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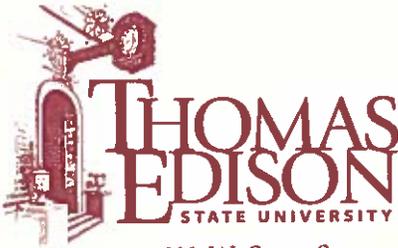
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INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE SUMMARY

Established in 1972, Thomas Edison State University provides distinctive undergraduate and graduate education for self-directed adults through flexible, high-quality collegiate learning and assessment opportunities. The University is one of New Jersey's senior public institutions of higher education and was granted university status by the New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education in December 2015. Thomas Edison State University is the only University in New Jersey dedicated exclusively for adults and offers degree programs at the associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctorate level, undergraduate and graduate certificates, and noncredit professional certificates.

For more than four decades, the University has pioneered the use of the latest technologies to develop high-quality educational programs for adults, and has served as a national leader in the assessment of adult learning. *The New York Times* called Thomas Edison State University "the college that paved the way for flexibility."

The entire academic program at the University revolves around the unique needs of adult learners. Students earn credit through a variety of methods designed exclusively for adult learners, including online courses, guided independent study, examination programs, transferring credits earned from other regionally accredited institutions, earning credit for professional and/or military training, and by demonstrating University-level knowledge acquired outside a traditional classroom. Thomas Edison State University makes it possible for adult students to pursue their education without sacrificing their personal or professional responsibilities.

Merodie A. Hancock, PhD
President

September 2018

MISSION & PURPOSE

Mission

Thomas Edison State University provides distinctive undergraduate and graduate education for self-directed adults through flexible, high-quality collegiate learning and assessment opportunities.

Purpose

Thomas Edison State University was established as Edison College in 1972 by the State of New Jersey and chartered by the New Jersey Board of Higher Education. The University was founded for the purpose of providing diverse and alternative methods of achieving a collegiate education of the highest quality for mature adults. To this end, the University seeks:

- I. To provide curricula and degree opportunities of appropriate level and composition consistent with the aspirations of our students, the public welfare, and the highest qualitative standards of American higher education.
- II. To create a system of college-level learning opportunities for adults by organizing collegiate and sponsored non-collegiate instruction into coherent degree strategies.
- III. To make available educationally valid learning opportunities which serve as alternatives to college classroom study and which are appropriate to the varied needs and learning styles of adults.
- IV. To develop and implement processes for the valid and reliable assessment of experiential and extra-collegiate college-level learning, and to provide appropriate academic recognition for knowledge so identified consistent with high standards of quality and rigor.
- V. To serve higher education and the public interest as a center of innovation, information, policy formulation and advocacy on behalf of adult learners.
- VI. To fulfill the public service obligation inherent to American institutions of higher education.
- VII. To conduct its affairs in a manner which acknowledges the maturity, autonomy, and dignity of its students; assures a portal of access to higher education for adult learners; and celebrates the values, diversity and high qualitative standards of American higher education.

A. ACCREDITATION STATUS

1. **Institutional accreditation.** Thomas Edison State University is regionally accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, the accrediting body for colleges and universities in the middle states region. This accreditation is part of a national system of quality assurance that requires colleges and universities to reach a common understanding and agreement as to the standards of quality for American higher education. During FY 2018, the MSCHE has accepted the University's Periodic Review Report (PRR) and reaffirmed the University's accreditation through 2022.
2. **Professional accreditation.** The W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing's baccalaureate degree program in nursing, master's degree program in nursing, and doctor of nursing practice program are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The baccalaureate and master's degree accreditation with CCNE is valid through June 30, 2024. The doctor of nursing practice program through CCNE is valid through June 30, 2023. The W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing's baccalaureate degree program in nursing is accredited by the New Jersey Board of Nursing through 2022.

