Awarded
Degrees & Certificates

51
Ohio Counties with
Awarded Students

15
Youngest Graduate

73
Oldest Graduate

13
Most Degrees &
Certificates for One Student

*Figures represent data as of Fall 2023.
Edison State Office of Institutional
Research, April 2024.*

Now

22 student-athletes receive
**OCCAC All-Academic
Honors.**

2021



Holiday Evening at Edison State

Christopher D. Spradlin becomes Edison State's sixth president.

Edison State wins top prize of \$50,000 at the
second annual **Pitch Piqua** event.

4,533 students enrolled.

Edison State kicks off the **50th Anniversary Celebration**
with the **FiftyFest** outdoor concert.

2023

2020

Edison State earns top honor
of **OCCAC All-Sports Award**.

2022

The **25th Annual Holiday
Evening at Edison State**
is held.



Chris Spradlin



Pitch Piqua winners



FiftyFest

50th ANNIVERSARY Celebration

Edison State Community College proudly celebrated its 50th anniversary with a series of events, each one a testament to our *Bold Legacy* and a promise of a *Bright Future*. These events were not just about celebrating our past but also about expressing our deep gratitude to the students, alumni, staff, faculty, and community members who have been the pillars of our success for the last five decades.

The anniversary celebrations started with a bang at FiftyFest on June 8, held in the Piqua Campus courtyard. The event featured a variety of musical performances, delicious food from popular food trucks, and much more. The crowd was entertained by talented artists such as Noah Back, Shannon Clark & the Sugar, Stranger, Innovation Quartet, and the Charger Music Society, while food trucks like Buckeye Burgers, Kona Ice, Nacho Pig, Smokin Barrels BBQ, Susie's Big Dipper, and U Wanna Pizza Me? added flavor and fun to the event.

On July 28, the community came together with college supporters for a noble cause—the fifth annual Drive for Scholarships golf scramble at the Troy Country Club. This event was not just about golf but also about making a difference in the lives of our students. The funds raised directly contributed to our student scholarship program, enabling more Edison State students to pursue higher education. The event was a

grand success, with a lunch buffet, an awards ceremony, and various prizes adding to the excitement.

The Charger softball and baseball teams then took the field at Day Air Ballpark for a special 50th Anniversary Charger Country Showcase on September 16. The day included free admission, inflatables, giant tailgate games, Dragons mascot appearances, and more.

Edison State organized a Bring-Your-Own-Partner (BYOP) Disc Golf Tournament on September 30 at the Duke Foundation Disc Golf Course at the Piqua Campus to continue the celebration. The tournament saw 64 players comprising 32 teams compete in six separate amateur and professional divisions. Players also participated in side games and received player's packs.

The Edison Foundation also held its 26th annual Holiday Evening at Edison State on November 29 to raise funds for its scholarship program. The event featured heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and great music from regional performing artists such as Cory Breth, Honey and Blue, and Quintessential Winds, who delivered a unique holiday mix as they provided guests with a memorable experience.

The Office of Alumni Engagement also hosted a series of Alumni Experience events featuring notable Edison State alumni Jacob Oglesbee, Shane Meeker, Nancy Shuler, and Lauren Kilburn. These alumni shared their



unique stories and hands-on experiences, providing valuable insights and inspiration to our community. In partnership with the athletics department, we also recognized alumni athletes for their contributions and dedication to the athletics program during Charger Country events held throughout the year.

Students, staff, and alumni showcased their talents during the 50 Years of Talent Competition in April. The participants competed in a live talent show, and the judges selected the top three finalists to perform at the Blue & Gold Gala. The winners of the competition were 1st Place—Leah Lusk, an alumna, with Gabriel and Daniel Lusk; 2nd Place—Mariana Reese, also an alumna; and 3rd Place—Graham Furrow, an adjunct instructor, with Katie Furrow.

Edison State concluded its 50th anniversary celebrations with the Blue & Gold Gala on Saturday, May 11. The festivities of the evening included dinner, presentations, and performances by the 50 Years of Talent Competition winners.

