



Edison Innovations



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Building an Innovative Education System



*Dr. Kenneth P. Walker,
District President*

Welcome to Edison State College, Southwest Florida's most comprehensive school of higher education. For 49 years, Edison State has been a leader in providing quality education. In recent years our College has built upon its remarkable success by expanding in ways that uniquely position our students for the 21st Century global society.

As one of Florida's four-year State Colleges, we have seized this historic opportunity to transform Edison State into a broad education system that delivers learning opportunities ranging from our collegiate high schools in Charlotte and Lee counties through the bachelor degree level.

10 Bachelor Degree Programs

As pioneers of the applied baccalaureate degree, our students can now select from 10 such degrees in the diverse fields of public safety administration, supervision and management, nursing, cardiopulmonary science and six options in education. These programs were carefully selected with the input of area employers to ensure our graduates will have the skills they need when entering the workforce.

ESC is in Your Neighborhood

As the area's largest school of higher education, Edison State has a full campus or center right in your community. Located in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties and through Edison online, each is able to address the needs of the service area. Together we strive to be considerate of our students, efficient in our processes and flexible in our services.

Open Access

Most importantly, our College remains committed to our open-door mission to "inspire learning, prepare a diverse population for creative and responsible leadership in a global society, and serve as a catalyst for the intellectual, economic and cultural enhancement of our community."

We look forward to serving your educational needs.

New Bachelor Degree Programs Respond to Region's Career Prospects



"The school has an excellent reputation—I've spoken with friends who had great experiences," said education student, Ernie Branson. "The student body isn't just the typical demographic. I'm not the only person who has been out in the working world and back to get a degree. I'm so happy I can stay now for my entire undergraduate degree!"

Ernie Branson is seizing the opportunity to earn a degree in one of the most in-demand fields in Florida, middle grades education. After years of working in retail management and in transportation, Branson realized that Edison State would afford him the opportunity to make a fulfilling career change. He will be part of the inaugural class of Middle Grades Language Arts program at Edison State.

"I've thought about teachers who had a positive influence in my life," explained Branson. "I credit many of my 7th and 8th grade teachers with helping me through that time in life. I hope to have that same positive influence on other young people."

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Application Fee Waived at 'Go Higher Get Accepted' Event

All Edison State College locations are hosting the annual Go Higher, Get Accepted Open House on Monday, February 21, 2011. High school students who apply to ESC this day will have the \$30 application fee waived. Each campus/center location at Edison State College will host workshops on a variety of subjects to include one on Finding Cash for College. Students will be able to meet faculty members, students and staff, along with being able to take campus tours. Food, giveaways and other entertainment will be available. For more information visit: www.edison.edu/gohigher.



Museum of Medical History Opens to the Public



Dr. Roger Scott is a first for the Southwest Florida medical community. He opened his private surgical practice in 1958 in Fort Myers and became Lee County's first board certified surgeon in 1960.

"I'm a true general surgeon," Scott said. "True meaning I came to Fort Myers with the anticipation that I could do anything that needed surgically to be done with the human body."

Dr. Roger Scott

Before the days of PET scans and robotic surgeries, Dr. Scott relied on his ability to make diagnoses using his natural talent.

"It was by sight and touch and smell," he said. "I think medicine was the right thing for me, there's no question about it."

Dr. Scott and his colleague, Fort Myers surgeon Dr. Jacob Goldberger, co-founded the Museum of Medical History in January 2001. The Museum has had several 'homes' over the years, and most recently relocated permanently to Edison State College, thereby creating a public museum for the community to enjoy. The museum is now open to all at no cost. Exhibits detail the progression of surgery, nursing, human prosthetics, therapeutic and diagnostic devices and patent medicines, and pharmaceutical artifacts.

"As a leader in health education in Southwest Florida, we are grateful to our partners in the medical community," said Dr. Kenneth Walker, District President, Edison State College. "For all citizens, a deeper understanding of the present is enhanced through knowledge of the past. It is our hope that the Museum of Medical History will ignite learning for the area's medical professionals, the students of Edison State College, and the community we serve."

For more information about the Museum of Medical History at Edison State College, visit <http://www.edison.edu/museumofmedicalhistory> or call (239) 489-9208.

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The State of Florida predicts it will need to hire more than 3,000 middle school teachers in the next several years, yet until now there was no public or private school in Southwest Florida to educate Middle Grades Math, Science or Language Arts teachers.

The School of Education at Edison State College has launched three new baccalaureate degree programs to address three of the state's critical teacher shortage areas. The programs will prepare graduates to secure teaching positions in 5-9 grade levels in the applicable program discipline.

To learn more about the B.S. in Middle Grades Language Arts Education with ESOL endorsement, B.S. in Middle Grades Mathematics Education, or B.S. in Middle Grades Science Education, visit the website: www.edison.edu/academics.



Pharmacy display materials range from the late 1800s to the mid 1900s. The museum is free and open to the public Monday-Friday from 10:00am-2:00pm or by appointment.

Hendry/Glades Center Student finds ways to 'Do it All'



John Marotti

Student John Marotti has figured out how to balance quite a work load! He is the first Student Government president at Edison State's Hendry/Glades Center. He is a senior at LaBelle High School AND a junior at Edison State College. He even takes some of his classes online—so he can fit more in.

The star student earned his associate in arts degree in 2010, graduating with high honors, and now is an early admissions student with Edison State College. More recently, John was nominated by United States Senator Bill Nelson to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York where he intends on majoring in Civil Engineering with a minor in Political Science.

Green is Great!