Thomas Edison State University's Master of Arts in Educational Leadership Program, which is designed to prepare educators for roles in school leadership, was awarded Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) accreditation by the Inquiry Brief Commission of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) for a period of seven years, from April 2015 through April 2022. This accreditation certifies that the forenamed professional education program has provided evidence that the program adheres to TEAC's quality principles.

Thomas Edison State University's Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Management, and Master of Science in Human Resources Management degree programs are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). The accreditation status is effective as of April 27, 2017.

Thomas Edison State University bachelor's degrees in Nuclear Energy Engineering Technology and Electronics System Engineering Technology are accredited by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). The accreditation status is effective until August 2023. ABET is a specialized accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

Thomas Edison State University's associate degree program and undergraduate certificate in Polysomnography were awarded continuing accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) for a period of ten years, from March 17, 2017 to 2027.

B. NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED

1. Number of undergraduates by attendance status

Thomas Edison State University
Table II.B.1:
Undergraduate Enrollment by Attendance Status, Fall FY 2017

	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total
Number	62	11,079	11,141
Percent	0.6%	99.4%	100%

Source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment Survey
Please note, Thomas Edison State University's Fall 2017 IPEDS Enrollment Survey counts are based on only the enrollment counts as of October. In the past, the Fall Enrollment Survey counts included all students who enrolled during the fiscal year.

2. Number of graduate students by attendance status

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Table II.B.2:
Graduate Enrollment by Attendance Status, Fall FY 2017

	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total
Number	19	785	804
Percent	2.4%	97.6%	100%

Source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment Survey
Please note, Thomas Edison State University's Fall 2017 IPEDS Enrollment Survey counts are based on only the enrollment counts as of October. In the past, the Fall Enrollment Survey counts included all students who enrolled during the fiscal year.

3. Number of noncredit students served. During FY 2018, there were 72 students who took noncredit courses through the John S. Watson School of Public Service and Continuing Studies.

4. Unduplicated count of students enrolled during the year. During FY 2017, there were 16,233 students enrolled at the University.

C. CHARACTERISTICS OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

1. Mean math, reading, and writing SAT scores. This section is not applicable to Thomas Edison State University.
2. Enrollment in remediation courses by subject area. This section is not applicable to Thomas Edison State University.
3. Race/ethnicity, gender, and age (separately). Profiles of the undergraduate students by race/ethnicity, gender, and age are presented in the tables below.

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Table II.C.3.a:
Undergraduate Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity, Fall FY 2017

Race/Ethnicity	Full-time		Part-time		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
White	31	50.0%	5,634	50.9%	5,665	50.8%
Black	7	11.3%	1,556	14.0%	1,563	14.0%
Hispanic	5	8.1%	1,166	10.5%	1,171	10.5%
Asian*	7	11.3%	483	4.4%	490	4.4%
American Indian	--	--	61	0.6%	61	0.5%
Alien	3	4.8%	166	1.5%	169	1.5%
Race Unknown*	9	14.5%	2,013	18.2%	2,022	18.1%
Total	62	100.0%	11,079	100.0%	11,141	100.0%

* Note: Asian includes Pacific Islanders and Unknown includes 2 or More Races.

Source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment Survey

Please note, Thomas Edison State University's Fall 2017 IPEDS Enrollment Survey counts are based on only the enrollment counts as of October. In the past, the Fall Enrollment Survey counts included all students who enrolled during the fiscal year.

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Table II.C.3.b:
Undergraduate Enrollment by Gender, Fall FY 2017

Gender	Full-time		Part-time		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Male	12	19.4%	6,245	56.4%	6,257	56.2%
Female	50	80.6%	4,834	43.6%	4,884	43.8%
Total	62	100%	11,079	100.0%	11,141	100.0%

Source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment Survey

Please note, Thomas Edison State University's Fall 2017 IPEDS Enrollment Survey counts are based on only the enrollment counts as of October. In the past, the Fall Enrollment Survey counts included all students who enrolled during the fiscal year.

