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THAT WE EXTEND
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THOMAS EDISON STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

Our success is dependent on the contributions of all members of the Thomas Edison State University community – alumni, staff, mentors, students and friends – to achieve the Foundation’s mission in support of the University.

If there is one question that shapes the actions we take at the Thomas Edison State University Foundation, it is this: How can we help provide the best educational opportunities for our students? It is also the question that remains paramount to our donors, whether they are alumni paying it forward, corporate partners intent on enhancing educational programs or friends establishing an endowed scholarship, it has always been about the long-term success of our students.

In 2016, our donors provided a wonderful response to the many philanthropic opportunities that contribute to the success of the University. During the period beginning Jan. 1, 2016, and ending Dec. 31, 2016, alumni, friends, mentors and community stakeholders invested in these initiatives and raised \$1,241,261. We are particularly grateful for the many alumni whose immediate response helped provide the funds necessary for scholarships and program enhancements. We are also thankful for friends and corporate partners who contributed more than \$233,305 to our two signature community events – the Annual Thomas C. Streckewald Golf Classic and the 25th Anniversary Grande Ball. As always, the significant support from corporations and foundations funds our ability to reach a much larger audience, spreading our mission and providing resources to empower adult learners to earn their degree.

Whether our donors choose to support scholarships, technological improvements or educational programs their generosity significantly enriches the experience of all our students and helps the University set a new standard for nontraditional higher education.

The following pages acknowledge all of the contributions to the Thomas Edison State University Foundation and highlight the impact donors have on the mission of the University and the success realized by our students.

On behalf of the Thomas Edison State University Foundation, thank you for helping to make Thomas Edison State University a leader in providing access to nontraditional higher education.

Michael Toscani

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

DEAR ALUMNI, STUDENTS AND FRIENDS,

On behalf of my Thomas Edison State University Foundation colleagues and the students we serve, please accept our sincere gratitude for your investment in our work as we present this year's Donor Impact Report. The Foundation's role is to further the mission of Thomas Edison State University (TESU), and I am pleased to report another exceptional year. Your investment in 2016 provided the resources needed for the University to continue advancing its mission – seize new opportunities in a changing academic environment, expand programs and increase scholarship support.

Growth...

A significant milestone was realized this year as the University awarded Marcie Jannetti, MSN '15, with her Master of Science in Nursing degree in Nursing Informatics. Ms. Jannetti is the University's 50,000th graduate and also represents the first graduating class of the "University."

Impact...

The generous support of our donor community afforded significant opportunities to TESU students. More than \$374,000 was awarded in scholarship support - an increase from 2015. However, these dollars represent much more than just a scholarship. They represent your investment in the lives of our students and open doors that make the impossible possible for so many.

Progress...

With the generosity from our annual supporters, the Foundation awarded a grant to develop the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree program, which was launched in early 2016. This program welcomed its first cohort of 15 RN students who will be prepared to provide the highest level of professional expertise and serve as leaders in transforming the healthcare settings in which they practice. In addition, the University proudly announced its newest corporate partnership with JetBlue and launched the Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity degree program within the School of Applied Science and Technology.

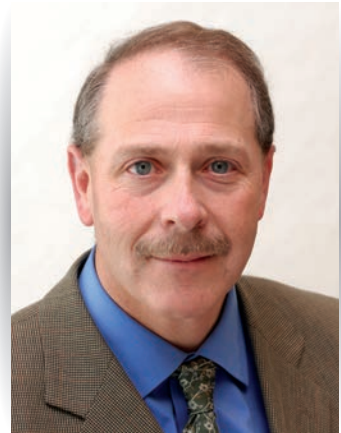
As we look to 2017, we are confident that with your continued investment, together we will impact more lives, one degree at a time.

I hope you are as inspired by the power of philanthropy as we are. Thank you again for your continued partnership and generosity.

Sincerely,



Michael Toscani, PharmD
Chair, Thomas Edison State University Foundation



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THE UNIVERSITY,
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CHANGING THE LIVES
OF THE STUDENTS
WE SERVE.”

Dr. Michael Toscani

WAYS TO GIVE



There are many ways to make your tax-deductible contribution to the Thomas Edison State University Foundation.

> MAKE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT

Cash gifts – the simplest and easiest gifts you can make – support vital areas of funding within the University. Another way to build your support is through corporate matching gift programs with your employer. These programs help to bolster your philanthropic intent by doubling or tripling the impact of your gift. Your donation whether it is a one-time gift, a recurring gift or a matching gift plays an integral role in helping to support the greatest needs of the University and our students. To make your gift today or to learn if your company matches gifts, visit give.tesu.edu.

