

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

MAY 2016
SPRING COMMENCEMENT

President Glenda Glover



Spring COMMENCEMENT



GRADUATE CEREMONY
FRIDAY, THE SIXTH OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN
 AT
FIVE O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
HOWARD C. GENTRY COMPLEX
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY
SATURDAY, THE SEVENTH OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN
 AT
NINE O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
WILLIAM JASPER HALE STADIUM
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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Office of the President

May 6-7, 2016

To the Graduating Class of 2016:

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students at Tennessee State University, it is my distinct honor and privilege to extend heartfelt congratulations. I applaud you for having reached this extraordinary milestone. Today is a momentous occasion for you and those family members and friends who supported you during your matriculation, and helped you reach this pivotal moment in your academic, professional and personal development.

As a graduate of Tennessee State University, I am proud of the leadership development that I received, and the impact that TSU has had on the lives of students for over a century. The educational foundation that I received as a student at TSU became the underpinning for a successful career, which culminated in my returning home to TSU as President.

Now as you begin your professional lives with TSU as your foundation, you have become a member of a coveted class of individuals who are well equipped to make an impact on our society and to transform humankind. As you proceed through your career, always remember to keep your eye on the mark, and maintain a high degree of integrity and character. And as you join the numerous alumni who contribute to TSU's excellence, and cement your place in our historic lineage, you do so with our expectation that you will utilize the skills, resources, and experiences that you garnered while here at TSU.

It is my hope that you will forever cherish your years at Tennessee State University. Please accept my best wishes for a bright and successful future; and may God's blessings follow you throughout all your personal and professional endeavors.

Sincerely,

Glenda Baskin Glover
President



Tennessee Board of Regents

May 6-7, 2016

Dear Graduates:

Congratulations on achieving an important milestone, one that will enhance your life, guide your career, and provide tremendous opportunity. You have committed years of hard work and dedication to reach this day, and you should be proud.

Not only have you accomplished an important education goal, but you can now count yourself among a prestigious group as a Tennessee State University alumnus, and among the small percentage of individuals in our state and nation who have earned a post-secondary degree. Thank you for putting your trust into this great institution.

Many doors will open to you because of this achievement. I hope you will walk through them without hesitation and explore everything available as you cross this threshold. But I also ask you to hold the door open to those who will follow. Become an inspiration!

On behalf of the Tennessee Board of Regents, congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,

David Gregory
Acting Chancellor





Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County

May 6-7, 2016

Greetings TSU Graduates:

As Nashville's new Mayor, I'm truly honored to have my first opportunity to extend congratulations to the 2016 Spring Commencement Class of Tennessee State University. What an important and significant accomplishment!

I know how hard you have worked to accomplish this achievement and all the sacrifices you made along the way. I have no doubt that the wisdom you have gained, as well as the new credentials, will lead you along a prosperous and rewarding career path.

A graduation is indeed an important milestone in the life of any student. It marks the successful completion of one phase, opens the doors to the next level of education, and ushers in new progress and better opportunities.

Best wishes for a very happy and successful future.

With warmest regards,

Megan Barry
Mayor



Bill Haslam Governor State of Tennessee

May 6-7, 2016

Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the great State of Tennessee, it is my pleasure to congratulate the graduates of Tennessee State University. You are to be commended for your hard work and dedication in obtaining your degree.

As you start your new career, I have no doubt that the wisdom you have gained will lead you along a prosperous and rewarding path. I am sure you will use the knowledge and lessons you have learned to improve your community and the lives of those around you. Your family and loved ones must be extremely proud of your accomplishments and I join them in wishing you well as you embark on your next exciting adventure.

Again, congratulations on reaching this milestone. Crissy and I send our best wishes and hope your future endeavors are filled with joy and success.

Warmest regards,

Bill Haslam





Congress of the United States House of Representatives

May 6-7, 2016

Dear Tennessee State University Graduates and Families,

Congratulations on your graduation from Tennessee State University. Your degree is your ticket to a better future, and I wish you continued success.

We live in the greatest nation on earth, and you have graduated from a great institution. Over the past 100 years, Tennessee State University has garnered a well-earned reputation for serving our community and the nation. I know you will represent your school and our state well in all your future endeavors and as you hold close the motto, *"Think. Work. Serve."*

Again, congratulations on your achievement, and please accept my very best wishes for a fun-filled and reflective celebration.

Sincerely,

Jim Cooper
Member of Congress



United States Senate

May 6-7, 2016

Dear Class of 2016,

Congratulations on graduating from Tennessee State University. I am honored to join your family, friends, and professors in recognizing this accomplishment.

Hard work and determination have helped you reach this goal. These are qualities that will also help you achieve your dreams. By making the most of your education, you are laying the groundwork for a successful future. Our state and our nation will surely benefit from the knowledge and skills you have obtained.

It is an incredible privilege to serve you in the United States Senate. If there is ever anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes for a bright and prosperous future.

Sincerely,

Bob Corker
United States Senator





Tennessee State University National Alumni Association

May 6-7, 2016

Dear Esteemed 2016 Graduates,

Congratulations!

On behalf of the Tennessee State University National Alumni Association Executive Board, and the thousands of alumni across the nation that it represents, I feel privileged to say we are proud of your accomplishments which are evident by your presence at this ceremony today. To the fullest, you have exhibited the drive and determination to be an inspiration to others.

All of the late night studying, the sacrifices and the will to complete the race to Graduation Day have finally paid off. This is your moment, **THIS IS YOUR DAY** and no one deserves it more!

Revel in this monumental achievement, celebrate with your friends and loved ones . . . for you have definitely earned it. And, just as importantly today, we ask that you honor and give thanks to those who worked incessantly on your behalf and sacrificed much so that you could graduate. To this we say, "Always remember the "wind" beneath your wings."

Now it is time for you to go forth and serve. You have the tools, you have the will, and you have the vision.

