



News from the Foundation

GIVING BACK IS MOVING FORWARD

NEW COLLIER CAMPUS HEALTH SCIENCES HALL NAMED FOR ALLEN AND MARLA WEISS

On September 28th, over 150 people participated in a dual groundbreaking ceremony on the Collier Campus celebrating the start of construction on two new buildings: the Allen & Marla Weiss Health Sciences Hall and the Student Services Building.

The Allen & Marla Weiss Health Sciences Hall, named for Dr. Allen Weiss, MD, the CEO and President of Naples Community Hospital, and his wife, Dr. Marla Weiss, PhD, former Edison State faculty member, will feature nursing and related labs, along with classroom and administrative space on the ground floor. On the second floor, there will be chemistry and biology labs, as well as classroom and administrative space, along with an exterior patio area.



Allen & Marla Weiss Health Sciences Hall

The Student Services Building will include registration, counseling, testing, cashier and bookstore on the ground floor. On the second floor there will be administrative offices and a community room. A new green space will also provide an outdoor area for campus activities.

“Both of these buildings will complement and expand our campus both aestheti-



Student Services Building

cally and academically,” stated Dr. Jeff Allbritten, Collier Campus President. “We are so proud to have the Weiss name on our Health Sciences Hall. It reinforces our partnership with the community to produce a highly qualified healthcare workforce for Collier County.”

EDISON STATE LAUNCHES NEW ALUMNI PROGRAM

As Edison State College prepares to celebrate the milestone of its 50th anniversary, it is only fitting that a new program be launched to recognize and celebrate the achievements of its 30,000 + alumni.

With enrollment increasing exponentially, new baccalaureate degrees coming on line each year and Charter High Schools emerging on the scene, Edison’s star is clearly on the rise.

Through the new alumni program—*Edison Connections*—Edison State plans to locate, reconnect and re-engage its alumni in the life of the college. Today’s students will become tomorrow’s workforce and community leaders. Through the new program, alumni will have opportunities



to serve as mentors to current students and as ambassadors for the College.

Through college publications and media outlets, Edison State College will enjoy spotlighting alumni success stories and the everyday contributions its students and alumni make to the community and the college.

Alumni will also be able to reconnect with former classmates and friends, and utilize alumni networking tools as a resource for internship opportunities and career services support.

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NAPLES CHILDREN AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION TO RECEIVE AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP IN FOSTERING EDUCATION

The Naples Children and Education Foundation (NCEF) has been selected to receive the 2011 Holland T. Salley "Leadership in Fostering Education" (LIFE) Award. Established in 2003 by the Edison State College Foundation, the LIFE Award honors those who have made outstanding contributions toward advancing academic opportunities for the citizens of Collier County. NCEF Trustees, were selected as the 2011 LIFE Award honorees in recognition of their outstanding support for education in two categories: citizen leadership and distinguished service.

The Naples Children & Education Foundation was founded in 2000 by a group of Naples families dedicated to improving the physical, emotional, and educational lives of underprivileged or at-risk children in Collier County. Since

its inception in 2001, \$82.5 million has been raised for children in need. Not only has NCEF supported non-profits that benefit children, NCEF has taken the lead in examining the needs of Collier County children, then creating a way to meet such needs.

In 2008, NCEF, Edison State College, and The University of Florida partnered to construct an early childhood learning center and a pediatric dental clinic on Edison State's Collier campus. This partnership has created an avenue for providing education and oral health services to thousands of underserved children in Collier County.

The 2011 LIFE Award Luncheon is scheduled for February 24th at the Naples Grande Hotel. For more information, call 239-732-3957.



ARTS EDISON INITIATIVE EXPANDS TO THE CHARLOTTE CAMPUS

For the Edison State College Charlotte Campus the question of 'To be, or not to be' has been answered, as its Theatre Department has expanded this fall in conjunction with the ARTS Edison initiative.