> GROW YOUR CONTRIBUTION OVER TIME

Gift pledges are formal statements of intention to make a gift over a period of time. Each payment on a pledge is eligible for an income-tax deduction. Gift pledges are often used when supporting an endowed gift, a gift that is invested and generates income for the Foundation in perpetuity. Endowed gifts can be established with a minimum donation of \$25,000 to be gifted at once or over a period of time and can be directed to scholarships or special programs at the University.

> CREATE A LASTING LEGACY

Planned gifts encompass a broad range of both short- and long-term gift options designed to offer a way to support the University’s mission for generations while meeting your current financial needs. In the short term, donating gifts of appreciated securities, stocks and bonds provide immediate tax advantage. In the long term, naming Thomas Edison State University Foundation as a beneficiary in your will, insurance policy or retirement account ensures financial resources for the University while alleviating the tax burden on your family. For more information about making a planned gift see Page 22 and contact Misty Isak at misak@tesu.edu or (609) 984-1588, ext. 2077.

> CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION GRANTS

Corporations and foundations have provided generous grant support to fund programs and advanced technologies for students at Thomas Edison State University. These gifts reflect the philanthropic spirit embraced by our friends and partners. To learn more about corporate and foundation grant support, contact Fred Brand fbrand@tesu.edu or (609) 984-1588, ext. 2093.

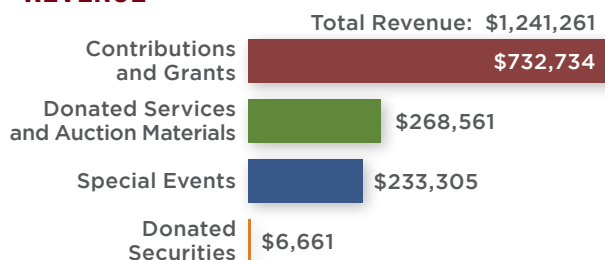
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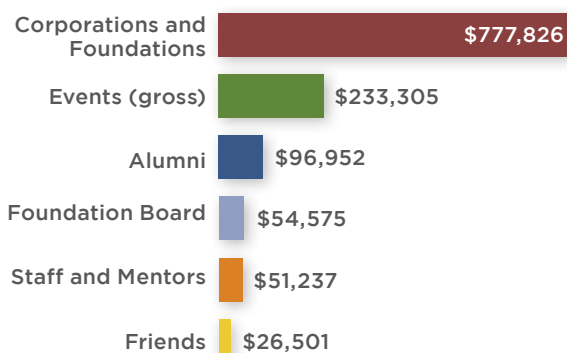
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	Year Ending 12/31/16	Year Ending 12/31/15
SUPPORT & REVENUE		
Contributions and Grants	\$732,734	\$586,680
Special Events	\$233,305	\$199,917
Donated Services and Auction Materials	\$268,561	\$266,611
Donated Securities	\$6,661	\$12,901
Total Support and Revenues	\$1,241,261	\$1,066,109
EXPENSES		
Grants	\$512,167	\$442,098
Scholarships	\$106,336	\$96,234
Promotional	\$21,227	\$15,579
Special Events	\$112,601	\$94,637
Donated Services and Auction Materials	\$268,561	\$266,611
Management and General	\$121,960	\$106,382
Fundraising	\$24,648	\$21,356
Total Expenses	\$1,167,500	\$1,042,897
Change in Net Assets (before investment return)	\$73,761	\$23,212
Net Investment Return	\$431,492	\$108,250
Change in Net Assets	\$505,253	\$131,462
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$8,639,527	\$8,508,065
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$9,144,780	\$8,639,527

