



SPRING 2021 COMMENCEMENT

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Nine in the morning and
two o'clock in the afternoon Friday,
May 7, 2021 Tucker Stadium

Welcome to the Spring Commencement ceremony of Tennessee Technological University's 2020-2021 academic year. Commencement is the most important ceremony in the life of Tennessee Tech University.

The entire Tennessee Tech community extends cordial greetings to parents, spouses, relatives and friends gathered here for this significant ceremony. We celebrate the success of our graduates, who have spent years of study to earn a Tennessee Technological University degree.

MORNING CEREMONY

9:00 A.M.

College of Graduate Studies
College of Arts & Sciences
College of Education
College of Interdisciplinary Studies
Whitson-Hester School of Nursing

AFTERNOON CEREMONY

2:00 P.M.

College of Graduate Studies
College of Agriculture & Human Ecology
College of Business
College of Engineering
College of Fine Arts

For our undergraduate and graduate students, today's ceremonies recognize their academic achievements at Tennessee Tech and inaugurate a new era in their careers. A single theme unites us all today — the joy of accomplishment!

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

If at any time during the program an emergency arises in which the stadium needs to be evacuated, guests should exit the stands and track to the nearest gate and move towards the parking lots or nearest building for shelter. Those seated on the field area should exit to the nearest gate to them and move towards the parking lots or nearest building for shelter. Please do not stand in roadways to allow for entrance of emergency vehicles. In case of severe weather, all guests should leave the stadium and go to their personal vehicles.

THE COLLEGES, SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS

Chartered in 1915, Tennessee Tech opened its doors to students in 1916. Its academic programs began with basic humanities and sciences as foundation courses for three major areas of study: agriculture, home economics and mechanical arts. The next year, students could enroll in business as a major course of study as well. By 1918, military training had been added to the curriculum.

In 1938, all the major fields of study, as well as the foundation classes, were reorganized into two main divisions – arts and sciences and professional and technical subjects—housing 11 departments. Divisions were quickly renamed "schools" and, in 1949, the expansion of the curriculum had blossomed into five schools consisting of 24 departments.

Most of today's academic programs have their roots in one of those five schools, which were redesignated "colleges" when Tennessee Tech achieved university status in 1965.

Relative newcomers to Tennessee Tech academics include the Department of Military Science (1950), the Graduate School (1958), the School of Nursing (1980), the School of Interdisciplinary Studies and Extended Education (2001), the College of Interdisciplinary Studies (2012) which merged the freshly minted School of Professional Studies and School of Environmental Studies, and the new College of Fine Arts (2017).

Most degree programs at Tennessee Tech today are housed in eight colleges and one school; special programs include three centers of excellence, Honors, the Millard Oakley STEM Center and the Department of Military Science/Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC).

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN ECOLOGY

In 1916, agriculture and home economics were among the three disciplines considered the heart of Tennessee Tech's academic mission. Along with mechanical arts, agriculture and home economics prepared "mountain boys and girls ... for the study and solution of the problems arising out of rural community life." Today's College of Agriculture and Human Ecology reaches far beyond rural life, with coursework honing entrepreneurial, management and leadership skills in agritourism, food production and safety, dietetics, families, farming, pre-veterinary science, and design and merchandising.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Then as now, the College of Arts and Sciences houses the foundation courses for all Tennessee Tech majors. Many of the same courses offered in 1916 – English, history, mathematics and sciences – quickly grew into entire departments, and by 1949, all of today's programs but earth sciences had reached department status. Today's College of Arts and Sciences is a thriving academic unit of more than 20 areas of study, with students and faculty in each discipline pursuing advanced study and research – and supporting the academic experience for all majors, regardless of discipline.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Students in 1916 could enroll in only one business course, which taught students bookkeeping, business methods, typewriting and shorthand; in 1917, business had become the fourth "school"—or major vocational subject—at Tennessee Tech. By 1949, it had expanded to include departments of accounting, business and industrial management, and business education. Today's students study to become leaders through programs in business management, marketing, international business and cultures, finance, economics, accounting, business information technology, the masters in business administration and the master of accountancy. They not only study business but gain experience in practice through internships, student managed investment funds and competitions.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

