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Tennessee State University

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Origin of Awarding Degrees

The first academic degree was conferred in approximately 1160 A.D. at the University of Bologna, Italy with the practice spreading quickly to other European universities, most notably the University of Paris, Oxford University, and Cambridge University. The procedure we use for awarding degrees at most American universities is based on a practice developed at the University of Paris in the late 12th or early 13th century. In those days the Bishop of Paris, like every other bishop, was responsible for local educational curriculum and degree setting. His authority, however, soon came to be disputed by the teachers. They asserted that only they could be proper judges of qualifications of their students. The threatened impasse was resolved by a compromise, under which the teachers, or masters, judged the merits of the students and then recommended them to the Bishop for the conferring of their degrees.

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History of Tennessee State University

Historical Marker commemorating the establishment of Tennessee State University.

Tennessee State University is a comprehensive urban coeducational land-grant university founded in 1912 in Nashville, Tenn. The 450-acre main campus, with more than 65 buildings, is located in a residential setting; the Avon Williams Campus is located downtown, near the center of the Nashville business and government district.

Through successive stages, TSU has developed from a normal school for Negroes to its current status as a national university with students from 45 states and more than 50 countries.

By virtue of a 1909 Act of the General Assembly, the Agricultural and Industrial State Normal School was created, along with two other normal schools in the State of Tennessee, and began serving students on June 19, 1912. William Jasper Hale was appointed as head of the school. The original 247 students, along with the faculty and staff, operated as a family. Everyone worked to keep the institution running in its early years, from clearing rocks to harvesting crops to carrying chairs from class to class. In 1922, the institution was raised to the status of four-year teachers' college and was empowered to grant the bachelor's degree. The first degrees were granted in June 1924. During the same year, the institution became known as the Agricultural and Industrial State Normal College. In 1927, "Normal" was dropped from the name of the College.

The Floyd-Payne Campus Center (left) and the McWherter Administration Building (right).

As the college grew in scope and stature throughout the 1920s and 1930s, so too did its impressive roster of alumni who embodied the school's charge: "Enter to learn, go forth to serve." In 1943, when William Hale retired after more than 30 years at the school's helm, an alumnus was chosen to succeed him. From 1943 until his retirement in 1968, Walter S. Davis led the institution through an era of tremendous growth, in areas as multifaceted as academics, facilities and worldwide recognition. The General Assembly of 1941 authorized the State Board of Education to upgrade substantially the educational program of the College, which included the establishment of graduate studies leading to the master's degree. Graduate curricula were first offered in several branches of teacher education. The first master's degree was awarded by the College in June 1944.

Accreditation of the institution by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools was first obtained in 1946. In August 1951, the institution was granted university status by approval of the State Board of Education. The reorganization of the institution's educational program included the establishment of the Graduate School, the School of Arts & Sciences, the School of Education and the School of Engineering. Provisions were also made for the later addition of other schools in agriculture, business and home economics.

On July 1, 1979, the former University of Tennessee at Nashville was merged with TSU as a result of a court order in the 1968 Geier v. Tennessee case.

In 1988, the university received an unprecedented $112 million from the state general assembly for capital improvements. Under this plan, nearly all buildings on campus have been renovated, and eight new buildings have been constructed, including the Floyd-Payne Campus Center, the Ned McWherter Administration Building, the Wilma Rudolph Residence Center and the Performing Arts Center. Currently, the downtown campus is undergoing an $18.5 million renovation project. Through its eight colleges and schools, the TSU of today offers 43 bachelor's degrees and 26 master's degrees, and awards doctoral degrees in six areas: biological sciences, computer information systems engineering, psychology, public administration, curriculum and instruction, and administration and supervision.

The university has been served by the following presidents:

William Jasper Hale	1912-1943
Walter S. Davis	1943-1968
Andrew P. Torrence	1968-1974
Frederick S. Humphries	1975-1985
Otis L. Floyd	(Interim) 1986-1987, 1987-1990
James A. Hefner	1991-2005
Melvin N. Johnson	2005-Present

From the President

Dear Tennessee State University Graduates,

On behalf of the entire TSU family, I congratulate you as you complete this milestone in your lives and launch into new endeavors. As graduates of Tennessee State University, you truly are prepared to go into the world and Think, Work, Serve, as our motto proclaims.

Remember what you have learned, both inside and outside of the classroom, as you have been working toward your degree. As you go forth to serve, allow the universe to be your best professor and look at every situation and encounter as an opportunity to learn and to provide solutions from the abundant knowledge you have acquired here at Tennessee State University.

You could say our world is full of challenges—war abroad in Iraq; terrorism at home and around the world; the building of nuclear weapons by nations who oppose democracy; natural disasters that totally destroy homes, schools, churches, lives. At TSU we educate students to know that challenges are opportunities in disguise. So the good news is Tennessee State University responds positively to those challenges. For example, our engineers have developed robots to detect danger in the battlefield and locate people in places where disaster has struck.

Now you are about to embark on many adventures, one of which is life as a graduate of Tennessee State University. Your alma mater needs your continued support. I encourage you to get involved with the alumni chapter in your city or region and to come back to campus to visit often, especially during Homecoming. Share your time, talent, and resources with your alma mater and let it continue to serve you through career planning and placement, social activities, and continuing education.

I wish you much success in the years ahead. First Lady Dr. Marcy Johnson and I are very proud of you; Tennessee State University is proud of you; and the world awaits you. Be well and do well.