Edison State's 50th-anniversary celebrations were a testament to the College's commitment to providing quality education and fostering a sense of community. As the College looks forward to its bright future, it will continue to build on its bold legacy and cultivate a supportive environment for its students, alumni, faculty, staff, and communities. Congratulations to Edison State Community College on 50 years of excellence!



50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

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Community Impact

Over the past 50 years, Edison State Community College has helped thousands of alumni complete their educational goals and realize their dreams while partnering with community stakeholders to meet the region's workforce needs. The College does this in several ways, including student service-learning and clinical experiences, workforce development and work-based learning, community leadership, and inviting the community onto campus for events.

SERVICE-LEARNING

Many Edison State programs provide hands-on experience through service-learning or clinical opportunities.

Each year, Edison State's accounting students work with Partners in Hope in Troy to offer free basic tax preparation, which is part of a more extensive partnership with the Dayton Coalition Program (VITA). The Partners in Hope site is an IRS-certified Free Tax Prep site for individuals with \$57,000 or less in income. In 2024, 20 students performed community tax preparation. Each student pledged 20 service hours, providing 400 total hours for the project.

Accounting and banking students from Edison State volunteered during a Poverty Simulation in the spring of 2023. The Poverty Simulation is an immersive experience designed to give participants a better understanding of living in poverty or being under-resourced.

Edison State's two-year health sciences programs, such as its Registered Nursing, Medical Laboratory Technician, Physical Therapist Assistant, and Veterinary Technology programs, include clinical experiences. These experiences provide students with on-the-job training to prepare them for a career in their chosen field.

In the spring of 2022, as area hospitals faced challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, Edison State nursing students served in a "Helping Hands" role. The project allowed students to complete nonclinical tasks, such as helping with turning, feeding, bathing, or ambulating patients; cleaning the nurse's station or medication room; and restocking supplies or linens. Students finishing their final capstone or precepted hours completed more complex tasks, including measuring intake and output, dressing changes, blood sugars, and administering medication.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Established in 1989 as the Business and Industry Center, Edison State's Office of Workforce Development & Work-Based Learning strives to develop employers' greatest assets—their employees. The department contributes to the economic success of area businesses, industries, and private-sector organizations by providing affordable and convenient professional development opportunities.

Services provided to the community include skills training and development, leadership and computer workshops, assessment proctoring, apprenticeship creation and management, employer-student connection resources, TechCred guidance, work-based learning promotion, and work-ready resources for students.

Over the years, the department has offered various programs and seminars, including team-building retreats, Lean Manufacturing training, and Microsoft Office Lunch and Learn sessions. In 2011, the department began providing a short-term CNC Machine Tool Operator training program. This six-month program equips employees with the skills needed to be successful CNC operators by offering online and hands-on validation learning labs.

The Office of Workforce Development & Work-Based Learning plays a crucial role in collaborating with area businesses. In 2023, it partnered with Crane Pumps in Piqua to offer an Industrial Controls course to eight Crane employees. Offering the course on-site at Crane allowed the instructor to observe and incorporate the employees' day-to-day work into the coursework. The department provides training and professional development opportunities through in-person and online options via short-term workshops, career-focused programs, lunch-and-learn sessions, and on-site training at various

employers. The office also manages several registered and employer-based apprenticeship programs.

The office also holds events to bring together professionals throughout the community, such as its annual Summer Symposium for HR Professionals (formerly Sizzlin' Summer Seminar), which draws around 90–100 attendees each year.

Most recent workshops and programs from Spring 2024 include SHRM-CP/SCP Prep Course for the Human Resource Professional, a 12-week, instructor-led online course to prepare students for the professional certificate. Internship 101, in partnership with SOCHEIntern, is an online workshop developed to help employers learn the benefits of hiring a student. TechCred: Understanding the Technical Training Reimbursement Program is a free lunch-and-learn workshop designed to help employers understand the TechCred program and gain information on the application process.

