

# SIGNALS

T H O M A S E D I S O N S T A T E C O L L E G E

Spring 2006

VOL. 9 NO. 2

COURSE NEWS

Note: a complete guide to all courses may be found in the College's *Registration Bulletin*.

**AVAILABLE APRIL 2006**

MAR-335-OL New Product Development and Marketing

**AVAILABLE MAY 2006**

ACC-303-OL Cost Accounting  
ACC-411-OL Auditing

**AVAILABLE JUNE 2006**

ACC-401-OL Advanced Accounting

**AVAILABLE JULY 2006**

PSY-101-EP Introduction to Psychology

Thomas Edison State College is adding the following Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) courses to its list of Standard PLA courses. If you do not see a standard PLA course that matches your prior learning, check the PLA course description database for additional courses that may be taken as Individualized PLA courses by visiting:

<http://www.tesc.edu/plasearch/>

ACC-102-PA	Principles of Managerial Accounting
BUS-301-PA	Managing Business Projects
BUS-311-PA	Business in Society
CAP-140-PA	Introduction to the Internet
CDS-110-PA	Creative Arts for Preschool Children
CDS-352-PA	Parent Involvement in Daycare

(continued inside)

## Student Helps to Revitalize New Jersey's Capital City

Annie M. Pott applies the same dogged determination to rehabilitation projects in downtown Trenton that she does to completing her baccalaureate degree at Thomas Edison State College.

Pott, a Trenton, N.J., business owner, recently earned a Wachovia Scholarship and is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Arts degree in English at Thomas Edison State College. She and her husband, Roland, are the owners of Urban Word, LLC, the managing company of the music and cultural venues Conduit – A Music Club and The 449 Room, both located in Trenton; and Trenton Makes, LLC, a property management company providing studio space for local artists as well as office and retail space in the city.

"My husband and I plan to grow our business and expand into more property development in the downtown Trenton area," said Pott. "Although I'm contributing to the rebuilding of downtown Trenton already, I feel as though I will be even more of an asset to the community once I complete my BA, and then my master's degree in business."

In addition to managing buildings on South Broad Street in Trenton, Pott and her husband are redeveloping a property at 118 S. Warren St. The building is slated for completion in the summer of 2006. Pott's vision is to have a retail tenant on the first floor with the second and third floors available as boutique office space.

Her connection with the Trenton business community runs deep.



*Thomas Edison State College student Annie M. Pott inside her 118 S. Warren St. renovation project.*

"My grandfather, Anthony Born, emigrated from Germany to Trenton in the early 1900s and formed a plumbing company. My father, Fred Born, and his brother, Albert Born, took over the family business. My father was a master plumber in the city for more than 40 years. Now that my father is retired, and visits the redevelopment projects on which I am working, he remembers working in many of the buildings during his years in business."

She and her husband live in the city's historic Mill Hill neighborhood.

It seems unlikely that Pott would have time for other pursuits, but somehow

*continued on inside center panel*



## New Jersey State Library Serves Nonprofit Grant Seekers

Are you a Thomas Edison State College student who is presently working for a nonprofit that is looking for additional funding? If so, the New Jersey State Library is a resource for you.

Since 1974, the New Jersey State Library has been a Cooperating Collection of the prestigious Foundation Center, one of the country's leading authorities on philanthropy. As a Cooperating Collection, the New Jersey State Library provides a core collection of Foundation Center publications and a wide variety of supplementary materials in areas useful to grant seekers. This special collection is located on the fourth floor of the New Jersey State Library in Trenton.

The library also provides free public access to the Foundation Center's electronic database, *FC Search: The Foundation Center's Database on CD-ROM*, which includes detailed profiles of all active U.S. foundations and an extensive list of recent grants awarded by the nation's top philanthropic funding organizations.

In addition, the library's Funding Information Center coordinates outreach activities, such as the Support Center for Nonprofit Management's Management Workshop Series and partners with the Support Center for Nonprofit Management to offer tours and quarterly training sessions to introduce area nonprofit professionals to resources at the Funding Information Center. Nonprofit professionals can register for a training workshop at the New Jersey State Library on the Support Center for Nonprofit Management's Web site, located at [www.supportctr.org](http://www.supportctr.org).

For more information on the New Jersey State Library's Funding Information Center, call (609) 292-6220 or visit [www.njstatelib.org](http://www.njstatelib.org).