Lastly, to receive your graduation gift from TSUNAA, call the National Office at (615) 963-5885. A complimentary one (1) year membership in the Tennessee State University National Alumni Association awaits activation by you. We look forward to hearing from you.

Welcome to the Tennessee State University National Alumni Association.

Stay Blue!!!

Tony L. Wells

Tony L. Wells
President, TSUNAA



History of Tennessee State University



Tennessee State University is a comprehensive, urban coeducational, land-grant university founded in 1912 in Nashville, Tennessee. The university has two locations – the 500-acre main campus, with more than 65 buildings, located in a residential setting along the Cumberland River; and the Avon Williams Campus, located downtown, near the center of Nashville's business and government district.

Through successive stages, TSU has developed from a normal school for Negroes to its current status as an international 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. Dr. William Jasper Hale was appointed president with an original 247 students.

In 1922, the institution was elevated to the status of a 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.

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, an alumnus, Dr. Walter S. Davis, was selected to succeed Dr. Hale. Dr. Davis led the institution through an era of tremendous growth in academics, facilities and athletics leading to worldwide recognition. The Tennessee 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. 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 programs 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 addition of other schools, including agriculture, business, allied health and home economics.

After Dr. Walter S. Davis retired as president, another TSU alumnus, Dr. Andrew Torrence, was named the university's third president. During his tenure, the state legislature dropped "Agriculture & Industrial" and officially changed the name to Tennessee State University in 1968. Also during that same year, TSU faculty member Rita Sanders filed a lawsuit, which became known as Geier v. Tennessee, alleging a dual system of higher education in Tennessee based on race.



Following the service of Dr. Charles B. Fancher as interim president, Dr. Frederick Humphries became TSU's fourth president in 1975. He was the first president to face the challenge of maintaining the balance between TSU's role as one of America's preeminent historically black universities and its emerging status as a comprehensive national university. During his tenure, on July 1, 1979, the Geier case was settled by a court order merging the former University of Tennessee at Nashville with TSU as a result of a court order.

Following the service of Dr. Roy Peterson as interim president, Dr. Otis Floyd became TSU's fifth chief executive in 1987 and continued moving the university forward. 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 were renovated, and eight new buildings were constructed, including the Floyd-Payne Campus Center, the Ned McWherter Administration Building, the Wilma Rudolph Residence Center and the Performing Arts Center.

In 1990, the Tennessee Board of Regents appointed Dr. Floyd as its chancellor, opening the way for Dr. George Cox to serve in an interim capacity until Dr. James Hefner was selected as the University's sixth president in 1991. Dr. Hefner supervised additional improvements to campus facilities and fostered enrollment growth to an all-time high. The Otis Floyd Nursery Crops Research Station in McMinnville was dedicated in 1996 and, in 1999 researchers

at the TSU Center for Automated Space Science were the first to discover a planet outside the solar system.

Dr. Melvin N. Johnson became the university's seventh president in June 2005, and was instrumental in continuing to bring national attention to the university by recognizing the Freedom Riders, engaging the university in the Tennessee Campus Compact and was awarded \$8 million for Race to the Top Funds by President Barack Obama. After Dr. Johnson's retirement, Dr. Portia Shields served as interim president from 2011-2012.



In the university's second century of academic excellence and service, Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover became the eighth president and first woman to lead the 100-plus year institution in January 2013. She continues to make changes to further emphasize the excellence for which Tennessee State University is internationally known.

Through its eight colleges and schools, TSU offers 45 bachelor's degrees, 24 master's degrees, and seven doctorate degrees: biological sciences, computer information systems engineering, psychology, public administration, curriculum and instruction, administration and supervision, and physical therapy.

In summary, during its 100-plus year history, eight presidents and five interim presidents have served the institution.

William Jasper Hale	1912-1943
Walter S. Davis	1943-1968
Andrew P. Torrence	1968-1974
Charles B. Fancher	1974-1975 (Interim)
Frederick S. Humphries	1975-1985
Roy Peterson	1985-1986 (Interim)
Otis L. Floyd	1987-1990, 1986-1987 (Interim)
George W. Cox	1990-1991 (Interim)
James A. Hefner	1991-2005
Melvin N. Johnson	2005-2011
Portia Shields	2011-2012 (Interim)
Glenda Baskin Glover	2013-Present





Eighth President



Glenda Baskin Glover, Ph.D., JD, CPA

Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover began serving as President of Tennessee State University on January 2, 2013. She has advanced a five-point vision that includes: (1) academic progress and customer service, (2) fundraising and partnerships, (3) diversity and inclusion, (4) shared governance, and (5) community outreach.

President Glover was formerly the Dean of the College of Business at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi, where she led the College of Business throughout the accreditation process, and spearheaded the implementation of the nation's first Ph.D. in Business at a Historically Black College or University (HBCU). She is a certified public accountant, an attorney and is one of two African American women to hold the Ph.D.-CPA-JD combination in the nation.

President Glover's educational development began as a student at Tennessee State University, where she majored in mathematics. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science, she pursued the Master of Business Administration at Clark Atlanta University. She then completed her doctorate in business from George Washington University, and later completed her law degree from Georgetown University.

Prior to joining Jackson State University, President Glover served as Chairperson of the Department of Accounting at Howard University. Her past employment also includes positions as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of an engineering firm, a tax manager at a major public utility company, and an accountant with a big-four CPA firm.

President Glover serves as a corporate board member of three publicly traded corporations. These include Pinnacle Financial Partners, First Guaranty Bancshares, and MobileBits Corporation. She served as Chair of the Audit Committee or Financial Expert on each board. President Glover is former Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Jackson (Mississippi) Airport Authority.

In 2013, President Glover was named to *Diverse Issues in Higher Education's* prestigious list as one of the "Top 25 Women in Higher Education." She is also the recipient of numerous other educational, community, professional, and civic awards and honors. President Glover is the author of more than 100 articles and papers, and is regarded as one of the nation's experts on corporate governance.