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Table II.C.3.c:
Undergraduate Enrollment by Age, Fall FY 2017

Age	Full-time		Part-time		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
LT 18	-	-	15	0.1%	15	0.1%
18-19	-	-	89	0.8%	89	0.8%
20-21	1	1.6%	379	3.4%	380	3.4%
22-24	14	22.6%	1,107	10.0%	1,121	10.1%
25-29	28	45.2%	2,218	20.0%	2,246	20.2%
30-34	5	8.1%	2,247	20.3%	2,252	20.2%
35-39	3	4.8%	1,849	16.7%	1,852	16.6%
40-49	10	16.1%	2,076	18.7%	2,086	18.7%
50-64	1	1.6%	1,060	9.6%	1,061	9.5%
65+	-	-	33	0.3%	33	0.3%
Unknown	-	-	6	0.1%	6	0.1%
Total	62	100.0%	11,079	100.0%	11,141	100.0%

Source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment Survey. Please note, Thomas Edison State University's Fall 2017 IPEDS Enrollment Survey counts are based on only the enrollment counts as of October. In the past, the Fall Enrollment Survey counts included all students who enrolled during the fiscal year.

4. Number of students receiving financial assistance under each federal-, state-, and institution-funded aid program. The number of students receiving financial assistance is presented in the table below.

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Table II.C.4:
Financial Aid from Federal, State & Institution-Funded Programs, AY 2016-17

	Recipients	Dollars(\$)	\$/Recipient
<u>FEDERAL PROGRAMS</u>			
Pell Grants	1,850	4,121,000	2,227.57
University Work Study			-
Perkins Loans			-
SEOG			-
PLUS Loans	3	15,000	5,000.00
Stafford Loans (Subsidized)	1,943	5,804,000	2,987.13
Stafford Loans (Unsubsidized)	2,280	11,221,000	4,921.49
SMART & ACG or other			-
<u>STATE PROGRAMS</u>			
Tuition Aid Grants (TAG)	51	142,000	2,784.31
Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF)			-
Outstanding Scholars (OSRP)			-
Distinguished Scholars			-
Urban Scholars			-
NJ STARS	1	1,000	1,000.00
NJCLASS Loans	13	122,000	9,384.62
<u>INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMS</u>			
Grants/Scholarships			-
Loans			-

Source: NJIPEDS Form #41 Student Financial Aid Report

5. Percentage of students who are New Jersey Residents. Due to the number of active military students enrolled, the University examines residence by military status. As the table below indicates, among nonmilitary students, 53 percent of the enrolled students were New Jersey residents. Six percent of the military students were also N.J. residents.

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 Table II.C.5:
 FY 2017 Enrollment by Military Status and Residence

Residence	Non-Military		Active Military		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
New Jersey	6,312	52.7%	240	5.7%	6,552	40.4%
Out of State	5,410	45.1%	3,865	91.0%	9,275	57.1%
International	97	0.8%	--	--	97	0.6%
Unknown	168	1.4%	141	3.3%	309	1.9%
Total	11,987	100.0%	4,246	100.0%	16,233	100.0%

Source: Thomas Edison State University, FY 2017 President's Annual Report to the Board of Trustees.

D. STUDENT OUTCOMES

1. Graduation rates:
 - a. Four-, five-, and six-year graduation rate by race/ethnicity (senior publics). This section is not applicable to Thomas Edison State University.
 - b. Two-year graduation rate (community colleges). This section is not applicable to Thomas Edison State University.
 - c. Three-year graduation and transfer rate by race/ethnicity (community colleges). This section is not applicable to Thomas Edison State University.
2. Third-semester retention rates (by attendance status). This section is not applicable to Thomas Edison State University.
3. Time-to-Degree Completion. Since Thomas Edison State University enrolls primarily adult students who often bring in credit upon enrollment, the University monitors time-to-degree completion to examine how long it takes graduates to earn a degree from the University.

As presented in Table II.D:3a below, during FY 2018, the associate degree graduates took, on average, 3.7 years to graduate, the bachelor’s degree graduates took 4.0 years to graduate, the master’s degree graduates took 2.9 years to graduate, and the doctoral degree graduates took 1.9 years to graduate.

