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EDISON STATE CONTINUES TO OUTPERFORM STATE AND NATIONAL TRENDS IN COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENROLLMENT AND SUCCESS

The past two years have presented challenges for communities, businesses, and individuals. The alumni and friends of Edison State can be proud of our continued success in enrollment, student success, and financial strength amid the COVID pandemic and the related issues of education and work.

Edison State overhauled course and program schedules and broadened the embedded service model for College Credit Plus (CCP) throughout 2018 and 2019 with positive enrollment and student success results. We reinforced our focus on our core strategies in the face of the economic uncertainties generated by the COVID crisis with outstanding success.

I am pleased to share some of the measures of success as Edison State fulfills our mission to provide the learning opportunities, support services, and commitment that enable students to complete their educational goals and realize their dreams.

Edison State characterizes our core strategies as the “hallmarks” of our college, and we currently focus on five hallmarks.

I. Commitment to Affordability and Innovative Support of Student Access

II. Premiere College Credit Plus Partnership Services

III. Growth of High-Quality, Fully Online Programs of Study

IV. Comprehensive Implementation of the Guided Pathways Model

V. Investing in Our Employees

I. Commitment to Affordability and Innovative Support of Student Access

The value of education at Edison State Community College is undeniable. A three-credit-hour course at Edison State costs \$500 compared to \$1,230 at Wright State and \$4,900 at the University of Dayton. The small class sizes at Edison State allow students to engage with the professor and other students and experience individual support. Likewise, a full-time student’s full-year tuition cost at Edison State is \$5,000. The annual tuition at Wright State is \$9,082 and the cost to attend the University of Dayton for a year is \$44,890. Edison State intentionally engages students in career experiences within the first terms of enrollment and connects students to paid learn and earn opportunities throughout their program, further reducing the overall cost and time to completion.

The efforts of Edison State in reaching out to high school graduates and expanding workforce training are clearly measured in our enrollment reporting. This year, Edison State exceeded enrollment of 5,000 students and recorded an all-time high enrollment of 5,098. The fall enrollment numbers are even more dramatic, posting a 47% (9,000 hours) increase in credit hour enrollment from 2017 to 2020. From fall 2019 to fall 2020, while other colleges struggled with double-digit declines, we increased credit hour enrollment by over 3,000 hours (11%).

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AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT LARSON

II. Premier College Credit Plus Partnership Services

The Edison State College Credit Plus (CCP) service model places our professional advisors at the high school campuses in our region on a consistent and scheduled basis. Our college staff becomes a member of the student support team at each high school, and they tailor the Edison State courses and pathways accordingly. You can view the level of support by visiting the CCP resource page on the Edison State website at www.edisonohio.edu/ccp. Every partner high school has a course-by-course planning guide designed exclusively for each high school that reflects the CCP goals. Edison State advisors developed this unique and powerful model at the Greenville campus and rolled it out to all our partners. Enrollment in CCP at Edison State is just under 3,000 students and has grown 60% between 2017 and 2020.

III. Growth of High-Quality, Fully Online Programs of Study

Edison State conducted in-depth student surveys and interviews in 2016 and 2017. Students consistently responded that Edison State needed to offer more online courses and programs. The college responded with initiatives to support faculty development in online teaching and learning methods, improve our online course platform and related technology, audit our online courses and materials for access by students with disabilities, and investment in web-based

resources for student advising and planning. The quality of both instruction and student support came into the spotlight during COVID transitions, and Edison State quickly became the college of choice in our region.

Over the past four years, Edison State has moved 90% of its courses and programs to a fully online option. Students responded immediately, and we have increased enrollment in online courses over the past five years from 11,000 credit hours in 2017 to 32,000 hours this past year.

IV. Comprehensive Implementation of the Guided Pathways Model

The record-high enrollment numbers at Edison State are fueled by retention rates and the success of our students. Attention to individual student success and flexible student support permeates the culture of the faculty at Edison State. Faculty took charge of the complex curricular changes, student success tips, and advanced course planning required to launch the Guided Pathways model. Significant changes followed in the job duties and resources from teams on Student Services. Edison State is regularly noted as a leader in the state and the nation for transforming the college experience into a true pathways model. The model works! In 2018, Edison State had its best year ever, awarding 599 degrees and certificates. In 2020, we set a new benchmark with 735 degrees and certificates awarded.

V. Investing in Our Employees

The funding model for higher education in Ohio is exclusively based upon student course and program success. Colleges receive the State Share of Instruction (SSI) support funds not for headcount enrollment but only for students who successfully complete a course, progress in their program, and graduate. This model rewards the efforts and initiative of the entire team at Edison State. As the funds from the state have increased, Edison State has invested even more in our employees, making salary increases a priority in the budget. As a result of the high success rates for Edison State students, we have realized a \$1.5 million gain in four years in our SSI, moving from \$8 million in 2018 to \$9.5 million in 2021. Over the same period, Edison State has increased overall salaries by 16%, with the largest percentage increase applied this past year.

The numbers don't tell the whole story of Edison State, but they do clearly illustrate the dimensions of the Edison State approach and outcomes. As alumni, you have a unique understanding of the value of your Edison State experience, and these measurable outcomes provide a context for appreciating the outstanding value of your education.

Sincerely,



Dr. Doreen Larson, President

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Update on MLT

Medical L



MLT Student Latisha Jackson examines a specimen.

WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

For those who enjoy science and problem solving, training as a medical laboratory technician (MLT) is a great way to contribute to the healthcare field. Students in the program complete coursework on campus and receive hands-on training at participating clinical sites. Graduates of the MLT program have demonstrated safe working habits, analytical skills, and ethical and responsible behavior, all of which are key to working in the field effectively.

Program coordinator Vickie Kirk has been involved with the program since its launch in 2008 and became part of Edison State's faculty in 2014. The

program currently has its 15th class of students completing internships, with an expected graduation of May 2022. The National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) recently reaccredited Edison State's MLT program with a full 10-year accreditation, the longest award given by the agency.

"The program has strong support from the community because the majority of Edison State's students live in the community," Kirk said. "They stay at local hospitals and work, whereas in a university setting, students earn their degrees and move on."



This year, the program moved into its new student laboratory, which provides space for 15 students. It includes equipment to represent each major department of the lab, including chemistry, hematology, coagulation, microbiology, urinalysis, and blood bank. With this equipment, students can perform all testing included in a routine physical. A grant from The Piqua Community Foundation also allowed the program to add DNA polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing that simulated COVID-19 screenings.

“Being in a smaller class setting helped us get one-on-one attention from the instructors,” alumna Anna Leugers said. “I’ve also built lasting relationships with my classmates. We not only keep in touch about our personal lives but often network about job openings and advancement opportunities.”

