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Holiday Evening at Edison State

The 21st annual Holiday Evening at Edison State will feature New York City Brass Band Lucky Chops on Wednesday, November 28 at the Piqua Campus. The Holiday Evening event is held annually to support student scholarship opportunities. New for this year, Holiday Evening at Edison State will hold music education clinics for local junior and high school jazz enthusiast the next day on Thursday, November 29.



Five member brass band Lucky Chops will be changing things up at this year's Holiday Evening with their redefined sound and energy. Originating in 2006 the band got their start by performing in the New York City Subway System and went viral in 2015 after a South American Tourist posted their performance online.

From there the band began touring in Europe, and appeared as the house band for a season on MTV's hit talk show "Girl Code Live". One of Lucky Chops' favorite activities is visiting schools across the globe and holding masterclasses to inspire younger generations of musicians.

The annual holiday event has previously included performances by renowned musicians The Texas Tenors, The Manhattan Transfer, The Return, Australia's The Ten Tenors, Straight No Chaser, Doc Severinson, and four-time Emmy Award winner and two-time Grammy nominee, John Tesh.

Proceeds from the evening will directly benefit the Edison Foundation Scholarship Fund to support Edison State students. A limited number of tickets are available at \$125 each and tend to sell out quickly. Tickets may be purchased online at www.edisonohio.edu/holidayevening/. The Edison Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, tax-exempt organization.

For more information, contact Julie Slattery by emailing jslattery@edisonohio.edu or calling 937-778-7805.

Edison State Enrollment Continues to Rise

For the past five semesters, Edison State Community College has met or exceeded its increased enrollment goals. Enrollment this spring has been no exception as Edison State has experienced a 10% increase in overall headcount.

"The sustained enrollment increase at Edison State really speaks to our commitment to quality in all areas from our safe and well-maintained facilities, and through to our effective support services," said Edison State President, Dr. Doreen Larson.

The college's increase in enrollment has been driven by two major factors: College Credit Plus (CCP) enrollment and an increase in enrollment at the Darke County Campus.

Since the State of Ohio launched CCP in 2014, Edison State has experienced a consistent increase in enrollment. This spring, CCP students accounted for 32% of the College's overall enrollment. CCP affords students the opportunity to earn college and high school credit concurrently, accelerating their college careers at little to no cost to them.

"More and more students are graduating with an associate degree before graduating from high school," said Velina Bogart, Coordinator of College Credit Plus. "This is a goal many students are taking advantage of and knock off two years of a bachelor's degree."





The NEW Robinson Student Career Center (RSCC)



An exterior and interior view of the **NEW** Robinson Student Career Center opening Fall 2019.



Edison State Community College is adding a **NEW** Career Center aimed at growing and integrating students into the region's workforce. Through a generous donation made possible by Thom and Pat Robinson, this new center will be open to all students and alumni and be a productive center for workforce development.

The Groundbreaking Ceremony for The Robinson Student Career Center will be held Thursday, July 26, 2:00 p.m. at West Hall. The public is welcome and encourage to attend this exciting event!

Agriculture Program Sees First Graduates

The Edison State Community College Darke County Campus witnessed their first two agriculture graduates receive their diplomas during the college's 43rd annual commencement ceremony. Mr. Wyatt King, of Greenville, and Mr. Logan Ressler, of Arcanum, received their Associate of Applied Science degrees in Agriculture on May 11, 2018.

Launched in fall of 2017, the program began with students enrolling in courses such as agribusiness, agricultural finance, international business, animal science, and agronomy, with internship and industry observations required for successful completion. Students in the program are trained to become successful farmers, work in the agriculture industry, or transfer to a four-year institution to pursue various career opportunities upon completion.

With these goals in mind, King plans to return to the family farm immediately to apply the skills and knowledge he gained while enrolled in the program. In addition to farming, King is also a volunteer firefighter with Union City and plans to become an EMT.

"Wyatt is a young man that is not afraid of hard work," said Brad Lentz, Agriculture Program Director and Instructor at Edison State. Wyatt is very dedicated to learning and discovering the skills he will need to make his family's farm function at peak performance."