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Table II.D.3.a:
FY 2018 Graduates Time-to-Degree Completion by Degree Level

	Associate	Baccalaureate	Master’s	Doctorate
Overall	3.7	4.0	2.9	1.9

Source: Thomas Edison State University, FY 2018 Year End Data File: Degrees Awarded.

The University also monitors time-to-degree completion by examining differences between in-state and out-of-state students. The time-to-degree completion for in-state versus out-of-state students is presented below.

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Table II.D.3.b:
FY 2018 Graduates Time-to-Degree Completion by Degree Level and Residence

	Associate	Baccalaureate	Master’s	Doctorate
NJ Residents	4.9	4.2	2.8	2.0
Out-of-State Residents	3.5	3.9	3.1	1.9

Source: Thomas Edison State University, FY 2018 Year End Data File: Degrees Awarded.

4. **Student Learning Outcomes.** In keeping with its mission, Thomas Edison State University is committed to maintaining high standards of academic integrity and of quality service to its students. To achieve this goal, the University engages in outcomes assessment, a process through which the effectiveness of the University and its programs is evaluated against institutionally determined standards. Thomas Edison State University's institutional outcomes are closely mapped to the Essential Learning Outcomes of the Liberal Education and America's Promise (LEAP) initiative as documented by the Association of American Colleges and Universities. The Academic Council has approved specific institutional learning outcomes for all undergraduate students and graduate students.

a. Undergraduate Institutional Learning Outcomes

All Thomas Edison State University students who graduate from bachelor's degree programs will have the following competencies:

- **Written Communication**
Communicate ideas effectively in writing using text, data and images for addressing globally complex challenges.
- **Oral Communication**
Communicate ideas effectively orally using multiple modes of communication, as appropriate.
- **Information Literacy**
Identify, locate, evaluate and effectively and responsibly use and share information for the problem at hand.
- **Quantitative Reasoning/Literacy**
Demonstrate competency and comfort in working with numerical data, create complex and refined arguments supported by quantitative evidence, and clearly communicate those arguments in a variety of formats, as appropriate.
- **Diversity/Intercultural Literacy**
Recognize that they are members of a world community and demonstrate intercultural knowledge, skills and attitudes that support effective and appropriate interaction in a variety of cultural contexts.
- **Ethical Leadership**
Assess their own ethical values and the social context of a given situation, recognize ethical issues in a variety of settings, apply ethical principles to ethical dilemmas, and consider the ramifications of alternative actions.
- **Critical Thinking**
Critically explore issues and ideas, frame events, consider evidence and analyze assumptions before accepting or formulating an opinion or conclusion.

b. Institutional Graduate Learning Outcomes

All Thomas Edison State University students who graduate from advanced-level degree programs will be able to:

- Apply in-depth knowledge to the major questions, theories, debates, and methodologies in their organization, field or profession.
- Use critical analysis and research to make informed decisions and to improve an organization, field, or profession.
- Communicate effectively to positively impact an organization, field, or profession.
- Apply ethical principles and theories in research, evaluation, organizational culture, and communities.
- Interpret cultural influences in organizations and communities.
- Create sophisticated arguments supported by quantitative evidence.

c. Programmatic Learning Outcomes

Programmatic learning outcomes, focusing on degree specific learning goals and objectives, have also been established within each school at the undergraduate and graduate degree levels.

E. MENTOR CHARACTERISTICS

1. Full-time faculty by race/ethnicity, gender, academic rank and tenure status (simultaneously). This section is not applicable to Thomas Edison State University.
2. Percentage of course sections taught by full-time faculty. This section is not applicable to Thomas Edison State University.
3. Ratio of full- to part-time faculty. This section is not applicable to Thomas Edison State University.
4. Mentor characteristics: race/ethnicity and gender. Thomas Edison State University signs letters-of-agreement with subject-matter experts. These mentors and consultants engage with the academic units of the University in various ways: development and/or assessment in test construction, portfolio assessment, facilitating courses (e.g., Guided Study and online), pre-graduation conferences, demonstration of currency, practicum, nursing performance examinations, and program evaluations. During FY 2018, there were 694 mentors. The gender and race/ethnicity of the mentors are presented below.