The New Jersey State Library is an affiliate of Thomas Edison State College. ■

## New Professional Certificate in Gerontology: Senior Health and Fitness Offered

The School of Professional and Continuing Studies at Thomas Edison State College now offers a Professional Certificate in Gerontology: Senior Health and Fitness. This noncredit certificate program is offered completely online and provides students with a multidisciplinary approach to the study of aging with an emphasis on senior health and fitness. The program is designed to be completed within six months, and provides students with a thorough introduction to gerontology and a solid background on health and fitness for seniors. In addition, the program provides a sound foundation for advanced study in gerontology.

The field of gerontology offers excellent career opportunities because people age 65 and older are the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. population. Americans are living longer and are staying active longer, which underscores the demand for a talented workforce that understands the unique health and fitness needs of seniors. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that approximately one in every seven people in America is 65 years old or older, which puts the elderly population in the country at 41 million people, or approximately 14 percent of the country's population.\*

A Professional Certificate in Gerontology: Senior Health and Fitness can enable students to develop advanced skill sets for a position in a field with tremendous growth opportunities and provide comprehensive knowledge of the best practices within gerontology. To enroll in the Professional Certificate in Gerontology: Senior Health and Fitness program, call (888) 442-8372 or go to [www.tesc.edu](http://www.tesc.edu) and click on "Professional Certificates." ■

\*U.S. Census Bureau, July 1, 2004 estimates.



## News From TESTING

### Online Courses—One or Two Exams?

Does your online 12-week course have one exam or two? It's a good idea to check the Course Essentials section through MyEdison for updates. Some online courses have a midterm and a final, and students in those sections have the option of taking a pen-and-paper midterm or an online midterm at an ACT Center. This two-exam mode will soon be in effect for all online 12-week courses. Check the details for the courses in which you're enrolled for testing options.

To locate an ACT Center, visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). Click on "Locate an ACT Center" under "Quick Tools."

CIS-344-PA	Computer Security
COM-108-PA	Fundamentals of Speech
EGM-213-PA	Strength of Materials
ELE-212-PA	AC Circuits
ELE-231-PA	Transmission & Distribution
GRA-202-PA	Dimensioning & Tolerancing
GRA-251-PA	Computer Aided Drafting & Design I
GRA-252-PA	Computer Aided Drafting & Design II
HMM-140-PA	Introduction to the Hospitality Industry
HMM-201-PA	Food Service Sanitation
MUS-144-PA	Counterpoint I
MUS-145-PA	Counterpoint II
MUS-379-PA	Conducting I
NUC-421-PA	Reactor Theory
PHO-221-PA	Color Photography
PHO-363-PA	Digital Camera I
PHO-364-PA	Digital Camera II
SES-211-PA	Clerical Office Practice
THA-120-PA	Acting I
THA-124-PA	Acting II

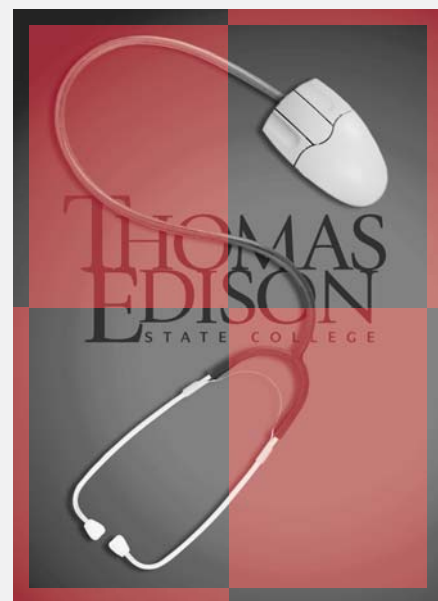
## New in the School of Nursing

The School of Nursing is pleased to announce the following:

### AVAILABLE APRIL 2006

#### HPS-200 Statistics for the Health Professions

This 3-credit online course is designed for (and available only to) RNs enrolled in the School of Nursing's degree programs and nonenrolled RNs. HPS-200 will satisfy the mathematics requirement for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree and will satisfy the statistics requirement for one of the required courses in the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree, *Evidence Based Nursing Practice*. HPS-200 will be offered only in the terms the nursing courses are offered: July, October, January and April. HPS-200 may be previewed on the College Web site under "Course Offerings" by visiting <http://www.tesc.edu/catalog/> and clicking on "Online Courses."



## RN to BSN/MSN News

The School of Nursing will offer a new RN-BSN/MSN degree program in July 2006. To accommodate course registration for the July term which began May 20, 2006, the School of Nursing began accepting applications after May 15.

