



Lee Campus Life



EDISON STATE COLLEGE

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Greetings from Dr. Thomas



*Dr. Noreen Thomas
Executive VP
Lee Campus President*

Welcome to the Lee Campus of Edison State College. I look forward to a rewarding and exciting year. Before we move into another year, I want to take a moment to congratulate each of you for all of the great accomplishments of the year past.

During the 2008-2009 year our Lee Campus welcomed and graduated more students than ever in our 48-year history. When I think of all of the extra effort it took from each of our faculty and staff members to ‘make this happen’ I fill with pride.

We also completed the magnificent Richard H. Rush Library renovation project and opened the Special Collections Exhibit. Now our students can enjoy a completely wireless campus and meet to study or sip a coffee in the beautiful Garden Café. On the west side of campus we broke ground on what will soon become the premier nursing school in Southwest Florida, if not the Southeastern United States.

These achievements were realized because of each employee’s dedication to our students and to our mission. I believe that for our campus life to be good, it has to be grounded in academics and driven by faculty, students, and staff. A vibrant campus is energized by people! Edison State strives to make our campus a hub of learning both inside and outside the classroom.

A primary area of focus of the 2009-2010 year will be on students’ ‘First Year Experience’ (FYE). The first few weeks, months and semesters of college are the most critical to long-term student success and retention. Again this Fall, students are enrolling in record breaking numbers. For many, this is their first time in college or their first time at Edison State College. We must give each student the attention and tools he or she needs to pave the way for a successful academic experience at Edison State.

Keeping the first year experience in mind, we are moving forward with plans to bring a collegiate high school to this campus. We have submitted an application to the Lee County School District and expect to know more in October.

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Shawn Davis has a message for you



*Shawn Davis
SGA President
Lee Campus*

“Your voice matters.” Shawn Davis has taken those words as a personal mantra. Davis is the President of the Student Government Association (SGA) at Edison State College, Lee Campus. The statement is the slogan for the SGA, but has really become a way of living for the 18-year-old sophomore.

“We want to get people involved. We (the SGA) represent all students on campus, so we need input from everyone. If you’ve got great ideas or fun event possibilities, we want to make them happen,” explains Davis. “Studies repeatedly have shown that being involved leads to success in school, actually success in all aspects of one’s life.”

Davis and the current student government senators are actively seeking expanded student involvement on campus. “I really appreciate the diversity of ESC, there are so many cultures represented, so many different ways of thinking, and a broad range of ages,” Davis enthuses. “We currently have more than 20 clubs on campus, and I really want to make Edison State a place where people have both a school life and a social life...come for class and stay awhile.”

Davis is certainly walking the talk. His personal calendar is full of meetings and activities for various campus groups. Besides being the President of the Student Government Association, Davis is a member of the HOPE Scholars’ Club, a math tutor, a teacher’s assistant for Upward Bound, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the National Honors’ Society. His latest off-campus endeavor is karate.

He wasn’t always so immersed. “I was not an open person- really shy, very quiet.” Hard to believe, coming from a man charged with inspiring others. “I played sports in high school, and then got introduced to Upward Bound and the HOPE program in my junior year. The programs had a lot of workshops on interacting with people, how to communicate effectively, and those led me to a whole new way of expressing things....Through my networking, I’ve met so many people. It has opened me up to so many new experiences.”

Davis’ top priority is to give back to his community. He intends to make community outreach a goal of the SGA. “We (various clubs) have worked on Breast Cancer Awareness,

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ARTS EDISON

Welcome to ARTS Edison, the newest addition to the world-class offerings at Edison State College!

From the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall to the ONLY gallery outside of New York City's Guggenheim to bear the name of the great Bob Rauschenberg, ARTS Edison is a hub of artistic inspiration right here in Southwest Florida.

Discover, learn, participate and enjoy our many art exhibits. Explore the one-of-a-kind events and films offered during the Black Maria Film Festival, find out who is performing this year at the POPS Concert or take one of our new Arts Academy courses.

With exhibits, concerts, performances, films, lectures, continuing education courses and much more, Edison State College embraces the arts and our cultural heritage through a broad range of diverse offerings. See it all for yourself.

Visit our website www.edison.edu/ARTSEdison to get a current schedule.