“Looking ahead, the future of workforce development will demand agility, adaptability, and a keen focus on equipping individuals with the skills to thrive in an ever-evolving economy,” said Brandi Olberding, Edison State Assistant Dean of Workforce Development & Work-Based Learning.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

The Paul G. Duke Academy for Community Leadership, a beacon of inspiration in the West Central Ohio community for over two decades, owes its success to the visionary leadership of Pat Robinson. With a strong alumni network of over 350, the academy has been instrumental in driving philanthropic efforts in the area. In collaboration with Edison State and the Duke Foundation, the academy has championed leadership training and strategic planning for nonprofit organizations. Its mission is to empower these organizations through top-quality education and training, while its vision is to lead the way in nurturing the next generation of nonprofit leaders in the region.

The academy offers a comprehensive curriculum that delves into crucial topics such as board recruitment, planning, staffing, budgeting, evaluation, board meetings, and community awareness.

Its aim is to equip individuals with the skills and knowledge they need to excel in their roles as directors, leaders, board members, staff, and volunteers of nonprofit organizations. It believes that by empowering individuals, they can collectively make a positive difference in their communities.

The Paul G. Duke Academy for Community Leadership 1.0 is a five-month workshop series that takes place annually from January to May. Participants gain the tools and knowledge they need to become more effective leaders in the nonprofit sector and produce a recorded elevator speech about their nonprofit, exhibited at the annual Mosaic Conference for Community Leadership in May.

The Paul G. Duke Academy for Community Leadership 2.0 is an advanced seminar program designed specifically for experienced executive directors of nonprofit organizations and academy alumni. This intensive and challenging program allows participants to engage in original research, exchange ideas and insights, and further develop the foundational agenda for each of the four monthly sessions. The program culminates in the Mosaic of Community Leadership Conference, where participants can present their findings and engage in lively discussions with other field leaders.

The Paul G. Duke Academy for Community Leadership Mentor Program allows mentors and mentees to work and learn together. Mentoring can be a rewarding experience for both parties, providing feedback, reflection, evaluation, and celebration of success. The program starts officially at the Mosaic of Community Leadership Conference upon graduation from The Paul G. Duke Academy for Community Leadership and concludes at the conference the following year.

The Paul G. Duke Foundation is an invaluable partner and supporter of the academy, and the academy extends our deepest gratitude to them for their continued commitment to community leadership and philanthropy.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The College hosts a variety of events throughout the year that offer a chance for students to discover potential career paths, professionals to network and

exchange insights, and stakeholders to learn about the College's activities both on campus and in the community. Some examples of events hosted on campus include:

- **Administrative Professionals Day:** recognizes and salutes of the contributions of support staff while providing professional development and networking opportunities.
- **Charger Athletics Reverse Raffle:** supports Edison State student-athletes through an annual fundraiser.
- **Counselor Conference:** brings together area high school counselors to discuss College Credit Plus and college updates.
- **Holiday Evening:** The Edison Foundation's largest annual fundraiser and a regional holiday staple.
- **Kids to College:** Van Cleve Elementary School, in partnership with The Future Begins Today, brings students to campus for a college and career exploration day.
- **Mosaic of Community Leadership Conference:** provides a one-day conference for nonprofit organizations to network and attend sessions on nonprofit management and leadership topics.
- **Scholarship Celebration:** recognizes scholarship recipients and allows them to meet the patrons who made their scholarships possible.
- **State of the College:** informs community members and regional leaders about the College's recent endeavors and plans.
- **Summer Symposium for HR Professionals:** brings together human resource professionals to network and hear from industry experts.
- **Women in STEMM Expo:** offers professional conference for young women that provides an introduction to STEMM careers.

Edison State proudly serves students and communities by providing service-learning and clinical experiences, workforce and leadership development, and hosting community events. The College takes pride in its community impact over the past 50 years and remains committed to continuing this positive impact for years to come.