She and her husband, Charles, are members of Cade Chapel Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi. They are parents of two adult children, Attorney Candace Glover, and Dr. Charles Glover II.

Notable Alumni of Tennessee State University

Tennessee State University graduates become local, regional, national, and international leaders:

Traci Otey Blunt Executive Vice President, Corporate Marketing & Corporate Affairs, Robert L. Johnson Entertainment; former Director of Communications for the 2008 Clinton Presidential Campaign.

Dr. Kelley Castlin-Gacutan, Superintendent Birmingham Public Schools.

Ralph Boston, Chandra Cheeseborough, Barbara Jones-Slater, Edith McGuire-Duvall, Wilma Rudolph, and Wyomia Tyus, Olympic gold medalists.

T. B. Boyd III, president and chief executive officer, R. H. Boyd Publishing Corporation.

Xernona Clayton, retired vice president for urban affairs with Turner Broadcasting/CNN and founder/CEO of the Trumpet Awards.

S. Allen Counter, explorer and Harvard neurophysiologist.

Richard Dent, the first TSU alumnus to be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Harold E. Ford, Sr., the first African-American to represent Tennessee in the U.S. Congress.

Rep. Brenda Gilmore, a Democratic member of the Tennessee House of Representatives, representing the 54th District. She formerly served on the Nashville Metro Council from the 1st District from 1993-2003.

Glenda Baskin Glover, first female president of Tennessee State University, an alumna, and one of only two African-American women to hold the Ph.D.-CPA-JD combination in the nation.

Moses Gunn, renowned actor who in 1977 received an Emmy nomination for his appearance as tribal chieftain Kintango in the ground-breaking miniseries, *Roots*. Gunn is also noted as the founder of the Negro Ensemble and received several Obie Awards for his off-Broadway work.

Senator Thelma Harper has served as Senator for the 19th District in the Tennessee General Assembly since 1971. Her political career has led to the position of delegate for the 1980, 1984, 1988 and 1992 Democratic National Conventions.

Claude B. Humphrey, a former American football defensive lineman in the National Football League for the Atlanta Falcons and Philadelphia Eagles. He is a 2014 inductee into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Dr. Bobby Jones, executive producer of the *Bobby Jones Gospel Show* and Ambassador-at-large of the Commonwealth of Dominica.

Ed "Too Tall" Jones, retired American NFL Football Player spent 15 years with the Dallas Cowboys from 1974-1978 and again from 1980-1989.

Harvey Johnson, the first African-American mayor of Jackson, Mississippi.

Richard Lewis, an entrepreneur and president of Lewis & Wright Funeral Home in Nashville, as well as chief financial officer of the AME Church.

Rep. Harold M. Love, Jr., a Democratic member of the Tennessee House of Representatives, representing the 58th District. Love's father, Harold Love, Sr., was a Nashville City Councilman and State Representative. Love, Jr. is the pastor of St. Luke A.M.E. Church.

Obie L. McKenzie ranks among the Top 10 African-Americans on Wall Street and is currently a managing director at BlackRock in the Account Management Group. BlackRock is one of the largest publicly traded investment firms in the United States.

Dr. Edith Peterson Mitchell, President of the National Medical Association and Clinical Professor of Medicine and Medical Oncology and Program Leader in Gastrointestinal Oncology.

Lloyd W. "Fig" Newton, 4-star general, retired as highest ranking African-American in the Air Force.

Jo Ann North, a former Davidson County Property Assessor, a post she retired from in 1992. She is also recognized as the first woman elected as an At-Large member of the Metropolitan Council of Nashville, Davidson County.

Jesse Russell, pioneer in the development of the cellular telephone.

Dr. Catana Starks, former faculty member and department chair, was the first female head coach of an NCAA Division I men's golf team and coached the team to the National Minority Golf Championship in 2005. Starks story has been captured and shared with the world in the feature film, *From the Rough*.

Carla Venita Thomas, an American singer, who is often referred to as the 'Queen of Memphis Soul.'

Dr. Maria Thompson, President, Coppin State University, Baltimore, Maryland.

Dwayne Tucker, Campus Executives, LLC – Nashville Management Group; Chairman of Board of Trustees for the TSU Foundation.

Levi Watkins, Jr., M.D., former associate dean and cardiac surgeon at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine; implanted first defibrillator for the heart.

Kevin Williams, immediate past president and managing director of General Motors Canadian operations; a TSU Foundation Board of Trustees member.

Oprah Winfrey, owner of Oprah Winfrey Network, Talk Show Host, Television Producer, Philanthropist, and Actress.

Brenda Wynn, Davidson County Clerk, first African-American female to win an election to a constitutional office in the county.

Vision, Mission and Core Values

VISION STATEMENT

Tennessee State University aspires to achieve national and international prominence, building on its heritage and preparing leaders for a global society.

MISSION STATEMENT

Tennessee State University, a Historically Black College or University (HBCU), fosters scholarly inquiry and research, life-long learning, and a commitment to service.

CORE VALUES

Tennessee State University maintains the following core values:

- Excellence
- Accountability
- Shared governance
- Service
- Learning
- Integrity
- Diversity

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Tennessee State University, an HBCU and 1890 land grant institution, is a major state-supported urban and comprehensive university. This unique combination of characteristics differentiates the university from others and shapes its instructional, research, and service programs designed to serve Metropolitan Nashville, Middle Tennessee, the State of Tennessee, the nation, and the global community. The university is committed to maintaining its diverse student body, faculty, and staff.

Tennessee State University provides quality instruction through academic programs which are broadly comprehensive at the baccalaureate and master's levels. Doctoral programs are offered in select areas where the University exhibits strength in instruction and research and consistent with the University's unique mission. The University's educational programs are intended to increase the student's level of knowledge, enhance the student's skills, and expand the student's awareness.