All students enrolled in undergraduate studies from 1916 on were being groomed to be teachers, but it wasn't until 1938 that teacher training was recognized as its own department. By 1949, education was named a school, encompassing general education and health and physical education. All students took "practice teaching" in their last term. Today's College of Education, the second of Tennessee Tech's units to develop doctoral studies, is a diverse unit, home to programs ranging from elementary and secondary teacher licensure to exercise science.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Called "mechanical arts" in 1916, engineering was one of three original majors at Tennessee Tech; students took courses in blacksmithing, machine assembly and drafting. The first degrees were awarded in 1937, when two civil engineering students and three general engineering students graduated. In 1968, engineering was the first academic unit on campus to develop a doctoral program. Today's College of Engineering awards more than 400 degrees annually in seven disciplines that defined Tennessee Tech as the state's only technological university.

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Created in 2017, the College of Fine Arts contains nationally accredited undergraduate degree programs in art, design, fine craft, music performance and music education, which are all offered in state-of-the-art facilities, including craft studios, art education labs, concert and recital halls. The college's renowned faculty members are dedicated to hands-on, experiential learning and providing students exposure to a wide variety of fine arts professionals in the field. The college consists of the School of Art, Craft and Design and the School of Music.

COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

A major hurdle Tennessee Tech had to cross before reaching university status was developing a graduate studies program, which required more research facilities and more faculty with doctoral degrees. In the 1950s, the administration made a major push in that direction, establishing graduate studies in 1958. Most graduate degrees were in education; by the early 1970s, the first Ph.D.'s in engineering were awarded. Today's College of Graduate Studies administers doctoral programs in engineering, education, nursing practice, counseling and supervision and environmental sciences, as well as master's and specialist's degrees.

COLLEGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

One of the newest academic units, interdisciplinary studies moved Tennessee Tech into the state's online degree program in 2001, opened the door to custom-degree offerings for students interested in specialized studies not already offered by another academic unit on campus, and pioneered remote learning site coursework for distant Tennessee counties. Today's College of Interdisciplinary Studies houses the School of Interdisciplinary Studies, the School of Professional Studies and the School of Environmental Studies which blends technology with the sciences, engineering and humanities.

WHITSON-HESTER SCHOOL OF NURSING

In 1916, Tennessee Tech home economics majors learned the basics of caring for the sick and elderly in the home, where the vast majority of nursing took place. In 1980, the School of Nursing opened at Tennessee Tech, offering baccalaureate-level degrees to women and men with an associate's degree who were already licensed as registered nurses, as well as to students interested in a four-year university degree. Today's School of Nursing is piloting an accelerated program for professionals in other fields who have decided to switch careers and is collaborating with another institution on a joint doctoral program in nursing.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE/ARMY RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (ROTC)

During World War I, a predecessor of today's Army ROTC formed at Tennessee Tech in 1917. The Department of Military Science originated at Tennessee Tech in 1950 when a senior division of Army ROTC began operation. From 1956 to 1972, all male students conducted mandatory military training in their freshman and sophomore years. In 1973, military studies opened to both men and women. Today's Army ROTC is a dynamic elective curriculum that transforms students into leaders, culminating in an Army officer commission at graduation.

A BRIEF HISTORY

In its first century, Tennessee Tech grew from a small rural school for a few hundred high school and junior college students to a doctoral-granting university with more than 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students, and research and teaching connections throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Chartered in 1915 as Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, "Tech" opened its doors to students in September 1916. The small campus was an outgrowth of a privately owned church school, the University of Dixie, which was chartered in 1909 by a group of local business and religious leaders. Dixie College, as it was commonly known, suffered the fate of many small schools hampered by lack of funding and closed after only a few years.

Its founders, intent on offering education beyond the eighth grade to local boys and girls, negotiated an arrangement with state and local educators to create a new public school in Cookeville that would bridge the gap between the lower grades and undergraduate studies. The land and single building of Dixie College were deeded to the state and, with the pledge of funding from Putnam County, Cookeville and the state of Tennessee, re-emerged as Tennessee Polytechnic Institute (TPI). Between March of 1915 and September of 1916, two residence halls were built and a president, faculty and staff were hired. Enrollment during the first academic year, 1916-1917, was 362; students were taught by 15 faculty members, including the president.