A Bright Future

Tomorrow



Envisioning the future has long been a subject of mystery, excitement, and even apprehension. Everyone seems to love a good futuristic movie or TV show, such as *The Matrix* or *The Jetsons*. The visions of what life might be like

and what people might be able to do in the future are captivating, and the options seem to range from doomsday to utopia. The future and what it might hold occupy a great deal of our thinking at Edison State Community College. We are always striving to be better for our students, our workforce partners, and our community. This commitment to continuous quality improvement has served the College well over the last 50 years, and as we honor that bold legacy, we make plans for a bright future.

The 2023–2026 Strategic Plan, entitled “Taking Excellence and Innovation to the Next Level,” lays out those plans for Edison State’s future, focusing on three projects:

- 1) Funding Innovation
- 2) Supporting Instructional Excellence
- 3) Demonstrating Value Through Outreach

Funding innovation is a critical part of ensuring a successful future. Edison

State’s work in this area will focus on valuing employees, creating modern learning spaces, and transforming the digital infrastructure of the College. When it comes to valuing our employees, we will pursue competitive compensation, valuable benefits, and robust professional development opportunities. The College’s facilities will undergo significant renovation so that areas across campus promote forward-thinking by students and all who use our spaces. The technology available to our students, employees, and guests will be current at minimum and “next-generation” when the opportunity presents itself.

Supporting instructional excellence represents the heart of Edison State. The College will strive to instill career readiness skills and attitudes in our students, to ensure that our faculty are well-trained in the latest technologies and best practices of teaching and learning, and to upgrade our learning

Strategic Plan

The 2023–2026 Strategic Plan provides tactical direction for Edison State and is driven by our mission, vision, values, and student learning outcomes. This plan is integral to Edison State’s overall operations and daily initiatives. Outcomes result from collaborative efforts from various stakeholders, including alumni, students, staff, faculty, and community and business leaders from across our service region.

Project 1: Funding Innovation aims to align the College’s budget with the strategic plan so that the plan’s actions and projects are prioritized and receive the funding they need to be successful.

Project 2: Supporting Instructional Excellence exists to foster instructional excellence. The project will create and implement

1. Academic-focused IT training for faculty.
2. A course review rubric.
3. A library (hub) of skill and career-readiness modules with a badge credentials system.

4. A classroom and computer lab innovation and upgrade plan.

Project 3: Demonstrating Value Through Outreach reinforces that Edison State’s programs and services must be understood and valued by our community to fulfill the institution’s vision as the region’s premier resource for higher education. Outreach to potential and current students, alumni, and regional employers is critical to building our reputation with those constituencies and gathering feedback that will allow us to continuously improve and meet the needs of our community.

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spaces across all locations. Given Edison State's focus on workforce development, it is critical that our students have the workplace skills and mindsets they need to be successful on the job. These concepts will be integrated throughout the curriculum, and faculty will have the tools necessary to teach and assess career readiness among students. Furthermore, our faculty will undergo training in many facets of teaching and learning, including classroom technology and online pedagogy. Learning spaces will be the focus of the College's plan to renovate its facilities with the first projects aimed at health care and engineering/manufacturing programs.

Demonstrating value through outreach is Edison State's effort to reach out to the communities we serve so that citizens understand all that the College has to offer and the value we bring to the area. We will enhance the marketing of our programs of study, we

will expand and strengthen our advisory committees, we will grow our work-based learning opportunities, and we will gauge the impact of our graduates on the community. Edison State may be a hidden gem in our region, but we aim to bring to light our many outstanding qualities and resources.

The 2023–2026 Strategic Plan provides a detailed roadmap for Edison State's future, and we will follow it diligently. However, as everyone understands, we cannot know exactly what the future holds; that's what makes it so intriguing. There are sure to be unforeseen challenges and opportunities, but with our commitment to our mission, our vision, and our core values, Edison State is certain to make its next 50 years a very bright future!



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New Programs to Prepare Health Care Professionals

Edison State Community College is dedicated to continuing its strong legacy and ensuring a bright future. A new Registered Nursing (RN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program and an Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Care degree are being developed and launched as part of this effort. This pair will be the first of their kind at Edison State.