Tennessee State University is committed to engaging in pure and applied research which contributes to the body of knowledge and which broadens the application of knowledge. Whenever possible, the university strives to provide its students with the opportunity to be involved in the research activities of the faculty and academic staff.

Tennessee State University serves its constituents through an array of programs and services which apply the knowledge, skills and discoveries of the instructional and research units at the institution. These services are intended to broaden the perspectives and enhance the quality of life of the University's service constituents.

Tennessee State University expresses its commitment to students' overall development by promoting lifelong learning, scholarly inquiry, and a commitment of service to others. Programs and services are geared toward promoting and nurturing students' growth and development as persons who are liberally educated, appreciate cultural diversity and embody a sense of civic and social responsibility.

Tennessee State University projects itself to its students, faculty, and alumni and to the citizens of the State through the motto, "Think. Work. Serve." Tennessee State University remains committed to the education of a non-racially identifiable student body and promotes diversity and access without regard to race, gender, religion, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status.



Executive Officers

Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover	President
Dr. Mark G. Hardy	Vice President, Academic Affairs
Ms. Cynthia Brooks, CPA	Vice President, Business and Finance
Attorney Jane Shaw Jackson	Vice President, Administration
Dr. John Cade	Interim Vice President, Enrollment Management & Student Services
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Dr. Michael Freeman	Associate Vice President, Student Affairs
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Ms. Kelli Sharpe	Assistant Vice President, Public Relations & Communication
Ms. Teresa Lawrence-Phillips	Director, University Athletics
Attorney Laurence Pendleton	University Counsel

Academic Deans

Dr. Chandra Reddy	Dean, College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Sciences
Dr. Millicent Lownes-Jackson	Dean, College of Business
Dr. Celeste Williams	Interim Dean, College of Education
Dr. S. Keith Hargrove	Dean, College of Engineering
Dr. Stephanie Bailey	Dean, College of Health Sciences
Dr. Gloria Johnson	Dean, College of Liberal Arts
Dr. Lonnie Sharpe	Interim Dean, College of Life and Physical Sciences
Dr. Michael Harris	Dean, College of Public Service and Urban Affairs
Dr. Alex Sekwat	Interim Dean, School of Graduate Studies and Research
Dr. Murle Kenerson	Interim Dean, Libraries and Media Centers
Dr. Coreen Jackson	Dean, Honors College

Accreditation and Affiliations

Tennessee State University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to award the associate, bachelor's, master's, specialist in education and doctoral degrees. In addition, the following programs and associations support the high quality education available on the TSU campuses.

College of Agriculture

Family and Consumer Sciences (B.S. American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, American Dietetics Association)

College of Business

Business (B.B.A., M.B.A.; AACSB is the Association of Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International)

College of Education

Education (B.S., M.S., M.A.Ed., Ed.S. Ed.D: National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)
Psychology (B.S., Ph.D with concentration in Counseling: American Psychological Association (APA)

College of Engineering

Aeronautical & Industrial Technology, Architectural & Mechanical Engineering, Civil & Environmental Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering (B.S.: Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology)

College of Health Sciences

Cardio-Respiratory Care Sciences (B.S.: Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs)
Dental Hygiene (A.A.S., B.S.: Commission on Dental Accreditation)
Health Care Administration and Planning (B.S.: Association of University Programs in Health Administration)
Health Information Management (B.S.: Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs in collaboration with the Council on Education of the American Health Information Management Association)
Medical Technology (B.S.: National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences)
Occupational Therapy (M.O.T.: Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association.)
Physical Therapy (D.P.T.: Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE))
Speech Pathology and Audiology (B.S., M.S.: Council of Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association)
Nursing (A.A.S., B.S.N., M.S.N.: National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission)

College of Liberal Arts

Art (B.A.: National Association of Schools of Art & Design), Music (B.A.: National Association of Schools of Music), Social Work (B.S.: The Council on Social Work Education)

College of Public Service and Urban Affairs

Public Administration (M.P.A.: The National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration)

College of Agriculture, Human, and Natural Sciences

The College of Agriculture, Human, and Natural Sciences offers teaching, research and extension functions and B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees through four academic units: the Institute of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Research, the Cooperative Extension Program, and four research centers—the Center for Prevention Research, the Otis L. Floyd Nursery Crops Research Center, and the Agricultural Research and Education Centers at Nashville and Ashland City. The academic units are: the Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, the Department of Biological Sciences, the Department of Chemistry, and the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Recently, the College has been improving and expanding, including some of these highlights:

- Agricultural enrollment has more than doubled while graduate student enrollment has increased eight-fold.
- The Dean's Scholars Program and pre-college summer apprenticeship programs continue to attract highly qualified students.
- The College's educational programs help educate minorities in STEM fields and offer pre-professional programs in medical, dental and veterinary medicine.
- Through youth and community development programs (4-H and FFA), the College teaches and encourages youth in science and engineering, as well as valuable leadership and life skills.
- In 2011-2012, TSU agriculture received the highest dollar amount grants and contracts among peer institutions. In fact, the college's current research outlays are about \$55 million—a three-fold increase in four years.
- Research in the College is focused on bio-energy, environmental sustainability, human health/nutrition/obesity/cancer, food safety and food security.
- The Nursery Crops Research Center at McMinnville provides leadership, research and support for improving the Tennessee Nursery industry.



- University outreach in Tennessee communities has expanded to include agents in 32 counties—another three-fold increase in four years. Technical assistance is provided to farmers, homeowners, and the general public on a variety of issues including crop, animal production and human health.
- The college has engaged in multiple construction projects including a 25,000 square foot Agricultural Biotechnology building, six new greenhouses, a new landscape studio, an agricultural education workshop, and a field research support building—totaling a commitment of nearly \$11 million.