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kids with cancer, adopting elementary classes, and the Backpack program. I'd really like to see a number of our clubs and organizations working together to serve our community. It's all so good. I've learned one voice does matter."

If you are interested in joining the Student Government Association, please stop by the Student Life Office in Taeni Hall.

Introducing the Arts Academy

Edison State College proudly introduces the Arts Academy through our Department of Continuing Education. Edison State College is offering a new menu of courses designed for the art enthusiast. From sculpture to print, metalsmithing to music, our instructors bring local, regional, national and international experiences into the Lee Campus classrooms. Discover your creativity at the Arts Academy today.

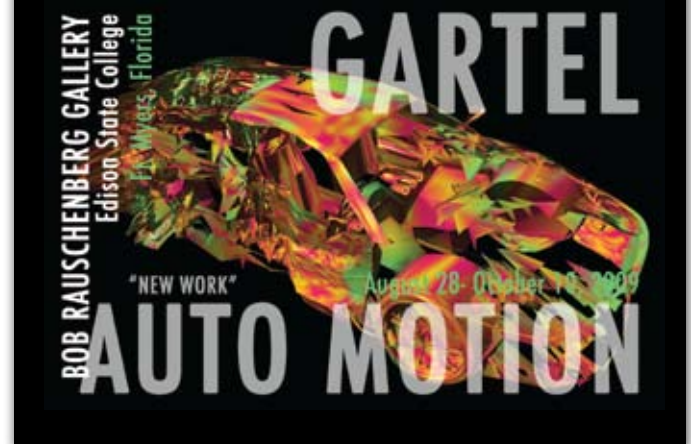
To meet some of our outstanding faculty and select a course visit www.edison.edu/artsacademy.

Bob Rauschenberg Gallery Exhibit Schedule Overview • 2009

Legendary computer and digital art pioneer Laurence Gartel returns to the gallery with his newest work. In October, the environmentally sensitive installation art of Florida Atlantic University professor Blane De St. Croix will be shown. Each exhibit will include a lecture by the artist opening night of the show.

Laurence Gartel: August 28 – October 10

Blane De St. Croix: October 30 – December 5



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Student Life, the center for student clubs and all types of student activities, is constantly creating ways for students to get to know each other outside the classroom. From campus movies to Casino Night, the folks at Student Life specialize in fun. We encourage you to join in the action.

I look forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Noreen Thomas

Lee Campus President and Executive Vice President



Bookstore Grand Re-Opening

Edison State College Bookstore has been recently revamped, and offers one stop shopping for all your campus needs.

The new Bookstore features a chic boutique area featuring many hip styles of Edison State branded clothing, stadium blankets, ESC clad teddy bears, stylishly designed notebooks, caps, decals and water bottles all with the Edison State Logo.

A new “General Reading” section offers popular hardback and paperback editions of fiction, non-fiction, autobiographies, and children’s books at discounted prices. Grab a seat and stay awhile.

Textbooks are available for all courses. Inventory includes new and previously owned books. Many general school supplies as well as nursing supplies are available in the Bookstore.

The Bookstore is located next to the Garden Cafe in Taeni Hall. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stop in and check out the latest!



CLUB RUSH • Aug 26 and 27

Get involved! Join a club! Lee Campus has over 20 different student clubs and organizations; there’s bound to be something up your alley! Swing by the front of Taeni Hall (Building S), in front of the Garden Cafe, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday to meet and greet our student groups! Check out www.edison.edu/studentlife for more information!

Directory of Clubs & Student Organizations

Contact the Student Life Specialist (studentlife@edison.edu or 985-3438) with any questions or comments about clubs or student organizations. Go to www.edison.edu/studentlife/events.php for an updated list of club events and meeting times!