Growth was not quick, but it was steady. High school curricula were phased out beginning in the 1920s; by 1929, the state approved a complete college program, and the first class of four-year students graduated with baccalaureate degrees that June. Instructional programs were reorganized into the divisions of arts and sciences and professional and technical subjects in 1938. Nine years later, those divisions were renamed "Schools" and by 1949, the schools had grown to five: agriculture and home economics, arts and sciences, business administration, education and engineering. Military Science was added in 1950, and the Graduate School program began in 1958.

In 1965, on its 50th anniversary, TPI gained university status and was renamed Tennessee Technological University; its existing schools were designated "colleges." More programs began: the School of Nursing in 1980 and the School of Interdisciplinary Studies and Extended Education in 2001. By 2012, interdisciplinary studies had merged with new schools of professional studies and environmental sciences to become the College of Interdisciplinary Studies. The College of Fine Arts was established in 2017.

Today's students are taught by more than 400 faculty housed in eight colleges, one school and three centers of excellence. Programs of study are accredited by national agencies. A maturing advancement division ensures that university operations are not limited by annual state funding allocations. Today's administration has charted a course with as much, if not more, resolve and determination as its forbears displayed more than 100 years ago.

THE PRESIDENTS

Thomas Alva Early.....	1916-1920
Quentin Miller Smith.....	1920-1938
Austin Wheeler Smith, Jr. (interim).....	1926-1927, Fall 1940
James Millard Smith.....	1938-1940
William Everett Derryberry.....	1940-1974
Arliss Lloyd Roaden.....	1974-1985
Wallace Samuel Prescott.....	1985-1987
Angelo Anthony Volpe.....	1987-2000
Robert R. Bell.....	2000-2012
Philip B. Oldham.....	2012-present

FORMAL ELEMENTS OF THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

The commencement of a program of academic study in higher education is a formal recognition of this exceptional achievement. Many of the traditions date back to medieval times, evidence that higher learning has been revered in most civilizations during two millennia.

REGALIA

Academic ceremonial garments and ornaments, or regalia, have evolved from the attire of students and monks in medieval churches, the greatest centers of learning in the Western world. Caps, hoods and gowns are symbolic of scholarly devotion and the decisive role of education in the development of civilization.

In time, academicians began to adopt symbols unique to their individual universities—much like the medieval system of classic heraldry, in which chivalric orders were identified by coats of arms, ornamental trappings and colorful patterns. The design of gowns, caps and hoods symbolize the institution, field of learning and type of degree earned.

While black is the customary color of robes, caps and gowns, some universities have chosen distinctive colors for the attire. Tennessee Tech adopted its school colors for the regalia beginning with the centennial academic year, 2015-2016. Gowns and mortarboards are purple with gold insignia and tassels.



THE CEREMONIAL MACE

Modeled after royal staffs carried by messengers and soldiers, the mace was adopted as an academic symbol by universities in the Middle Ages. Usually carried by a faculty marshal at the head of the procession, the mace represents academic dignity and the authority of the university to confer degrees.

The Tennessee Tech mace was designed and made by a former director of the university's Appalachian Center for Craft, Alf Ward, an accomplished silversmith. Constructed of sterling silver and gold and purple heart, the mace is 45 inches in length. Its wooden blade-like stem is overlaid with engraved silver and embossed with gold floral decoration. The stem contains pierced and embossed golden eagles and supports an engraved silver cup. The cup has two gold discs symbolizing the heraldic devices of the university and is covered by a gold grill capped with a golden eagle.

THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

A medallion or seal of office, once used to mark documents as official, is now considered a mark of authority. Tennessee Tech's presidential medallion was designed by then-President Everett Derryberry and sculptor Hans Prehn.