College of Business

Tennessee State University's College of Business was the first business school in Nashville to earn dual accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International), the most prestigious accrediting body for business schools. The College of Business earned its initial accreditation from AACSB in 1994. Such achievement resulted in Tennessee State University becoming the first university in Nashville and the first public Historically Black College and University (HBCU) in the country to gain dual accreditation at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

- The College of Business has approximately 900 students and is also home to nationally recognized outreach programs including its Nashville Business Incubation Center, Tennessee Small Business Development Center, Office of Business and Economic Research, and Office of International Business Programs.
- The College of Business offers Bachelor of Business Administration programs to undergraduates in Accounting, Business Administration, Business Information Systems, and Economics and Finance. Concentrations are available in Supply Chain Management, Marketing, Management, Human Resource Management, Hospitality, Real Estate and Urban Development, Business Information Systems—Industry, and e-Business Technology. Additionally, the College offers minors in General Business, Entrepreneurship, and International Business. At the graduate level, the Master of Business Administration is offered with concentrations in Accounting, Management of Information Systems, Healthcare Economics and Management, and Supply Chain Management.
- Recently, 24 students participated in study abroad programs that included China, Italy, and that Great European Capitals. Additional efforts in international education include a memorandum of understanding with Tianjin University in China and Meliksah University in Turkey; both initiatives are aimed at increasing enrollment in the College's MBA program.

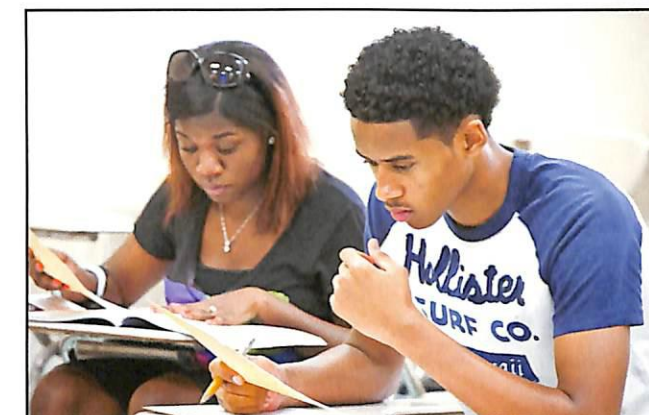


- Accreditation and assurance of learning remain a top priority as the College continues with strategies and processes to gain separate accreditation in Accounting from AACSB International.
- The College successfully recruited two distinguished scholars to hold the Frist Chair of Excellence in Business with a focus in Accounting and the newly endowed Chair of Excellence in Banking and Financial Services. The College is continuing its efforts to raise funds for a third Chair of Excellence in Supply Chain Management.
- The College of Business has established alliances with a long list of community organizations that provide resources earmarked for internships and scholarships, business industry needs assessments, and recommendations for continuous curriculum improvements. The COB community partners include: Corning, Dell, Boeing, HCA, Lemark, Ernst & Young, Asurion, Regions Bank, KraftCPAs, Nissan, PricewaterhouseCoopers, just to name a few.
- The Financial Trading Room is a state of the art facility designed to give students hands-on training and knowledge regarding the stock market and trading.

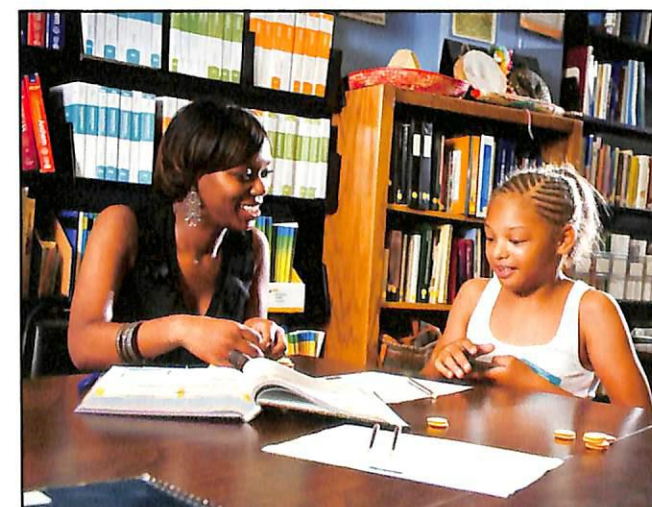
College of Education

The College of Education is rooted in the historical purpose of the Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State Normal School—now Tennessee State University: “to prepare teachers and leaders to meet the demands for more efficient and practical service in the public schools and life.” Today, the College of Education continues to fulfill that purpose in the community it serves.

- More than 90 percent of graduates in the Professional School Counseling Program have obtained positions in the Middle Tennessee School System. The impact of the College is evident in school leadership as well. More than 40 percent of the principals in the Metropolitan Nashville Public School System attended TSU.



- The College of Education at TSU along with other universities, such as Vanderbilt, partnered with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (National Board) to obtain a \$3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education under its i3 (Investing in Innovation) grant competition. The grant aims to improve teacher preparation and enhance early-career teaching support, with the ultimate goal of promoting student achievement in grades 3-6 mathematics and science in high-need schools. Entitled, Building a Pipeline of Teaching Excellence, the project will utilize the national board's extensive repository of resources on teaching, such as video case studies of best practices to support TSU's teacher preparation program, and seven local education agencies.
- The Department of Psychology in the College is engaged in cutting-edge research in neuropsychology. With funding from the National Science Foundation and Title III, TSU's Experimental Psychology Teaching and Research Laboratory was developed. The laboratory contains neuropsychology tests, psychophysiology equipment, computer workstations, and a high-density electroencephalogram (EEG) for conducting neuroimaging research. These tools are also used to enhance coursework in Sensation and Perception, Cognitive Psychology and Brainwaves and Cognition.
- The College of Education, a partner with the Educational Testing Service, succeeded in obtaining a Race to the Top grant three years ago, making TSU one of the few institutions to acquire the competitive funds. The grant has allowed the College to provide professional development in mathematics instruction for practicing elementary school teachers throughout Tennessee.