The RN to BSN program at Edison State is founded on a tradition of excellence in nursing education and a profound dedication to compassionate care. With a growing number of hospitals acknowledging the value of highly educated nurses, the demand for BSN degrees is on the rise. Many hospitals actively seek to hire BSN-prepared nurses and support their current RN staff in pursuing a BSN, offering them opportunities for career advancement in healthcare.

Students participating in the RN to BSN program can build upon their RN degree and complete the program in four consecutive semesters. Graduates of the program will develop and enhance leadership, critical thinking, and decision-making skills to advance into positions of greater responsibility.

Edison State recently received full approval for the RN to BSN program from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), and the program will begin in the fall of 2024.

Named a top in-demand job in Ohio, respiratory therapists specialize in assessing and treating patients, ranging from infants to senior citizens, to manage and control breathing problems resulting from disease, trauma, or developmental issues.

Respiratory therapists train in various treatment techniques and sophisticated equipment that allow them to save lives, improve the quality of life for patients, and build healthier communities.

Edison State's Respiratory Care program consists of sequential courses requiring five consecutive terms. Students will complete courses in classrooms and laboratories and gain clinical experiences that build skills and allow for the demonstration of proficiency in real-life settings.

Students participating in the Respiratory Care program will learn the use of treatment processes, ventilators, and other equipment that make respiratory therapists a valuable part of a patient's care team. After completing the program, students will receive an Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Care. They will be eligible to take the Respiratory Therapist Multiple-Choice exam required for licensure as a Certified Respiratory Therapist.

Edison State is seeking the Respiratory Care program accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). Edison State can provide no assurance that accreditation will be granted by the CoARC. Preparatory courses are being offered in the fall of 2024. If approved, respiratory courses will begin in the spring of 2025.



Athletics: Building Community & Achieving Success

Intercollegiate athletics are a valuable part of Edison State Community College's culture. Each year, nearly 100 student-athletes participate in volleyball, men's and women's basketball, baseball, and softball.

Like other programs, athletics provide students with a strong sense of community while helping them develop confidence, achieve academic success, and broaden their self-concept and self-efficacy. Two-year college athletics offer a fast and affordable higher education experience with career paths and opportunities for students of all backgrounds.

Graduation rates and diversity continue to climb with strong athletic programs, making them an effective student engagement and success strategy for the College.

"I like to think of success in a much different way than others," said Justin McCulla, Edison State Athletics Director. "A lot of the time, people think of success as winning every game. I see it as a team or an athletic department benefiting the campus in various ways. I look at it as an enrollment builder, a way for alumni to come back and engage with the College, and a way for the College to develop local community partnerships."

Edison State student-athletes have increased playing time and stronger one-on-one relationships with coaches, faculty, and advisors. This helps student-athletes prepare themselves academically and physically for a

