

29TH ANNUAL  
THOMAS EDISON  
STATE UNIVERSITY  
FOUNDATION

# Grande Ball

HONORING HEALTHCARE HEROES  
AND CELEBRATING 2020:  
THE YEAR OF THE NURSE

## Virtual Event: Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Dear Friends,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are acutely aware of how deeply all of our lives have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. It is with the health, safety and well-being of others in mind that we have decided to host the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Thomas Edison State University Foundation Grande Ball *Virtually*.

Healthcare professionals, and nurses in particular, have been at the frontlines of the pandemic. With 2020 dedicated to 'The Year of the Nurse' we are truly honored to recognize those healthcare heroes who demonstrate leadership and compassion each and every day. Please join us from the comfort of your home on **Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 7 p.m.** as we salute our Healthcare Heroes and celebrate TESU's leadership in providing exceptional, flexible educational opportunities for all students. The University is honored to present the Spirit of Edison Community Leader award to:

**Deborah Mican, RN, MHA, CNOR**

Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer  
Capital Health

The Gala Committee invites you to contribute to the success of the event by becoming a sponsor, purchasing a virtual journal ad or making a donation that will directly support a TESU student. Your generosity in giving back will help to pay it forward for truly deserving students.

Adult learners are familiar with having to balance their careers, families and studies as they pursue their degrees. The pandemic, however, has made this balancing act far more difficult and many of our students have had to put their education on hold. Proceeds from this year's event are designated to helping students continue their educational journeys so they may finish their degrees - something that could be their greatest asset as they and their families seek to recover from the current economic crisis.

Sponsorships and opportunities to participate are attached. If you have any questions please contact Jaelyn Joworisak at (609) 984-1588, ext. 2080, or via email at [jjoworisak@tesu.edu](mailto:jjoworisak@tesu.edu).

While we will miss the fellowship and energy of gathering the University's loyal supporters and corporate partners in person, we promise an entertaining and meaningful celebration as we virtually honor our Healthcare Heroes and advance the mission of the University!

Thank you in advance for your partnership and support,

THOMAS EDISON  
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*2020 Gala Committee*

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