- The Colleges of Education; Engineering; and Agriculture, Human, and Natural Sciences have collaborated to obtain a National Science Foundation grant, entitled Career Commitment and Retention in STEM: Building the STEM Workforce. The project is designed to develop and validate culturally-appropriate career management intervention for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) majors.

The Teacher Education Program is undergoing a major redesign that will place teacher candidates at a school site for a year-long residency during the senior year. The new initiative, Ready2Teach, is scheduled for full implementation in fall 2013 and will involve intense mentoring for candidates and teachers who will engage in co-teaching.

College of Engineering

The College of Engineering is challenged and committed to providing the highest quality industry-driven curricula in Engineering, Technology, Mathematical Sciences and Computer Science to meet the growing demand for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) professionals in industry, government and entrepreneurship.

- The college currently provides bachelor's degrees in Architectural, Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering with several concentrations such as manufacturing, environmental, facilities and computer engineering. The college also awards degrees in Aeronautical & Industrial Technology, Computer Science, Mathematical Sciences and graduate degrees for the Master of Engineering and M.S. and Ph.D. in Computer and Information Systems Engineering.



- Recognizing the need for developing graduates with an appreciation for global awareness, solid engineering fundamentals and professionalism, the college strives to develop and promote an educational experience that produces the "global engineer" through life or language learning, a FE-based (Fundamentals of Engineering) curriculum for outcome assessment and critical skills in research, design, problem solving and communication. A dedicated faculty and staff seek to integrate innovative approaches to instruction, laboratory experience and internships to address the contemporary challenges of the profession and engage the community through service and outreach.

- The College of Engineering's programs complement the student learning experience with aggressive research initiatives in areas such as intelligent sensors, robotics, manufacturing, environmental issues, data fusion, cyber-security, renewable energy, nano-materials and signal/image processing. The Engineering Research Institute (ERI) serves as the primary entity to collaborate and partner with industry and government, complemented by several research centers in specific areas of scientific investigation.



- As the leading producer of African-American engineers in the state, the college continues to strengthen its partnerships with local, regional and national corporations and government. Producing a diverse population of graduates has prepared quality students for employment with companies such as IBM, GM, Corps of Engineers, TDOT, Raytheon, Lockheed Martin, P&G, and Boeing and the U.S. Navy and Air Force.

College of Health Sciences

The College of Health Sciences at Tennessee State University serves 2,611 students in to programs ranging from Associate to Doctoral degrees. Some unique aspects of the Colleges are:

- The Division of Nursing offers two career mobility accelerated degree completion: Programs in nursing including the LPM-AASN/RN Program and the AASN/BSN Program, each specifically designed for the working nurse.
- The college offers three clinics that serve the public – Dental Hygiene, Speech Pathology, and Audiology – at low or no cost.
- The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology offers a Master of Science (MS) Degree in both traditional and distance education formats. The online graduate degree program in speech and hearing science holds the distinction of being the first distance education program at Tennessee State University as well as the first distance education program in the area of speech-language pathology in the State of Tennessee.
- The College has a new partnership with Hillwood High School's Academy of Health Sciences.
- The College has a long-standing partnership with the LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities) program with Vanderbilt University.
- The Dental Hygiene Clinic was recently renovated with state-of-the-art equipment and technology.
- The three-year licensure pass rate for graduates of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program (Classes of 2013, 2014, and 2015) is 96.08%.
- The nursing clinical simulation lab was recently renovated and houses cutting edge clinical simulation equipment.
- Students in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program work with Access Nashville to assess the accessibility of restaurants and other local venues for customers with disabilities; they also provide pro-bono services under the supervision of program faculty to uninsured and underinsured patients at Siloam Family Health Care Center.
- The Respiratory Care program has a 90 percent job placement rate, and overall employer satisfaction of 100 percent.
- The Health Information Management has an overall 95 percent retention rate of students accepted junior/professional level class and over 90 percent job placement.



Associate Degree Programs

Dental Hygiene • Nursing

Bachelor's Degree Programs

Respiratory Care • Dental Hygiene
Health Care Administration and Planning
Health Information Management • Health Sciences
Health Performance and Sports Science • Nursing

Master Degree Program

Occupational Therapy

Doctoral Degree Program

Physical Therapy

Certificate Programs

Holistic Nurse Practitioner . Nursing Education .
Nursing Administration .Family Nurse Practitioner

College of Liberal Arts

The College of Liberal Arts offers courses and programs in the arts, humanities, and social sciences, preparing students for a wide range of graduate and professional opportunities.

From the traditional academic disciplines at the heart of a university education to new interdisciplinary fields, major and minor programs in the College promote a vision of liberal learning that recognizes the unique gifts, interests and goals of each student.

By engaging with the rich intellectual traditions, promoting knowledge of global cultures, and developing vital career skills, Liberal Arts courses and programs prepare their graduates for resilience and adaptability, lifelong learning, and leadership in a changing world.

The faculty of the College of Liberal Arts is committed to helping students make the most of their college education. Whether majoring in a Liberal Arts program, enriching a degree with a Liberal Arts minor or simply taking a class, the College supports each student on their intellectual journey.

The Liberal Arts vision of education is about exploration. From English, art, theater, and music to history, political science, criminal justice, and mass communications, Liberal Arts disciplines put the intellectual growth of the student at the center of the university experience.

