

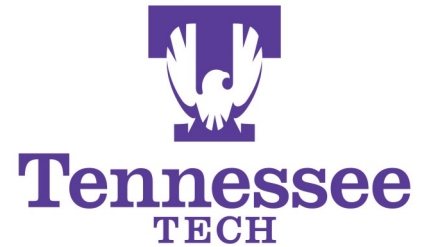
# MPS-PS News

## MPS PUBLIC SAFETY LAUNCHES SEMESTER NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first installment of the MPSPS News. This is the first full semester of the program since inception, so it is time to start new traditions. The plan is to send one newsletter a semester to all current students, as well as potential students, and of course, our alumni. Did I mention our first graduate will be in December? The main purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed of the happenings, news, and events both in the Public Safety Concentration and at Tennessee Tech. We are proud to be able to offer this program at Tech, and this is just the first of many modular accelerated programs planned. Tech is thrilled to offer a program to provide opportunities for those in and interested in careers in all areas of public safety. Thank you for all you do and remember we are always here if you need anything.

## TECH FOOTBALL HOSTING MILITARY/PUBLIC SAFETY APPRECIATION DAY

November 19th is the final football game of the season for the TN Tech Golden Eagles. It is also Military & Public Safety Appreciation Day. Anyone who serves in the military and/or public safety groups will receive free entry into the game. Kickoff is at 1:30pm in Cookeville. For more information please visit [www.ttusports.com](http://www.ttusports.com).



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Military/Public Safety Appreciation Day 11/19
- Application Deadline 12/5
- Registration coming in November
- Learn a little more about Tara Perrin.

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## SPRING 2017 APPLICATION DEADLINE—12/05/2016

For the spring semester we will be starting our fourth Cohort! Can you believe it?! It seems only yesterday that Cohort 1 began and we are ready to welcome number 4. Courses for the spring begin in late December so that we can fit all three courses in before graduation in May. While this may not impact you yet, it certainly impacts our May graduate (second one from the program) and will benefit Cohort 4 greatly, as they are scheduled to graduate in May 2018! Of course that assumes course completion and taking all courses offered each time.

If you know anyone interested in getting a Master's Degree, please remind them that the

deadline to apply is December 5th with all documents submitted by the 9th. Tennessee Tech is closed for two weeks in December (current students, you get 2 weeks off too!!!), and while the Public Safety staff will be available over the break, not all departments will be on call.

Remember to check with your department/agency for reimbursement benefits, the Bursar's Office can work directly with your office. There are State benefits that you may be aware of as well. If a student takes a course each time, s/he can graduate in as little as 16 months! Are you ready to be a Tech Alumnus? #WingsUp #TechYeah

### MPS-PUBLIC SAFETY FIRST GRADUATE

There are federal regulations we must follow about student information known as FERPA. As such, we cannot tell you who is graduating, but we will have our first graduate in December! Commencement is on December 10th at 9:30am, so if in the area, come by and see what you will experience soon. Before you say I'm not planning to participate, ask your family, friends, and department, they may want to see you and celebrate your success. We will help you with the details, including how to pick up your regalia and how to wear your new hood!

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION COMING SOON

In the next few weeks, you will receive registration information for your next semester. Mrs. Perrin works very hard to individualize this process for everyone in the program. We do this for several reasons:

- 1) You are busy—work, families, and being a college student
- 2) It is important that you focus on your classes, 6 weeks is fast and intense (right 6760!!). You should not worry about which is next, is in the right order to finish, what are the CRNs, what is a CRN
- 3) Because of the accelerated, modular nature of the program, we cannot offer each course every 6 weeks
- 4) Each of you serve our communities by giving of yourself each day, the individual attention provided is our way of saying thank you.

So, when you get an email (tntech.edu) about registration, there will be specific steps for you to follow that will make this process easy. Pay absolutely no attention to the mass student registration emails, only those from Tara about Registration.

## EXCITING TIMES AT TENNESSEE TECH

A lot of things have been happening at Tech in recent months you may not know. First, you already know about as it impacts you. The new Concentration in Public Safety is almost eight months old. While that may not in itself be that big, it is the first modular, accelerated, online degree program here.

Second, I heard a rumor...trusted rumor, that TN Tech will be hosting SELETS (Southeastern Law Enforcement Training Seminar) in June. I have very limited details to share yet, but wanted to make you aware it is coming June 5-8 on campus in Cookeville. The speakers are being finalized and efforts are being made for POST, CEU, and other certifications. We will of course send more information as it is available.

Third, the inaugural Tennessee Tech University Board of Trustees has been appointed. The eight appointments announced are:

**Dr. Barbara Fleming**, senior health policy analyst and former physician at Walter Reed Army Medical Center;

**Trudy Harper**, founder and former president of Tenaska Power Services Company;

**Tom Jones**, co-owner and general manager of Research Electronics International;

**Millard Oakley**, former member of the Tennessee General Assembly and current board member of First National Bank of Tennessee;

**Purna Saggurti**, global chair of investment banking for Bank of America Merrill Lynch;

**Johnny Stites**, managing partner of XI Investments;

**Teresa Vanhooser**, former deputy director of the Marshall Space Flight Center and current senior consultant with Seabrook Solutions, LLC; and

**Capt. Barry Wilmore**, National Aeronautics and Space Administration astronaut.

Please see <https://www.tntech.edu/board/members> for complete biographical information on each board member.

### WE TWEET!

TTU Public Safety Concentration has a presence on Facebook and Twitter. We try to share and post from agencies and departments around the state and nation as it applies to public safety. We are happy to share upcoming events and important information for the public good. Our favorite is posting about the positive things that happen in our communities and with those working in public safety fields everyday. Follow us on twitter:

@TTUPubSafetyMPS

Facebook:

tntechmpspublicsafety

Let us know what you are doing and we will share if we can.

## SPOTLIGHT OF MPS-PUBLIC SAFETY: TARA PERRIN

If you are ever in the Cookeville area, don't forget to stop by for a visit. We are located in the Volpe Library in the Innovation Institute, Room 113.



Mrs. Tara Perrin is the best!!! She is absolutely amazing and loves working with each of you daily!! After working in various corporate settings, Mrs. Perrin returned to university as a non traditional, first-generation adult student in 2005 to pursue her goal of earning a 4 year college degree and leave the corporate world behind. During this process, Mrs. Perrin discovered her passion for public service, particularly higher education and the adult student learner. After earning both a bachelor's and master's degree from Middle Tennessee State University in 2008 and 2011, respectively, Mrs. Perrin has taught both classroom and online courses, works as an academic advisor and instructional designer, assists in recruiting efforts, developing policies for advising modular, accelerated adult students, and helping students meet the challenges of earning a college degree. Her interests outside of work are documentaries about almost anything, non fiction and fiction reading, hiking, and spending time with her husband and three furbabies. She also enjoys watching pro and college football, Mexican food, playing cards and is the proud daughter of a retired veteran having served in the Navy and Army National Guard for almost three decades.

"I love what I do and am passionate about student success and developing ways of helping individuals achieve their educational goals. Going back to school after so many years away was very scary... I'm sure many of you can relate! Although challenging, it is one of the best decisions I've ever made. I enjoy working with each and every one of you, will continue to work hard to help you succeed at earning your degree, and deeply appreciate your dedication to public service."



Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season! Thank you for all you do.