“Edison State’s MLT program is not just about individually succeeding but more about succeeding with your peers as a team,” said Alexis Olberding, a current student. “It’s a program where no one gets left behind.”

Partnering with many organizations in the community, the program offers students a variety of hands-on learning opportunities. Some donations made by partnering sites include:

- UVMC Foundation: chemistry analyzer; phlebotomy supplies; and expired kits, reagents, and control materials
- New Vision Laboratories: hematology analyzer and osmometer
- Kettering Health: chemistry systems for ISE analyses and comparisons
- Wilson Memorial: material for blood bank
- Children’s Medical Center: platelet incubator, microbiology incubator, and reagents and kits
- Reid Hospital: microscopes and urinalysis systems
- Mercer Health: phlebotomy supplies and point-of-care testing

MLT Advisory Committee

- Pat Colby, Point of Care Coordinator, UVMC and Miami Valley North
- Denise Crumley, MLT (ASCP), Lab Blood Bank, Dayton Children’s
- Aaron Fraley, Laboratory Supervisor, Kettering Hospital
- Thomas Geis, Laboratory Operations Manager, New Vision Medical Labs
- Lainie Godfrey, QA Technical Supervisor, Wayne Hospital
- Chris Grissom, Director of Lab and Respiratory Services, Wilson Health
- Jessica Johnson, Laboratory Manager, Wright-Patterson AFB
- Matt Kiehl, Laboratory Director, Wayne Hospital
- Michael Medley, Laboratory Manager, Reid Hospital
- Erin Penney, Civilian Education Liaison, Wright-Patterson AFB
- Keri Rogers, Laboratory Technical Manager, Kettering Hospital
- Linda Rutherford, Microbiology, Reid Hospital
- Sam Schroeder, Laboratory Manager, Joint Township District Mem. Hospital
- Rachel Smith, Student Coordinator, CompuNet
- Susan Wick, Laboratory Director, UVMC–Premier Health
- Katie Will, Laboratory Manager, Mercer Health

- Joint Township District Memorial Hospital: device to test for acetone in patients’ blood
- Wayne HealthCare: blood bank refrigerator

The program has seen an 80% or higher graduation rate since 2013, including a 90% completion rate in 2021. Additionally, the program has experienced a 100% program placement rate for the past three years. Its national

certification pass rate for the past three years was 89% in 2021, 100% in 2020, and 100% in 2019, all well above the average national pass rate of 75%.

“This program is great for anyone wanting to work in health care behind the scenes, where direct patient health care is limited or none at all,” said alumna Brianna Clarkston. “Hospitals are in great need of MLTs, and this program will provide you with the necessary tools to obtain a career following graduation.”

Their Experience



Megan Billerman
Class of '18

Completing the MLT program has opened numerous doors for my family and me. I obtained a great paying, stable, in-demand job as an MLT before graduating. The knowledge I gained more than prepared me for an associate to bachelor's bridge program that I am now attending. My employer was so impressed with the skills and knowledge I had obtained that I was promoted to a supervisory position within three years of graduating.



Aaron Fraley
Class of '20

The MLT program at Edison State has opened up a new area of science with a world full of hematology, microbiology, medicine, diagnoses, and a career full of adventures; all with a degree and job utilized by our local friends, neighbors, and communities.



Emily Callison
Class of '16

I was desperate for a degree in a science-based career field but didn't know where to look. I'd tried nursing, I'd tried dental hygiene, and something about them just seemed off for me. An advisor at Edison State directed me to the MLT program, and I decided why not give it a shot. I loved going to class. My instructors were so supportive and encouraging. I loved going to clinical. And I still currently love working in a hospital lab.

25&UP FINISH FAST TUITION WAIVER

Edison State Community College is offering a 25&UP Finish Fast Tuition Waiver to adults ages 25 and over. This 100% tuition waiver will assist students seeking career advancement or furthering their education by getting them on an accelerated path to earning a credential in as little as one semester.

To be eligible, students must be 25 or older by the start of the first day of classes in which they are enrolled, submit an Edison State admissions application and an application for the 25&UP Finish Fast Tuition Waiver, and complete the Free Application for Federal Student

Aid (FAFSA). Students must also stay continuously enrolled at Edison State in their program each fall and spring semester.

The 25&UP Finish Fast Tuition Waiver applies to any short-term technical certificate or one-year certificate offered in person or online at Edison State. Adults pursuing accelerated associate degrees from Edison State in Accounting, Business Systems, Criminal Justice, or Industrial Operations also qualify for the waiver. These associate degree programs follow a cohort model with predetermined course scheduling. Students must commit to full-time enrollment, joining a group of students who will start the program at the

same time and will progress and complete courses together as a defined group.

Students receiving the 25&UP Finish Fast Tuition Waiver will have 100% of their tuition covered, which includes instructional, general, technology, activity, and career services fees. Any financial aid awarded to the student will pay first. Lab fees for individual courses, security fees, books, and additional fees will be the students' responsibility.

MORE INFORMATION

www.edisonohio.edu/25up
or call 937.778.8600

Experience



Brianna Clarkston
Class of '20

The MLT program provided me with valuable knowledge needed to obtain a Tech position while still being in the program. Vickie Kirk is a wonderful instructor who was always seeking hands-on materials for our instructional lab to better prepare students for clinicals. She made herself available whenever extra assistance was needed and always had ways to explain a topic in a new way if we didn't understand.



Anna Leugers
Class of '20

My education and training as an MLT has given me an entirely better understanding of healthcare and its inner workings. Additionally, with the ability to interpret lab results, I have more confidence to advocate for my family's health and treatment at any facility.



Taylor Kolker
Class of '20

Edison State's MLT program is the template for what every college student hopes for when choosing their degree. The professors are knowledgeable and experienced in the field, yet patient enough to spend time working with their students to ensure that they truly grasp the concepts being taught. I enjoyed the challenging classes, the friendships made with classmates, the professors, and most of all, the knowledge that I would be able to use what I was learning to save lives in the medical field.

2021 STUDENTS FOCUS GROUP RESULTS

The smaller school really makes going back to school for my generation a little easier. I also like that evening classes are available.

Professors would all go out of their way to help me.

Webflex is very nice for a student who is balancing work and school.

The small class sizes, and being able to talk one-on-one with my professors has helped me the most.

I appreciated the easy to use resources including Blackboard, the library database, and the website.

The atmosphere in the classrooms has been engaging. I've also found communication with instructors easy.

I appreciate the smaller classes for more nontraditional students.

