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George A. Pruitt
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George A. Pruitt has been President of Thomas Edison State University since 1982. Prior to coming to the University, he served in executive leadership positions at Illinois State University, Towson State University, Morgan State University, Tennessee State University, and the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL). He is active in the formulation of educational policy nationally and within the State of New Jersey.

Pruitt has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning; Member, Board of Directors, American Council on Education (ACE); Member, Board of Directors, American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU); Member, National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI), United States Department of Education; Member, Board of Directors, Sun National Bank; Member, Board of Directors, Trenton Savings Bank; Member, New Jersey State Planning Commission; Vice Chair, National Commission on Higher Education Attainment; Past Chairman, Board of Directors, Capital City Partnership, Inc.; Member, Board of Trustees, Rider University; Member and Chairman, Board of Trustees, The Union Institute & University; and Advisor, Kellogg National Fellowship Program, W.K. Kellogg Foundation. He is Past Chairman and Member, Middle States Commission on Higher Education; Past Chairman and Member of the MIDJersey Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He serves as Past Chairman and Member, Board of Directors, Structured Employment Economic Development Corporation (SEEDCO); Past Chairman and Member, New Jersey Presidents' Council; Member, Board of Directors, Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA); Member, Greater Trenton, Inc. and Member, New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities (NJASCU).

Pruitt has consulted widely in business and government, as well as within the higher education community. He has served in an advisory capacity to five Secretaries of Education under three Presidents of both parties. He is the recipient of five honorary degrees in addition to numerous awards, honors, and commendations. In a study of presidential leadership funded by the Exxon Education Foundation, Pruitt was identified as one of the most effective college presidents in the United States.