Sincerely,

Melvin N. Johnson
President

President's Theme
Building Bridges: Past · Present · Future

THE BRIDGE BUILDER

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again must pass this way;
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
Why build you the bridge at the eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head:
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pit-fall be,
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

Will Allen Dromgoole

Our Speaker

Dr. Richard "Dick" Barnett
Basketball legend
and Tennessee State University Alumnus

Dr. Richard "Dick" Barnett began his basketball career playing for Gary Roosevelt High School in Indiana where he led his team to the state championship.

In 1955, Barnett came to Tennessee State A&I (now Tennessee State University) to become arguably the best player in the university's history. Today, he remains TSU's all time leading basketball scorer with 3,209 career points from 1955-1959. He, along with the "whiz kids" were under the leadership of Basketball Hall of Fame Coach John B. McLendon.

The Tigers won an unprecedented three consecutive ***National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics*** (NAIA) National Basketball Championships in 1957, 1958 and 1959 and became the first historically black college to ever win an integrated national championship.

During those championship seasons, Barnett was a three time All-American and was named the NAIA Tournament MVP for two consecutive years. His 1957 All-American honor marked the first time an African American was ever named to the National All-American team.

Barnett was a number one draft choice in the National Basketball Association with the Syracuse Nationals.

He played in the American Basketball League with the Cleveland Pipers, owned by George Steinbrenner of the New York Yankees in 1962, and led them to an American Basketball League (ABL) Championship.

Barnett rejoined the NBA with the Los Angeles Lakers and played with the likes of Elgin Baylor and Jerry West for three seasons. He was later traded to the New York Knicks where he played on the only two championship teams in Knicks' history (1970 and 1973). His number was retired and hangs in the rafters of Madison Square Garden.

Barnett retired as an active player in the 1970s after a 15-year professional career. He continued to pursue his educational studies and received a doctoral degree in education from Fordham University. Barnett is now president of the Athletic Role Model Educational Institute (ARM), a non-profit organization with a focus on education for at risk students. He has recently been named the Commissioner of the Worldwide Basketball League (WBL), a professional basketball league in New York.

Barnett has been inducted into the Indiana Sports Hall of Fame and the Tennessee State University Sports Hall of Fame (1983). He is the first TSU athlete to ever have his jersey retired (#35).

Commencement Program

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE ..... University Brass Ensemble
Mr. James Sexton, Conductor

PROCESSIONAL — "Pomp and Circumstance" ..... University Brass Ensemble
Sir Edward Elgar — TSU Brass Ensemble, Mr. James Sexton, Conductor

College/School Banner Carriers ..... Students with Highest Academic Honors

MUSIC ..... Solo by Miss Shanae Edwards
Department of Music

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS ..... Dr. Melvin N. Johnson
President of the University

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER ..... President Johnson

ADDRESS ..... Dr. Richard "Dick" Barnett
Basketball legend and Tennessee State University Alumnus

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES ..... Dr. Robert L. Hampton
Provost and Executive Vice President

Dr. Gloria Johnson, Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Tilden Curry, Dean of the College of Business
Dr. Peter Millet, Dean of the College of Education
Dr. Lonnie Sharpe, Interim Dean of the College of Engineering Technology, and Computer Sciences
Dr. Kathleen McEnerney, Dean of the College of Health Sciences
Mr. William Purcell, Interim Dean of the College of Public Service and Urban Affairs
Dr. Chandra Reddy, Dean of the School of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences
Dr. Bernardeen Fleming, Interim Dean of the School of Nursing
Dr. Alex Sekwat, Interim Dean of Graduate Studies and Research

CONFERRING OF DEGREES ..... President Johnson

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS, UNIVERSITY VINTAGERS, AND SPECIAL GUESTS ..... Dr. Hampton

ALUMNI INDUCTION CEREMONY OF THE SUMMER CLASS OF 2008 ..... Mr. Leonard Stephens
National President, TSU Alumni Association

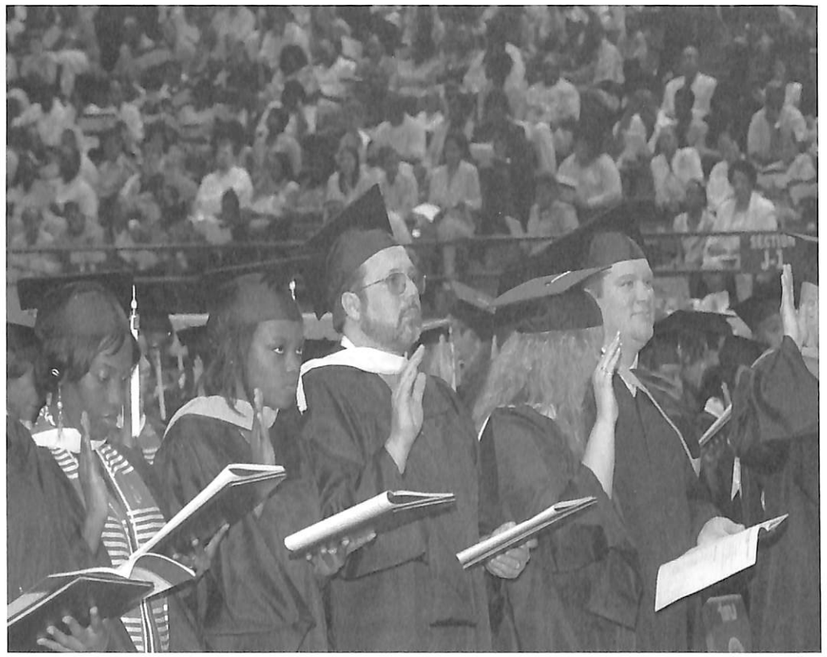
THE PRESIDENTIAL CHARGE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS ..... President Johnson

RESPONSE TO THE CHARGE ..... Ms. Kimberly Forsythe
College of Arts and Sciences

THE ALMA MATER ..... University Brass Ensemble

RECESSIONAL – "Pomp and Circumstance" ..... University Brass Ensemble

Motto:
Think ~ Work ~ Serve



Charge:
"Enter to learn, go forth to serve."