Holiday Evening at Edison State



Clark Manson & Band



David Wion & Rachael Boezi



Adelee & Gentry

EVENT FEATURES FIRST-EVER MULTI-STAGE WALKABOUT

The Edison Foundation held its 24th annual Holiday Evening at Edison State Community College on Wednesday, December 1. Over 350 guests attended the annual event, where they enjoyed heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, the company of others, and great music from four local performing artists.

Organized as an indoor music festival with three distinct stages, 2021

Holiday Evening: Classical to Country featured simultaneous performances from country artist Clark Manson and band, country/pop sister-duo Adelee & Gentry, classical pianist David Wion, and mezzo-soprano Rachael Boezi. Guests were invited to walk to and from various areas on campus to enjoy the performances, which included a variety of original songs, covers, and classic holiday tunes.

"It's a pleasure to bring the community to our campus, show off the talent we have in our area, and get our holidays off to a wonderful start," said Edison State President Dr. Doreen Larson.

Dr. Larson also thanked the sponsors of Holiday Evening. "They have been amazingly generous for this event. They are the ones that make this evening possible and make scholarships possible for our students. Those scholarships change the lives of our students and change our community. That's what it's all about at Edison State."

Proceeds from the event help The Edison Foundation assist Edison State in meeting its education and community service goals by providing resources to advance student success. This is accomplished through scholarships, student emergency

Evening

Holiday Evening Committee

- Stan Evans–Co-Chair
- Tracy Tryon–Co-Chair
- D. Ann Baird
- Regina Duff
- Dr. Rick Hanes
- Dr. Doreen Larson
- Bettye Laughlin
- J. Kathryn Lukey
- Travis Siegel
- Julie Slattery

assistance, employee mini-grants, and capital improvement.

Also contributing to the event's success were the evening's co-chairs, Stan Evans and Tracy Tryon.

"I'm continually amazed by the dedication of the staff at Edison State," said Evans. "The wonderful product that results from their hard work is a marvel to behold."

Tryon added, "This event is so important as it continues the growth of the educational opportunities at Edison State that help with the continued growth of the workforce development within our local communities."

Holiday Evening at Edison State includes past performances by Manhattan Transfer, Doc Severinsen, Matt Belsante, Harry Connick, Jr., The Texas Tenors, John Tesh, Simply Three, and more.

To learn more about Holiday Evening and view a slideshow of the evening's proceedings and attendees, visit www.edisonohio.edu/Holiday-Evening.

2021 Holiday Evening at Edison State

FIRST EVER MULTI-STAGE WALKABOUT EVENT

Classical to Country

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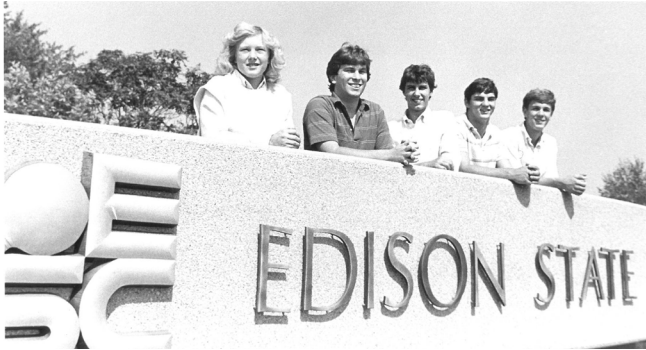
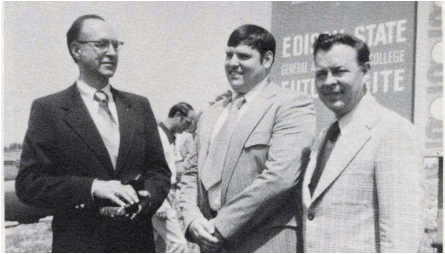


BRONZE SPONSORS



Throwback

From modest beginnings in 1973 in a rented facility, the College has grown in stages, enduring many changes. As Edison State approaches its 50th anniversary, we invite you to take a quick trip down memory lane as you browse through these photographs from the past.



Beyond the Campus

Going above and beyond the call of duty, Edison State students, faculty, and staff are often found supporting organizations and individuals in our area communities.

VETERAN APPRECIATION



Food gift cards from Meijer available thanks to The Bob Woodruff Foundation (BWF) in the amount of \$100 were recently presented to Veteran/Veteran Affiliated students at Edison State.

The mission of the BWF is “to stand up for heroes to find, fund, shape, and accelerate equitable solutions that help impacted veterans, service members, and their families thrive.”

U.S. Army veteran and Edison State advisor Lornette Dallas presented students with the gift cards.

DRAGONS FUN



Student Senate Advisor and Assistant Professor of English Dustin Wenrich, former Student Senate members Leigh Ann Lochtefeld and Matthew Studebaker, and family members attended a Dayton Dragons game as part of an Edison State function. Wenrich had the honors of throwing the first pitch of the game.



The Edison Foundation SUNshine 5K Team.
Photograph by Tiffanie and Phil Green of Running With You Race Photography

SUNSHINE 5K

The Edison State team laced up their sneakers to raise dollars for The Edison Foundation on Saturday, September 18, during the Darke County Foundation’s annual SUNshine 5K run/walk. Thirty-eight Edison State representatives signed up to participate in the race, raising money for The Edison Foundation. The race aims to support a number of local non-profit organizations by giving a portion of the registration back to the participating groups.

STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND INCREASES

The Edison Foundation contributed \$10,000 to Edison State Community College’s Student Emergency Assistance Fund for fiscal year 2021. This fund provides crucial aid to students who experience unexpected financial costs while pursuing their education.

Of the \$10,000 provided by The Edison Foundation, \$7,455.27 was awarded to students during spring 2021.

These funds covered expenses such as rent, bills, computers, and car repairs and maintenance.

Created in June 2020, the Student Emergency Assistance Fund helps enrolled students cover unexpected expenses outside of school. The funds cannot be used to pay for tuition or textbooks. Edison State provides this fund to help students stay in school and complete their degree or certificate.

Students who are struggling are encouraged to apply for the Student Emergency Assistance Fund. Students can apply for funds once per academic year; the fund will typically cover up to \$500 in expenses. Students can apply at www.edisonohio.edu/sea.

Please consider supporting the Student Emergency Assistance Fund to keep our students on track for the future. Donations can be made at www.edisonohio.edu/Foundation via PayPal or credit card. Donors can also send checks directly to The Edison Foundation. Please make payments to The Edison Foundation and designate Student Emergency Assistance Fund.