The Charlotte Campus has always been a welcome home for theatre enthusiasts with its annual Fall play, Spring musical and active theatre fraternity (Delta Psi Omega). Credit courses, however, have been limited with only Theater History and Performance & Production Classes offered. But beginning with the Fall semester Edison State began offering Introduction to Theatre, Acting I and Fundamentals of Theatre Practice I.

INVESTING IN THEIR NEIGHBORS

Look down the list of Edison State College Foundation scholarships, and you'll find the names of service clubs and civic groups: Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, Zonta, ABWA, AAUW, Business and Professional Women, to name a few. These organizations have found a method of giving with a short-term gain for the recipients and a long-term gain for all: scholarships.

"We believe that not only the individual but their community benefits from their

"This is the first step in our growth to provide a comprehensive theatre program at the Charlotte Campus," said Tom Rath, Charlotte Campus Dean of Academic Affairs. "Our primary focus is our students and creating pathways for their education. The arts are an important aspect of that process, so expanding academic offerings in theatre is part of our commitment."

Edison State pledged to become the epicenter for arts and cultural offerings within Southwest Florida with its recent ARTS Edison initiative. For more information, including a district-wide calendar of events, visit www.edison.edu/artsedison.

higher education," said Doug Finley, member of the Estate Planning Council of Lee County, "If it gives our youth and returning students a chance in life, it's well worth it." Groups like the Estate Planning Council demonstrate a remarkable ability to create change in their communities. On Sanibel, for instance, the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club spearheads fundraising drives, like selling Christmas trees, that affords them the opportunity to support many non-profits

"It's an exciting time for theatre at Edison State right now," Charlotte Campus Director of Theatre Sherie Ragan said. "Faculty, staff and students alike have a true passion and commitment to the arts here and that makes for a wonderful creative environment."

The theater department just closed their Fall production, Alice in Wonderland, and will be announcing the Spring production soon. For more information on supporting Edison State's Arts Academy contact the Foundation at 239-489-9210.



Dr. Jeff Allbritten receives gift from Naples North Rotary

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Through all the growth and change, Edison State College will retain its core mission of serving students through open access and affordable tuition, offering pathways to higher education for students who otherwise may not have an opportunity to attend college.

The new Alumni Relations Office hopes to help everyone recognize what they already know and believe – Edison State College is *the best choice* to connect life and learning. So, to Edison's 30,000 +

alumni who have experienced the joys and benefits of an Edison education – stay connected!

For more information on the new Edison Connections Alumni Program, please visit the ESC website, www.edison.edu and follow the link to Alumni & Friends. Or, feel free to contact the Alumni Relations department at 239-433-6951 or at alumni@edison.edu. We can't wait to hear from you!

LEE CAMPUS SCHOOL OF NURSING SHOWS OFF LATEST TECHNOLOGY

A new nursing facility on the Lee Campus of Edison State features state-of-the-art simulator technology and many features found in Southwest Florida hospitals. Students have the opportunity to secure real-time simulated experience before they even approach an employer.

"It's designed so that we can train students so they can be exposed to situations they may experience in the hospital, but they'll be exposed (to them) before they get to the hospital," said Anne Harner, Nursing Clinical Lab Supervisor at Edison State College. "It takes away a little bit of stress they may feel when they start working."

Edison State College is partnering with the Lee Memorial Health System on developing aspects of the Nursing program. Students will be trained on the medical documentation system used by the area hospitals, so graduates will be familiar with the process. Edison State College is the first college in the United States to be permitted to use the industry leading EPIC system in a college-health system partnership. Edison State and LMHS are combining efforts by sharing the software for training. LMHS will schedule some training at the nursing program's "mock hospital" computers.

The state-of-the-art 58,000 square-foot building features a mock hospital, ICU, OR, and pediatric unit featuring life-like manikins for simulated learning. The manikins can be programmed to



sweat, cry, bleed, and react to student procedures. They allow students to work on physical responses to administering medication or in respiratory therapy interventions as well as childbirth. Students' interaction with the life-like manikins can be recorded on video and later reviewed with a faculty member to assess skills.