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Table II.E.4.a:
Gender of Mentors, FY 2018

Gender	Total	%
Female	310	48%
Male	384	52%
Total	694	100%

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Table II.E.4.b:
Race/Ethnicity of Mentors, FY 2018

Race/Ethnicity	Total	%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	7	1%
Asian	48	7%
Black/African American	70	10%
White	543	78%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1	0%
Hispanic/Latino	10	1%
Other	15	2%
Total	694	100%

F. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees is the premier governing body of the University. The members are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Members of the Board bring with them diverse experiences and varied backgrounds from business, industry, and academia. The Board oversees all policy matters of the University, including the approval of degree programs and standards, budget recommendations to the governor, and appointments of all University employees. There are two student members on the Board: one a voting member and the other an alternate.

1. **Race/Ethnicity and Gender (simultaneously).** A profile of the Board of Trustees by race/ethnicity and gender is presented in the table below.

Thomas Edison State University
Table II.F.1
Race/Ethnicity and Gender of the Board of Trustees, FY 2019

Race/Ethnicity	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
White	3	1	4
Black	2	4	6
Hispanic	1	-	1
Asian	-	-	-
American Indian	-	-	-
Total	6	5	11

2. **Board of Trustee Members.** The current Board of Trustee members are presented in the table below.

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Table II.F.2
Board of Trustees, FY 2019

Name	Title	Affiliation
Dr. Kemi Alli	CEO and Chief Medical Officer	Henry J. Austin Health Center
Richard W. Arndt	Retired	American Cancer Society
Franklin Clyburn (Vice Chair)	CEO, Global Oncology	Merck & Co., Inc.
Dr. Merodie A. Hancock (Ex-officio)	President	Thomas Edison State University
Rev. J. Stanley Justice	Presiding Elder	Dover, Delaware Area AME Churches
Eric R. Lear	Managing Partner	Lear & Pannepacker, LLP
Monique Lewis-Hawkins	Student	Thomas Edison State University
Brian T. Maloney (Chair)	Consultant	
Gualberto Medina	Executive VP in Brokerage Services	CBRE
Marilyn R. Pearson	Philanthropic Consultant, VP	TPB Legacy Group
Apryl Roach	Administrative Manager, Compliance Officer	Franklin Township Sewerage Authority

3. **URL Information.** For information about the Thomas Edison State University Board of Directors, please go to: <http://www.tesu.edu/about/Board-of-Trustees.cfm>.

G. A PROFILE OF THE INSTITUTION

1. Degree and Certificate Programs

Undergraduate Degree Programs and Certificates. Thomas Edison State University offers seven associate degrees and 13 bachelor's degrees (including four joint degree programs with the Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey's School of Health Related Professions). There are approximately 100 areas of study in the undergraduate degree programs.

The Associate Degree Programs are as follows: Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Arts, Associate in Arts in Human Services, Associate in Science, Associate in Science in Business Administration, Associate in Science in Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Associate of Science.

The Bachelor's Degree Programs include: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity, Bachelor of Science in Data Science and Analytics, Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, Bachelor of Science in Human Services, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership, and Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies. There are also several joint degree programs offered with the Rutgers School of Health Professions: Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management, Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences, and Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging Sciences.

The University offers three types of Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs: RN to BSN, RN to BSN/MSN, and an Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN. The RN to BSN/MSN program provides a seamless transition for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree who want to earn a Master of Science in Nursing degree. The Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN program is an intensive one-year program for adults who already possess a non-nursing bachelor's degree and are interested in becoming a registered nurse.