Faculty Members Recognized for Excellence in Teaching



Beth Bengough

Edison State Community College faculty members, Beth Bengough, of Piqua, and Erynn Hanford, of Springfield, have been named recipients of the May and June 2021 Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award from the Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE).

Edison State nominated Bengough and Hanford based on the institution's criteria, with special consideration of demonstrated excellence and awards received throughout the past year.

Beth Bengough, Associate Professor of Psychology, was nominated by Dr. Paul Heintz, Jr., Dean of Arts and Sciences, who stated, "Beth Bengough is an outstanding faculty member at Edison State. Her extensive knowledge leads to greater success for students, and she is a continual source of information for her coworkers. She participates in a significant number of Edison State service activities, including Curriculum



Erynn Hanford

Committee, Professional Development Committee, President's Council, departmental curriculum revisions, mentoring of high school instructors, and Psychology Department staffing/coordination. Furthermore, Beth provides community service through volunteerism and published columns for regional media outlets. Beth is an exceptional member of the Edison State family."

Bengough's students echoed these sentiments, stating, "She was terrific in this class! If I had a question or trouble with anything, she always answered me quickly with help."

"Ms. Bengough was the best instructor that I have had. She treated me with respect. I would highly recommend her to anyone," said another student.

Hanford, an Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education and Associate Professor of Physical Therapy Assisting, was nominated for dedicating a tremendous amount of time in transitioning the

Physical Therapy Assistant program from Edison State's Piqua Campus to its regional location in Troy. The transition took months of planning and collaboration with others from Edison State and with site developers and architects. In addition, Hanford played a key role in designing a high-tech classroom and lab space to provide the highest quality of education to students.

Hanford's students also provided positive feedback, stating, "Erynn cares about each student as an individual and wants to see us succeed. Erynn is always so encouraging, especially when the program is hard and you can easily feel overwhelmed."

"Erynn is a person of great integrity and takes her job seriously. She puts a lot of work and effort into creating a great learning environment. She genuinely cares about her students," said another student.

Bengough and Hanford were among colleagues from the SOCHE member institutions honored, including the Air Force Institute of Technology, the University of Cincinnati, the University of Dayton, Wittenberg University, and Wright State University.

Formed in 1967, SOCHE is a consortium of colleges and universities in Ohio that promotes educated, employed, and engaged citizens. SOCHE is a leader for higher collaboration, engaging with colleges, universities, and industry to transform the economy through education and employment.

Edison State Degree Awarded to New York Resident

Nichalus Douglas, a Hobart Service employee in New York, recently became the second graduate to complete their degree through a partnership between Edison State Community College and Hobart Service. The partnership, created in 2019, facilitates the receipt of academic credit at Edison State for technical training conducted by Hobart Service.

Douglas earned his associate degree in Industrial Management through a combination of college credits earned during service training, online classes taken through Edison State, and transfer credits from other college courses. While Douglas found some of his classes stressful at times, he pushed forward to accomplish his goals. He plans to continue his education to earn a bachelor's degree.

The partnership provides a seamless transition for Hobart Service employees to take the next step to obtain an ATS degree in one of two focus areas: Business or Industrial Management. The Edison State courses required to complete this degree are offered online to accommodate Hobart Service employees across the country.

3rd Annual Drive for Scholarships a Success



1st Place: TDW Investments



2nd Place: Edward Jones: Chris Slattery



3rd Place: Waibel Energy Systems

GOLF OUTING RAISES \$14,675 FOR STUDENTS

The Edison Foundation at Edison State Community College enjoyed beautiful weather at the scenic Piqua Country Club golf course during its 3rd Annual Drive for Scholarships event on July 30, 2021. The event welcomed 92 participating golfers, as well as volunteers and sponsors, and raised \$14,675.26 for scholarships, bringing the total funds raised through the annual event to \$33,083.89. All proceeds directly benefit the student scholarship program, which provides Edison State students with the opportunity to attain higher education.

The TDW Investments team placed first in the scramble, consisting of the following golfers: Tyler White, Bradley Ellis, John Shreves, and Mark Winkeljohn. Placing second was the Edward Jones: Chris Slattery team, consisting of Chris Slattery, Al Reister, Scott Bradley, and Tom Christy. Third place was taken by the Waibel Energy

Systems team, consisting of Gordon Fairchild, Mike Wilson, Robb Kincaid, and Todd Elwere.

The event also included several competitions, with the following winners: Longest Drive (Men) #5, Tom Christy; Longest Drive (Women) #12, Judy Williams; Closest to the Pin #9, #14, and #17, Doug Tipps (#9), Dennis Zimpher (#14), and Tyler White (#17); Closest to the Water #4, Doug Kachele; Straightest Drive #2, Jon Saxton; and Target Game Split the Pot #7, Roger Brown.

In addition to 18 holes of golf, the scramble included lunch, a putting contest, a skins game, and raffle prizes. The putting contest winners consisted of Al Reister, Tom Christy, Ray Laughlin, and Jay Westerheide.

Event sponsors included Driver sponsors Franklin University and Edison State Community College; Putter sponsors Ray and Bettye Laughlin, Park National Bank, Premier Health-UVMC, and Dr. Doreen and Len Larson; Lunch sponsor Wilson Health; Hospitality Cart sponsors

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SAVE THE DATE

4th Annual Drive for Scholarships
July 29, 2022–Troy Country Club

Edison State Student Serves in Rural Georgia



Reserve units from the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, and National Guard were represented in east-central Georgia last month from June 10 through June 17. Their occupational specialties: dentists, optometrists, veterinarians, physician assistants, and a trove of support personnel.

Medical technologist Caitlin Donnelly is in her final semester of the Registered Nursing program at Edison State and is a member of an Air Force Reserve unit at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

At the closing ceremonies of this highly successful mission across several counties, invited there by the communities, she won the award for *Most Thankful to be in Kevlar Boots*. More about that later.

Some of the military flew and some drove. Donnelly reports that she flew and prepared herself for the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) mission by packing up her bag and going.

Donnelly bivouacked on a cot in a classroom where Spanish was taught at an area high school, closed since the onset of the coronavirus. Walls were covered with Spanish words and maps and flags of countries where Spanish is the primary language. Seven members of her group shared that room with her. To shower, they left the building and walked to a gym where bugs and tiny frogs had

moved in since the shutdown. The Air Force Food Service prepared breakfast and dinner at the school cafeteria and packed their lunches, “run-of-the-mill sandwiches.” At times, area churches and other groups provided dinners: delicious barbecue, sweet tea, peach cobbler, and banana puddings.

The mission of the military: to provide medical, dental, and vision services to the uninsured, although no clients were turned away regardless of their economic status. On this mission to east central Georgia, the teams saw 1,561 patients for a total of 30,581 medical procedures.