A Medical History Museum is housed on the first floor of the facility and exhibits historical medical equipment and uniforms.

For more information or to schedule a private tour, please contact the Foundation Office at 239-489-9210.

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on the island and in Lee County. They have been supporters of Edison State College for many years and have grown their endowed scholarship in excess of \$100,000 to support disabled students.

The Naples North Rotary was established June 1969. Since the beginning, the club has been a very viable organization with a yearly project of recognizing outstanding students in cooperative education. As the Naples North Rotary club has grown, so have their efforts to support education. With the current economic circumstances causing more and more students to rely on local institutions for their higher education, the Naples North Rotary donated \$20,000 to assist Collier County students with their studies at Edison State. Larry Harris, longtime Rotarian, states, "Having a local, State College is a wonderful advantage for students. We don't want tuition to be the reason students can't attend college. We chose Edison State because they offer the best value per dollar and the highest level of education that can be earned right here in Naples."

These service clubs have found that the money they raise goes a lot further in the form of scholarships at Edison State. Bob Shrader of the Korean War Veterans Association #255 said that's why his group chose to contribute to Edison State. "It's a way of being in contact with a responsible group that is prudent with their finances," said Shrader, "We think the Foundation is pretty good at it." Needless to say, the scholarship recipients are deeply grateful to the service clubs. "It's a great organization," said Cassie Jones, Fort Myers Rotary South Scholarship recipient. "I'm glad it's out there. I wish we had more of them!"

Upcoming Events

- December 9 ESC Fall Commencement (Barbara B. Mann Hall)
- February 11 Patron's Gala, West Side Story (Barbara B. Mann Hall)
- February 24 Holland T. Salley LIFE Award Luncheon
- April 8 Charlotte Campus Scholarship Luncheon
- April 15 Lee Campus Scholarship Luncheon

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If you've been experiencing the bumpy ride of the stock market, or trying to make ends meet while living off the interest of certificates of deposit that pay a fraction of what they did years ago, now may be the time for you to consider making a planned gift that will provide you with a stream of payments for life. That's right, you can make a charitable gift that will pay you for life... or in other words, you can Give AND Receive!

The gift annuity works like a commercial annuity, except part of your gift (of either cash or stock) qualifies for a charitable tax deduction. In exchange, you get a set amount of the original gift as a payment for life; the percent is determined by your age at the time the gift is made. Furthermore, part of the payment is tax free.

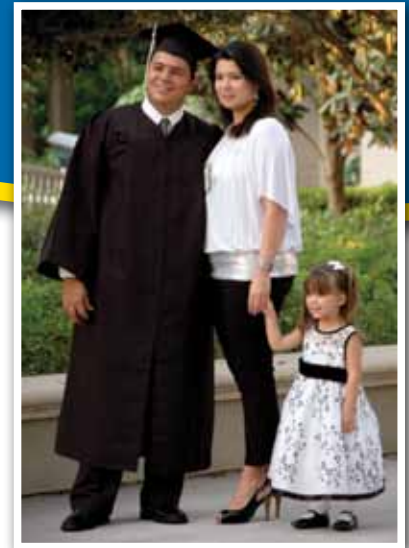
At the annuitant's death, a gift will be provided to Edison State College and

put to work to assist students through scholarship or academic support based on your wishes.

Because of the legal nature of these gifts, it is recommended that you contact Tim Forman, Director of Planned Giving, at 239-433-8004, to help you make the kinds of gift that is right for you and the college

SAMPLE GIFT ANNUITY RATES

Age	Single-Life Rate
65	5.5%
70	5.8%
75	6.4%
80	7.2%
85	8.1%
90+	9.5%



"It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do little - do what you can."

~SYDNEY SMITH