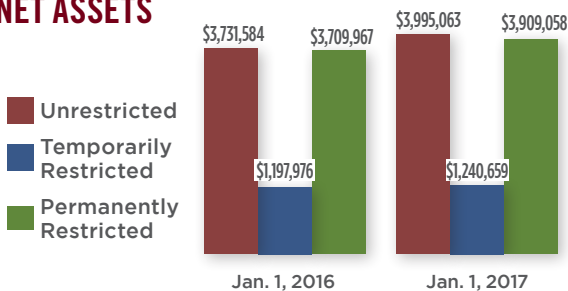
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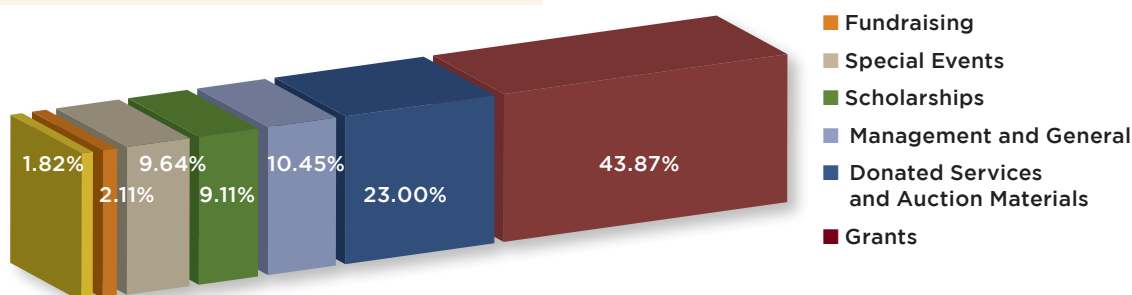
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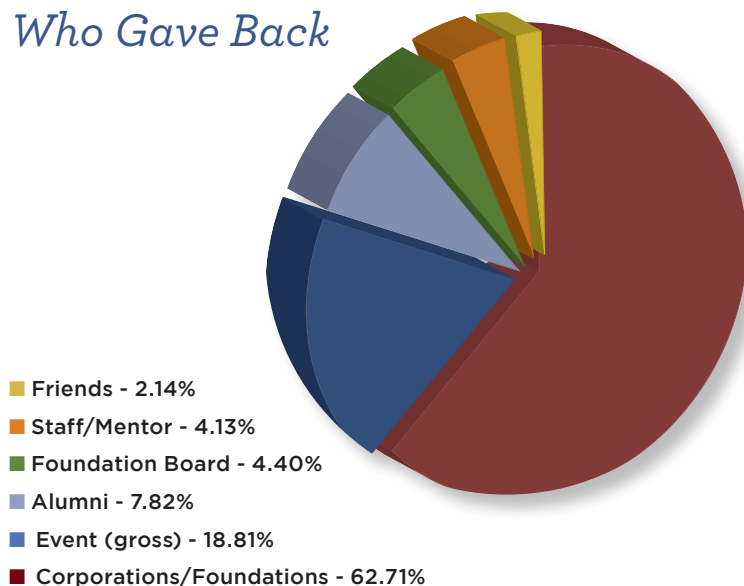
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THE 1972 SOCIETY

The 1972 Society provides exclusive recognition for our most dedicated alumni and friends who share the vision and advance the mission of Thomas Edison State University through significant contributions of \$500 and more. Members of the 1972 Society lead in their example of what it means to be philanthropic by providing the University with the funds necessary to respond to the unique and evolving needs of our students.

Who Gave Back



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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT CRAWFORD 'COLE' PAULK, BSAST '16

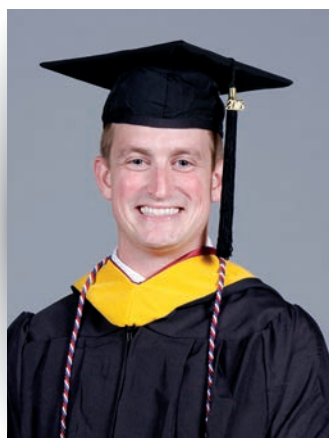
Military Scholarship Recipient

'COLE' PAULK SAW PHILANTHROPY IN ACTION.

Having been a recipient of a military scholarship on behalf of the Thomas Edison State University Foundation, Crawford 'Cole' Paulk, BSAST '16, saw philanthropy in action.

Needing just a small amount to complete his degree ahead of his discharge from the U.S. Navy, Paulk was given the award to round out his time at the University and complete his degree without financial stress. The flexibility that immediate use scholarships offer allow for seamless disbursement to students who demonstrate a financial need, relieving them of the burden instantly.

Paulk, who earned his Bachelor of Science in Applied Science and Technology degree in Electronic Energy Engineering Technology, says that the scholarship allowed him to finish his courses and pursue his dream of becoming an electronics engineer upon his separation from military service.



“ I REALLY WANTED TO MAKE A SMOOTH TRANSITION OUT OF THE MILITARY AND GETTING MY BACHELOR'S DEGREE WAS THE BEST WAY TO DO THAT AND THE BEST WAY TO START MY NEW CAREER. ”

Crawford 'Cole' Paulk, BSAST '16

RECURRING GIFT PROGRAM

RECURRING GIFT PROGRAM AT THOMAS EDISON STATE UNIVERSITY

A recurring gift is an ongoing, specific gift amount determined by a donor that is charged monthly to a donor's credit card. Recurring gifts are a dependable source of support that Thomas Edison State University Foundation can count on throughout the year.