The new RN to BSN degree requirements will include three graduate nursing courses, as follows:

- **Emerging Trends in Healthcare Technology**
- **Health Policy**
- **Seminar in Clinical Competence**

Students will then complete an additional nine courses (27 credits) to fulfill MSN Nurse Educator degree requirements. BSN degree graduates may apply to complete the 36 credit MSN degree program. A 12- to 15-credit Nurse Educator Certificate program is available to RNs with a master's degree in nursing. All nursing courses are offered as 12-week online courses in the July, October, January and April terms.

Currently enrolled BSN degree students who want to change to the new BSN degree requirements and/or continue on for the MSN degree should provide that information in writing to the School of Nursing at: [nursing@tesc.edu](mailto:nursing@tesc.edu). ■

# New Degree Program Unveiled

## Program will help the energy industry address anticipated labor shortages

Thomas Edison State College and Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) have developed the nation's first baccalaureate degree program in energy utility technology, a program designed to help the energy industry meet labor shortages expected over the next 15 years.

The 120-credit Bachelor of Science in Applied Science and Technology degree in Energy Utility Technology at Thomas Edison State College has a curriculum that focuses on the technical core competencies integral to the utility industry and the principles of business and management. The new program leverages PSE&G training and builds on the associate degree programs in energy utility technology the company has already developed with Mercer County Community College, Essex County College and Middlesex County College.

"By creating the first career pathway from an associate degree to a baccalaureate degree in energy utility technology, we are helping to prepare the next generation of utility leaders and helping the industry meet significant labor shortages projected for the coming years," said Dr. George A. Pruitt, president of Thomas Edison State College.

The program will provide students with the technical knowledge, problem-solving and management expertise and hands-on skills necessary to perform at the leadership level in the design, installation, evaluation, operation and maintenance of energy utility systems, such as electric, gas, water and telecommunications.

"We went away from the traditional model of developing a degree program in order to best understand what expertise needed to be gained with a four-year degree focusing on energy

utility technology," said Dr. Marcus Tillery, dean of the School of Applied Science and Technology at Thomas Edison State College. "The result is a program that combines the technical core of the field with business management and general education, including technical writing, social sciences and natural sciences."

Those interested in finding out more about the utility degree program are encouraged to call (888) 442-8372, visit [www.tesc.edu](http://www.tesc.edu) or e-mail the College at [info@tesc.edu](mailto:info@tesc.edu). ■



*Ralph Izzo, president of PSE&G and George A. Pruitt, president of Thomas Edison State College during the partnership certificate signing.*

## Cover Story Continued: **Student Helps Revitalize**

manages her rigorous work schedule alongside her studies at Thomas Edison State College. In addition to business and academic pursuits, she is a member of the Trenton Historical Society and serves on the Preservation Committee's Stop the Wrecking Ball planning committee.

She said the College's online programs enable her to pursue her degree without putting her life on hold.

"That's why Thomas Edison State College is so great for me," said Pott. "The flexibility of online learning is ideal for someone like me who has a lot going on."

Information and applications for Thomas Edison State College scholarship programs can be found by visiting [www.tesc.edu/financialaid](http://www.tesc.edu/financialaid) and clicking on "Scholarships," or simply by calling (609) 633-9658. ■

# New Profession

## Mentor Profile: William J. Mulkeen, J.D.

Academia has finally gotten the best of Bill Mulkeen.

After completing law school, Mulkeen became a successful attorney in private practice. But academia still beckoned, and years later, he would leave his successful law practice altogether and switch his focus on higher education.

Mulkeen, who has been a mentor at Thomas Edison State College since 1992, said he finds the positive mindset of adult students and the teaching experience immensely gratifying.

"Thomas Edison State College students are serious, mature and very dedicated," he said. "They're very grateful for the opportunity to finish their degree and the flexibility the College provides in doing so."

A graduate of Seton Hall University in South Orange, N.J., Mulkeen earned his law degree from Seton Hall University School of Law in Newark, N.J., while working full time as a senior manager with Chemical Bank in New York City.

After being admitted into the New Jersey and Federal Bar in 1974, as well as the United States Supreme Court, Mulkeen served as a law clerk in the Union County Superior Court system. From 1975 to 1990, he operated a private legal practice and represented clients ranging from individuals to local businesses.

Mulkeen reconnected professionally with the higher education community when he was named general counsel for Union County College (UCC) in Cranford, N.J. During that time, he was asked to fill in for a business law professor in what he

thought would be a temporary adjunct position. Quickly, Mulkeen discovered an enduring connection with students – and for teaching.

