Edison State Honors the 2017 Graduates

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

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

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

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

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

Edison State Receives $2.5 Million Gift

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

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

“This gift will create an entrance that truly reflects a gateway to career success. It will connect students with employers and other career services at every juncture in their studies at Edison State,” said Edison State President Dr. Doreen Larson.
Melanie Helman, SHRM-CP
Human Resource Generalist at Crayex Corporation
Graduated: May 2006—Associate of Arts Degree
I chose Edison State because... Edison State was a great option to begin my education. I first enrolled in Edison State through the PSEOP program during my junior year at Franklin-Monroe High School. When I graduated high school I had less than a year left to earn my associates degree so I decided to finish it out at Edison State. I knew I wanted to go on and pursue a 4-year degree in psychology but wanted an affordable option that was close to home. I was also honored with the Thomas Alva Edison scholarship and was able to get free tuition that final year.
Since graduating... I transferred to Wright State University and completed my Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology in November 2007. I am now actively working on my Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a Leadership concentration through Bluffton University, which I will complete in May 2017. This program has brought me back to Edison State again through their cohort program where they hold classes once a week.

How I have applied skills gained at Edison State to my current role... I specifically remember taking my first speech class at Edison State. Being an introverted person, it was very difficult for me to break out of my shell. I was so incredibly nervous whenever I had to get up and speak in front of the class. While I hated it at the time, it was a huge moment of growth for me and helped to prepare me for giving presentations in a real business situation.
Advice I would give future students... Edison State is a great way to start off your education. Edison State is local, affordable, and allows you to get your college education without breaking the bank. I am very thankful that I started off at Edison State!

Edison State Alumni Night
With the Dayton Dragons—Saturday, July 22, 2017
Come join us on Saturday, July 22 at Fifth Third field for a great night with alumni, friends and family members of Edison State Community College. The Dayton Dragons will be taking on the Burlington Bees as they continue to dominate their division.
With seating down the third base line, you’ll be sure to catch all of the action as it happens right before you. Tickets are just $12.00 and one lucky person, as part of the Dragons’ raffle, will go home with a piece of Dragons’ merchandise. Space is limited! To reserve your spot, please contact Andrew Hayes of the Dayton Dragons at (937) 228-2287, ext. 129. Play ball!
Get Your Own Personalized Paver

A lasting campus legacy...

Leave your mark on Edison State Community College by purchasing a personalized paver that will be placed in the courtyard at the Piqua Campus. Proceeds from the pavers go into The Edison Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Personalized pavers are a wonderful way to honor a family member, friend or co-worker by purchasing a paver in their name. Not only will you be honoring someone special… you will be helping Edison State students by providing scholarships and other opportunities. Pavers are available in the following sizes:

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The Edison Foundation | 1973 Edison Drive | Piqua, Ohio 45356
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DONATION YEAR-END DEADLINES:

By check—must be postmarked (U.S. Mail) by Dec. 31, 2017, or hand-delivered to our office on campus by 4:00 p.m. on December 29, 2017. Please mail gifts to: The Edison Foundation 1973 Edison Drive Piqua, OH 45356

Gifts by credit card—if sent by mail, must be postmarked (U.S. mail) by December 31, 2017; if made online, The Edison Foundation must receive transaction details by 4:00 p.m. EST on Dec. 29, 2017. The Edison Foundation accepts donations via PayPal on Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. The secure url is www.edisonohio.edu/donate

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

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