Alumni Induction Ceremony

President: President Johnson, guests, members of the graduating class, ladies and gentlemen, we have a long history of promoting the progress of our alma mater, representing its image in a positive manner, serving as ambassadors to perpetuate its tradition by recruiting the most promising students, and giving of our time, service, and resources on behalf of the university while remembering our motto: Think, Work, Serve and our charge: "Enter to learn, go forth to serve." Candidates, please stand.

Candidates, for what reason did you enter the university?

Graduates: We entered to learn.

President: For what reason do you depart?

Graduates: We depart to serve.

President: Candidates, I am honored to have the opportunity to confer upon you, the Summer Class of 2008, entrance into the Tennessee State University National Alumni Association. Candidates, would you please raise your right hands as I administer the induction oath.

Do you now resolve that personally and collectively you will strive to meet the challenge of our traditions, our heritage, and give of your time, service, and resources?

Graduates: We will.

President: Do you consent to keeping your alma mater informed at all times of your new locations, professional successes and those of fellow alumni?

Graduates: We will.

President: Candidates, please read the Pledge in unison.

Graduates: I hereby pledge to uphold the traditions and heritage of Tennessee State University while recruiting the best and brightest students to matriculate at my alma mater, and, always remember my alma mater by making financial contributions to the university and the National Alumni Association.

President: By virtue of the power vested in me, I do hereby declare that you are members of the Tennessee State University National Alumni Association and bestow upon each of you membership for one year and receipt of the ALUMNI OUTREACH publication and other amenities. Congratulations on your achievement and continue to Think, Work, and Serve.

The Symbols of Office

The University Seal

In 1922, President William Jasper Hale, first president of Tennessee A. and I. Normal School, asked Frances Thompson, Professor and Department Head of Art, to design the University Seal. Enclosed in a circle, the seal is divided into three parts: Agriculture upper left, Industry upper right, Education in lower center. Education is further emphasized by a hand holding a light with rays extending above the seal. The motto, Think—Work—Serve, is placed beneath the seal for support.

Presidential Medallion and Chain of Office

The Presidential Medallion and Chain of Office serve as a symbol of authority as head of the university. It originated in medieval times and is worn by the President of the University on ceremonial occasions such as commencement, convocations, or other formal occasions.

The Medallion and Chain of Office, the first in the history of the University, was commissioned in 2005 by Dr. Melvin N. Johnson, the seventh president of the University. The front of the medallion bears the official University Seal.

The backside of the medallion was conceptualized by Dr. Johnson and artistically designed by Professor Carlyle Johnson, Department Head of Art. The seal is circular with a blue border bearing the President's motto in Latin: NIL SINE MAGNO LABORE – "Nothing without Great Effort." Encircling the inside base of the seal on a background of silver is President Johnson's trademark, which is a suspended bridge supported by three massive pillars with extended pinnacles symbolizing the institution's Past, Present, and Future. At the top center is the year that the institution was founded and at the bottom is the year that the Medallion and Chain of Office was conceived.

Each link of the chain holding the medallion is inscribed with the name of a past president of the institution and his term in office. Holding together these links and supporting the medallion is a bronze leaf cluster.

University Mace and Baton

In 2005, the mace and baton was conceptualized by Dr. Melvin N. Johnson and artistically designed by Professor Carlyle Johnson, Department Head of Art, with layout and logistical formatting provided by Dr. John Cade, Dean of Admissions and Records.

The Lapis stone characterizes the TSU Blue and is used to stimulate inner vision and give enhanced wisdom, insight, and good judgment. The pearl stone represents the TSU White and symbolizes the wealth, purity, and power of knowledge. The head and flanges of the mace are modeled after the Floyd-Payne Campus Center Tower located on the University's main campus. The reflective quality of the polished silver signifies the vision of the University.

The baton of the mace is made of wood which is a forest symbol or the symbol of a provider. It represents a tree of knowledge around which each college and school is mounted. This aspect of the mace serves to link the University with its cultural heritage, as well as TSU's ancestral past.

The three-tier stand for the mace embodies the motto: think, work, serve. This aspect of the mace constitutes the foundation of the university that holds the mace in place and represents the classical architectural structure of the educational values at the University. On top of the mace is the seal of the university.

Together, the mace and baton are borne as a symbol of authority in the Processional and Recessional at occasions such as commencement and inaugural ceremonies. The mace is carried by the University Chief Marshal in front of the Platform party that is composed of the President, Vice Presidents, Tennessee Board of Regents representatives, and other authorities, and distinguished guests.

The History of Academic Regalia

The history of academic dress began with the medieval European universities of the 14th century. In a time when all students were clerics, the gown and its attached hood served the dual function of keeping the student warm in unheated buildings and identifying the particular order to which he belonged.

Modern academic costume in the United States is based upon an intercollegiate code established in 1895. These early agreements have been revised periodically to cover standardization of the cap (two basic styles), the gown (three basic styles), and the hood (subject to greater variation than either the cap or the gown). The cap, originally round in shape, is usually the more familiar mortarboard square with tassel or black Oxford style.

The gown, commonly black, differs in sleeves and trimming according to the level of degree. The bachelor's gown is relatively simple in design. It is full-cut, falling in a straight line from an elaborate yoke, with long pointed sleeves as its distinguishing mark. The master's gown is similar to the bachelor's except for its peculiar arrangement of the oblong sleeves which terminate in square ends at the wearer's knees; the wearer's arms emerge through slits in the sleeves made at the elbows. Short-sleeved master's gowns are also worn. The doctoral gown is an elaborate, full-cut, flowing costume distinguished by velvet panels down the front and round the neck and by three bars of velvet on the voluminous bell-shaped sleeves. The velvet is usually black, but it may be a color designating the field of study (for example, dark blue for philosophy).