The medallion or silver disc is inscribed with the name of the university, its charter date, 1915, a "T" representing Tennessee Tech, the book of knowledge, the lamp of learning and an outline of the state of Tennessee with a star indicating the geographical position of Cookeville and the university. On the reverse side is a golden eagle and the date 1965, the year Tennessee Tech reached university status. Small silver plates bear the names of past presidents, while the name of the current president is engraved on a larger plate over the medallion.

THE TECH HYMN

Joan Derryberry, a concert pianist and member of the music faculty, composed the Tennessee Tech Hymn in 1943, just three years into her time here as first lady.

The song illustrates the beauty of the campus and its setting and is a pledge of loyalty, love and service from students, faculty and staff. It is sung at large gatherings of the university, including commencements, convocations and ball games. The music appears on the back of this program.

THE TECH FLAG

Another first lady, Gloria Bell, designed the Tennessee Tech flag in 2003 in honor of the university's most familiar and long-standing traditions. The three main elements of the flag represent the university's historic and idyllic characteristics, as well as reputation for quality.

The magnificent golden eagle, with wings outstretched, depicts the pride, honor, strength and spirit of students, faculty and staff. The column of gold represents the pillar of knowledge, intellect and experience—all qualities of the university's prestigious academics. A base of majestic purple represents the strong foundation of character, commitment and endurance indicative of the university culture.

STUDENT VETERANS

Tennessee Tech University recognizes veterans and current military members for their service to our country and their excellence in higher education. The red, white and blue cords, worn voluntarily by a select few, represent their veteran status while pursuing their educational goals.

Tennessee Tech proudly honors these student-veterans by presenting them with these cords to signify their achievement on this day.

THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

MAY 7, 2021

Presiding.....	Dr. Philip B. Oldham President
Invocation.....	Dr. Robert Owens Chief Diversity Officer and Interim Vice President, Student Affairs
National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner"	Francis Scott Key, John Stafford Smith Performed by Tennessee Tech Music Students under direction of Professor Craig Zamer
Address to Graduates.....	President Oldham
Special Greeting.....	Tennessee Tech Board of Trustees Rhedona Rose and Teresa Vanhooser
Special Message.....	Aaron Lay
Special Address.....	Marc L. Burnett
Recognition of Faculty.....	President Oldham
Recognition of Graduates' Families.....	President Oldham
Presentation of Academic Deans.....	Dr. Lori Bruce Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Conferring of Degrees.....	President Oldham
"The Tennessee Tech Hymn".....	Joan Derryberry Performed by Shiann Sigmon
Closing Remarks.....	President Oldham

*Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

9:00 a.m. Ceremony

College of Graduate Studies.....	Senior Associate Provost Mark Stephens
College of Arts & Sciences.....	Dean Paul Semmes
College of Education.....	Dean Lisa Zagumny
College of Interdisciplinary Studies.....	Dean Mike Gotcher
Whitson-Hester School of Nursing.....	Dean Kimberly Hanna

2:00 p.m. Ceremony

College of Graduate Studies.....	Senior Associate Provost Mark Stephens
College of Agriculture & Human Ecology.....	Dean Darron Smith
College of Business.....	Dean Tom Payne
College of Engineering.....	Dean Joseph Slater
College of Fine Arts.....	Dean Jennifer Shank

* After walking across the state and receiving their degrees, graduates will exit gate 5.

DEGREE CANDIDATES SPRING 2021

Because of circumstances which require that the list of names be furnished to the printer in final form approximately seven days prior to Commencement, it is possible that one or more of the candidates listed may have been unable to complete all requirements for the degree or may have elected voluntarily to register for additional work and to graduate at a subsequent ceremony. The change does not necessarily imply that a student has failed nor does it commit the university to grant a diploma to a person thus listed in error. Also, students listed with one or more honors distinctions are candidates for the honor(s) at the time the program is provided to the printer, and may not complete the requirements to be awarded the distinction.

Graduates are grouped by college. Individual names will be called by order seated, not in alphabetical order.

COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREES

Cephas Nii Ablakwa, Exceptional Learning #

Dissertation Title: "Changes in Students' Higher Education Aspirations and Enrollment in Postsecondary Institutions"

Advisors: Dr. David Larimore and Dr. Julie Baker

Cody Leeheng Chan, Engineering

Dissertation Title: "Kinematic Effects of Joint Clearances and Curvature Theory on Conjugated Curves"

Advisors: Dr. Kwun-Ion Ting and Dr. Stephen Canfield

David A. Chesson, Engineering

Dissertation Title: "Effect of Off-Stoichiometry on Electrical Conductivity in Ni-Fe and Mn-Co Spinel Systems for Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Interconnect Coating and Contact Layer Applications"

Advisor: Dr. John Zhu

A H M Jakaria, Engineering #

Dissertation Title: "Formal Techniques for Automated Design of Adaptive Networked Systems Based on Security and Resiliency Requirements"

Advisor: Dr. Ambareen Siraj

Michael Clayton Neal Littrell, Exceptional Learning

Dissertation Title: "Postsecondary Pipeline Outcomes by High School Students Predicted by Experiential Factors and Moderated by First-Generation Student Status"

Advisor: Dr. George Chitiyo

Allen M. Mathende, Exceptional Learning

Dissertation Title: "Preservice Teachers' Perspectives on Immersion in 360-Degree Video Virtual Reality: Virtual Reality Video in Preparing Teachers for Field Experience"

Advisors: Dr. David Larimore and Dr. Jason Beach

Grace McClellan, Engineering #

Dissertation Title: "Microbial Community Structural and Functional Response to Optimization of a Water Resource Recovery Facility for Nutrient Removal"

Advisor: Dr. Tania Datta

Koteswara Rao Medidhi, Engineering #

Dissertation Title: "Structural and Thermo-Mechanical Properties for Polymer Nanocomposites"

Advisor: Dr. Venkat Padmanabhan

Juliet Ohemeng-Ntiamoah, Engineering #

Dissertation Title: "Anaerobic-Co-Digestion of Waste Activation Sludge with Food Waste and Fats, Oils, and Grease: Effects on Digester Performance, Microbial Community Structure and Activity"

Advisor: Dr. Tania Datta

Ramesh Paudel, Engineering #

Dissertation Title: "Efficient Graph Knowledge Discovery on Graph Streams with Concept Drift"

Advisor: Dr. William Eberle

Randal D. Williams, Exceptional Learning

Dissertation Title: "The Lost Highway: The Dichotomy of the Sacred and the Profane in Early Country Music, 1921-1957"

Advisors: Dr. James Akenson and Dr. Janet Isbell

Drew Emerson Winder, Engineering

Dissertation Title: "Modeling Improvements of a Liquid Metal and Gas Filled Container Struck by a Sudden Pressure"

Advisor: Dr. Sally Pardue

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE DEGREES

Beth Ann Cruz, Nursing Practice

Project Title: "Suicide Prevention in College Students using APR Gatekeeper Training"

Advisor: Dr. Ernie Maupin

Hope E. Diaz, Nursing Practice

Project Title: "Improving Nurse-Provider Communication in Acute Care: Clinical Surveillance Algorithm Pilot Intervention"

Advisor: Dr. Mary Lou Fornehed

Rebecca Leigh Turner, Nursing Practice

Project Title: "Implementing Routine Antenatal Depression Screening in an Outpatient Clinic"