> HOW DO I SIGN-UP?

You agree to a contribution amount – as little as \$5 each month – and it will be charged to your credit card accordingly.

If you need to change or discontinue your monthly gift for any reason you may do so at any time by emailing the Office of Development at development@tesu.edu or calling (609) 984-1588.

> SAMPLE MONTHLY DONATIONS

\$5 per month = \$60 per year

\$10 per month = \$120 per year

\$25 per month = \$300 per year

\$50 per month = \$600 per year

> PROGRAM BENEFITS

Spreading your support throughout the year is a convenient way to include your donations into your personal budget. Monthly giving is the most cost efficient way to deliver your support.

GREAT SATISFACTION

You will know you are helping TESU provide an exceptional student experience each month.

CONVENIENCE

When you participate in TESU Foundation's Recurring Gift Program, your gift will appear each month on your credit card. We will send you a calendar year-end tax receipt each January to help in your tax preparations, and you will not receive any additional phone solicitations or direct mail solicitations for the remainder of the year.

REDUCED PAPERWORK AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Automatic monthly payments mean more of your donation goes to where it is needed most.

FLEXIBILITY

If for any reason you wish to increase, decrease, discontinue your gifts or change the credit card being charged, just email the Office of Development at development@tesu.edu or call (609) 984-1588 and we will gladly accommodate you.

DONOR PROFILE MICHAEL BALKA, BSAST '14

MICHAEL BALKA MAKES IT LOOK EASY.

Having moved for each job he's held, Balka is the first to admit it was hard to earn his degree at a brick and mortar institution.

"The pattern of my career has been constant motion; I think I counted eight times where I've either moved for a job or to keep one," said Balka. "Attending a traditional school to finish a degree never worked for me because each time I'd get a class under my belt, I'd be faced with relocation."

Now settled into his career as an aircraft maintenance supervisor for UPS Airlines in Louisville, Ky., Balka credits the University's longstanding partnership with UPS as the motivation he needed to complete his degree.

"UPS has maintained a relationship with Thomas Edison for many years and had our corporate training evaluated for credit," Balka explained. "My degree program, Bachelor of Science in Applied Science and Technology degree in Aviation Management, was fantastic because the quality of our training is all collegiate level; being awarded credit for previous professional training, including pilot and mechanics ratings, are a huge benefit."

Since earning his degree in 2014, Balka has begun work on his graduate degree in commercial aviation with Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss., though never losing sight or appreciation for the opportunity and experience Thomas Edison afforded him.

"Thomas Edison gave me a real opportunity to complete a long overdue degree program, and I believe that its mission and primary focus on adult education is, simply stated,

essential," he began. "Because of this and the overwhelmingly positive experience I had, I give back to the institution because I see the value from a first person perspective and want to ensure that future students are given the same opportunity that I was granted."

Through a generous monthly gift, automatically debited from his personal paycheck, Balka finds the convenience of his recurring donation one that allows for ease and peace of mind.

"When considering giving back to the University, put yourself in the shoes of a professional: someone who just needs a little nudge to get back into or to begin a degree program," Balka explained. "The process couldn't be any easier or more worthwhile."

Without the University, Balka confesses, he'd still be struggling to complete his undergraduate degree.

"Contributions to the University's Foundation, no matter how big or small, can sponsor degree programs that otherwise may not be possible for the institution to develop and implement. Every little bit helps in keeping the cost of education affordable, with college costs continuing to skyrocket across the U.S.," he explained. "Maintaining the relevance and scope of the degree programs can only be achieved through the generous donations of those who believe in the mission of the University. Every gift matters, it certainly did for me."

To learn more about the recurring gift program and how you can make a difference, visit tesufoundation.org/recurringgift.



Photo courtesy of UPS

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Michael Balka, BSAST '14



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AND ADVANCING
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Pamela Ringold
BSBA '07, MBA '16
Scholarship Recipient

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MEET THE FUNDERS

The Thomas Edison State University Foundation continually seeks to support our students and institutional efforts by identifying and fostering relationships with key community and foundation partners for the purpose of enhancing the University mission and supporting our students' ambitious educational goals. The Foundation's partnership with the Helene Fuld Health Trust and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. are two such examples of philanthropy in action.