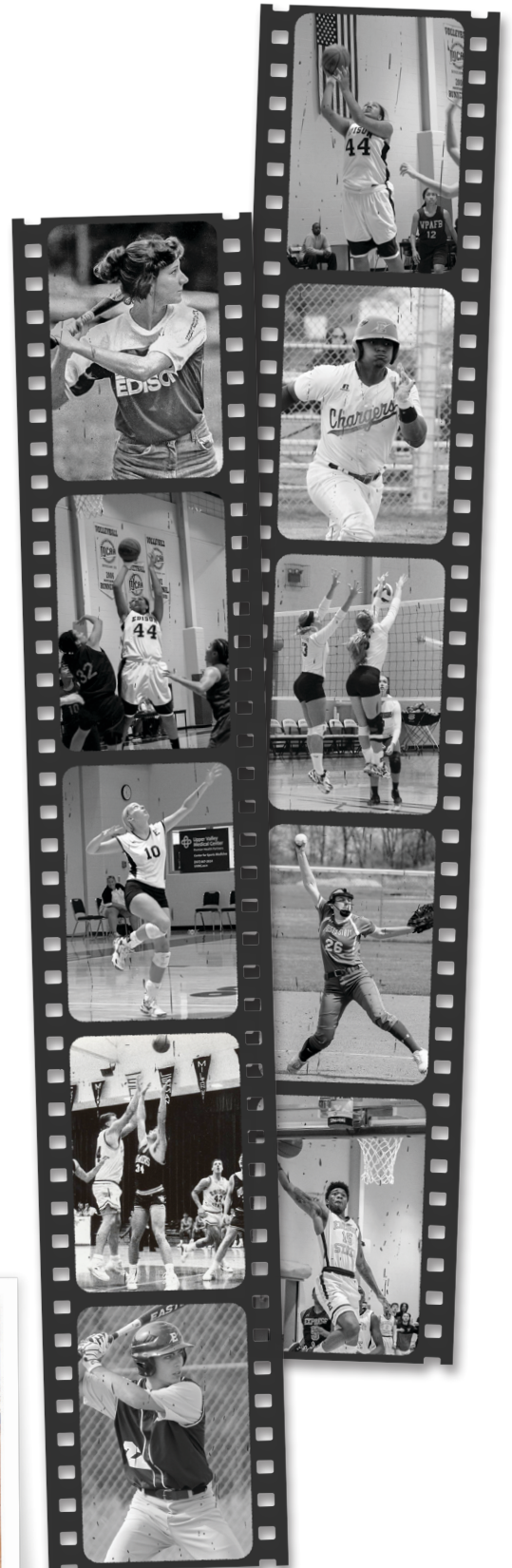
more traditional college experience and gives them time to adjust to a new environment, perfect their skills, and develop a mature mentality. High athletic achievement lowers the cost of higher education for students and even makes college a possibility for many.

"We don't generate surplus revenues we share with student-athletes or have coaches on multi-million-dollar contracts. We have a handful of student-athletes who continue their academic and athletic careers at four-year institutions," McCulla added. "Our focus is on ensuring our student-athletes thrive on campus through their positive academic and student-life experiences."

College athletics have more reach than ever through media coverage and social media, allowing the world of sports to be at everyone's fingertips. With access to a transfer portal, student-athletes have the flexibility to find the right fit for them. Investment in college athletics leads to more opportunities for students and deepens the impact on the community.

"We invest in athletics because we are proud of our student-athletes' academic model, the leadership roles these students play on campus, and the reputational benefits derived from our athletic programs," said McCulla.

Edison State's intercollegiate athletic teams compete in the Ohio Community College Athletic Conference (OCCAC) and are Division II members of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).



Diversity Committee

By Marva Archibald, Edison State Diversity Committee Chair



The Edison State Community College Diversity Committee has a rich history that spans many years. Originally known as the "Multicultural Committee," it was later renamed to the "Diversity Committee" by Vice President Sharon Brown, with Sarah Bear-Everhart serving as Chair. Following Bear-Everhart's departure

from Edison State, the committee was led by former Vice President Patti Ross for a few years.

In 2014, the Diversity Committee was re-established thanks to the efforts of my colleagues Gail Ahmed, William Loudermilk, and the late Kathy Clifton, who thought I would be an excellent fit to serve as Chair. That fall, we held our first committee meeting, and from that day forward, the Diversity Committee was revitalized.

Our committee's unwavering commitment is to raise awareness and provide educational opportunities on the concepts of diversity, equity, marginalization, and inclusive environments to the Edison State community, students, stakeholders, and employees. This mission was a collaborative effort by all members, and we take immense pride in the work we do to advance it.

The Edison State mission and vision drive our committee's work, along with the Core Values and Student Learning Outcomes. Our Core Values as a college include accountability, integrity, respect for equality and diversity, adaptability, promotion of a positive environment,

and responsible stewardship of our resources. These Core Values extend into our work with students through our Student Learning Outcomes in the realms of ethics, critical thinking, human diversity, inquiry/respect for learning, interpersonal skills/teamwork, and written and oral communication.

Our committee is not just a group of individuals but a collective force committed to educating our students and community on the importance of diversity and inclusion. We value the appreciation and acceptance of people who are different from us in some ways but alike in many other ways. We aspire to collaborate with other individuals and organizations to grow this work through open dialogues, seminars, webinars, and celebrations. We firmly believe that with a concerted effort, we can achieve our goal of creating a more inclusive and equitable community.