Advisor: Dr. Rachel Hall

SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION DEGREES

Mary Jane Melissa Allen, Instructional Leadership

Vicky Church, Curriculum & Instruction

Michael Todd Clinton, Curriculum & Instruction

Stewart Ross Fanning, Curriculum & Instruction

Dana Grace Hill, Curriculum & Instruction

Amanda Marie Humphrey,
Instructional Leadership

Jeffery A. Keeton, Instructional Leadership

Haylee Jean Layne, Curriculum & Instruction #

Jennifer Grace Maxwell, Curriculum & Instruction

Susanne Lee Pemberton, Curriculum & Instruction

Emily Rush, Curriculum & Instruction

Haylie Spence, Instructional Leadership

Christi Michelle Townsend,
Counseling and Psychology

Susan Wilson, Curriculum & Instruction

MASTER'S DEGREES

Seth Agee, Mathematics

Fahad Saud Alharbi, Biology #

Courtney D. Allen, Curriculum & Instruction

Brandy Alley, Curriculum & Instruction

Joe Stephen Annis, Professional Studies

Rebekah Jo Arrigo, Exercise Science,
Physical Education and Wellness

Jonathon Baca, Professional Studies

Patricia M. Beas, Business Administration

Kayleigh Morgan Beasley, Curriculum & Instruction

Shabir Ahmed Kimera Bhegani, Civil Engineering

Shawn Austin Billingsley, Nursing

Keifer B. Bowers, Business Administration

Matthew Bown, Chemistry #

Phillip T. Brasher Jr, Business Administration

Shaylee Grace Bratton, Instructional Leadership

Heather Kennedy Brown, Professional Studies

Katherine Elizabeth Brown, Computer Science

Adam Denton Browner, Business Administration

Alexandria Buchanan, Exercise Science,
Physical Education and Wellness

Steven Buchanan, Mathematics

Jared Burdette, Business Administration

Kelry Marie Burton, Business Administration

Joseph Russell Campbell, Professional Studies

Serena Madeline Campeau,
Business Administration

Michelle Paige Carr, Counseling and Psychology

James Lofton Carter IV, Business Administration

Cheryl Lynn Chavez, Curriculum & Instruction

Jordan A. Clanagan, Business Administration

Cara Tennille Clay, Instructional Leadership

Arianna Lar're Clemmer, Professional Studies

Aaron L. Coons, Biology

Megan Louise Cooper, Business Administration

Dana M. Crabtree, Instructional Leadership

Jacqueline C. Crawford, Exercise Science,
Physical Education and Wellness #

Thomas Ross Crillo III, Professional Studies

John Richard Crouch, Business Administration

Emily Arlene Curtis, Curriculum & Instruction

Marietta Caroline Roberts Davis,
Instructional Leadership

Jonathan Michael Dean,

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Bao Gia Dinh, Exercise Science,
Physical Education and Wellness
Kurt R. Dunham, Chemical Engineering
Anthony Greg Emiren, Civil Engineering
Courtney Leigh Estes, Counseling and Psychology
Jevin Leigh Evans, Computer Science
Autumn F. Everett, Curriculum & Instruction
Brittany Ferrell, Curriculum & Instruction
Lara Flannery, Counseling and Psychology
Kevon U. Fly, Exercise Science,
Physical Education and Wellness
Platisha Sharyne Ford, Curriculum & Instruction
Jonathan Alexander Gibson, Computer Science
David Wesley Giddens,
Professional Science Masters
Ashley Louise Gilbert, Exercise Science,
Physical Education and Wellness
Caleb Gilmore, Mathematics
Michael Christian Gray, Business Administration
Allie Guinn, Business Administration
Zachary Zephenia Gullede, Chemistry #
Tracy Lynn Hare-Ward, Professional Studies
Jane Marie Loveday Hendrick,
Business Administration
Tanner S. Herring, Exercise Science,
Physical Education and Wellness
Jennifer Louise Hicks, Professional Studies
Scott Alexander Hill, Mechanical Engineering
Jane Carol Hiura, Curriculum & Instruction
David Lee Hixson, Curriculum & Instruction
Grahm Hoffart, Business Administration
Joshua Levi Hooper, Mechanical Engineering
Chih-Wei Hsu, Business Administration
Crystal M. Ivey, Business Administration
Sherrie L. Jackson, Nursing
Gavin Robert Johns, Professional Studies
William Avery Johnson, Computer Science
Garrett M. Jordan, Biology
Maria Juan Felipe, Curriculum & Instruction
Marisa L. Judkins, Counseling and Psychology
Dulce Kristina Kaiser, Computer Science
Mark W. Kilpatrick, Professional Studies #
Moriah Shea Kitts, Curriculum & Instruction #
Cody Kubica, Professional Studies
Emily Elizabeth Lackey, Curriculum & Instruction