Business was slow, “soft start” per military lingo, the first afternoon when Donnelly’s team opened at the Hancock County Health Department which they shared with the regular employees (two bathrooms for 30 people). In response, the County Commissioner posted the availability of the services on Facebook, and the team peppered the area with signs after which business picked up with some being advised to arrive at 7 a.m. for an 8 a.m. opening.

A challenge to Donnelly was the language of the clients, “dialects” as she puts it: the accents, the rhythm, the idioms, the pace. She says, “It was easier one on one but difficult in a group with several people talking.” Rural Georgia has been more isolated than Atlanta

and other metro areas so older speech patterns have endured.

Her job was patient intake—without a computer, just file folders. The first question she asked of patients was about COVID, and then she checked their vital signs: blood pressure, pulse, respiration, temperature.

Approximately 50% wanted their eyes examined. If a prescription was needed, patients had 10 frames from which to select and could pick up their eyeglasses in two days. About 35% of those who registered at her site wanted dental care: extractions and fillings. Medical concerns, including mental health, at 15% were assorted, and antibiotics and over-the-counter drugs were the primary medications dispensed.

Evaluations of the care they received were posted by the patients on walls in all the facilities where the teams worked: hearts, exclamation points, and words of thanks: “caring,” “kind,” and “professional.”

Back to Donnelly’s award. As mentioned earlier, there were only two bathrooms for 30 workers. One morning midway through her tour of duty, Donnelly was in the bathroom at 7:55 a.m. She noted again the sign in the bathroom, “Use sink with care.” The wall-mounted sink decided on that day at that time to fall off the wall, hitting her left boot and causing a rather serious bone bruise. The agency had been trying for some time to get the contractors to repair the sink. With the strong military presence at the location, when they were called that day, they came.

As she left east-central Georgia, Connelly reports, “I was brought to tears. They needed us. They were so appreciative, so nice to us. One was crying because she finally had gotten a bad tooth pulled.”

In conclusion, it is important to note that the military also does humanitarian work. Thank you to Caitlin Donnelly, and thank you to the men and women of the U.S. military who have served and continue to serve.



The Best Way to Boost Your Career Path

Where is your career leading you?
Explore the options at **Franklin University**.



As you go through life making decisions that affect your career, one of the most important questions you might ask is: "How can I be the best in my field or grow in my career, or what's the best path to get ahead in today's job market?"

These are legitimate questions, and ones that need to be answered somewhere along the career path. While this might be an ideal time to get ahead and explore your options, one thing to remember is the best way to move forward is by continuing to build your knowledge at every opportunity. **Franklin University** has been making it possible for busy adults to achieve their education and career goals for more than 115 years. And by being an alum of Edison State, the ability to transfer the credits you've earned and pursue your career goals can be seamless.

How Do I Choose the Best Career Path?

There are many factors that help in choosing the best career pathway. Since 1902, **Franklin University** has built programs that align with workforce demand and employer expectations. Franklin students gain the knowledge needed to make a difference, whether it's in their current job or preparing for advancement opportunities.

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Jean Dugan Memorial Scholarship—Leaving a Legacy

The Jean Dugan Memorial Scholarship, established in 2021 by Deborah Dugan of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Pamela Dugan Price of Palm Harbor, Florida, memorializes their mother, Jean. This scholarship is awarded annually.

Jean was a graduate of Gorton High School in Yonkers, New York. She is a graduate of Edison State Community College with an Associate of Arts degree. Jean is also a graduate of Wright State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master of Nursing degree.

Jean and John Dugan were married 51 years until John's death in 2003. The couple had seven children, Deborah Dugan, Donna (Robert) Jackson, Pamela (Robert) Price, Melissa Gilardi, Sean (Madeleine) Dugan, Brian (Melanie) Dugan, and Terrence (Rebecca) Dugan; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

While raising her seven children in Huber Heights, Ohio, Jean taught catechism for 13 years at St. Peter's Church

in Huber Heights, where she also served on the Board of Education. After raising her children, she returned to college, eventually earning her Master's degree in Nursing and working for many years as a psychiatric nurse, counselor, and social worker. She was the Director of Catholic Social Services in Sidney, Ohio, for many years and served on the Board of Miami County Mental Health Association, the Suicide Prevention Board and the Domestic Violence Prevention Program. She also worked as a mediator for Shelby County Courts. After retiring from nursing, Jean was a Vice President at Benefits Analysis Corporation, founded by her late husband John, for 16 years until the time of her death. Jean was also instrumental in putting together the organization that raised funds for and eventually opened the John J. Dugan Infusion Center at Upper Valley's Cancer Care Center in Troy, Ohio.

Jean was a long-time member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Piqua, where



Jean Dugan

she served as a Eucharistic Minister. Jean was always an active member of her community. Jean was a member of the Troy Rotary, Troy Country Club, and Miami County Republican Women's Club, where she served as President. Jean was a long-time member of the Miami County Republican Central Committee and many other local organizations.

Individuals interested in celebrating Jean by contributing to the Jean Dugan Memorial Scholarship, please contact The Edison Foundation at **937.778.7805** or foundation@edisonohio.edu.

USE YOUR IRA FOR CHARITABLE GIVING TO THE EDISON FOUNDATION

If you own an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and are over the age of 70 ½, you can donate a total of up to \$100,000 per year to The Edison Foundation and receive tax benefits regardless of whether you itemize deductions on your income tax returns.

Since the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has specific rules that must be followed for this kind of charitable gift, here is a step-by-step guide to successfully using your IRA for donations:

1. The IRS calls this type of charitable gift a "Qualified Charitable Distribution," or simply "QCD." The term "charitable IRA rollover" is also used.

2. You must be the IRA account owner and at least 70 ½ years of age to make this kind of gift.

3. Congress enacted legislation (the SECURE Act) in 2020 that changed the age for which Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) must be withdrawn from IRA accounts. The age increased from 70 ½ to 72.

4. Consult with your tax and/or financial advisor to assure that the IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution is suitable for your specific financial circumstances.

5. An important IRS rule is that the company that administers your IRA must transmit the money for your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift directly to The Edison Foundation. To initiate the gift, contact your IRA administrator and tell them that you want to donate a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA to The Edison Foundation with Edison State Community College.

Please ask your IRA administrator to issue and mail a check payable to The Edison Foundation and include your name and address in the check's memo section.

6. Some IRA administrators have issued IRA checkbooks to IRA owners.

If you and/or your spouse have an IRA account checkbook, please follow step 5 to send your gift check to The Edison Foundation. Please write "IRA QCD" in the memo section of your check. If you want your gift designated to support a specific scholarship, student emergency assistance, mini-grant, academic program, or other initiatives, please include a brief cover letter with your check with those instructions.