Staying Connected

Communications with alumni have undergone a significant evolution through the years. Originally distributed in print, they have transitioned to include both print and digital formats to adapt to technological advancements. What began as static updates mailed to alumni has transformed into magazines featuring engaging content, personalized messaging, and promotion of various events in unison with the College website and social media. This evolution mirrors changes in communication preferences, with a focus on enhancing alumni engagement and fostering community connections in today's digital age.

The Edison Foundation

The Edison Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit founded in 1993 with the primary mission of helping Edison State Community College meet its educational and community service goals by providing resources to advance student success. The Foundation is governed by a board of representatives from Darke, Miami, and Shelby counties, along with college appointees, including the College president.

In March 2024, the Foundation board approved a three-year strategic plan focusing on three priority projects. The first project is called 50NEXT Stewardship, which aims to build the capacity, relevancy, and sustainability of Edison State for the next 50 years by investing in students, employees, programs, and facilities, as well as engaging the board of directors to assist with the Foundation's efforts. The second project is called Fiduciary Stewardship, which aims to provide effective and efficient management and stewardship of funds donated to the College and Foundation by overseeing the endowment portfolio of investments, analyzing foundation procedures and practices, promoting the Foundation's impact, and strengthening stewardship efforts with student and alumni engagement. The third project is called Growth Stewardship, which aims to grow the endowment base, increase the number of people sharing their Edison State

impact story, strengthen awareness of the Foundation, promote a culture of philanthropy, expand the number of Legacy Society members, and create and implement a plan to cultivate the next level of donors.

Apart from the strategic plan, The Edison Foundation is dedicated to five major areas, including capital improvement projects, student scholarships, employee grants, student emergency assistance, and athletic program support. The Foundation raises funds through various efforts such as Holiday Evening at Edison State, Illuminate the Future Scholarship Employee and Community Campaigns, Drive for Scholarships, Charger Reverse Raffle, Student Emergency Assistance Campaign, and the Planned Giving Legacy Society.

The Edison Foundation's impact on students' lives is profound. Since its establishment, the Foundation has awarded over \$2,223,551 in scholarships, enabling countless students to pursue their educational aspirations. In addition to financial aid, the Foundation has also addressed students' needs beyond tuition through the Student Emergency Assistance fund and support for food and basic needs via Charger Stations at all campuses. The Foundation's contributions to developing vibrant and updated facilities at Edison State through capital improvement projects, including the

Emerson Center and the Robinson Student Career Center, have further enhanced the College's educational and community service goals, making it a valuable higher education asset to the northern Miami Valley communities.

Holiday Evening at Edison State has become The Edison Foundation's most successful fundraiser. Now in its 27th year, Holiday Evening at Edison State is known for its outstanding entertainment and festive atmosphere for supporters and donors. It has become a staple of the holiday season for many in the northern Miami Valley. The annual gala has featured a phenomenal array of appetizers, ice sculptures, holiday decorations, and outstanding entertainment, including performances by artists such as Manhattan Transfer, Doc Severinsen, Matt Belsante, The Texas Tenors, John Tesh, Simply Three, and Lucky Chops. Most recently and due to COVID, Holiday Evening at Edison State has been reformatted, offering three simultaneous performances featuring local and regional artists.

The Illuminate the Future Employee and Community Campaigns have raised over \$138,000 and \$135,000, respectively, since 2017. Both campaigns aim to provide scholarships and student emergency assistance. The Foundation has also provided a mini-grant program for employees to support impactful projects aligned with

the mission and strategic plan of Edison State and the Foundation, awarding \$106,296 in mini-grants during the past six years.

In 2010, the Charger Reverse Raffle was introduced as a funding initiative for Edison State Charger athletic teams participating in postseason tournament play. The event has successfully raised over \$185,000 during

the last decade to support athletic teams in their postseason endeavors. Beyond postseason tournament play, this funding has been used to obtain uniforms, make capital improvements to fields and courts, and acquire other program-enhancing equipment.