All of the majors in the College of Liberal Arts are guided by common core values:

- Integrative Learning
- Creativity
- Responsibility
- Critical Thinking and Reasoned Judgment
- Professional Competency
- Student Service and Support



Bachelor's Degree Programs

Art
Communications
Criminal Justice
English
History
Interdisciplinary Studies
Music
Political Science

Master's Degree Program

Criminal Justice

College of Public Service and Urban Affairs

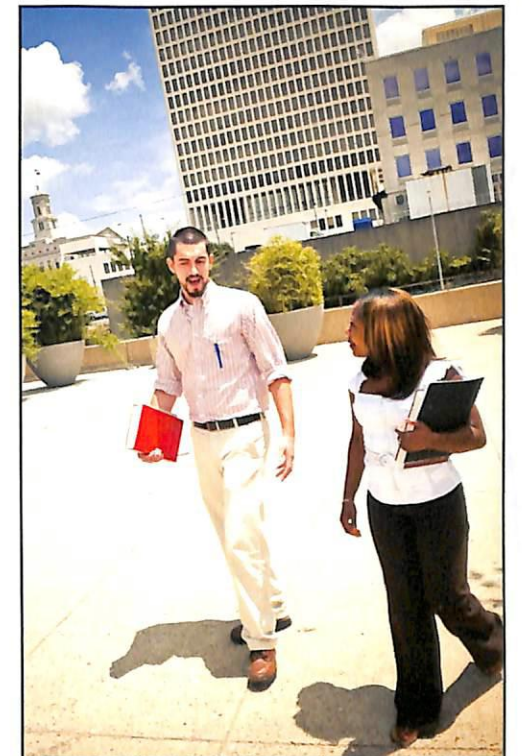
The College of Public Service and Urban Affairs became operational January 2008 with the appointment and arrival of the founding dean, former Nashville Mayor Bill Purcell. The new College fulfilled the Geier Consent Decree of 1984 and from the Institute of Government has expanded to include the Department of Public Administration and the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Urban Professions. The intent of the Consent Decree was to establish a division that would address the workforce needs of the city and state in the various areas of government and public service.

The mission of the College is to educate, socialize and serve students and employers of nonprofit, health and urban organizations by:

- THINK – Providing educational programs that build skills in knowledge of sociology, social work, urban affairs, public administration and leadership;
- WORK – Conducting scholarly and applied research activities supportive of these educational purposes;
- SERVE – Consulting and applying research and knowledge of social programs.

The College features three undergraduate degrees:

- B.S. in Urban Studies, B.S. in Sociology and B.S. in Social Work;
- Two undergraduate minors in Nonprofit Management and Leadership;
- Six graduate degrees: online Master of Professional Studies, Master of Public Administration, a Graduate Certificate in Health Planning and Administration, a Graduate Certificate in Non-Profit Management, a Master of Social Work (the only multi-collaborative master's program among three universities in the country), and a Ph.D. in Public Administration (the only degree of this level in Tennessee at a public institution).

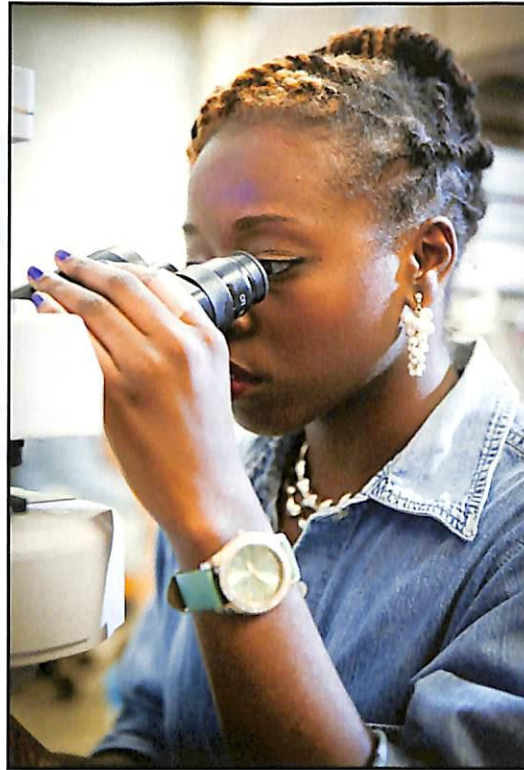


Where are CPSUA graduates? At the Tennessee Department of Labor, the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, the U.S. Missile Defense Agency, the Tennessee Department of Human Services, TennCare Bureau, Juvenile Justice, serving in Student Professional Development, as elected officials, in social services in cities throughout Tennessee, the Tennessee Division of Intellectual Disabilities, the Tennessee Supreme Court, the Tennessee Department of Corrections, the Board of Regents, the Department of Internal Revenue, Centerstone, youth service agencies and many others.

School of Graduate Studies and Research

The Tennessee General Assembly authorized the state Board of Education to establish graduate studies leading to the master's degree in several fields at Tennessee State University (then called Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial (A & I) State College) in 1941. Today, the School of Graduate Studies and Research offers seven doctoral degrees, 24 master's degrees, one educational specialist degree and six graduate certificate programs.

- In fiscal year 2011-2012, the School of Graduate Studies and Research, in collaboration with various units on campus, awarded more than 300 graduate assistantships to qualified graduate students totaling approximately \$3 million.
- In collaboration with the TSU Foundation, the School of Graduate Studies and Research in the past two years awarded the Walter S. Davis Scholarships to several first-time high achieving graduate students (with minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.75). The Walter Davis Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Dr. Walter S. Davis, president of Tennessee State University (1943-1968).
- Each spring semester, the School of Graduate Studies and Research recognizes excellence in graduate student research by awarding the Helen Barrett Award to one TSU graduate student. The 2012 winner and recipient of the Helen Barrett Award was Victor L. Roland II, a master's student in engineering. In recognition of his work, Roland received a prize of \$200 and certificate signed by the University's president and graduate dean. As the winner of the Helen Barrett Award, Rowland showcased his research at the annual poster presentation organized by the Tennessee Conference of Graduate Schools at the Legislative Plaza in downtown Nashville on April 4, 2012.