7. The last step is also important to know. For this gift to qualify for tax benefits, under IRS rules the money must be transferred from your IRA account to The Edison Foundation by December 31. So, this means your check should be received by The Edison Foundation at least two weeks prior to that date to give us and your IRA administrator ample time to cash it and transfer the money.

We are grateful for your support of The Edison Foundation in its mission to assist Edison State Community College in meeting its educational and community goals by providing resources to advance student success.

Alumni Spotlight

HAILEY BETIKO

2011

Since completing courses at Edison State, Betiko has earned a Bachelor of Science in Education and a Master's degree in Middle Childhood Education. After graduating, she moved to Florida, where she taught middle school students. While in Florida, she and her wife Christy had their first child and decided to move back to Dayton to be near friends and family. Since returning, they welcomed a set of boy-girl twins to their family. Today, Hailey is a 9th-grade Algebra teacher with Ohio Virtual Academy employed by Stride/K12.

ELIZABETH HITTEPOLE

2014

After graduating from Edison State, Hittepole was offered a career advancement opportunity in High Point, North Carolina, to further her position as a Buyer/Planner in the furniture industry. In 2018, Hittepole graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Ashford University. Hittepole is currently studying for her Certified Fraud Examiner certification to further her financial fraud investigations career. In addition, Hittepole received her North Carolina Real Estate Broker's license in 2020. She spends her spare time selling real estate and spending time with her husband of 15 years, 14-year-old son, and 11-year-old daughter.

KRIS LEE

2008

Kris Lee first attended Edison State from 1983 to 1985 after graduating high school. He then attended Wright State University and graduated in 1988. Lee has since returned to Edison State, earning a Paralegal degree in 2004 and a Criminal Justice/Computer Forensics degree in 2008. He retired from the Piqua Police Department in 2016 and was elected to Piqua City Commission in 2017. In 2019, Lee was appointed Mayor of Piqua. Today, Lee also serves as an instructor of Advanced Computer Forensics, Computer Forensics Essentials, Criminal Investigation, and Criminal Law for Edison State.

DAWN LUTHMAN

2005

Since graduating from Edison State in 2005, Luthman earned a Bachelor of Arts with a major in English at Urbana University and a Master's of Art of Teaching Curriculum and Design from Marygrove College. She is currently teaching English at Jackson Center High School, where she also serves as a College Credit Plus instructor through Edison State. As an educator, Luthman has been on trips to Ireland, England, Wales, France, Italy, and Spain with students. She is a member of the Ohio Council of Teachers of Language Arts and the Ohio Writing Project. Luthman resides in Russia with her husband, Jim. Together they have four children and 10 grandchildren.

CECELIA RICE

2019

Rice earned an Associate of Arts degree from Edison State in 2019. Rice started as the Director of the Anna Bier Gallery on July 1, 2021. Since becoming Director, she has featured three exhibits, including Photography by Peggy Hoover, Selena Burk's collection, "All I Want is This Chair," and a juried Holiday Exhibit. She enjoys working with DCCA and seeing artists' visions come to life in the gallery.

REBECCA SPENCER

2021

After placing her college education on hold for 40 years to work and raise her family, Spencer graduated from Edison State with her Associate of Arts degree. Her goal after graduation was to pursue a career in art or writing. Spencer was recently offered the position of ghostwriter at LifeTime Memoirs, where she assists people in telling their life stories to share with their families and leave a legacy of their place in the world. She is honored to play a part in people sharing their stories. She is married with two grown sons and four grandchildren.

HEATHER SUERDIECK

2019

Suerdieck, CPC, ELI-MP, graduated from Edison State with an Associate of Applied Business degree in Business Management/HR Management, then went on to graduate from Bluffton University with a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management. Before and after graduating from college, Suerdieck worked in manufacturing, where she took on various leadership roles. Today, Suerdieck is a Professional Certified Coach with an iPEC Certification, and she has started her own business, Inside Out Coaching, LLC, to help people grow personally and professionally. She is married and a mother of two boys.

Chargers Return to the Court



The Edison State Community College men's and women's basketball teams returned to the court this season. Both teams have started the season strong, with the women's team remaining undefeated and the men's team suffering just three losses.

Head Coach Tim McMahon leads the Lady Chargers for the eighth season, bringing over three decades of coaching expertise to the program. McMahon began his coaching career at Lehman and Botkins High School. At Botkins, he advanced to the assistant varsity coach for the girls' basketball team, where he helped lead the team to two S.C.A.L. League Championships and the title of Regional Runner-Ups. In 2020, McMahon led the Lady Chargers to a conference title and regional championship. The same year, the team was slated to appear in the NJCAA national championship game but missed out on the opportunity to compete due to the pandemic.

McMahon's goals for the Edison State women's basketball team are to win league and head to nationals again.

"That's always our goal," McMahon said. "It will always be the goal."

Voted a preseason favorite for the OCCAC, the Lady Chargers returned to the court with 11 sophomores and four incoming freshmen. Allison Siefing, Maddy Bakosh, and Audra Schaub are returning players and were part of the team that set a record of 28 wins three seasons ago.



"We expect a lot from those three because they're our returning players from that winning team," said McMahon.

When asked about the current winning streak, McMahon said, "all of the girls played a lot and contributed to our wins so far. That's what makes a great team, when everybody can contribute to a win."

Joining McMahon is Doug Martin as the assistant coach. Martin has over 30 years of coaching experience; this is his fifth year as Edison State's assistant women's basketball coach. Previously the varsity girls' basketball coach at Anna High School, he helped to lead the Lady Rockets to a State Championship in 2011, State Runner-Up in 2012, and State Championship in 2013.

Leading the men's basketball team for the fourth year is Head Coach Kyle Vanover. He has over 15 years of coaching experience and is currently in the seventh year of coaching his own AAU program, Rush Elite. Vanover has coached at Miami East, Greenville, Lehman, and Graham schools and had winning seasons with all.

The first goal for the men's team is to win a conference title. Vanover would also love to see them make it to nationals. While the team is going through expected growing pains, Vanover sees them accomplishing a lot this season.

"This group of guys is by far ahead of any of our other groups in the past, which is good," Vanover said. "The future is really bright for this group."

"At the college level, wins and losses are what people use to determine a successful or unsuccessful season. We put more into being successful in the classroom. Do we have a group of guys with good character on and off the court? We always try to hold that as one of our highest standards."

The Chargers returned to the court with one sophomore and 16 freshmen, three of which are slated to begin in the spring.

