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Dr. Doreen Larson

Holiday Greetings from President Larson

Extending best wishes for a joyful and prosperous holiday season.

2019 was a great year for Edison State with the opening of campuses in Eaton and Troy along with the ribbon cutting of the new Robinson Student Career Center on the Piqua Campus. As I reflect on the accomplishments of Edison State, I deeply appreciate the extraordinary commitment of our faculty and staff on behalf of our students. It is the support of you—our alumni, friends, and community supporters—that encourage our efforts and motivate us to achieve even more. On behalf of our team at Edison State, I sincerely wish you a joyful holiday season and much success in the new year.

Holiday Evening at Edison State Raises Dollars for Student Scholarships

The Edison Foundation held the 22nd annual Holiday Evening at Edison State on Wednesday, December 4, raising approximately \$50,000 for student scholarships. The evening featured the contemporary string trio Simply Three.

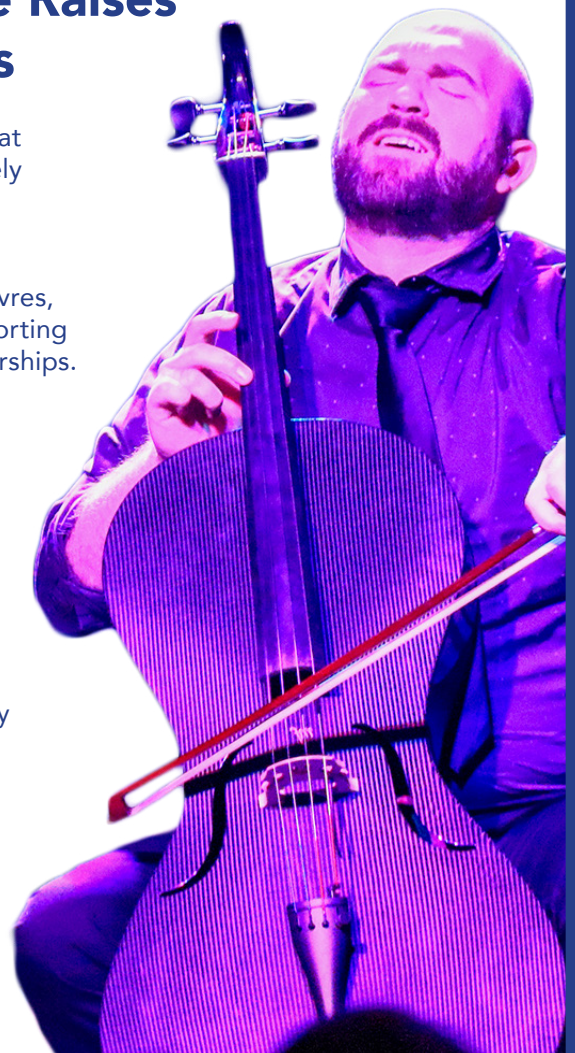
Over 240 guests attended the annual gala to enjoy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, the company of others, and great music, all while supporting countless students in the upcoming academic year with scholarships.

Simply Three's performance proved to be a crowd-pleaser, complete with original material, covers, and holiday classics. The trio performed such classic holiday songs as "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," a cover of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody," and some of their original hits such as "Factory" and "Rain."

"This year's talent, Simply Three, hits on the perfect balance of virtuosity and diversity in musical style and selection. I particularly enjoyed their arrangements of traditional Christmas music. Their original song, "Rain," is at the top of my playlist," said Edison State President Dr. Doreen Larson.

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

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Growth and Expansion at Edison State

With the addition of two new campus locations in Eaton and Troy, as well as, a 5,200 square foot expansion at the Piqua Campus, Edison State Community College continues to see growth in physical location and course offerings, which has ultimately led to growth in student population.

In early 2019, Edison State cut the ribbon to the Campus at Eaton, which currently offers general education and agriculture courses, transfer pathways to both in- and out-of-state four-year universities, as well as degree, certificate, and short-term technical certificate opportunities. Additionally, Edison State at Eaton presents the opportunity for College Credit Plus coursework, Aspire courses, expanded articulation agreements with Miami Valley Career Technology Center, and support to regional businesses with response to workforce training and apprenticeship opportunities.