Logan Ressler & Wyatt King

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Edison State Community College Class of 2018

- 447 graduates earned 393 degrees or certificates
- 119 Certificates or Certificates of Completion ("Fast Track") Earned
- 393 degrees or certificates:

AA	46	8.98%
AS	101	19.73%
AAB	79	15.43%
AAS	165	32.23%
ATS	2	0.39%
CERT	83	16.21%
FAST	36	7.03%

- The oldest graduate is 60 years old, the youngest is 17. 116 are 21 years or younger and 10 are 50 years or older.
- 27 students graduating with a minimum 4.0 GPA
- 111 students graduating with a minimum 3.5 GPA
- 62% are female, 38% male.
- 35% live in Miami County, 22% in Shelby County and 22% in Darke County.
- 16 Ohio counties are represented.
- 33 graduates were pinned as registered nurses.
- 50 graduates are high school seniors with **1 high school junior**.
- 165 students with transfer credit totaled 7,475 hours transferred, averaging 39.5 hours per student.

College Humor

Professor: Find x .

Student: Here it is

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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:



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Paver Size	Text Personalization	Price
4" × 8"	3 lines of text 14 characters per line	\$125
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The Edison Foundation | 1973 Edison Drive | Piqua, Ohio 45356



Edison State Professor Receives National Recognition

The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) recently awarded Edison State Community College professor David Barth with the inaugural Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty designation at the annual AACC national convention in Dallas.

Professor Barth, of Troy, is an Associate Professor of Electronics Engineering Technology at Edison State Community College, a position he has held since 2000. Barth also serves as the Coordinator of the Electronics Engineering Technology program. Barth holds a Master of Science degree in Electronic Engineering from Michigan Technical University.

Named in honor of former AACC President and CEO Dale P. Parnell, the association established the designation to recognize individuals making a difference in the classroom. Nominees must demonstrate passion for the students and the classroom; show a willingness to support students, inside and outside of the classroom; be inclined to participate in college committees; and go above and beyond what is required to ensure that students are successful in their academic endeavors.

"Professor Barth's abilities and passion for teaching are on full display in the classroom," said Edison State President Dr. Doreen Larson. "David works closely with all students to help them understand the course concepts, taking personal responsibility for the success of each student."

"David's love of his discipline is infectious whether he is explaining a difficult concept in electronics, demonstrating how machines on an assembly line are controlled electronically, or helping students to construct a robot for the local "Battle Bots" competition. His care and concern for both the subject matter and each student make him an exemplary college instructor."

Outside of instructing, Barth is consistently looking for ways to improve the Electronics Engineering Technology program at Edison State. In the last year and a half, he has developed a number of new certificate options for students, completed transfer agreements with university and vocational school partners, and revised the program's curriculum to align with the Guided Pathways approach to promoting student success and completion. Additionally, he has served on a number of committees and taken on responsibilities to ensure new initiatives are successful. "Professor Barth is a valued leader of committees and initiatives on campus," added Larson.

The AACC recognized Barth and 49 of his peers with a custom commemorative medal at a private reception with author Jeanette Walls (*The Glass Castle*). Recipients' names will be showcased on a new AACC Faculty Wall of Distinction.



Agricultural Program Sees First Graduates—continued

Taking a slightly different path, Ressler plans to transfer to Wright State University Lake Campus in the fall to complete the last two years of a bachelor's degree in agriculture and eventually return to the family farm while also seeking a job in the agriculture field.

"Logan brings to class a great deal of positivity," said Lentz. "He has the ability to make the class laugh and genuinely makes class fun. Logan has good values and comes from a strong family that will enable him to carry on his family farming tradition."

For more information about the agriculture program offered at Edison State Community College, visit www.edisonohio.edu/programs or call **937-548-5546**





Edison State Community College and Paul G. Duke Academy for Community Leadership

The Edison State Community College Center for Leadership Development and the Paul G. Duke Foundation celebrated the 15th year of their nonprofit leadership training partnership by announcing the naming of the Paul G. Duke Academy for Community Leadership.

