



## **College of Emerging and Integrative Studies**

Presentation to Academic & Student Affairs Committee  
Board of Trustees

September 25, 2025





## College of Emerging and Integrative Studies

The College of Emerging and Integrative Studies offers a dynamic and innovative approach to education, seamlessly blending science, humanities, health care, business, and technology.

### Bridge the Gap

event  
computing management  
interdisciplinary planning  
financial science podcasting  
research public strategic  
human **safety** asl healthcare  
stackable creative leadership  
pr environmental resources  
project collaborative radio  
video professional  
caregiving  
newspaper  
broadcasting





## College of Emerging and Integrative Studies

School of Environmental Studies  
Ph.D., PSM, and BS  
5 faculty members--116 majors

School of Interdisciplinary Studies  
BS Interdisciplinary Computing  
BS Interdisciplinary Studies  
3 faculty members--147 majors

Department of Communication & Media  
BS  
10 faculty members--65 majors

School of Professional Studies  
BS and MPS  
3 faculty members--148 majors

Extended Programs & Regional  
Development  
Continuing Education  
Dual Enrollment

Student Success Advising Center  
3 advisors--400 advisees





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## Bridge the Gap

- Enrollment
- Retention
- Cost
- Relevancy





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## Challenge: Enrollment

### Action:

- Developed new Ph.D. offerings
- Expanded online degrees
- Increased partnerships
- Expanded recruitment activities





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## Challenge: Retention

### Action:

“Create your own degree”

New minors

Flexible schedules

Credit Recovery



Jake Hoot, 2019 The Voice Winner  
and 2013 IDS graduate







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## Challenge: Cost

### Action:

Dual Enrollment

Open Educational Resources

Prior Learning Assessment credit

Fast Track



Hardin crayfish, new species





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## Challenge: Relevancy

### Action:

Stackable credentials

Industry-friendly programs

Interdisciplinary Computing program

Caregiving program

Project management

Poverty in the Upper Cumberland

## The Scoop

The Newsletter of  
Tennessee Technological University's  
Communication Department

Spring 2024

### The Oracle turns 100 years old



Bee Goodman delivers remarks at the Oracle's 100th Anniversary Event.

In collaboration with the Crawford Alumni Center, The Oracle hosted its 100th Anniversary Celebration on April 13, in the Tech Pride Room.

This celebration highlighted the success and importance of the student newspaper for the past century through memories, stories from former and current staff

members and how it impacted their lives.

Alumni and visitors were able to enjoy tours of the Oracle office and social time to reconnect.

Current managing editor Bee Goodman said, "I am so excited to be part of The Oracle's 100th year. I think it's vital for us to look back at our past in order to continue

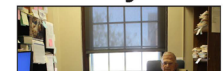
forward. The Oracle has been a part of Tech's history for generations, and I love being a part of that."

The current staff said they are thankful for the leadership of their adviser Dr. Teddy Burch and are proud of the hard work and dedication of the entire staff. We are all looking forward to the next 100 years of The Oracle.

### Dr. Kash retiring after more than 60 years

After more than 60 years of devotion to Tennessee Tech, Dr. Graham Kash has announced his retirement.

loves what he has been doing. Teaching the next generation to be great communicators is something he is very passionate about.



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Tennessee Tech student Hannah Koster in the WTTU studio.



Mike Keith of the Official Titans Podcast pulls in a young guest helper during Tuesday's recording of the podcast to celebrate 50 years of WTTU.

### Tech's campus radio station celebrates 50 years





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