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HELENE FULD HEALTH TRUST

Incorporated in 1935 by Dr. Felix Fuld and his sister, Florentine, the primary mission of the Helene Fuld Health Trust (Trust) is to support and promote the health, welfare and education of student nurses by providing them with financial aid. Acknowledging the increased complexity of and sophisticated knowledge required for today's healthcare delivery, the Trust gives preference to programs that offer BSN degrees and higher, and seeks opportunities to establish endowed scholarships for nursing students enrolled in baccalaureate degree and master entry programs. The Trust continues to award grants

to leading nursing schools, that undertake innovative programs designed to develop and expand the professional and leadership skills of nursing students, faculty and administration.

In 2014, the Foundation received a three-year, \$650,000 grant award from the Trust that has provided scholarships for past and current students and that has created an endowed scholarship fund for future students enrolled in W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing's Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program (Program) at Thomas Edison State University. To date, 20 students enrolled in this

Program have benefited from the Trust's generosity - 10 from the class of 2014-2015 and 10 from the class of 2015-2016. Ten more students from the class of 2016-2017 are expected to receive financial support from the Trust once the scholarship application period has been completed in early 2017. Support from the Trust has made an enormous impact in student outcomes as job placement rates and pass rates for the Program's graduates taking the National Council Licensure Examination for RN's for the first time have greatly exceeded the national average.

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JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Janssen collaborates with the world for the health of everyone in it. And, therefore, in administering its philanthropy, the company focuses on advancing the health of the community, with an emphasis on innovative programs with positive outcomes that address disparities or unmet needs.

In 2011, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. was one of the initial supporters of nursing simulation laboratory at Thomas Edison State University's

W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing (School). Since 2012, Janssen Pharmaceuticals has awarded grants to the Thomas Edison State University Foundation that have funded scholarships for students enrolled in the School's Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program. "Nurses are vital to the health of our community, and programs like this are critically important in helping to address the projected nursing shortage," says Peg Forrestel, director of Community

Affairs at Janssen Pharmaceuticals. To date, 17 nursing students have received Janssen Pharmaceuticals' scholarships - financial aid that has proven to be critically important as students enrolled in the Program are not permitted to have outside employment due to the rigorous nature of the 12-month curriculum and because their eligibility for other federal financial aid is limited since they already possess a baccalaureate degree in another discipline.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

MARISSA MEYER, BSN '14

Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Helene Fuld Health Trust Scholarship Recipient

MARISSA MEYER WAS NO STRANGER TO THE WORLD OF HEALTHCARE.

Having worked in the marketing area of her local hospital for nearly 14 years, Meyer knew she needed a clinical background to truly advance in her career. With this, Meyer found herself enrolled in Thomas Edison's Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) Program. She quickly realized with earning the clinical experience she yearned for, she would be able to diversify her career options and open new doors for herself within the healthcare arena.

Since Meyer already held a bachelor's degree in marketing from Monmouth University, this left her with limited options when it came to funding her education. Her eligibility for many federal loan programs, including Pell grants, was eliminated because she already possessed an undergraduate degree.

Because of the philanthropy of Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and the Helene Fuld Health Trust, Meyer was selected and awarded scholarships from both organizations to assist in funding and advancing her education.

"Receiving scholarships from both Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and the Helene Fuld Health Trust provided me with so much relief," Meyer began. "Their generosity allowed me to fund my education and focus on my studies without constant financial stress. Until I received these scholarships, I never before realized the value and importance they hold."

Meyer saw these scholarship awards as more than just monetary rewards, but as a belief and reaffirmation in her ability to pursue her dreams.

"These organizations invested their funds not only in my education, but in me," she explained. "They invested in my ability to be a nurse and gave me the encouragement and push I needed to complete my BSN."

Since graduating in 2015, Meyer has been working as a staff nurse on the medical surgical telemetry unit at AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center in Pomona, N.J. She intends to pursue a master's degree at the University in the future.