The Paul G. Duke Academy for Community Leadership will build on the past success of the Academy for Community Leadership and its culminating event, the Mosaic of Community Leadership Conference with the addition of new technology-based resources and further nonprofit support programs.

Through this partnership, the Paul G. Duke Academy for Community Leadership will continue to broaden success opportunities for local nonprofit organizations and civic leaders with the education and resources to meet the emerging and evolving needs of the nonprofit community across Darke, Miami, and Shelby counties.



THE PAUL G. DUKE ACADEMY FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP



The enhanced and expanded partnership programming aims to develop more effective directors, leaders, board members, staff, and volunteers of nonprofit organizations through a series of workshops. Course topics include the fundamental practices of board recruitment, strategic planning, staffing, budgeting, evaluation, board meetings, and community awareness.

Creation of the Academy for Community Leadership at Edison State in 2004 was championed by Patricia Duke Robinson as she sought to capture the energy created from the publication of *The Board Member's Guide*. Commissioned by the Duke Foundation, the book examines nonprofit leadership and transforms it into a long-term benefit for the nonprofit leaders in Miami and surrounding counties.

Edison State and the Duke Foundation have continued to support the initiative since then, as part of their long-standing commitment to strengthening regional nonprofit organizations, investing in their leaders, and ensuring that they have access to resources needed to enhance their ability to serve the community. The joint announcement of the naming of the Paul G. Duke Academy for Community Leadership was made on May 23 at Edison State Community College in Piqua. Edison State was represented by Dr. Doreen Larson, president, and Rick Hanes, vice president for business and community partnerships, as well as members of the college's board of trustees and leadership personnel. The Duke Foundation was represented by Linda Daniel, president, and Patricia Duke Robinson, president emeritus and members of the Duke Board of Trustees.

For more information about the Center for Leadership Development at Edison State, visit us at: www.edisonohio.edu/leadership. For additional information about the Paul G. Duke Foundation, visit them at: www.pauldukefoundation.org or call **937-339-3853**.



Alumni Spotlight

Jackie Davis (2002), an Edison State Alumna, has been promoted to Chief Operating Officer at Mutual Federal, a part of First Bank - Richmond. After graduating with her Associates of Applied Business from Edison State Community College, Davis went on to the Graduate School of Banking in Madison, Wisconsin. She has spent a total of 18 years at the bank and most recently was their Senior Vice President. Davis and her husband Dennis live in Sidney, Ohio with their two sons. She spends a lot of her time supporting the community, serving as treasurer and board member of the Sidney County United Way, and as a youth coach for the Fairlawn athletic boosters.

Brian Swinehart (2017) graduated from Covington High School in 1998. He now lives in Los Angeles, California working in the filmmaking and entertainment industry. As a filmmaker, stand-up comedian, and actor his move to LA just after completing two years of schooling at Edison State Community College. He is currently working on a short film in the Covington area with local legend Dennis Willoughby, also known as Scooby. His film is a part of the Easterseals Disability Film Challenge that gives individuals with disabilities--like Scooby--the opportunity and joy of acting on camera. Watch his film on YouTube titled "The #1 Fan – 2018 Easterseals Disability Film Challenge entry"

Scott Razor (2014) has been appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Unity National Bank. He began his work with Unity in 2013, but has financially serviced the Piqua area for over 35 years. He studied business at Edison State Community College and went on to complete the Ohio School of Banking and Ohio School of Consumer Credit. In his new role, Razor will serve as chairman of Unity's advisory board and provide leadership on all aspects of lending throughout the communities Unity serves. He is also a board member for the Piqua Area United Way, member of the City of Piqua Advisory Board, and is very active in the Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce.