Joshua Jackson Lambert,
Electrical and Computer Engineering
William Luke Lambert, Computer Science
Kendall Ryan Land, Computer Science
Tyler Dayne Langford, Business Administration
Katherine Jeanette Lawrence,
Curriculum & Instruction
Trace P. Lee, Exercise Science,
Physical Education and Wellness
Chelsea J. Lewis, Curriculum & Instruction
Keri Anne Long, Curriculum & Instruction
Jessica Anne Lowery, Professional Studies
Monica Machacek-Chiapello, Professional Studies
Amanda Malott, Curriculum & Instruction
Clayton Eugene Markham, Business Administration
Matthew Esteis Marseille, Exercise Science,
Physical Education and Wellness
Anna Leigh Martin, Business Administration
Amanda Lauren Masters, Curriculum & Instruction
Sarah Galyen Maynard, Nursing
Lalonia Lynn Michelle McCarter, English #
Patrick J. McCloskey, Business Administration
Matthew Hunter McClurg, Business Administration
Mitchell Harrison McClurg,
Business Administration
Andrew Depp McDole, Computer Science
Courtney Shavonne' McDuffie, Exercise Science,
Physical Education and Wellness
Sara Kesete Mebrahtu, Nursing
Levi C. Melton, Business Administration
Trevor J. Miller, Curriculum & Instruction
Julie Anne Mountain, Professional Studies
Stuart R. Neal, Curriculum & Instruction
Douglas Allen Nesvik, Business Administration
Adam McKinley Noe, Exercise Science,
Physical Education and Wellness
Tiara MaKenzie Norman, Professional Studies
Eric Caleb Nolan, Mechanical Engineering #
Tolulope Adedapo Odetola,
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Zishan Ahmed Onik, Computer Science
Leah R. Owen, Curriculum & Instruction
Dhaval Rameshbhai Patel, Professional Studies
Jackson Scott Reynolds Penfield,
Chemical Engineering
Melody C. Phillips, Professional Science Masters

Dennis Houston Piercy, Chemical Engineering
Ezra J. Pinzur, Exercise Science,
Physical Education and Wellness
Lee Matthew Porter, Business Administration
Nicholas C. Potter, Exercise Science,
Physical Education and Wellness
Michael Christopher Qualls,
Curriculum & Instruction
Brooke Quinn, Curriculum & Instruction
Kristen Nicole Rainey, Curriculum & Instruction
Kelli Nichole Reed, Exercise Science,
Physical Education and Wellness
Roger L. Ridenour, Business Administration
Tiffani Briana Roundtree, Nursing
Sarah A. Rutledge, English
Holle Susanna Sadler, Mechanical Engineering #
Tiffany Marie Schoo, Professional Studies
Steven Lee Scott, Counseling and Psychology #
Raunak Shakya, Computer Science #
Emily Smith, Business Administration #
Adry Ryan Snow, Nursing
Aryn Kate Snow, Nursing
Evangeline C.E. Sorbet, Curriculum & Instruction
Nikki Creswell Sprinkle, Professional Studies
April M. Steele, Professional Studies
Kelly Hagerty Strimaitis, Nursing
Colin Stubblefield, Business Administration
Sarah Elizabeth Sullivan, Instructional Leadership

Lijun Sun, Computer Science
Logan Shawn Tackett, Business Administration
Logan Smith Taylor, Business Administration
Prosper Aime Tchoumo, Mathematics
Mariah LeighAnn Tedder, Chemistry #
Kathy Ann Tsai, Professional Studies
Alison J. Verzani, Business Administration
Kaitlyn Vredevoogd, Biology
William Warner, Business Administration #
Rachel Katherine Watson, Nursing
Dalyssa C. Webb, Business Administration #
Tonia M. Wheeler, Curriculum & Instruction
Jessica Jolene White, Business Administration
Mackenzie L. White, Biology
Marisa Owens Whittemore,
Counseling and Psychology
Angela D. Willis, English
Hannah S. Willis, Counseling and Psychology
Nicholas Shane Wilson, Business Administration
Ginger Marie Wilson, Professional Studies
Nicholas A. Wilson, Business Administration
Anna Wise, Curriculum & Instruction
Andrew P. Worley, Computer Science
Tyler Wright, Civil Engineering
Shuainan Yang, Mechanical Engineering
Rebecca Ann Yates, Curriculum & Instruction #
Barbara M. Yousef, Curriculum & Instruction