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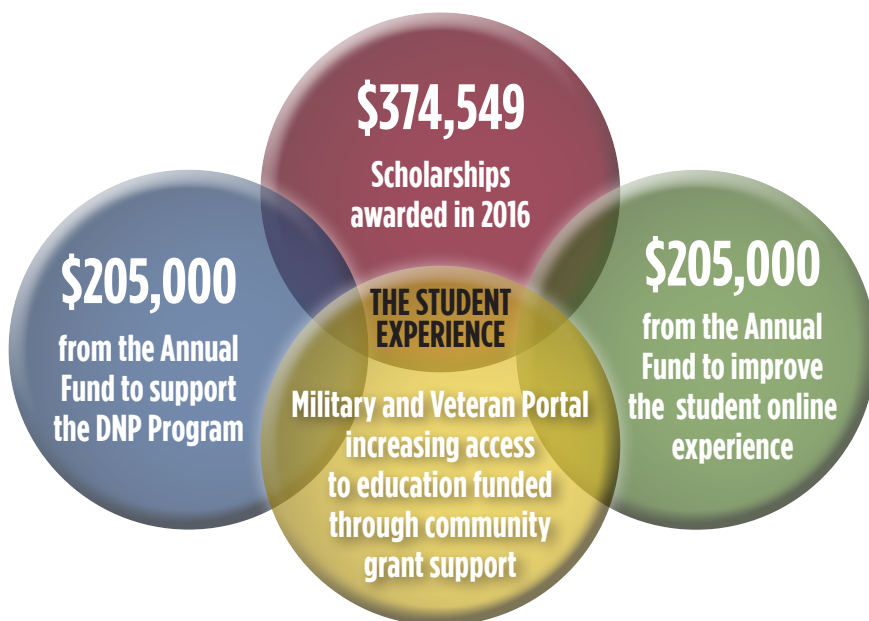
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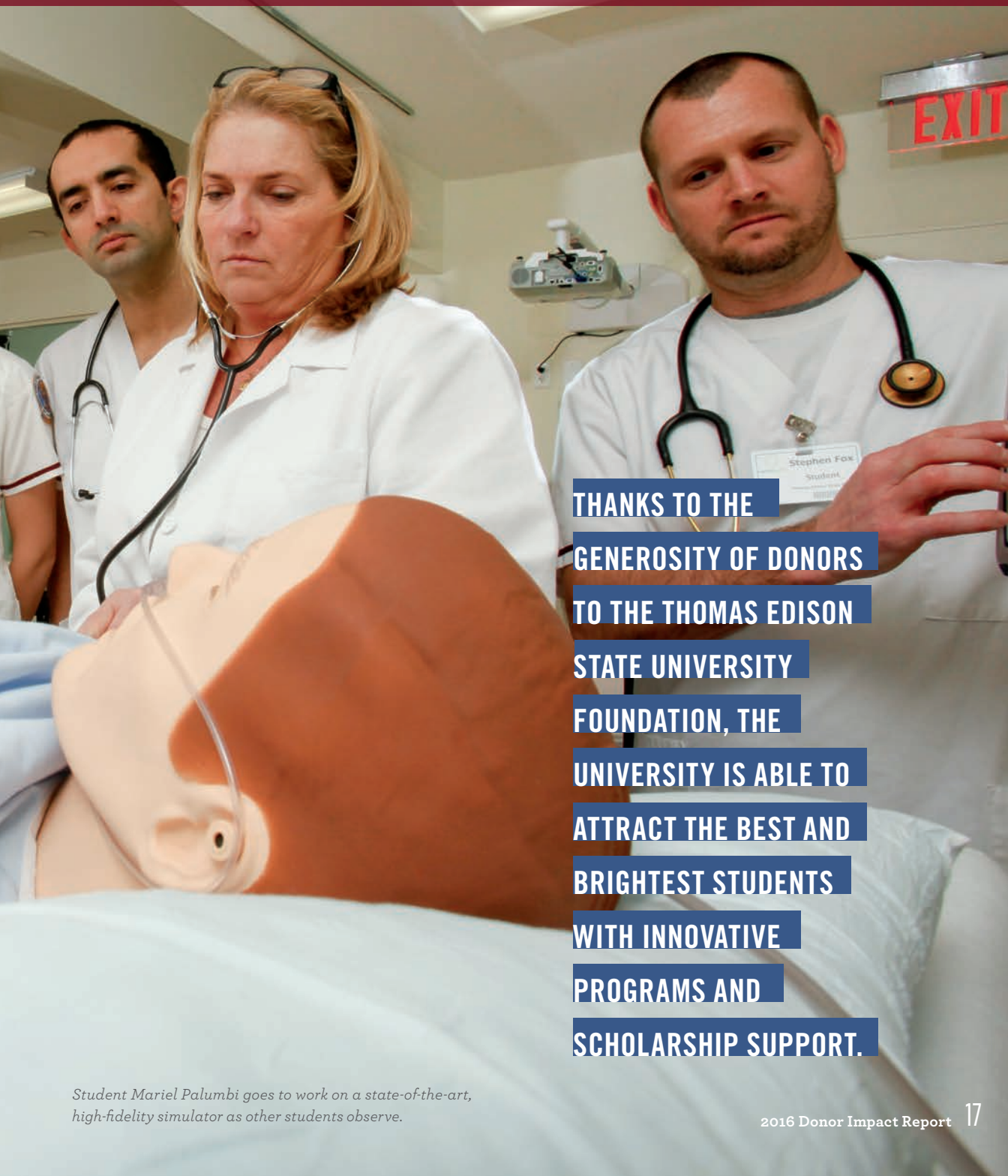
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Student Mariel Palumbi goes to work on a state-of-the-art, high-fidelity simulator as other students observe.