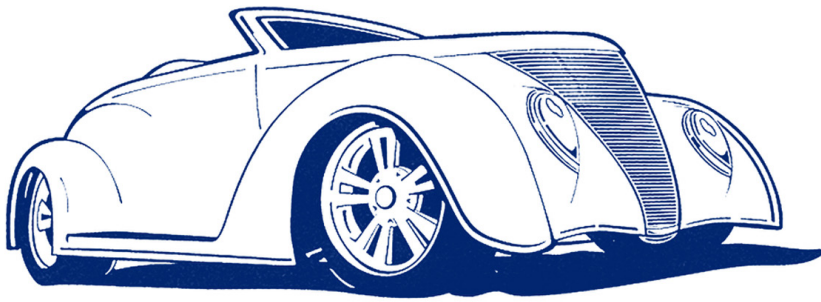
Paige Barker (2014) was hired in March of 2018 for a newly created latchkey program at Sidney City Schools. The latchkey program will begin with the 2018-2019 school year. Kindergarten through fifth-grade students will have the opportunity to get before-and-after-school care through a variety of planned activities, special projects, and opportunities. At Edison State Community College, Barker received an associate's degree in Social Services in 2014 and will receive her bachelor's degree from Ohio State in May of 2018. Barker continually shows support for after-school care by organizing sessions for seven elementary schools in Shelby and Darke county within her current position as coordinator for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby County.

Erica Barga (2013) has been named the new Police Chief of St. Paris, Ohio. Barga has three children; Kynlee (6), Kasen (4), and Korey (1) and lives in Bradford, Ohio. She attended the 2nd Edison State Criminal Justice Academy governed by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission, located in London, Ohio. Edison State Community College is a host site for the program and offers 16 semester credit hours towards an associate's degree. Barga received her Associates of Applied Science in Criminal Justice at Edison State in late 2013 under Commander Joseph Mahan. "Erica was an eager student. I am proud of her accomplishments and her willingness to serve the public. It should make all of us who teach very proud to see that someone we once taught in a basic level academy setting, rise to the ultimate level of being in charge," states Mahan.

Kelly Noctor (1996) has been named the 2018 Nurse of the Year by Interim Healthcare Inc. for her exceptional level of care. Noctor goes above and beyond volunteering her time at free clinics such as the Churchill Clinic in Churchill, Tennessee where she spent seven years administering care. Noctor proudly graduated from Edison State Community College in May of 1996 and felt extremely prepared to begin her career. She has been married 29 years to her husband Michael, has two children, Michelle and Sarah, and one granddaughter, Hayden. She believes that nursing is more than just a job; it is her true calling and she feels lucky to be able to service the community as a nurse every day.



Edison State Community College 1st Annual Car Show



Food...
Music...
Door Prizes...
Dash Plaques...
50/50!

Edison State will be hosting it's *1st Annual car show* to help support the women's softball team. With cars from all around the region, music, food and more, this event is sure to bring excitement to the campus.

Saturday, July 14th 2018

Registration 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

\$10 car entry fee

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Victoria Tori Smith *Ray & Bettye Laughlin Scholarship*
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Alysha Thompson *Illuminate the Future Employee Scholarship*

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Madeline Marshall *Donnelly Nursing Scholarship*
Kassidi Alexander *Illuminate the Future Employee Scholarship*
Mindy Bach *Dr. Kenneth Yowell Emeritus Scholarship*
Carly Brown *Miami County Voiture 40 et 8 Scholarship*
Trey Cotrell *Thom & Patricia Robinson Scholarship*
Erianna Covington *Illuminate the Future Employee Scholarship*
Andie Emerick *Little Black Dress Celebration of Women's Education Scholarship*
Keisha Garber *Douglas Murray Nursing Scholarship*
Ashley Heater *Kathy Oda Memorial Scholarship*
Ethan Herron *Miami County FOP Memorial Scholarship*
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John Anthony Young *Douglas Murray Nursing Scholarship*
Aaron Zekas *Myers-Vaccaro Engineering Scholarship*
William Pitsenberger Memorial Scholarship

Other: Auglaize, Champaign, Logan, Montgomery

Barbara Courter *Illuminate the Future Employee Scholarship*
Erin Metz *Illuminate the Future Community Scholarship*
Denise Schwieterman *Illuminate the Future Employee Scholarship*
Ashley Soto Ramos *Susie Wise Nursing Scholarship*
Vanessa Winner *Mary Rebecca Allen Memorial Scholarship*

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Piqua, OH 45356

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