Club Name	Faculty/Staff	Advisor Contact Info
African-American Student Association (AASA)	Fred Morgan	fmorgan@edison.edu
Campus Activity Board (CAB)	TBD	Contact Student Life
Construction Specifications Institute (CSI)	Albert Dambrose	adambrose@edison.edu
Dental Hygiene Club	Karen Molumby	kmolumby@edison.edu
Edison Film Society	Dr. Wendy Chase	wchase@edison.edu
Environmental/Social Awareness Club	Dr. Thomas Wayne	thwayne@edison.edu
Gay-Straight Alliance	Violeta Rotonda	vrotonda@edison.edu
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship	Melanie Lemaster	mlemaster@edison.edu
Kappa Delta Epsilon Education Honor Society	Joyce Rollins	jrollins@edison.edu
Latin-American Student Association	TBD	Contact Student Life
Nurses Christian Fellowship	Chitra Paul-Victor	cpaulvictor@edison.edu
Paralegal Club	Dr. Mary Conwell	mconwell@edison.edu
Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society	Dr. Rozalind Jester	rjester@edison.edu
Philosophy Club	Dr. Russell Swanson	rswanson@edison.edu
Project HOPE	Fred Morgan	fmorgan@edison.edu
Respiratory Care Club	Dr. J.B. Elsberry	jelsberry@edison.edu
Student Government Association (SGA)	TBD	Contact Student Life
Veterans Organization	Dennis Fahey	dfahey@edison.edu
West Indian Student Association (WISA)	TBD	Contact Student Life
Young Democrats	David Meo	djmeo@edison.edu

Intramural Sports – Are You Game?

Are you interested in Intramural sports? Student Life is actively trying to start Ultimate Frisbee and Soccer. If you’re game, please email studentlife@edison.edu or stop by their office in Taeni Hall.

Eye on Nursing

Building our Future

The nursing facility under construction on the Lee Campus is on track for completion in Fall 2010. The building's 65,000 square feet will house Edison State's Nursing program, which includes many levels of nursing education, from certificate training through a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The building will feature a mock hospital, including intensive care, medical-surgical rooms, nurses' station, maternity suites, medical museum, and a state of the art pediatric wing.

The nursing facility will be constructed as a "green building", ultimately earning LEED certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.



RN to BSN Program

In addition to the popular two-year RN program, Edison State College now offers the RN to BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) program for students interested in earning their four-year degree. 101 nurses have enrolled in the RN to BSN Fall program, with even more projected to begin in January.

The BSN program has adopted a unique curriculum titled 'Learning Community.' Students will be divided into groups of 25 and will complete the entire 15-month program as a group. "The new format will enable students to help each other, enhance learning, and make the program a bit more fun," explained Dr. Mary Lewis, Associate Dean of Nursing at Edison State. To extend the community concept, all groups will study the same course in five week blocks of time. Courses will be divided into two online sections and two face-to-face sections. For more information, visit www.edison.edu/academics/bsnursing/.

\$\$\$ Save Some Green \$\$\$

Discover the savings available for Edison State students and employees:

- Planet Fitness is offering special rates for Edison students. \$10 start-up, \$10 per month. Contact Student Life.
- Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall offers 10% off tickets to many shows. Visit www.bbmannpah.com and use the password "EDISON."
- Crowne Plaza and Homewood Suites by Hilton, both at the Bell Tower Shops, extends discounts to ESC students, employees, and friends. Request the ESC rate. 482-2900

We're Watching Your Back

Edison State's Lee Campus is a beautiful place to learn and play. The college is committed to enhancing the Edison State experience for all students, faculty, staff, and guests by continuously monitoring and upgrading public safety initiatives. Read on to discover two new ways Edison State is watching your back.

Edison State's Public Safety Department

Edison State College has reinforced its commitment to safety by forming the Public Safety Department. The new department enables us to have certified police officers on each campus.

The Director of Public Safety for the College is Rick Parfitt. On the Lee Campus, Mr. Parfitt is a sworn Public Safety Officer, working with the department's recent hire, Public Safety Officer Reggie Mitchell. These officers are certified by the State of Florida, and are armed; they perform their duties in accordance with the State of Florida, College Board Policy, and departmental procedures. The ESC Public Safety Officers' daily uniform will be khaki pants and blue polo shirts. Additional security officers will continue to be contracted through Wackenhut.

Edison State College's new Public Safety Department has made our beautiful campus that much more inviting. Public Safety may be reached by calling x1203.



Meet Public Safety officers Reggie Mitchell and Director Rick Parfitt.

Edison Emergency Notification System – Be in the Know

Sign up now to receive important announcements via phone, text message, and/or email in the event of an emergency, severe weather, or any other situation where the timely delivery of information is important. Look for this icon on the myEdison portal page. Opt in today, and be in the know.