The Edison Foundation's continued success is a testament to the dedication and support of the community toward

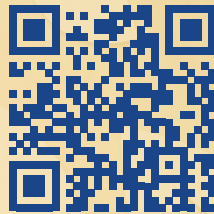
promoting the growth and development of Edison State. The Foundation's unwavering commitment has made a significant impact on the lives of students and the College community at large, and it continues to help Edison State be a beacon of hope for those who seek to achieve their educational dreams.

50TH ANNIVERSARY TREE GIFTING

Honoring 50 Years of Growth

In recent years, the Edison State Community College Piqua Campus has lost many trees due to the removal of diseased ash trees, environmental factors, and building additions. To maintain a welcoming environment for students, faculty, staff, and the community, Edison State aims to plant 50 trees or more as part of its 50th Anniversary celebration. The College aims to maintain a vibrant and appealing exterior environment that reflects the high-quality education and support services offered within.

HOW TO HELP You can be part of this positive effort to help strengthen the campus environment for all visitors and the community by gifting a tree, which you'll have the option to dedicate. To learn more and donate, visit www.edisonohio.edu/giving



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50NEXT Projects

The Opportunity

Edison State Community College must continue to change to meet the community's demands and employers' expectations for the next 50 years. Projects funded through this campaign will broaden the opportunities for our students to choose career paths that will allow them to earn sustainable incomes. The expanded health care programs will enrich our communities by providing qualified employees to industries that have experienced hardships in finding enough qualified applicants. Further, we will create and maintain world-class facilities built with the future in mind.

This campaign, however, is not solely about raising money to advance our programs and facilities. Campaigns create excitement and raise awareness. **50NEXT** offers a groundbreaking opportunity for you to share our **BOLD LEGACY** of who Edison State is today and the **BRIGHT FUTURE** of who Edison State aspires to become.

This opportunity is driven by Edison State's new strategic plan, which aims to take excellence and innovation to the next level through three distinct projects: funding innovation, supporting instructional excellence, and demonstrating value through outreach.

HOW TO HELP

Please contact The Edison Foundation to find out how you can contribute to the outlined projects by calling **937.778.7805** or emailing foundation@edisonohio.edu. The Edison Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit tax-exempt organization. Federal ID 31-1379781. Visit www.edisonohio.edu/50NEXT for more information.

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- 2 New Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program
- 3 New Respiratory Care Program | \$920,000
- 4 Engineering Technology Lab Renovation | \$3,000,000
(Addition Project)
- 5 Edison State at Eaton/Greenville Programming
Ag Simulator--Greenville | \$131,250 • Health Care Programs--Eaton | \$112,500
- 6 West Hall HVAC Replacement | \$470,000
- 7 Scholarship Project
- 8 Convocation Center Expansion Project | \$1,250,000
- 9 "Market C" Kitchen Renovation | \$225,000
- 10 Parking Lot #6 Replacement | \$275,000
- 11 North Hall Window Replacement | \$420,000
- 12 Campus Security Enhancement | \$63,000
- 13 Emerson Center Library Renovation | \$420,000
- 14 Robotics Equipment | \$129,724
- 15 East Hall Criminal Justice & Peace Officer Academy Renovation | \$275,000
- 16 Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Equipment | \$136,866

Nursing Building Addition Project

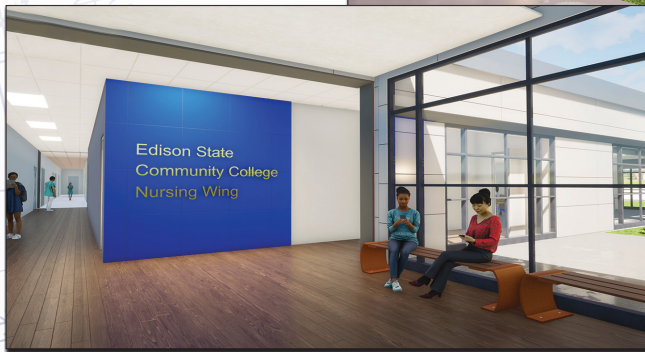
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