The hood, traditionally bearing the heaviest symbolic burden, is the most important feature of the academic costume. The length of the hood and the width of its velvet trimming designate the level of the degree. The hood's lining identifies the institution that granted the degree, and the color of the velvet heralds the major field of learning.

Colors

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctoral gowns, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, the colors associated with the different disciplines are as follows:

Agriculture ..... Maize
Arts, Letters, Humanities ..... White
Commerce, Accounting, Business ..... Drab
Dentistry ..... Lilac
Economics ..... Cooper
Education ..... Light Blue
Engineering ..... Orange
Fine Arts including Architecture ..... Brown
Forestry ..... Russet
Journalism ..... Crimson
Home Economics ..... Maroon
Law ..... Purple
Library Science ..... Lemon
Medicine ..... Green
Music ..... Pink
Nursing ..... Apricot
Pharmacy ..... Olive Green
Philosophy ..... Blue
Physical Education ..... Sage
Public Administration ..... Peacock Blue
Public Health ..... Salmon Pink
Science ..... Golden Yellow
Social Work ..... Citron
Speech, Oratory ..... Silver-Gray
Theology, Divinity ..... Scarlet
Technology ..... Bright Red
Veterinary Science ..... Gray

Graduate Degree Candidates

Doctor of Philosophy

Bean, Andre O	Psychology	Doctor of Philosophy
Burke, Karen L	Biological Science	Doctor of Philosophy
Coffelt, Rhonda Lane	Biological Science	Doctor of Philosophy
Gaston, Antoinette Marie	Biological Science	Doctor of Philosophy
Jackson, Cynthia D	Psychology	Doctor of Philosophy
Moody, Anissa L	Psychology	Doctor of Philosophy
Sadler, Tamela Roxanne	Psychology	Doctor of Philosophy
Settle, Anna Goodwin	Psychology	Doctor of Philosophy
Teamer, Carolyn	Psychology	Doctor of Philosophy
Wagner, Rebecca Ann	Psychology	Doctor of Philosophy
Walker, Sheena C	Psychology	Doctor of Philosophy

Doctor of Education

Aderogba, Angela Marie Mchaney	Curriculum & Instruction	Doctor of Education
Bailey, Louise M	Curriculum & Instruction	Doctor of Education
Bennett, Chandra Denise	Curriculum & Instruction	Doctor of Education
Bivens, Judy T	Curriculum & Instruction	Doctor of Education
Evans, Rosalyn Annette	Curriculum & Instruction	Doctor of Education
Griffin, Gloria	Administration & Supervision	Doctor of Education
Grimes, Justin Christopher	Administration & Supervision	Doctor of Education
Huth, Erick E	Administration & Supervision	Doctor of Education
Keown, Sandra	Curriculum & Instruction	Doctor of Education
King, Sherry Lynne	Curriculum & Instruction	Doctor of Education
Lillard, Marcus L	Administration & Supervision	Doctor of Education
Mcclure, Melissa Darnell	Curriculum & Instruction	Doctor of Education
Merriman, Regina	Administration & Supervision	Doctor of Education
Mofield, Emily L	Curriculum & Instruction	Doctor of Education
Myles, Alice M	Curriculum & Instruction	Doctor of Education
Poe, Susan K	Curriculum & Instruction	Doctor of Education
Puryear, Carol	Administration & Supervision	Doctor of Education
Shipley, William Gunn	Curriculum & Instruction	Doctor of Education
Sigears, Kimberly	Curriculum & Instruction	Doctor of Education
Smith, Tina L	Administration & Supervision	Doctor of Education
Wright, Howard George	Administration & Supervision	Doctor of Education

Specialist in Education

Bonner, Nikita D	Administration & Supervision	Specialist in Education
Denning, Chaerea L	Administration & Supervision	Specialist in Education
Earvin, Tiffany N	Administration & Supervision	Specialist in Education
Frierson, Sterling	Administration & Supervision	Specialist in Education
Kuzat, Hanan S	Administration & Supervision	Specialist in Education
Munn, Karen Parice	Administration & Supervision	Specialist in Education
Powers, Talisa Patrice	Administration & Supervision	Specialist in Education
Slaughter, Kristen M	Administration & Supervision	Specialist in Education
Stockton, Patricia	Administration & Supervision	Specialist in Education
Taylor, Candace D	Administration & Supervision	Specialist in Education
Wilkerson, Tiffany	Administration & Supervision	Specialist in Education

Wyatt, Johnny L	Administration & Supervision	Specialist in Education

Master of Arts

Colbert, Ashli B	English	Master of Arts

Master of Arts in Education

Collier, Ladarrell T	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Master of Arts In Education
Cook, Carla Kristian	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Master of Arts In Education
Spain, Dairanetta S	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Master of Arts In Education

Master of Business Administration

Anderson, Baranda D	Business Administration	Master of Business Administration
Lu, Xin	Business Administration	Master of Business Administration
Shanks, James Earl	Business Administration	Master of Business Administration

Master of Criminal Justice

Bobo, Jamita L	Criminal Justice	Master of Criminal Justice
Gilliard, Christina F	Criminal Justice	Master of Criminal Justice
Gilmore, Lindsay S	Criminal Justice	Master of Criminal Justice
Pruitt, Alarick	Criminal Justice	Master of Criminal Justice
Smith, Courtney D	Criminal Justice	Master of Criminal Justice