Campus at Eaton

At the start of the Fall 2019 semester, the Campus at Troy opened its doors. Edison State at Troy was established to meet the needs of the growing healthcare industry and is positioned to be the center of healthcare education and training for the Upper Miami Valley. The Campus is also host to numerous general education courses and transfer pathways to both in- and out-of-state four-year universities. Edison State at Troy also presents the opportunity for College Credit Plus coursework, and support to regional businesses with response to workforce training and apprenticeship opportunities. A co-location agreement with Franklin University provides students with the opportunity to pursue a bachelor's degree in healthcare beginning at Edison State at Troy and completing at Franklin University utilizing on-site or online courses.



Campus at Troy

In September, the Robinson Student Career Center was introduced to the community. The 5,200 square-foot student career center and campus entry located at the West Hall of Edison State's Piqua Campus was brought to life thanks to a generous \$2.5 million donation made by Thom and Patricia Robinson of the Robinson Fund. The new center is aimed at the promotion and integration of students into a growing regional workforce. The addition includes areas for career counseling and services, access to job search resources such as Ohio Means Jobs, conference rooms, student work spaces, and an information desk.



Robinson Student Career Center

The well-established Campus at Greenville continues to thrive, offering a variety of new program offerings. Edison State at Greenville is home to degree, certificate, and short-term technical certificate career pathways in agriculture. The campus also offers general education courses and transfer pathways to both in- and out-of-state four-year universities. Additionally, Edison State at Greenville presents the opportunity for College Credit Plus coursework, Aspire courses through the Upper Valley Career Center, and support to regional businesses with response to workforce training and apprenticeship opportunities.



Campus at Greenville

In addition to four on-site locations, Edison State currently offers degree, certificate, and short-term technical certificate pathways that may be completed mostly or entirely online. Individual online courses may also be used to supplement any degree, certificate, or short-term technical certificate available at any of the four on-site locations.



Edison State Community College Charger Country Alumni Nights

February 5 & 12, 2020



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DATE: February 5 & 12, 2020 **TIME:** 5:30-7 P.M. **PLACE:** Charger Gymnasium Pavilion Suite Box

The Edison State basketball teams are off to a competitive start to the season! As excitement increases, the Edison State Office of Alumni Engagement and Edison State President Dr. Doreen Larson invite alumni to attend *Charger Country Alumni Nights* on February 5th and February 12th between the women's and men's home basketball games versus conference rivals Clark State and Columbus State.

Edison State Alumni who register to attend *Charger Country Alumni Nights* will receive **FREE** admittance to the game, **FREE** food and drink, along with a **FREE** Edison State Alumni gift. The events will run from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Reserve your ticket(s) for these events by contacting the Edison State Office of Alumni Engagement at **937-778-7805** or alumni@edisonohio.edu.

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Edison State In Your Neighborhood

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





Upcoming Alumni & Friends Events



Mark Your Calendar...

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| February 5 | Charger Country Basketball Night–5:30-7 PM <i>Free admission, food, and drinks. RSVP to jslattery@edisonohio.edu</i> |
| February 12 | Charger Country Basketball Night–5:30-7 PM <i>Free admission, food, and drinks. RSVP to jslattery@edisonohio.edu</i> |
| March 19 | Charger Athletics Reverse Raffle–5:30 PM <i>Tickets on sale now at www.edisonohio.edu/charger</i> |
| April 7 | Charger Country Softball Day–4-5:30 PM <i>Free admission, food, and drinks. RSVP to jslattery@edisonohio.edu</i> |
| April 15 | LBD Celebration of Women's Education–6:30 PM <i>Tickets on sale now at www.edisonohio.edu/lbd</i> |
| April 29 | State of the College Address–8 AM <i>Presented by President Larson. RSVP to jslattery@edisonohio.edu</i> |
| May 1 | Charger Country Baseball Day–1-2:30 PM <i>Free admission, food, and drinks. RSVP to jslattery@edisonohio.edu</i> |
| May 8 | Commencement Ceremony–7 PM |
| May 20 | Mosaic for Community Leadership Conference <i>For registration information, email jslattery@edisonohio.edu.</i> |
| July 31 | Drive for Scholarships Golf Scramble–Piqua Country Club <i>For registration information, email jslattery@edisonohio.edu.</i> |



Over 140 Student Scholarship Recipients Recognized



Regina Duff

The Edison Foundation, recognized over 140 students during the annual scholarship recognition dinner on Thursday, October 3, at the Piqua Campus. The event provides recipients with the opportunity to meet the patrons that made their scholarships available.