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Robert Wayne Abercrombie, Jr. #
Lena Katharina Albro *** †
Seth Michael Anderson
Christopher Angros
Jesus Avila Marquez *
Cole L. Ayres
Rachel Marie Baker * †
Emma E. Barnett
Luke Nathaniel Bartlett ***
Mason C. Baucum #
Ryan Christopher Bauer
Riley Kane Beaty
Tavie McGee Bell
Alicia Erin Berry
Hunter A. Bess #
Miranda Rose Blasingame
Sandra Brooke Bowden **
Dakota Bowser
Kayla B. Brickey *
Lakelyn Rae Brown
Zachary A. Brown
Lloyd Cameron Bucher *
Megan H. Buck
Aaron Lane Burch
Michael L. Burke
Jansen C. Carver * †
Kevin Alejandro Chavez #
Tanner Dale Choate
David Ryan Clark
Leah Payton Clark ***
Carly Erin Clement *
Stephen Thomas Clements
Mahongony Sha'Nay Cobb
Bryce Jacob Combs
Zharra R. Corlew
Tanner S. Cox
Claire Elizabeth Craig ***
Hope Rachelle Craig
Aaron J. Daugherty
Lauren Elizabeth Davis
Damien A. Dearnitt
Taylor LeNae Dees
Nicole L. Dejong
Dawson Spencer Dell
Zoe Caterina Dennis **** †
Ian M. Dewan
Christopher Dylan Diaz

Shivani Dixit
Jake Ryan Dronebarger
Meagan A. Edmonds
Jacob Andrew Escue
Valerie Madeleine Evans *
James D. Felton **
Cassandra Grace Fink **
Tyler William Fleming
Matthew James Fraley
Samuel Jordan Frizzell
Ella Marie Frost *
Bailey Elizabeth Gaddis **
Jenna Elizabeth Garrett
Jason Robert Gentry *
Lucas M. Gibson
Riley Paul Grecol *
Eric James Hall ***
Ethan S. Hall
Kailen Emaille Hancock #
Dustin T. Harvey #
Michael Lee Hesson
Noah Christopher Hiatt *** †
Daniel Brantley Hines *
Kathryn Maurine Holetton
Benjamin Bear Holladay *
Jordan Ann Houston *** †
Veronica Leola Houston ***
Caroline Adele Hunter *** #
Rachel Cody Huseman ** #
Utseoritselaju Sophia Ikomi
Margaret Magdalene Jackson
William Renn Jenkins ***
Allison Kai Jennings
Brent Daniel Johnson
Cori Renae Johnson *
Macy Angelyn Johnson
Paige Mckenzie Johnson *
Lauren Mary Kelley **
Sydney Kay Kidd **
Jarrett Blaine Kilgore *** †
Andrea Lynae King
Ansley Elizabeth Kirkup
Ethan Hardin Knoch
Evan Daniel Koch *
Hannah M. Krant
Adam J. Kremplewski #
Jessica T. Laemont *

Jacob Aaron Lawrence *
Kaitlyn Brooke Lee *
Samuel Christopher LeFave *** ‡
Anna Brooke Leonard
Kelley Suzanne Lockmiller
Andrew Waverly Lounsbury *
Braxton William Alton Lowe #
Luke Eric Mahrenholz
Olivia Brooke Mason *** ‡
Hannah D. Masters
Katrina Elizabeth Mauk
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The qui - et hills stand stead - fast 'round walls of rus - set
Deep pur - ple stand the moun - tains and gold - en sets the



brown.— On halls se - rene and camp - us green the
sun.— We proud - ly wear these col - ors fair un



smok - y hills look down;— And stead - fast may I
til our goal is won;— We pledge thee faith - ful



cher - ish what thou hast giv'n to me.— Oh
ser - vice, our love and loy - al - ty.— Oh



Al - ma Ma - ter Ten - nes - see Tech,— God pros - per thee.
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