Master of Education

Aluoch, Isaiah G	Special Education	Master of Education
Baker, Robert	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Barksdale, Trena Lorene	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Barnes, Brenda Kay	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Barnes, Georgette	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Barnett, Akela Monique	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Beasley, Wally Smith Jr	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Bonner, Mickisha V	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Britton, Laura A	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Bryant, Latasha	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Bundle, Stephanie X	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Burgess, Rhonda E	Elementary Education	Master of Education
Canady, Clifton A	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Carlton, Sheila Danet	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Cook-Strickland, Tonisha	Elementary Education	Master of Education
Davis, Julian P	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Diaz, Ana Marie	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Dismuke, Dorlisa A	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Easley, Brandon Raphael	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Ewing, Avery Renard Smith	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Faison, Laura	Elementary Education	Master of Education
Flowers, Takyra E	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Fordham, Taniesha M	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Gardner, Tiffany L	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Garrison, Joe , Jr	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education

Godchild, Parrish L	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Gray, Edward L	Special Education	Master of Education
Green, Nakita	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Hamilton, Frances Cagle	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Hathaway, Quintessa N	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Hayes, Quanita M	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Hill, Cornelius A	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Hill, Mariele A	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Holsen, Catherine J	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Hull, Latoya T	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Ingram, Stephen J	Elementary Education	Master of Education
Irons, Latonya L	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Jackson, Angela	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Jobe, Sandra Brown	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
King, Deborah Suzanne	Elementary Education	Master of Education
Laing, Latangela D	Special Education	Master of Education
Lytle, Erskine W	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Middleton, Crystal R	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Nashe, Turner	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Newbill, Ricky L	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Northern, Jessica N	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Outlaw, Karen H	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Patterson, Frando L	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Pesce, Dena C	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Pirtle, Tiffany D	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Pupo-Walker, Virginia	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Ringenberg, Jane Rebecca	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Roby-Grant, Shereka	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Russell, Kimberly A	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Salter, Derrick	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Shipp, Chastity R	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Simmons, Benjamin E	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Smith, Troy M	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Sweat, Chuquitta	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Thomas, Jason J	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Thoni, Kristi	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Tipper, Jeffrey L	Special Education	Master of Education
Warren, Andre R	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Washington, Carmen	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Wells, Joni N	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education
Wheeler, Amber Dawn	Special Education	Master of Education
Williams, Chandra M	Special Education	Master of Education
Wilson, Marsha R	Special Education	Master of Education
Wright, Patrick A	Curriculum & Instruction	Master of Education
Youngblood, Laurice T	Administration & Supervision	Master of Education

Master of Engineering

Collins, Jennifer N	Engineering	Master of Engineering
Feng, Jinchun	Engineering	Master of Engineering
Guisao Jaramillo, Juan Carlos	Engineering	Master of Engineering
Heydari, Parisa	Engineering	Master of Engineering
Icobescu, Draghina	Engineering	Master of Engineering
Kuscu, Emin	Engineering	Master of Engineering
Mccartney, Matthew I	Engineering	Master of Engineering
Perkins, Anita A	Engineering	Master of Engineering

Sarfaraz, Maysam	Engineering	Master of Engineering
Shaik, Imran	Engineering	Master of Engineering
Williams, Johnniece Elizabeth	Engineering	Master of Engineering

Master of Professional Studies

Florence, Delores Arnell	Professional Studies	Master of Professional Studies
Jackson, Christina D	Professional Studies	Master of Professional Studies

Master of Public Administration

Clayton, Marcus Earl	Public Administration	Master of Public Administration
Cole, Ouida D	Public Administration	Master of Public Administration
Degrafinreid, Alfred , Ii	Public Administration	Master of Public Administration
Redmon, Ronald F	Public Administration	Master of Public Administration
Thomas, Destiny N	Public Administration	Master of Public Administration
Todd, Clint E	Public Administration	Master of Public Administration

Master of Science

Atkinson, Mark A	Psychology	Master of Science
Bates, Hollie Lynn	Speech and Hearing Science	Master of Science
Boyd, Deborah Arrowood	Speech and Hearing Science	Master of Science
Bradshaw, Katrina D	Psychology	Master of Science
Brinson, Jarvis S	Psychology	Master of Science
Brown, Amanda Deanne	Psychology	Master of Science
Brown, Patrick C	Chemistry	Master of Science
Bryson, Natasha B	Psychology	Master of Science
Cantrell, Andrew	Speech and Hearing Science	Master of Science
Carlise, Jahred D	Agriculture Science	Master of Science
Chen, Ching-Mei	Psychology	Master of Science
Clark, Nancy Chantelle	Speech and Hearing Science	Master of Science
Diggs, Alice C	Computer & Information Systems Engineering	Master of Science
Ditmore, Andrea	Speech and Hearing Science	Master of Science
Dulaney, Atalaysha Laquette	Psychology	Master of Science
Edwards, Tiereney M	Psychology	Master of Science
Elangovan, Vinayak	Computer & Information Systems Engineering	Master of Science
Evans, Mindy	Speech and Hearing Science	Master of Science
Fletcher, Joyce Marie	Psychology	Master of Science
Franklin, Genae' M	Music Education	Master of Science
Green, Sheba L	Psychology	Master of Science
Griner, Brian C	Psychology	Master of Science
Harris, Alina Tremaine	Speech and Hearing Science	Master of Science
Hendricks, Paula B	Psychology	Master of Science
Hill, Adam Alexander	Mathematics	Master of Science
Hill, Kellee N	Agriculture Science	Master of Science
Hill, Marcus	Psychology	Master of Science
Hughes, Sara Elizabeth Call	Speech and Hearing Science	Master of Science
James, Antoinette M	Psychology	Master of Science
Jolly, Keith R	Psychology	Master of Science
Jones, Lusheena M	Psychology	Master of Science
Kattenhorn, Melissa	Speech and Hearing Science	Master of Science
Kennedy, Mary Yvette	Biology	Master of Science
King, Megan A	Speech and Hearing Science	Master of Science
Laster, Sandra L	Psychology	Master of Science
Lyon, Dawn Elizabeth	Speech and Hearing Science	Master of Science