Following networking and dinner, Regina Duff, Edison State alumni, and Obstetrics Director at Wayne HealthCare explained why Edison State was the right choice for her.

“Looking back to when I started down my career path, I picked Edison State because it was close to home, they offered small class sizes, and it was affordable. I had two young children at home while I was working, and yet I was able to take classes. It was hard work, but I got through.”

Duff then went on to explain how the education she received at Edison State helped to propel her career. “Little did I know how much my life would change for the better the minute I walked through the same doors as you. Achieving my nursing degree was worth the hard work and dedication.”

“I love what I do, but nursing can also bring obstacles and opportunities that continually challenge you to be the best you can be,” said Duff. “Whether it be at the bedside giving care or providing leadership to my staff, I am the one who is truly blessed and fortunate for this amazing opportunity and career.”

After graduating from Edison State, Duff went on to receive a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Nursing from Wright State University. She is also certified in fetal monitoring. Outside of work, Duff is involved on The Edison Foundation Board, serving as Chair of the Holiday Evening at Edison State scholarship fundraising event. She and her husband, Jon, reside in Miami County and have two children and three grandchildren.

“Little did I know how much my life would change for the better the minute I walked through the same doors as you.”
-Regina Duff

Made possible by The Edison Foundation, Edison State Community College, and local organization sponsorships, recipients honored were awarded a total of over \$220,000 in academic and need-based scholarships. Scholarships awarded will aid in students’ pursuit of higher education at Edison State Community College.

The Edison Foundation has awarded over two million dollars in scholarships since its inception in 1993. The Edison Foundation has also provided thousands of dollars in faculty and staff support grants; supported student athletic programs by funding uniforms, equipment, facilities, and post-season tournament play; and has helped to enhance campus facilities through several capital campaigns.





Meet Our Scholarship Recipients



Emily Hutcherson
PIQUA

Recipient of the Thomas Alva Edison Scholarship

"Your generosity has personally inspired me to help others, as you have helped me."



Jamie Wisinski
TROY

Recipient of The Edison Foundation Scholarship

"I am filled with appreciation for this scholarship and for the education and experience I have gained at Edison State."



Jennifer Wentz
JACKSON CENTER

Recipient of the Edison State Adult Learner Scholarship

"Thanks for realizing the immense worth of helping others realize their goals and aspirations."



Wyatt Jacobs
HOUSTON

Recipient of the Illuminate the Future Community Scholarship

"I hope that one day I will be able to help students achieve their dreams—as you have helped me to achieve mine."



Kaitlyn Turner
GREENVILLE

Recipient of the Ray and Bettye Laughlin Scholarship

"I would not have been able to afford school on my own. My family and I are beyond grateful."



Cameron Smith
TROY

Recipient of the Miami County FOP Scholarship

"I hope to be able to provide support to the Edison State Criminal Justice program in the future."



Zach Smith
ARCANUM

Recipient of the Thomas Alva Edison Scholarship

"Your generosity will hopefully allow me to being my adult life with very little personal debt, and for that, I am very grateful."



Jade Schneider
PIQUA

Recipient of the Thomas Alva Edison Scholarship

"You have lifted my financial burden which allows me to focus on the most important aspect of school—which is learning."



Holiday Evening at Edison State

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"The holidays are all about giving, and Holiday Evening is a gift of food and entertainment to the community who, in turn, are generously supporting Edison State students through scholarships," added Larson.

"These scholarships are a factor in changing the entire trajectory of a student's life, moving them from a minimum wage job to a professional position. These dollars make the difference between someone working in a convenience store to that same person working as a police officer, a nurse, a machinist, or a banking agent."

