



DONOR SPOTLIGHT: **Hugo and Wallie Spatz**

Wallie Spatz, a long-time Port Charlotte resident and philanthropist, made a \$500,000 gift to the Edison College Foundation, Inc. to name the student services and administration building at the Charlotte Campus the *Hugo D. and Wallie Spatz Hall*. Mrs. Spatz's gift plus state matching proceeds will establish two separate programs to ensure success of students who enroll at the Charlotte Campus. The *Dr. Hugo D. and Wallie Spatz Scholarship Endowment* will provide scholarships to recent high school graduates, GED recipients, and adult students who are returning to college to complete or further their education. The *Dr. Hugo D. and Wallie Spatz Chair for Academic and Student Services* will provide support programs for at-risk students, leadership development opportunities and activities outside the classroom that promote academic achievement.

Around Campus

LEE CAMPUS AWAITS THE HEALTH SCIENCES ANNEX

Construction for a new 55,000 square foot health sciences annex will soon be underway to help address the growing need for registered nurses in Southwest Florida. The long awaited addition will be a two-story structure, adjacent to the Kenneth P. Walker Health Sciences building on College Parkway. Students will access state-of-the-art technology that will simulate hospital settings such as an intensive care unit, operating room, medical surgical unit, obstetrics labor and delivery lab, a pediatric clinical setting, a health career advisement center and various instructional labs.

"This will be an attractive and highly-functional addition to Edison College addressing current and future needs of health professions students. The plan is for the health professions students to learn to work collaboratively in an interdisciplinary manner while in school," said Dr. Mary Lewis, Associate District Dean of Health Professions.

SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEONS: AN ANNUAL TRADITION

The Spring President's Scholarship Luncheons are inspiring events that brings scholarship donors together with students whose lives their generosity has transformed.

With great donor support, the Edison College Foundation provided nearly \$3 million to the College this year for scholarships, academic program and instructional support. Over 800 students attended College with financial assistance provided through the Foundation alone. The funding is a huge relief to many students that strive to achieve their goals.

"I am so thankful for the opportunity that the Mina Edison Society Founders Scholarship has given me. It truly is the difference in making my dream a reality," said scholarship recipient Cassandra Weaver, who is pursuing a nursing degree at Edison College.

One in four students at Edison receives some type of financial assistance. In all, over \$15 million has been distributed this year in federal aid, including Pell grants, and local funding.

COLLIER CAMPUS ACHIEVES CAMPAIGN GOAL

Edison College's Collier Campus has completed another step toward providing an adequate number of registered nurses in Collier County. The \$2 million fund-raising challenge issued by the State of Florida for the construction of a \$12 million, 30,000-square-foot Allied Health Sciences Hall was achieved in April upon receipt of a \$577,000 contribution from the Vincent A. Stable Foundation. "This achievement is testament to the generosity and foresight of the community," said Collier Campus President Dr. Jeff Albritten. "We thank our wonderful volunteer leaders, the media and the generous community donors including our faculty and staff." Construction is scheduled to commence late 2010.



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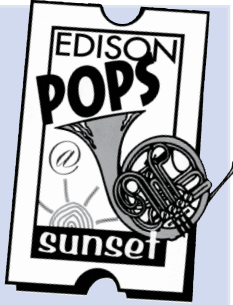
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AN UPDATE FOR FRIENDS OF EDISON COLLEGE

2008 POPS Concert Series Announced!

The Edison College Foundation is proud to present the 2008 Edison Pops @ Sunset Concert Series! Come join us on the beautiful concert lawns of the Charlotte and/or Lee Campus for an evening to remember.



Want to be up close to the action? Purchase reserved table seating or your own table of 10! Let the creativity flow and decorate your table. Prizes will be awarded to the best decorated table in six different categories at each concert.

Prefer to admire from afar? Set up camp with a blanket and chairs to enjoy the show from the lawn. Whether you bring your own feast or have dinner catered, prepare for an evening of fun music and dancing under the stars!