Maxey, Cynthia	Speech and Hearing Science	Master of Science
Mccormick, Jennifer Sutton	Speech and Hearing Science	Master of Science
Newby, Kenya E	Guidance & Counseling	Master of Science
Nichols, Lisa N	Psychology	Master of Science
Pierfax, Cynthia Michelle	Agriculture Science	Master of Science
Roberts, Bryan Matthew	Psychology	Master of Science
Robinson, Kristi R	Psychology	Master of Science
Rushing, Eric L	Psychology	Master of Science
Sanders-Pope, Markela C	Psychology	Master of Science
Tate, Hannah Lee	Speech and Hearing Science	Master of Science
Trantham, Monica	Speech and Hearing Science	Master of Science
White, Stephanie Tidwell	Speech and Hearing Science	Master of Science
York, Shavaughn R	Speech and Hearing Science	Master of Science

Master of Science in Nursing

Echem, Patience O	Nursing	Master of Science in Nursing
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Pillow, Roletha	Nursing	Master of Science in Nursing
Turnipseed, Rosalind Suzette	Nursing	Master of Science in Nursing

Undergraduate Degree Candidates

College of Arts and Sciences

Agbontaen, Eboni E	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Ahmad, Taheerah Ayesha	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Ajanaku, Tor O	Africana Studies	B.S.	
Akinola, Lolade A	Chemistry	B.S.	Cum Laude
Alexander, Avern J	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Battles, Najidah D	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Baugh, Shetima M	Political Science	B.S.	
Beasley, Tierney T	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Boleyjack, Carlton R	Chemistry	B.S.	
Bond, Brea M	Biology	B.S.	
Bowers, Steven D	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Bradley, Lawanda K	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Broadway, Latasha	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Brown, Lauren G	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Burrage, Michael L	Music	B.S.	
Campbell-Orosz, Angelique	Sociology	B.S.	Cum Laude
Cannon, Victoria M	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Clark, Danny M	Interdisciplinary Studies	B.I.S.	
Cleaves, Valerie A	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Coleman, Decarminek I	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Coleman, Quintin X	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Courts, Ronald L	Interdisciplinary Studies	B.I.S.	
Cox, Bettye K	Sociology	B.S.	
Davis, Byron T	Physics	B.S.	
Dixon, Alexis D	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Dornan, Collese M	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Elliott, Terrence A	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Ervin, Reiley T	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Ewing, Kathy L	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Cum Laude
Flenoid, Carolina S	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Fletcher, Rhonda Renee	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Forsythe, Kimberly L	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Summa Cum Laude
Gaines, Alfonas L	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Garland, Derrick Jerome	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Gay, Monique L	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Gibson, Justin A	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Gibson, Latoya S	Professional Studies	B.P.S.	
Greer, Donzala R	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Cum Laude
Griffin, Robbyn Nicole	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Cum Laude
Guthrie, Kathleen J	Professional Studies	B.P.S.	
Guydon, Joseph	Professional Studies	B.P.S.	
Harris, Michelle N	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Hawkins, Lydia M	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.A.	
Hendricks, Alan R	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Henry, Shambria K	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Hill, Walter C	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Howse, Carmen A	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Iguobadia, Barry O	Biology	B.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Johnson, Jazmin D	Chemistry	B.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Johnson, Mitzy Haynes	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	

Kasunmu, Olanre I	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Kheder, Ahmad Y	Mathematics	B.S.	
Lewis, Latheria M	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Lighari, Yusef R	Biology	B.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Lockhart, Christina R	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Mackins, Latoya L	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Marryshow, Salisha	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Marshall, Shamere R	Mathematics	B.S.	
Martin, Gina E	Professional Studies	B.P.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Mccrary, Tiffany E	Biology	B.S.	
Mccray, Cheryl F	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Mcdonald, Ashley D	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Moore, Garry M	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Morgan, Erica A	Physics	B.S.	
Morton, Nicole M	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Muldrew, Anthony A	English	B.A.	
Mumini, Hadijatu	Chemistry	B.S.	Cum Laude
Murphy, Courtney L	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Murray, Mari A	Sociology	B.S.	
Nwoke, Claudette	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Officer, Brittney N	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Cum Laude
Oliveira, Jaqueline Braga	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Cum Laude
Onuoha, Gerald O	Physics	B.S.	Cum Laude
Patterson, Larry M	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Peck, Laura Minneci	Biology	B.S.	
Porter, Hamilton C	Africana Studies	B.S.	Cum Laude
Qualls, Terrance D	Chemistry	B.S.	
Ray, Gregory C	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Reaves, Priestley Devone	Sociology	B.S.	
Ridley, David E	Music	B.S.	
Rivers, Franklin D	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Robinson, Jennifer L	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Rupert, Jessica R	Biology	B.S.	
Salls, Jonathan C	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Scott, Maacah R	Political Science	B.S.	
Searcy, Shannon A	Political Science	B.S.	
Shephard, Zena Marie	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Smith, Shala Dena	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Smith-Graham, Rhonda	Criminal Justice	B.S.	Summa Cum Laude
Sneed, Karen Ann	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Summa Cum Laude
Stachera, Linda E	Professional Studies	B.P.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Stephen, Krishna Jovan	Chemistry	B.S.	Cum Laude
Stephens, Dominique N	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Stout, Basimah R	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Thompson, Wendall R	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Cum Laude
Turnage, Nycole L	Political Science	B.S.	
Waddell, Jan R	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Ward, Renard M	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Washington, Dwanna D	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Webb, Erika Y	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Weber, Lauren Nichole	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Williams, Daniel C	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Williams, Ykela C	Professional Studies	B.P.S.	
Wilson, Leonard Andre, Jr	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Wingfield, Samuel H	Biology	B.S.	