Also contributing to the success of the event was the event chair, Regina Duff, Edison State alumna, and Obstetrics Director at Wayne HealthCare.

"Each ticket sold is a reflection of the generous support that attendees have so graciously shared with current and future students," said Duff.

Thanks to the generosity of donors, The Edison Foundation has awarded over two million dollars in scholarships since its inception in 1993. The Edison Foundation has also provided thousands of dollars in faculty and staff support grants; supported student athletic programs by funding uniforms, equipment, facilities, and post-season tournament play; and has helped to enhance campus facilities through several capital campaigns.

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

Save the Date

The 23rd Annual Holiday Evening at Edison State will be held Wednesday, December 2, 2020. To be added to the invitation mailing list, email jslattery@edisonohio.edu.



By The Numbers

The Edison Foundation has awarded over **\$2,000,000** in student scholarships since its inception in 1993.



The Edison Foundation Awards \$5,885 in Mini-Grants

In an on-going pursuit to support Edison State Community College, The Edison Foundation provided funding for six mini-grants to be utilized during the 2019-20 academic year. The mini-grant program is open to all staff and faculty at Edison State.

- Fall Series of Career Readiness Workshops to enhance the employability skills of Edison State students and the community. Submitted by Brandi Olberding, Director of Apprenticeships and Work-Based Learning.
- “Charger Station” food pantries on all campuses to provide a food source to students who may be distracted from studies by hunger. Submitted by Velina Bogart, Coordinator of Transfer Pathways Advising.
- Edison State branding materials to increase brand recognition, engagement, awareness, learning experiences and opportunities with the Center for Workforce Development and Education. Submitted by Brandi Olberding, Director of Apprenticeships and Work-Based Learning, Peggy Wiggins, Director of the Center for Workforce Development & Education, and John Hittepole, Coordinator/Trainer of Industrial Programs.
- Edison State branding materials to increase brand recognition, engagement, awareness, learning experiences and opportunities with the Engineering Department. Submitted by Brandi Olberding, Director of Apprenticeships and Work-Based Learning, Susan Barth, Instructor of Engineering, and David Barth, Professor of Electronics Engineering Technology.
- Acquisition of temporal thermometers for nursing lab to familiarize nursing students with equipment used at clinical sites. Submitted by Jill Bobb, Program Administrator of Nursing.
- Student Senate leadership training to send members of the Edison State Student Senate to the American Association of Community College’s National Student Leadership and Citizenship Conference for new members and expansion of the Student Senate. Submitted by Dustin Wenrich, Assistant Professor of English and Student Senate Advisor.

Leave a Campus Legacy with a Personalized Paver

Purchasing a personalized paver is a wonderful way to honor a family member, friend or co-worker. Not only will you be honoring someone special, but you will also be helping to support Edison State students with scholarship opportunities. Proceeds from the pavers directly benefit The Edison Foundation Scholarship Fund. Each personalized paver will be placed in the courtyard at the Piqua Campus and are available in the following sizes:

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

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

Call The Edison Foundation office at **937.778.7805**, or complete and return the **PDF form** that can be found at www.edisonohio.edu/pavers to foundation@edisonohio.edu to place your order. Payment may be made by check or credit card. Completed form and payment should be hand-delivered or mailed to
The Edison Foundation, 1973 Edison Drive, Piqua, Ohio 45356





Golfers Tee Off for Student Scholarships



Chris Slattery, Edison State Alumnus

Twenty teams of golfers teed-off in support of student scholarship opportunities at The Edison Foundation and Edison State Community College's inaugural Drive for Scholarships Golf Scramble on July 26, 2019. The scenic Piqua Country Club golf course, coupled with beautiful weather, contributed to a perfect day for golf.

The Advanced Composites team placed first in the scramble and consisted of the following golfers: Kieji Shite, Robert Atkinson, Brett Conway, and Terry Ochi. Placing second was the Edward Jones–Chris Slattery team, and third place was taken by a team comprised of Edison State Alumni, led by Matt Kiehl.