The Collier Campus continues to implement sustainability initiatives that help conserve our natural resources and reduce costs. In January, the Thermal Energy Storage System became fully operational. It stands 45 feet tall and is 45 feet in diameter and holds a half million gallons of water. Edison State College worked with FPL on this project, and as a result, the Collier Campus will realize energy savings of up to \$80,000 annually, in addition to easily handling the needs of two new buildings now under construction.

“Being environmentally conscious and implementing practices to reduce our carbon footprint is important to us,” said Dr. Jeff Allbritten, Campus President. “This is another way for us to continually work toward that goal.”

The Collier Campus is already home to two Gold LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) buildings with the UF Dental Clinic and the NCEF Early Childhood Development Center. Now under construction are two new buildings, the Allen & Marla Weiss Health Sciences Hall and the Student Services Building, both of which are targeted for LEED certification and a completion date of late Fall 2011.

STARring the Green

“We have a talented and knowledgeable core group of faculty members who have begun an Environmental Sustainability Initiative, which allows us to document our environmental impact campus-wide with the Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS),” said Dr. Allbritten.

Additional projects include Habitat Restoration, Organic Gardening, Kayak Tours, Coastal Clean-up and the Third Annual GreenFest, on March 26, 2011.



The new Thermal Energy Storage System is now fully operational on the Collier Campus.



Construction is under way for two new buildings on the Collier Campus, including the Student Services Building.

The Collier Campus has also partnered with Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, which gives students hands-on learning opportunities.

“We are always looking for ways to be environmentally proactive with campus initiatives and learning opportunities,” said Dr. Allbritten.

Charlotte Campus Looks to the Future

For the Charlotte Campus of Edison State College, 2010 was another year of wonderful new beginnings and celebrated accomplishments with the first baccalaureate degree awarded, Edison Collegiate High School opening its new facility and a new coordinator of the Nursing Program welcomed.

Stephanie Caldart became the first Charlotte Campus recipient of a bachelor's degree when she graduated with her BAS in Public Safety Administration and was honored at the spring commencement ceremony.

Caldart has since been joined by Blanca Viera and Carolyn Johnson, with each awarded their BAS degrees in Supervision and Management in December. The Charlotte Campus began offering bachelor's degrees in the fall of 2009 and continues to grow its baccalaureate offerings.

Edison's continued commitment to excellence extended to ECHS, which earned an 'A' rating from the Department of Education. ECHS met the standard for top honors with 628 points, 103 more than what is required by the Florida School Recognition Program.

In its second year with 200 students enrolled, ECHS also moved into

a beautiful new 17,500-square-foot facility on campus. With the latest in educational technology at their fingertips, ECHS students and faculty are well equipped to conquer the challenges of their rigorous curriculum.

The Charlotte Campus also ushered in a new steward for its renowned Nursing Department. The program has routinely produced graduates who exceed the national average for pass rates on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) with Charlotte's advanced placement students maintaining a 100-percent pass rate.

Chitra Paul-Victor assumed the duties of Nursing Coordinator following the retirement of Anita Johnson in the fall. Paul-Victor previously served as a professor on the Lee Campus and is enrolled in a Ph.D. program. She has a BSN and M.Sci. in Nursing, MD in Alternative Medicine, is a registered midwife and spent significant time overseas in various capacities.

With the expansion of educational offerings and continued commitment from faculty and staff, the Charlotte Campus celebrated a wonderful 2010 and looks ahead to an even more successful 2011.

Edison Online Professor Shares Experiences



Ellie Bunting, Faculty Chair, Edison Online.

Professor Ellie Bunting has been teaching online courses for 15 years and has been with Edison Online since it was founded. She primarily teaches Comp I and Comp II. She has been instrumental in launching the eStudio at Edison State College which offers a blend of online and in-class instruction in which students can learn at their own pace.

Q. What are some of the advantages to teaching online for the students?

A. "Flexibility is the biggest advantage of the online courses. The students can work on the courses when they want. They can work around jobs, family and life in general."

Q. What are some of the advantages to teaching online for the faculty?

A. "Teaching online is great because of the flexibility. Although you are spending as much time online as you are in the classroom, you have the flexibility to spend that time when you want. I can work in the early morning or late at night."

Q. What do you tell people who are considering taking an online class?

A. "I tell the students who are interested in taking an online course that you must have a computer and the right technology. The students must be independent learners and responsible for deadlines."

Q. What do you think separates Edison's online courses from other schools who offer online opportunities?

A. "We have put a lot of work into course design to make sure classes have consistent appearance. We have great designers that have a variety of modalities when they set the course up. We also have a peer review system to evaluate course design so that it is the best it can be."

Q. Tell us about eStudio.

A. "The eStudio is a new way to take classes at Edison State College. All of the eStudio courses are designed to use mastery learning; computer assisted instruction, and focused study groups to help move students through the course at a pace that is comfortable for them. The courses are designed to combine the personal touch of face-to-face instruction with the flexibility of online instruction. eStudio courses provide students with assistance anytime they need the extra help, so they are never alone as they meet the challenges of new material."

Student Success is a Family Affair

Mother/daughter duo, Eileen (Mom) and Meagan Clouse (daughter) recently celebrated a major milestone together. Both earned a college degree from Edison State College during the fall commencement ceremony. Eileen, a 1981 alumna of Edison's Registered Nursing (RN) program, returned to Edison State to continue her education earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Her daughter, Meagan Clouse is the youngest student enrolled in the RN program at Edison State. Upon completion she plans to enroll in the BSN program at Edison State College - just like her Mom! Both mother and daughter work with Lee Memorial Health System; Eileen as a RN and Meagan as a student nurse.

To learn more about the School of Nursing at Edison State College visit www.edison.edu/academics/bsnursing.



Mother and Daughter team Eileen and Meagan Clouse graduated together from the School of Nursing at Edison State College!

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