



**Thomas A. Edison
Career &
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Academy**

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9th Grade at
Charles W. Harris Academy**

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Dear Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy Community,

The Governor's Educator of the Year Program highlights educational innovation, student achievement, exemplary teaching, and important services outside the classroom environment that lead to student success. This celebratory program recognizes our state's best teachers and educational services professionals who will be recognized at the Union County Office of Education.

We are proud to announce that the 2019 Governor's Teacher of the Year for Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy was awarded to Mr. Stephen Yaniak. As our Automotive Instructor and Technician, Mr. Yaniak offers high quality instruction to students interested in career and technical education at Edison Academy. His commitment is evidenced through revising curriculum, ensuring modern and up to date equipment is utilized in the auto mechanics course, and providing engaging instruction to students. Mr. Yaniak has been instrumental in college and career placement of students who can proudly boast that they are working in careers that were studied at Edison Academy. Through his efforts, not only has he been able to broaden the perspective of his students and colleagues, but also his own. Mr. Yaniak is a master teacher, an exemplar of excellent and effective teaching, and a wonderful asset to the Edison Career and Technical Academy community.

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy was awarded to Ms. Lisa Sherer. As Edison's Child Study Team member, Ms. Sherer is charged with monitoring and assessing students' emotional and educational needs. Ms. Sherer believes a student's academic and social growth is a collaborative process that involves parents, students, and teachers and that all students can learn and achieve success. While advocating for the rights of the child, Ms. Sherer assures that the voice of the parent and teacher are heard; thereby ensuring the plan for academic and social success are supported by all. Ms. Sherer personalizes every interaction and learning experience with students. As she designs and plans, students provide input into their individualized educational plans and are able to think and employ strategies that intend to support academic and social growth. Ms. Sherer is a respected, admired and commended team member to the Edison Career and Technical Academy community.

Please join us in celebrating these two amazing professionals for the work they have done, and continue to do, for our school community and district.

Sincerely,

Fatimah Bey