In addition to 18-holes of golf, the scramble included lunch, which was sponsored by Unity National Bank, dinner, sponsored by Premier Health–Upper Valley Medical Center, a skins game, and a silent auction.

Putter sponsors included Advanced Composites and Miami Valley Steel. Greenville National Bank also contributed as a student scholarship sponsor. A total of 31 companies supported the outing, including 19 tee/green sponsors comprised of local companies and individuals.

All proceeds from the event directly benefited the student scholarship program, which provides Edison State students with the opportunity to attain higher education.



1st Place Team Advanced Composites



2nd Place Team Edward Jones–Chris Slattery



3rd Place Team Edison State Alumni
Led by Matt Kiehl

Save the Date

The 2nd Annual Drive for Scholarships Golf Scramble will be held **Friday, July 31, 2020**, at the Piqua Country Club. For registration or sponsorship information, email jslattery@edisonohio.edu.





Alumni Spotlight

Deborah Smith (2003)

Deborah was promoted to Loan Officer at Mercer Savings Bank's Market Street Office in Celina. She graduated from Versailles High School, and received an Associate of Applied Business degree in Accounting from Edison State. Deborah brings over 22 years of banking experience to her new role. Smith has three children and currently resides in Greenville.

Angie Cook (2005)

Angie has been promoted to Associate Director of Graduate Advising in the College of Nursing at the University of Cincinnati. Most recently, Angie has served as the Assistant Director of the MBA Program with the Carl H. Lindner College of Business at University of Cincinnati. Angie is a graduate of Fairlawn High School who holds an Associate of Arts degree from Edison State and a bachelor's degree from Ashland University. She joined Teach for America in the Mississippi Delta and earned her Master's degree in Elementary Education while there. In 2012, she moved back to Ohio and graduated from Miami University with a Master's degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education. She has worked in higher education in the areas of residence life, academic advising, and program administration for the last seven years.

Zachariah Mumford (2006)

Zachariah was promoted to the rank of captain on November 3, 2019, with the City of Troy. Captain Mumford is a graduate of Sidney High School. He has a Bachelor's of Art degree in Organizational Management from Bluffton University, and is a graduate of the Edison State Peace Officer Academy. Captain Mumford served as a Police Officer in Anna, Ohio prior to beginning his career with the Troy Police Department on May 29, 2007. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on September 14, 2015. He and his wife, Jamilyn, have three children.

Nate Copen (2008)

Nate recently returned from a five-month stay in Germany as part of his job as a flight nurse for aeromedical evacuation. Copen graduated from Piqua High School and earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing from Edison State. He later completed the RN to BSN program through Ohio University. Copen worked at Dayton Children's Hospital and Upper Valley Medical Center before joining the Air Force. Along with his reservist responsibilities with the Wright-Patterson 445th Aeromedical Evacuation squadron, Copen works at Kettering's Troy Hospital in surgical services and the post-anesthesia care unit. Copen lives in Troy with his wife, Haley, and their 16-month-old son, William.

Morgan Abney (2009)

Morgan has been transitioned into the position of Career Pathway Advisor in the new Robinson Student Career Center at Edison State. Morgan is a graduate of Piqua High School and Edison State with an Associates of Applied Business. She continued her education with Bluffton University, earning a Bachelor's of Art degree in Organizational Leadership and a Master's of Education degree in Special Education from Miami University. Morgan enjoys her role at Edison State helping students to discover career paths which are suitable for their future.



A Note From The Edison Foundation...

Make a 2019 tax-deductible gift to **The Edison Foundation**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization formed to support the educational and community service goals of **Edison State Community College**. *All gifts are appreciated and provide scholarships and academic program support.*

DONATION YEAR-END DEADLINES

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Must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2019, or hand-delivered to our office by 4 p.m. on Dec. 27, 2019. Please mail gifts to:

The Edison Foundation
1973 Edison Drive
Piqua, OH 45356

CREDIT CARD

If sent by mail, must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2019; if made online, **The Edison Foundation** must receive transaction details by 4 pm EST on Dec. 28, 2019.

The Edison Foundation accepts donations on PayPal via Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. The secure site is: www.edisonohio.edu/donate

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Thank you for your support!

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