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Thomas Edison Honors its Retiring President with his Name on a New Building

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Thomas Edison State University (TESU) has recently unveiled building signage designating Glen Cairn Hall as George A. Pruitt Hall.

“We believe this is a fitting tribute that recognizes Dr. Pruitt’s leadership, vision and more than 30 years of tireless service to our University, our students and alumni, and the city of Trenton,” said Brian Maloney, chair of the University Board of Trustees. “His leadership has been transformational and positions us to continue changing the lives of the students we serve.”

Dr. Pruitt has maintained a fervent commitment to improving the TESU campus in downtown Trenton through the restoration of several historic buildings. Under his leadership, the University has helped stimulate economic growth in the city and led many civic partnerships designed to improve the city’s State House Historic District. The Glen Cairn project transformed one of Trenton’s gateways.

In addition, Dr. Pruitt was active in the passage of the Building Our Future Bond Act, approved by voters in 2012. This initiative helped make it possible for the University to acquire the blighted Glen Cairn Arms apartment complex and erect the university’s newest building in its place. It remains home to the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing and the University’s student advising center.

The new designation is now visible above the main entrance to the building facing West State Street. The University also unveiled a portrait of Pruitt, which is located in the first-floor atrium of the building. The building designation and portrait unveiling were held on Friday, September 15 following the University’s Board of Trustees meeting.

In June, the university announced President Pruitt’s decision to step down as president at the end of 2017. TESU is conducting a national search to find its next president by the end of December, 2017.

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