Patrick Reilly, Morris Lewis, Thomas Edison State University Foundation Board Chair Dr. Michael Toscani and Derek Peterson ready to tee off at Hole 10.



A beautiful spring day for golf on one of New Jersey's most exclusive courses.



Golfers and guests enjoy the Reception and Awards Dinner at The Ridge's beautiful clubhouse.



Non-golfers participated in the day with a painting and wine experience where they created their own original pieces of art.

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The Thomas Edison State University Foundation hosted its 22nd Annual Thomas C. Streckewald Memorial Golf Classic at The Ridge at Back Brook in Ringoes, N.J., on Monday, May 9, 2016. Nearly 150 golfers and guests helped raise more than \$100,000, a record-breaking amount in support of the Thomas C. Streckewald Endowment Fund.

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Golfers celebrate a great day on the course.

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UNIVERSITY OPENS NEWEST BUILDING: GLEN CAIRN HALL

Thomas Edison State University celebrated the opening of its newest campus building on Sept. 16 at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Glen Cairn Hall, which has redefined an important gateway to New Jersey's capital city.

The first floor features meeting and conference space, a student advising center and a two-story lounge featuring the reconstructed iconic entrance to the former Glen Cairn Arms. The first floor also includes gallery space to display inventions, artifacts and memorabilia from Thomas Alva Edison donated to the Thomas Edison State University Foundation by the Martinson Family Foundation. The second floor houses the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing, including the nursing simulation laboratories, lecture halls, classrooms and a testing center.



From left to right: Brian Maloney, chair of the Thomas Edison State University Board of Trustees; Dr. George A. Pruitt, president of Thomas Edison State University; and Eric Jackson, mayor of Trenton, N.J.

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DONOR PROFILE TRUITT ANDRESS, BA '94

UNITED STATES ARMY VETERAN, TRUITT ANDRESS, CAN SPEAK TO THE VALUE IN GIVING BACK.

The now retired, 24-year military veteran has led a life of servitude, while still keeping himself involved in his calling, the ministry, even if only now on a part-time basis.

While still enlisted, however, Andress amassed credits from a number of institutions in New Jersey, though never quite finding the time to solidify a degree. "When I came to the end of my military career I wanted to do something different," he said. "Thomas Edison allowed me to do that and accepted all of my credits, including some military training, which left me with very little course work left to complete my bachelor's degree in history."

After completing his degree in 1994, Andress went on to pursue work in the ministry having earned his master's degree in divinity in 1999 and being ordained by the Evangelical Church Alliance the same year.

"Without Thomas Edison, I wouldn't have been able to go on to earn my master's degree and serve others," he explained. "An undergraduate degree was required to enter the program, so the ability to finish ultimately allowed me to reach my goals."

Since being ordained, Andress has served as a pastoral minister for the past 14 years at various Methodist churches in New Jersey, only recently moving to part time. He also had the unique opportunity, combined with some medical training he received in the Army, to serve as a hospice chaplain.

On giving back not only to others through his work, but also to the University, Andress explained, "We all tend to draw a lot from life and don't always have the opportunity to give back. Giving back, even minimally, adds up to a major gift over time. I know and hope that my little bit is met 10 times over by so many others who have been given the same unique opportunity I have to fulfill my dreams."

Andress lives in southern New Jersey with his wife of 45 years, Jean.



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Rev. Clarence Lockett
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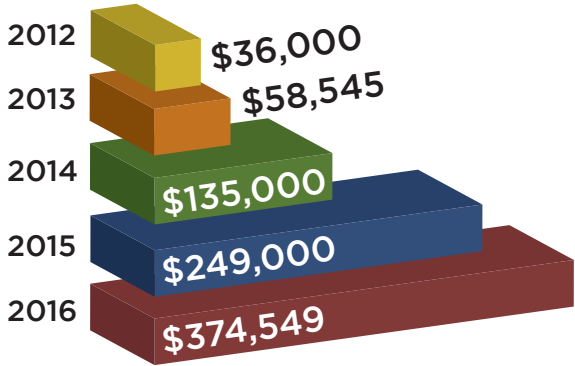
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MIKAEL DIAZ, BS.HSEP '15, CURRENT MSM.PHPP

Dr. George A. Pruitt Endowed Presidential Scholarship

MIKAEL DIAZ HAS HIS HANDS FULL.