College of Business

Allen, Alisha R	Accounting	B.B.A.	
Amos, Rolanda Nichole	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Bragg, Courtney M	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Britton, Richard J	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Buchanan, Jamal E	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Byers, Crystalyn C	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Clark, Courtney N	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Coleman, Markeis L	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Crabtree, Kathy D	Accounting	B.B.A.	
Curry, Mustafa M	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Duncan, Brittney C	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Fondren, Nashon G	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Ford, Diamond M	Accounting	B.B.A.	
French, Stephanie E	Accounting	B.B.A.	
Golden, Aljawaun	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Green, Kyra	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Hampton, James C	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Hawkins, Terrance R	Business Information Systems	B.B.A.	
Hayes, Ernest L	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
House, Brian W	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Mckissack, Michelle D	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Miller, Rashaad H	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Miranda, Nelson	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Powell, Ryan L	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Rodgers, Maurice D	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Smith, Patrick W	Accounting	B.B.A.	Magna Cum Laude
Stone, Jane W	Accounting	B.B.A.	
Taylor, Efia S	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Taylor, Orentheus	Business Information Systems	B.B.A.	
Thomas, Mia M	Accounting	B.B.A.	

College of Education

Anderson, Veronica A	Psychology	B.S.	
Arnold, Devin L	Human Performance and Sport Science	B.S.	
Black, Latrice N	Psychology	B.S.	
Blocker, Lance J	Psychology	B.S.	
Chatman, Brittney S	Human Performance and Sport Science	B.S.	Cum Laude
Correll, Christy L	Psychology	B.S.	
Dabney, Kenya T	Psychology	B.S.	
Dowlen, Jessica D	Psychology	B.S.	
Graham, Candice M	Psychology	B.S.	
Hatcher, Nikisha D	Psychology	B.S.	
Holmes, Franz A	Human Performance and Sport Science	B.S.	
Kilpatrick, Kenya I	Psychology	B.S.	
Lipsey, Britany G	Psychology	B.S.	
Martinez, Catina M	Psychology	B.S.	
Mason, Victoria L	Psychology	B.S.	
Mccarthy, Shamille A	Psychology	B.S.	
Mckenzie, Adrienne M	Psychology	B.S.	
Richardson, Brandon S	Psychology	B.S.	
Sereboo, Jeanne-Marie	Psychology	B.S.	
Stinnette, Michelle Renee	Human Performance and Sport Science	B.S.	
Thorne, Marcal	Human Performance and Sport Science	B.S.	

Watters, Jennifer Anne	Psychology	B.S.	
Williams, Cherry C	Psychology	B.S.	
Younger, Chinaria S	Human Performance and Sport Science	B.S.	

College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science

Batiste, Dominique Delery	Mechanical Engineering	B.S.	
Boykin, Andre' L	Architectural Engineering	B.S.	
Hall, Natasha L	Computer Science	B.S.	
Leatherman, Edward M	Computer Science	B.S.	
Maclayton, Abiye Ibibo	Aeronautical & Industrial Technology	B.S.	
Maple, Eric D	Mechanical Engineering	B.S.	
Owen, Holli U	Computer Science	B.S.	
Simmons, Reghenae T	Aeronautical & Industrial Technology	B.S.	

College of Health Sciences

Alsup-Humphrey, Tiffany R	Health Care Administration & Planning	B.S.	Cum Laude
Dunn, Harold D	Health Sciences	B.S.	
Ellington, Ashley N	Health Sciences	B.S.	
Giron, Anthony C	Medical Technology	B.S.	
Hicks, Britianus F	Cardiorespiratory Care Science	B.S.	
Hockett, Dionne N	Medical Technology	B.S.	Cum Laude
Holmes, Dominique W	Health Sciences	B.S.	
Johnson, Lacey Vellanor	Speech Pathology & Audiology	B.S.	
Jones, Catana	Health Care Administration & Planning	B.S.	
Little, April S	Health Sciences	B.S.	Summa Cum Laude
Lollis, Mark A	Health Sciences	B.S.	
Mahone, Ashley R	Health Sciences	B.S.	
Mcintosh, Takara A	Health Care Administration & Planning	B.S.	
Montgomery, Galen E	Medical Technology	B.S.	
Myles, Bethany L	Health Sciences	B.S.	
Parker, Amber R	Health Care Administration & Planning	B.S.	Summa Cum Laude
Payne, Trinette D	Speech Pathology & Audiology	B.S.	
Rosebud, Elzey L	Health Sciences	B.S.	
Ruffin, Rachael M	Medical Technology	B.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Stewart, Phillip P	Health Information Management	B.S.	
Telwar, Spojmay	Medical Technology	B.S.	Cum Laude
Woodson, Danielle L	Health Information Management	B.S.	

School of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences

Aibangbee, Emwiongbo	Family & Consumer Science	B.S.
Dunham, Dante D	Family & Consumer Science	B.S.
Lewis, Ambere N	Family & Consumer Science	B.S.
Salone, Joy L	Agriculture Science	B.S.
Turner, Cameo L	Family & Consumer Science	B.S.