"Everybody on the team has a role, and it's going to take everybody to win a conference title," said Vanover. "We want to make sure we try to pick each other up and work as a team."

Vanover wants to stay the course throughout the season. "We're going to try to keep going in the right direction, not take any steps back, and just keep doing what we're doing right now."

Assistant coaches Craig Maschino and Matt Gross join Vanover in leading the men's team. Maschino is returning for his third year as an assistant coach and brings nearly 20 years of coaching experience to the program. Gross has a decade of coaching experience, five of which are at an elevated AAU level.

Edison State's basketball teams compete in the Ohio Community College Athletic Conference (OCCAC) and are Division II members of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). Visit athletics.edisonohio.edu for the latest news, upcoming games, and complete rosters.

Scholarship Recipients Honored



The Edison Foundation at Edison State Community College recognized 200 students during its scholarship celebration on Thursday, October 7, 2021, at the Piqua Campus.

"We have many students at Edison State, but you in this room tonight are the best of the best," said Edison State President Dr. Doreen Larson. "You have worked the hardest. You have sacrificed the most. You have put everything into every class you take, every day. That's something you should be proud of."

"We wanted to hold a reception for you and bring you together so you can have some fellowship with each other and understand that you're in a group of very, very special students."

Vice Chair of The Edison Foundation, J. Kathryn Lukey, also spoke during the event. Lukey has been involved with The Edison Foundation for numerous years.

"Long ago, I received a scholarship from a woman's organization when I was a student seeking a degree in nursing. I was, of course, grateful for the financial assistance," she said. "However, it meant so much to me that others believed in me enough to give me a scholarship. It was a real boost to my confidence."

Lukey continued, "I hope you enjoy your journey at Edison State. Wherever your educational goals take you, remember Edison State believes in you. The many people who support our Foundation believe in you as well."

Dr. Rick Hanes, VP of Advancement, Strategic Planning, & Partnerships and Executive Director of The Edison Foundation, said, "What's important is your story. It gives us goosebumps when we hear success stories."

"Please think about the people who are helping you make your story a beautiful thing, and also think about who you eventually can help with their stories."

Due to COVID-19 protocols, this year's reception for student scholarship recipients replaced the annual dinner, which also includes donors and other support organizations.

Made possible by The Edison Foundation; Edison State; and various organizations, businesses, and foundations, recipients honored were awarded a total of over \$140,000 in academic and need-based scholarships. Scholarships awarded will aid in students' pursuit of higher education at Edison State.

The Edison State scholarship application for the 2022–2023 academic year are currently available. To be considered for one of over 35 available scholarships, the scholarship application, along with all appropriate documentation, must be submitted by March 1, 2022.

Since its inception in 1993, The Edison Foundation has awarded over \$2 million in student assistance through scholarships. For more information about available scholarship opportunities, visit www.edisonohio.edu/ScholarshipApps.



Kayakers Float, Learn, and Feast



The Edison State Community College Student Senate enjoyed a beautiful day for their fifth annual Float, Learn, and Feast event. The event brought together over 20 students, faculty, staff, and friends of Edison State for an educational trip down the Great Miami River in Piqua.

Before the kayakers hit the water, Leslie King, Director of the Rivers Institute at the University of Dayton, spoke on the importance of healthy waterways.

"Someone once told me, 'If you want to know the river, learn the valley.' What's happening on the land? It's going to show up in that river, right? So, if you want to know the river, you've got to look at the things going on around it. Not just here, but upstream, downstream, all the communities you're connected to as a watershed. If you want to know the river, you've got to know the watershed."

She explained how the Great Miami River Watershed leads into and is part of the watersheds it connects to—first the Ohio River, then the Mississippi River, and, finally, the Gulf of Mexico.

"All watersheds are connected," said King. "When you think about learning from a watershed lens and looking at the community as a watershed, you start to think of systems working together."

"This is a lifelong journey into understanding the importance and power of rivers, the way they can bring people together, and the importance of protecting and preserving them."

King encouraged kayakers to have fun on the water. "Go out there today and have a great time, splash around, get wet, immerse yourself in the river. If you do that, I guarantee you will leave today like, 'Oh, I love the river.' We call it river love."

Jeff Lange of Protecting Our Waterways (POWW) joined the kayakers once again as they set out on the river. Since 2004, POWW has invited volunteers to get on the Great Miami River from southern Sidney to southern Piqua to remove trash from the water. In their 18 years, they've eliminated 198,250 pounds of trash, including 1,785 tires, from their 16 miles of adopted riverway.

"I remember when I was where you are, and the most important thing to me was getting out of school, getting a job, and living life," Lange said. "As I've lived life, I hit on some things that are very important to me. Make sure you have a job you really enjoy. Never stop learning. Be passionate about things other than work, and when you're driven into those things, think about what people have done before you and are doing now. Beyond raising a family, having a home, and having a job, people have taken an initiative to start nonprofits, to start an earthquake where there was just a tremor."

"I ask all of you to think about doing that at some point in your life. Give back, give back."

The float began at Roadside Park in Piqua and ended at the Great Miami River Trail near Bridge Street. Participants floated in kayaks purchased with funds raised during Down a River, Down a Beer (DARDAB) and received a free lunch, t-shirt, and goodie bag.

Milligan Receives Trustee Award



Chris Spradlin, Provost (L), and Tom Milligan

Edison State Community College trustee Tom Milligan was recently recognized with the Trustee Leadership Award from the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT).

Milligan, a member of Edison State's Board of Trustees since 1999, was one of five trustees honored with this award. Each year, the ACCT recognizes one trustee from each of its five regions. Milligan represents the Central Region.

ACCT created its award program to acknowledge and honor community college trustees, presidents, faculty members, and professional board staff members. The association recognizes honorees at regional and national levels for their exceptional work.

Milligan and the other honorees were presented with their awards during the 52nd Annual ACCT Leadership Congress, which was held in San Diego, California, from October 13–16, 2021. The annual awards ceremony took place on Friday, October 15.

The conference is held each year and welcomes approximately 2,000 community and technical college trustees, CEOs, and other executives, as well as federal higher education policy influencers. The event provides a space where these leaders can gather and share strategies for successful governance, college advocacy, and student success.

The ACCT announces up to 25 regional awards each year. One awardee from each category will receive additional recognition during the Annual ACCT Awards Gala, which will take place at a later date.

Edison State Brightens Spirits



William Loudermilk, August Evans, and Jim Oda

Edison State Community College began a new holiday tradition with a lighting ceremony on Tuesday, November 23. Officials at all four Edison State locations in Piqua, Greenville, Eaton, and Troy simultaneously flipped the switch to light up the regional locations with a blue and white light display.