The University also awards Certificates in the following professional areas: Accounting, Communications, Computer Information Systems, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Cybersecurity, Diversity, Dental Assisting, Electronics, Finance, First Year Foundations, Healthcare Management, Health and Wellness, General Management, Gas Distribution, Human Resources Management, Labor Studies, Marketing, Operations Management, Organizational Leadership, Polysomnography, and Psychology.

Graduate Degree Programs and Certificates. The University currently offers fifteen master's degree programs and one doctoral program (Doctor of Nursing Practice). The master's degree programs are Master of Arts in Educational Leadership, Master of Arts in Educational Technology and Online Learning, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, Master of Business Administration, Master of Public Service Leadership, Master of Science, Master of Science in Healthcare Management, Master of Science in Homeland Security, Master of Science in Hospitality Management, Master of Science in Human Resources Management,

Master of Science in Information Technology, Master of Science in International Business Finance, Master of Science in Management, Master of Science in Management – Public Service Careers, and Master of Science in Nursing (MSN). Graduates of the MSN degree program earn a Nursing Administration, Nurse Educator, or Nursing Informatics certificate, in addition to the MSN degree, depending on the area of study they select.

The Master of Business Administration is a 39-credit accelerated, online, and career-focused MBA degree that prepares individuals for leadership roles in firms and organizations. The entire program can be completed in 12-15 months. The Master of Public Service Leadership is a 36-credit program offered entirely online and meets the accelerating demand for education and careers in public service. The Master of Public Service Leadership has been developed in alignment with the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) standards for accreditation.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree, launched in FY 2017, prepares nurse leaders with competencies in advanced nursing practice, organizational leadership, economics and finance, healthcare policy and technology. It is a 36-credit program that can be completed online in 18 months.

There are also 18 graduate Certificate programs offered: Clinical Trials Management, Cybersecurity – Critical Infrastructure, Data Analytics, Digital Humanities, Educational Leadership, Emergency Management, Fundraising and Development, Geropsychology, Homeland Security, Human Resources Management, Industrial-Organizational Psychology, Nurse Educator, Nursing Administration, and Nursing Informatics, Online Learning and Teaching, Organizational Leadership, Professional Communications, Project Management, and Strategic Planning and Board Leadership for Nonprofits.

There are also several Bachelor's to Master's degree programs available that enable undergraduate students to earn up to 12 graduate credits that apply to both their bachelor's degree and master's degree at the University.

More information about the degree programs offered by the University and the majors/ areas of study offered is available on the University website, <http://www.tesu.edu/academics/index.cfm>.

2. Other

Affiliation with New Jersey State Library. Legislation codifying in statute the affiliation of the New Jersey State Library with Thomas Edison State University was signed by the governor in FY 2001. This affiliation and other collaborative projects have made a significant positive difference to the New Jersey State Library and the other libraries with which it is connected.

H. MAJOR RESEARCH AND PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Thomas Edison State University engages in public service activities through individual staff participation on various external boards, committees and organizations, military partnerships, the John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy, and the Division of Community and Government Affairs. In addition, the State Library, an affiliate of Thomas Edison State University, contributes to the public service activities of the University (see “Other” section below). Highlights of some of the University’s activities are provided below.

The John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy

The John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy assists decision makers to address the key public policy issues they face through its research and analysis and by broadening the range of ideas, perspectives and options. The Institute utilizes a practical, hands-on approach to support and inform the people and legislators of the State. The Institute comprises several integrated policy centers: Center for Civic Engagement and Leadership Development, including Leadership Trenton, Center for the Positive Development of Urban Children, Center for Health Policy Development, Center for Technical Assistance and Capacity Building, including Inter-Governmental Affairs, and the Center for the Urban Environment. The Institute also serves the New Jersey Urban Mayors Policy Center/Urban Mayors Institute in several ways, including holding conferences, meetings, workshops, municipal retreats, policy review and analysis.

During FY 2018, the Watson Institute staff were engaged in several community outreach activities as mentioned below.