School of Nursing

Bane, Debbie	Nursing	A.A.S.	
Beaty, Shana Renee	Nursing	A.A.S.	
Bell, Whitney C	Nursing	A.A.S.	
Brawner-Irkliy, Cindy Leanne	Nursing	A.A.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Campbell, Teressa	Nursing	A.A.S.	

Cary, Jennifer L	Nursing	A.A.S.
Crawford, Catina F	Nursing	A.A.S.
Cronin, Kelly Nicole	Nursing	A.A.S.
Davis, Vetina L	Nursing	A.A.S.
Donaldson, Aundrea L	Nursing	A.A.S.
Eckert, Cynthia Jean	Nursing	B.S.N.
Edouard-Vance, Sherley	Nursing	A.A.S.
Ethridge, Brittany Danielle	Nursing	B.S.N.
Fowler, Victoria M	Nursing	A.A.S.
Fred, Diane M	Nursing	A.A.S.
Hughes, Jennifer J	Nursing	A.A.S.
Kincaid, Karen M	Nursing	A.A.S.
Madondo, Kevin M	Nursing	B.S.N.
Manion, Karen G	Nursing	A.A.S.
Melton, Russell L	Nursing	A.A.S.
Morgan, Tammy J	Nursing	A.A.S.
Owens, Eyitemi	Nursing	A.A.S.
Payne, Christine Nicole	Nursing	A.A.S.
Perkins, Lashonda N	Nursing	A.A.S.
Podany, Tracey L	Nursing	A.A.S.
Pugh, Yolanda Evette	Nursing	A.A.S.
Rodriguez, Harriet	Nursing	A.A.S.
Smith, Shontae P	Nursing	A.A.S.
Speights, Sheila D	Nursing	A.A.S.
Stroud, Tonya R	Nursing	A.A.S.
Swindle, Leah Kei	Nursing	A.A.S.
Vaden, Christine N	Nursing	A.A.S.
Williams, Alexandra Nicole	Nursing	A.A.S.

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University Honors — A senior who has earned a grade point average of 3.25 or above and has fulfilled other requirements of the University Honors Program.

Candidates who have achieved honors in general scholarship are distinguished in procession by three-tassel gold braid cords.
Those being graduated with University Honors are distinguished by a scarlet braid cord with three gold tassels. The scarlet is symbolic of the University Honors Program; the gold, of general scholarship. The cords are provided by the University Honors Program.

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- Photographs: Guests are requested to refrain from taking photographs during the exercises.
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Tennessee State University graduates become local, regional, national, and international leaders:

- Oprah Winfrey, producer/talk show host
- Curtin Collier, chief judge, Chattanooga, TN
- Ralph Cook, associate justice of the Alabama Supreme Court
- Jesse Russell, pioneer in the development of cellular telephone
- Lloyd W. Newton, 4-star general, retired as highest ranking African American in the Air Force
- S. Allen Counter, explorer and Harvard neurophysiologist
- Levi Watkins, retired associate dean and cardiac surgeon at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine; implanted first defibrillator for the heart
- Wilma Rudolph, Ralph Boston, Wymoia Tyus, and Chandra Cheeseborough, Olympic gold medalists
- Harvey Johnson, the first African American mayor of Jackson, Mississippi
- Xernona Clayton, retired vice president for urban affairs with Turner Broadcasting/CNN and founder/CEO of the Trumpet Awards

Tennessee State University has a Pilot Center for Academic Excellence in Intelligence Studies, one of only four in the nation, which prepares students for professional careers in the U.S. intelligence community.

Tennessee State University is the only HBCU in the nation to have a Supply Chain Management program-the study of e-business and global manufacturing-at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Tennessee State University's engineering students are developing robots the U.S. Army can use to sweep for mines, and a software program they developed for Boeing is saving space in airplane cockpits and other workspaces.

Tennessee State University has a technology-based partnership with IBM. Since 2000, IBM has hired 69 of our students as permanent hires, interns, or cooperative education students. The average starting salary for permanent hires has been $61,000. These students are trained in cutting-edge technologies, such as e-business technologies, which are readily available to them at the university.

Tennessee State University has the No. 1 forensics team among black colleges in the nation and is ranked 22 among all universities and third among universities of its size.

In recent years, Tennessee State University's athletes have had the highest graduation rate in the Tennessee Board of Regents system and among historically black colleges and universities.

The Olympian statue located at Olympic Plaza, the entrance to the Gentry Complex honors Tennessee State University's 59 Olympic athletes, who won 32 medals, 17 of them gold.

Tennessee State University offers 42 graduate degrees and 25 undergraduate degrees. Tennessee State University is known for producing outstanding engineers, nurses, and teachers.

Tennessee Sate University is one of only three historically black colleges in the nation with a Phi Kappa Phi honor society, the most prestigious honor society comprising all academic disciplines.

Alma Mater

L. M. Averitte — Clarence Hayden Wilson

1. In the land of gold - en sun-shine, By the Cumb'r-land's fer-tile shore.
2. Man-y come to Thee for know-ledge, Come from East, North, South and West.
3. Send forth sons both strong and val-iant, Send forth daughters wise and true.

Stands a school for great - est ser - vice One that we a - dore.
For they know that Thou dost of - fer Such a rich be - quest.
Filled with hope and daunt- less cour - age Mo - tives sane and true.

Al - ma Ma - ter, how we love thee, Love thy white and blue
Al - ma Ma - ter, all Thy chil - dren Wor - ship at Thy shrine;
Al - ma Ma - ter, kind - ly moth - er Smile on Ten - nes - see

May we strive to meet Thy man - dates With faith that's true.
May the God of na - tions bless thee With gifts di - vine.
May she lift her head toward heav - en Honor Country, God and Thee.

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