Today, Mulkeen serves as director of program and curriculum development, transfer and articulation at Essex County College in Newark, N.J. where he's been since 2000.



*William J. Mulkeen, J.D.*

As a mentor at Thomas Edison State College, Mulkeen brings abundant legal and educational experience to the College's undergraduate and graduate programs. He also serves as chairman of the College's Academic Council.

"The Academic Council is a very vibrant, diverse and dedicated group whose members are specialists in their field,"

said Mulkeen. "Members have the task of shaping the academic structure and policies of College."

Mulkeen has played a key role assisting the College in areas such as Middle States accreditation and the development of new academic programs.

At Essex County College, he assisted in the development of an associate degree program in energy utility technology with Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) and assisted the College with the development of its new baccalaureate program in energy utility technology.

Currently, he is developing the new professional certificate program in paralegal studies at Thomas Edison State College, an initiative especially appropriate for Mulkeen, who also serves as president of the American Association for Paralegal Education.

"I have really enjoyed working with Bill in a variety of roles at Thomas Edison State College," said Dr. Judith Krom, dean of the Heavin School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. "His commitment to the College and its students is very evident in all of his work, and his academic standards are first rate." ■

SIGNALS is published three times per year by Thomas Edison State College. Please direct any inquiries or suggestions for future articles to the editor c/o:

SIGNALS

Thomas Edison State College  
101 W. State St. • Trenton, NJ 08608-1176  
(888) 442-8372 • [www.tesc.edu](http://www.tesc.edu)

Joe Guzzardo  
Director of Communications

Karen E. Hume  
Director of Publications

Chris Miller  
Art Director

Undergraduate Calendar	July 2006 Semester	August 2006 Semester	September 2006 Semester
Registration Dates	May 20 – June 9, 2006	June 17 – July 7, 2006	July 15 – Aug. 4, 2006
Late Registration	June 10 – June 16, 2006	July 8 – July 14, 2006	Aug. 5 – Aug. 11, 2006
Course Transfer Period	May 20 – June 16, 2006	June 17 – July 14, 2006	July 15 – Aug. 11, 2006
Start Date	July 1, 2006	Aug. 1, 2006	Aug. 28, 2006
Proctor Request Forms Due	July 7, 2006	Aug. 4, 2006	Sept. 8, 2006
Midterm exam week for 12-week term*	Aug. 14 – Aug. 19, 2006	Sept. 11 – Sept. 16, 2006	Oct. 9 – Oct. 14, 2006
Final exam week for 12-week term	Sept. 18 – Sept. 23, 2006	Oct. 16 – Oct. 21, 2006	Nov. 13 – Nov. 18, 2006
End of 12-week term	Sept. 23, 2006	Oct. 21, 2006	Nov. 18, 2006
Midterm exam week for 16-week term	Aug. 21 – Aug. 26, 2006	Sept. 18 – Sept. 23, 2006	Oct. 16 – Oct. 21, 2006
Final exam week for 16-week term	Oct. 16 – Oct. 21, 2006	Nov. 13 – Nov. 18, 2006	Dec. 11 – Dec. 16, 2006
End of 16-week term	Oct. 21, 2006	Nov. 18, 2006	Dec. 16, 2006

\* Select 12-week courses have a midterm examination. Refer to your course materials for details.

Graduate Calendar	Summer 2006	Fall 2006
Registration	June 1 – 15, 2006	Sept. 1 – 15, 2006
Classes Begin	July 3, 2006	Oct. 2, 2006
Weekend Residency	July 7 – July 9, 2006	Oct. 6 – Oct. 8, 2006
Deadline for 95% Refund	July 9, 2006	Oct. 8, 2006
Deadline for 50% Refund	July 23, 2006	Oct. 22, 2006
Classes End	Sept. 16, 2006	Dec. 16, 2006
Term Ends	Sept. 23, 2006	Dec. 22, 2006

### Applying to the Graduate School:

Applications are reviewed throughout the year, and students who are accepted are placed into the next available cohort. Cohorts begin four times a year:

TO BEGIN IN	APPLY BY
October	Aug. 15
January	Nov. 15
April	Feb. 15
July	May 15

NON-PROFIT ORG.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
TRENTON, NJ  
PERMIT NO. 112

THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE  
101 W. State St. • Trenton, NJ 08608-1176  
**SIGNALS**