The Watson Institute staff developed and hosted the *Land Tenure and Building Neighborhood Capacity: A Community Land Trust Model for Trenton’s Capital City Farm* symposium. This symposium convened multi-sector stakeholders, nation-wide panelists and public officials to explore the city’s intersectionality of socio-spatial challenges and possibilities for regional economic development.

The Institute undertook the Martin Luther King Elementary School Initiative with the Trenton Public Schools to support 18 classrooms in becoming culturally and linguistically responsive. The Institute provided professional development and mentoring services for teachers during this initiative.

The Institute was the organizer of and a presenter at over 50 national events. The Institute was also recognized nationally for its environmental policy work, such as the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

The Institute was also actively engaged in conferences, such as collaborating with the New Jersey Urban Mayors Association on the forum ‘*The Intersectionality of Health and the Environment on Education Outcomes.*’ In addition, the Institute collaborated with the City of Trenton and Greater Trenton on ‘*Understanding the Opportunities of Opportunity Zones*’ and conducted a session on ‘*Cities in Economic Transition under a New Federal Paradigm*’ during the New Jersey League of Municipalities Annual Conference.

For more information about the John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy and its centers, visit <http://www.tesc.edu/watson/institute/index.cfm>.

Other Activities

The University, through the Division of Community and Government Affairs, served on the Steering Committee for and hosted the 2018 New Jersey Black Issues Convention, which brought over 1,000 people into the city of Trenton over three days to discuss key policy issues.

The University, through the Office of Military and Veteran Education and the Heavin School of Arts and Sciences, sponsored two workshops entitled “Dialogues on the Experience of War.” The purpose of the workshops was to help service men and women overcome the challenges of reintegration following military service. These two-day workshops were free for all active duty, guard, reserve, veterans, family members, and those working in military and veteran service organizations. Presenter-led guided discussions covered topics such as reintegration, post-traumatic stress disorder, suicide, military training, logistics, and family separation.

The University, through the School of Applied Science and Technology, hosted a cybersecurity symposium (entitled Cybersecurity in the Northeast Region Symposium). The symposium focused on current regional and national cybersecurity trends, impact of cyber threats to the region, and workforce needs for cybersecurity professionals. Leaders from various sectors discussed the issues facing their organizations and networks, and the impact on their organizations and the nation.

I. MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN FY 2018

No major capital projects conducted during FY 2018.

OTHER INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

University Selected Highlights

New President of the University. Merodie A. Hancock, PhD was unanimously elected the fourth president of Thomas Edison State University by the institution's Board of Trustees. She took office on March 5, 2018. Prior to joining Thomas Edison State University, she served as president of SUNY Empire State College since 2013.

Name Designation of George A. Pruitt Hall. The University renamed Glen Cairn Hall as George A. Pruitt Hall to recognize Dr. Pruitt's leadership, vision and more than 30 years of service to the University, students and alumni, and the city of Trenton. Dr. Pruitt stepped down as the president of Thomas Edison State University at the end of 2017.

Grant from PSEG Foundation. The PSEG Foundation awarded a two-year grant to expand programs for active-duty service members and veterans and to advance the development of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) courses at Thomas Edison State University. The funding allowed the institution to prepare a stronger pipeline of STEM-educated adults for today's workforce.

New Jersey State Library Selected Highlights

Small Business Outreach. Working with the New Jersey Division of Taxation's Taxation University, The New Jersey State Library (NJSL) helped local libraries offer workshops to educate local business owners and entrepreneurs about starting and registering businesses in the state. The NJSL also hosted the 2018 NJLibsGrowBiz Summit with 86 attendees. The summit educated and inspired librarians to connect with their business communities.

Literacy Project. In October 2017, the NJSL participated in the Barbershop Literacy Project, known as Fade to Books. It was an initiative to place books in barbershops to encourage reading among its young customers.

Youth Mentor Health First Aid Training. In June 2018, NJSL teamed up with LibraryLinkNJ to host Youth Mental Health First Aid USA. This program introduced librarians to the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents, the importance of early intervention, and means to help an adolescent in crisis or experiencing a mental health challenge.