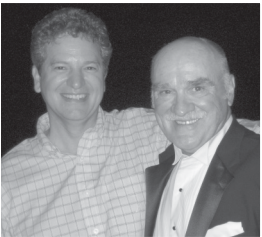
SWING UNDER THE STARS AT THE HOLLYWOOD CANTEEN ON THE CHARLOTTE CAMPUS

The 13th annual POPS @ Sunset Concert is scheduled for Saturday, October 18th on the Charlotte Campus. This year's theme will be Swingin' Under the Stars at the Hollywood Canteen. The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra will perform and Paul Todd will be the guest artist. For more information call 941/637-5645 or visit the Edison Pops website at www.edisonpops.com/charlotte.

BLOOD, SWEAT & TEARS WILL MAKE YOU "SO VERY HAPPY" AT THE LEE CAMPUS

The 6th Annual Lee Campus Edison POPS @ Sunset concert, presented by Chico's Charities, is scheduled for Saturday, October 25th. This year's concert will feature the Edison College POPS Orchestra with the Grammy Award-winning band, Blood, Sweat & Tears. Additional information is available through the Edison POPS web site, www.edisonpops.com/lee or call 239/489-9085.

With the outstanding support from our Southwest Florida community and State matching proceeds, the Dr. Richard D. Yarger Charlotte POPS @ Sunset Scholarship is valued over \$675,000 and the Lee Campus Edison POPS Chair for Academic Advancement is valued at \$312,000. Each provide significant support for our Edison College students.



Dr. Dennis Hill, (Right) POPS Conductor and recently retired professor of music was honored by the Edison College Foundation, Inc. at the 5th Annual POPS concert on the Lee campus with an endowed scholarship to be awarded annually in his name. He is congratulated by Lee Campus President, Dr. Robert Jones

COLLEGE AWARDS FIRST BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

May 2, 2008 was a landmark day in Edison College history, as the College celebrated its 46th annual graduation ceremony as well as its inaugural baccalaureate graduation. Nine graduates received the Bachelor of Applied Science [BAS] in Public Safety Management degree from District President Kenneth P. Walker.

The first bachelor's degree graduates are: Melissa Turney, Summa Cum Laude, Nicholas Favazzo, Dana Harper, Gregory Harrel, James Licata, Michael Maurer, Eric Nalewaik, Frederick Plocinski and Daniel Zunzunegui. All are employed in Law Enforcement, EMS or Fire Services in Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties.

Five additional bachelor's programs are slated for implementation in the next year. Secondary Education in Biology and Secondary Education in Mathematics will commence in fall 2008. Elementary Education and Supervision and Management will follow in early 2009 and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing is planned to begin in August of 2009.

For additional information on any of the Edison College's bachelor's degree programs, contact the baccalaureate and university program office at 1-800-749-2322 or 489-9295.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUGUST 25, 2008 – Fall Classes Begin
www.edison.edu/academics/schedule/

OCTOBER 18, 2008 – 13th Annual Edison POPS @ Sunset Concert, Charlotte Campus

OCTOBER 25, 2008 – 6th Annual Edison POPS @ Sunset Concert, Lee Campus

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2008 LIFE Award Recipient: Adria D. Starkey

Adria D. Starkey was awarded the 2008 Holland T. Salley Leadership in Fostering Education (LIFE) Award at the 6th annual luncheon held in March. The LIFE award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions toward advancing academic opportunities in Collier County. Past recipients of this award are Edward A. Morton (2004), Fred Pezeshkan (2005), Judy Sproul (2006) and Raymond L. Lutgert and Scott F. Lutgert (2007). Proceeds from this year's luncheon will benefit the Edison College, Collier Campus Allied Health Sciences Hall Fund.



From left: Foundation District Board Vice Chairman Jason Korn, Collier Campus President Dr. Jeffrey Allbritten, 2008 LIFE Award recipient Adria D. Starkey and 2005 LIFE Award recipient Fred Pezeshkan