Each Edison State building is lined with blue and white lights and adorned

with a lit holiday wreath, while the Piqua Campus also features special tree lighting.

Staff and faculty in attendance counted down as the clock struck 6 p.m. At the Piqua Campus, Edison State Faculty President William Loudermilk, of Dayton, and Student Senate President August Evans, of Rossburg, held the honors of plugging in the lights. In addition, Edison State Board of Trustee member Jim Oda led the crowd in counting down. Flipping the switch at the Eaton location was Trustee Phil Dubbs; Greenville location, Trustee Darryl Mehaffie; Troy location, Chair of the Board Tami Baird Ganley and Trustee Tom Milligan.

"It was absolutely a beautiful and meaningful evening," Loudermilk said. "We are so fortunate to have the leadership of Dr. Larson and the Board of Trustees. And thanks to the talents and

skills of our amazing campus community, we have a wonderful synergy. Edison State is certainly a light in the community in more ways than one."

The college utilized Zoom to provide those in attendance with a live video display of all four locations.

Edison State felt this was a good way to give back and bring a little brightness to what has been a difficult few years with everything that the community and nation at large have been through. Community members are invited to drive by any of the four Edison State locations and enjoy the beauty of the buildings lit during this holiday season.

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Visit www.edisonohio.edu to watch a short video featuring Edison State's holiday lighting.

Foundation Welcomes New Board Members



Heather Bailey



Gavin Glasscoe



Dr. Scott Kanagy



Travis Siegel



Justin Sommer

The Edison Foundation at Edison State Community College welcomed five new board members this year. The board oversees The Edison Foundation as it assists Edison State in meeting its educational and community service goals by providing resources to advance student success.

Heather Bailey, of Miami County, has volunteered with the Tipp City Foundation since 1998, personally raising \$5 million within the small town. Previous board service includes that with WYSO Radio, Planned Parenthood of Miami Valley, and the Junior League of Dayton. She brings expertise in PR and marketing, fund development, and business and creative writing to The Edison Foundation board.

"Expanding the quality of life in the community around me defines my personal mission," Bailey said. "This has been my path for over 30 years. I believe serving on The Edison Foundation board will fit with the role I have given myself."

With experience in financial management, leadership, and insurance, Gavin Glasscoe, of Darke County, is a current board member for the Darke County United Way. He has also served as a board member for the Greenville Rotary, was the Greenville Rotary Club President from 2018 to 2019, and was the secretary/treasurer of the Darke County BNI.

"Edison State has played a significant role in my education and career," said Glasscoe. "I took post-secondary classes while in high school, which then transferred as college credits to the universities I attended. I believe having this college in our community is an incredible asset, and as a business owner in the community, I'd love to help it thrive."

Also residing in Darke County, Justin Sommer joins The Edison Foundation with a background in nonprofit governance, government relations, and leadership. Sommer has completed The Paul G. Duke Academy for Community Leadership at Edison State and served on many nonprofit and advisory boards. Boards he currently serves on include Preble County Development Partnership, Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce, Darke County Center for the Arts, Tipp City Community Improvement Corporation, and Grow Piqua Now.

"I started my college career at a community college," Sommer said. "In my experience in Piqua and other communities served by Edison State, the college has made a significant, positive impact. I appreciate the opportunity to give back."

Scott Kanagy, DO, of Montgomery County, currently serves as chief medical officer at Upper Valley Medical Center in Troy and as a board member of OneFifteen in Dayton. He has expertise in health and human services, leadership, and public speaking.

On joining The Edison Foundation board, Kanagy said, "I'm looking forward to becoming more involved with the community in which I work."

Residing in Shelby County, Travis Siegel brings his experience in analytics, business and creative writing, and public speaking to The Edison Foundation board. Siegel currently works as the manager of product improvement at Midmark in Versailles.

"I'm looking forward to new learning and development experiences," said Siegel. He was drawn to The Edison Foundation board "to serve and give back to a school I attended and the community it serves."

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Aviation Program Takes Flight



Edison State representatives Amy Borgert, Andrea Francis, and Jordan Keith take a flight with Mad River Air.

Edison State Community College and Mad River Air enjoyed a great day of flying at their aviation event on October 22, 2021. A dozen participants took part in the free event, receiving a free plane ride and learning about Edison State's new Aviation-Professional Pilot program.

"We had participants who were still in high school and participating in College Credit Plus classes but also one recent graduate from the University of Cincinnati who wanted to explore his options with the program," Andy Runyan, Dean of Professional & Technical Programs, said of the event. "Having the opportunity to go up in the actual training plane was a great way to see what the program is like."

Edison State's aviation program prepares students to obtain their Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certificate. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 13% increase in pilot hiring through 2030, providing

many opportunities to graduates.

"The aviation industry, like many others, has seen many retirements over the past few years," said Runyan. "At the same time, the number of new pilots being hired with military backgrounds has been decreasing, and those from civilian programs, like the one at Edison State, has grown."

The Professional Pilot Associate of Applied Science degree at Edison State prepares students to obtain their Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certificate. Graduates can then find initial employment as aircraft pilots in entry-level, flight-related occupations. Students can also use their flight instructor certificate to build flight time to help them gain employment with airlines.

Experienced pilots who demonstrate quality flight techniques, a willingness to learn, organizational skills, reliability, and good communication will find opportunities to advance into larger aircraft operations and other positions within the industry. Those could include management, business owner, sales, corporate jet operator, or systems trainer positions.

Edison State also offers a Single-Engine Commercial Pilot technical certificate that prepares students for an entry-level position in the aviation field. This certificate can be completed in one year, and coursework articulates

into the Professional Pilot Associate of Applied Science degree.

While achieving a pilot's license may seem out of reach to many, it doesn't have to be. The aviation program at Edison State provides students with the knowledge and skills needed to pass the FAA flight test for certification. Students enrolled in the program will also develop a working knowledge of aircraft flight manuals, performance charts, aircraft operations, and more.

Graduates will be prepared to conduct safe flight operations in normal and emergency situations and identify potentially hazardous weather scenarios. After completing the program, trainees will have a full understanding of Federal Aviation Regulations (AR), navigation systems, cockpit resource management (CRM), and more.

Flight training for the program takes place at Mad River Air, located at the Urbana Grimes Municipal Airport. In business since 2004, Mad River Air has trained many pilots who have gone on to become airline pilots and Air Force, Navy, and Marine pilots, as well as those who now fly for the National Guard and State Highway Patrol.

For more information about the aviation program, visit www.edisonohio.edu/programs or call 937.778.8600.





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