As a husband, father of five, full-time manager with Hackensack Meridian Health's Mobile Satellite Emergency Department (MSED) and a full-time student, Mikael Diaz has his hands full.

A 2015-2016 recipient of the Dr. George A. Pruitt Endowed Presidential Scholarship, he is grateful for the financial assistance the scholarship has provided him, easing some of the fiscal burden for him and his family.

"Raising a family and going to school full time is a chief endeavor," Diaz said. "With the majority of my schooling being funded through student loans, I am thankful to be able to have additional financial support to aid me in completing my degree in the form of this scholarship. Having gone to school for so long and having previously earned my bachelor's, the cost was adding up for me and my family. I decided it

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Upon completion of paramedic school early on in his career, Diaz had some college credits but no degree. After finding Thomas Edison through an online search, he dove directly into earning his bachelor's degree. In 2015, he completed his Bachelor of Science degree in homeland security and emergency preparedness, and is currently working toward his Master of Science in Management degree in public health/public policy.

"Earning my bachelor's degree really helped me, in my line of work, with being promoted to the level of supervisor and coordinator within some of the major healthcare systems for which I've worked," Diaz said. "I am looking forward to seeing what opportunities earning my master's degree will bring."



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Thomas Edison State University Foundation held its 25th Annual Grande Ball on Oct. 8 at the Trenton War Memorial in Trenton, N.J. With 220 tickets sold, the formal affair raised more than \$131,000 for the University, one of the most successful years in the history of the event. The Foundation also acknowledged its Spirit of Edison honoree for his accomplishments and support of the University. This year's honoree was:

Kevin Cummings, president and chief executive officer, Investors Bank, who received the 2016 Spirit of Edison Community Leader Award.

Dr. George A. Pruitt, president of Thomas Edison State University, noted that this year's honoree embodies the commitment to innovation and growth so closely associated with the mission of the University.

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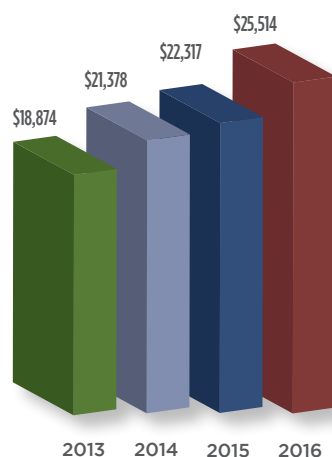
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The Thomas Edison State University Foundation has received a grant from the PNC Foundation in memory of its late colleague and friend, William “Bill” Schofield. Totalling \$10,000 in funding support, the grant supports professional development for early childhood teachers in Trenton-area preschools.

The grant is presented in remembrance of the late William ‘Bill’ Schofield, former vice president and relationship manager of PNC Financial Services Group and Thomas Edison State University Foundation board member. This support will fund the Trenton Initiative under the University’s The John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy New Jersey Cultural Competency and English Language Learners Summer Institute and Mentoring Program.

The grant will enable the Trenton Initiative program to expand its 10-year evidence-based professional development model and work with 15 early childhood classrooms in the city. The expanded program will provide 23 early childhood teachers with a three-day Learning Institute experience. Complementing this will be nine months of mentoring to assist the teachers in improving instruction for English Language Learners.

Schofield, who passed away in 2016, was a member of the University’s Foundation Board since December 2010. He had a great appreciation for the importance of providing access to higher education for adults and was deeply involved in efforts to revitalize Trenton in and outside of PNC. As a way to continue the tradition of service and philanthropy that her husband started, Maureen Schofield is an active volunteer on the Foundation’s Grande Ball planning committee.



First row (from left to right): Dr. George A. Pruitt, president, Thomas Edison State University; Maureen Schofield, wife of the late William Schofield; Linda Bowden, New Jersey Regional president, PNC Bank; and Joseph F. Whall, senior vice president, Client and Community Relations director, PNC Financial Services Group. **Second row:** John P. Thurber, vice president, Public Affairs, Thomas Edison State University; Barbara George Johnson, executive director, The John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy at Thomas Edison State University; Ana I. Berdecia, senior fellow and director, the Center for the Positive Development of Urban Children, The John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy at Thomas Edison State University; and Peggy Lucolino, vice president and Client and Community Relations assistant director, PNC Bank.

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