Dr. Mengistu Hailu, a 2011 graduate of Tennessee State University, has been appointed director of the Institute of Pedagogical Sciences of Mekelle University, Ethiopia. Dr. Hailu is tasked with moving the institute forward by developing a new College of Education. The institute currently offers undergraduate and graduate programs in the field of Educational Planning and Management; a post graduate diploma in teaching (a program that certifies high school teachers); and a higher diploma program that certifies university lecturers.

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The Symbols of Office

The University Seal

In 1922, Dr. 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 serves 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 front of the Medallion and Chain of Office bears the official University Seal. The backside of the medallion contains a circular seal with a blue border bearing the President's motto in latin: NIL SINE MAGNO LABORE - "Nothing without Great Effort."

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. 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, other authorities and distinguished guests.



University's Academic Excellence Award

The University's Academic Excellence Award was commissioned in 2008. The award is a two-inch light oxidized bronze seal pendant medallion attached to a blue ribbon and serves as a symbol of recognition for academic achievement for students graduating summa cum laude and with the highest grade point average in the class.



University's Distinguished Student Leadership Award

The University's Distinguished Student Leadership Award was commissioned in 2008. The award is presented to the student whose record of leadership and outstanding contributions to student life and government has had a great impact on improving the quality of the student experience at Tennessee State University.

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 that 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 around 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
Business, Accounting, Commerce	Drab
Dentistry	Lilac
Economics	Copper
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	Dark 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

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 used 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 the 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.

Graduate Commencement Speaker Edith Peterson Mitchell, MD

**Clinical Professor of Medicine and Medical Oncology and
Program Leader in Gastrointestinal Oncology
Thomas Jefferson University**



Edith Peterson Mitchell, MD, is Clinical Professor of Medicine and Medical Oncology and Program Leader in Gastrointestinal Oncology at Thomas Jefferson University. In addition, she holds the positions of Associate Director of Diversity Programs for the Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson and Director of the Kimmel Cancer Center to Eliminate Cancer Disparities. Dr. Mitchell received a B.S. in biochemistry "with distinction" from Tennessee State University and her medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. In 1973, while attending medical school, Dr. Mitchell entered the Air Force and received a commission through the Health Professions Scholarship Program. She entered active duty after completion of her internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Meharry Medical College and a fellowship in Medical Oncology at Georgetown University.

Dr. Mitchell is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a member of the American Medical Association, the National Medical Association, Aerospace Medical Association, Association of Military Surgeons, and the Medical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania. She also belongs to the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group, Radiation Therapy Oncology Group, National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project, and the Philadelphia Society of Medicine.

Dr. Mitchell's research in pancreatic cancer and other GI malignancies involves new drug evaluation and chemotherapy, development of new therapeutic regimens, chemoradiation strategies for combined modality therapy, patient selection criteria, and supportive care for patients with gastrointestinal cancer. Dr. Mitchell travels nationally and internationally teaching and lecturing on the treatment of gastrointestinal malignancies.

Dr. Mitchell has authored and co-authored more than 100 articles, book chapters, and abstracts on cancer treatment, prevention, and cancer control. As a distinguished researcher, she has received 21 Cancer Research and Principal Investigator Awards, and serves on the National Cancer Institute Review Panel and the Cancer Investigations Review Committee.

In addition to her medical achievements, Dr. Mitchell is a retired Brigadier General having served as the Air National Guard Assistant to the Command Surgeon for US Transportation command and headquarters Air Mobility Command based at the Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. In this capacity she served as the senior medical Air National Guard advisor to the command surgeon and was the medical liaison between the active Air Force and the Air National Guard. Her responsibilities in this role included ensuring maximum wartime readiness and combat support capability of the worldwide patient movement and aero medical evacuation system, the Global Patient Movement Requirements Center and AMC's 52 Air National Guard medical squadrons.

General Mitchell has been awarded over fifteen military service medals and ribbons including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Achievement and Commendation Medals, National Defense Service Medal, and Humanitarian Service Medal. Dr. Mitchell was selected for inclusion in America's Top Oncologists.

Graduate Order of Ceremony

Friday, May 6, 2016
Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover, Eighth President
Tennessee State University
Presiding Officer

Prelude	University Wind Ensemble Dr. Reginald McDonald, <i>Conductor</i>
Academic Processional (Audience remains seated) <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> -- Sir Edward Elgar	University Wind Ensemble Dr. Reginald McDonald, <i>Conductor</i>
College/School Banner Carriers	Students with Highest Academic Honors
Chief Marshal	Dr. Oscar Miller <i>Professor of Sociology and Department Head</i> Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Urban Professions
Presentation of Colors	Air Force ROTC Color Guard
<i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> -- Francis Scott Key	University Wind Ensemble (Audience stands)
<i>Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing</i> -- James Weldon Johnson	University Wind Ensemble (Audience stands)
Invocation	Reverend Frank Stevenson, Sr. <i>Pastor</i> , St. Luke Primitive Baptist Church
Greetings	President Glenda Baskin Glover
Music	The University Choir Dr. Susan M. Kelly, <i>Director</i>
Announcements and Acknowledgments	Mrs. Cynthia Brooks <i>Vice President for Business and Finance</i>
Introduction of Speaker	Ms. Lacie K. Dunn <i>MBA in Business Administration</i> , College of Business
Commencement Address	Dr. Edith Peterson Mitchell <i>Clinical Professor of Medicine and Medical Oncology</i> , Thomas Jefferson University

Presentation of Deans of Colleges and Candidates for Degrees	Dr. Mark G. Hardy <i>Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Dr. Chandra Reddy, Dean of the College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Sciences Dr. Millicent Lownes-Jackson, Dean of the College of Business Dr. Celeste Williams, Interim Dean of the College of Education Dr. S. Keith Hargrove, Dean of the College of Engineering Dr. Stephanie Bailey, Dean of the College of Health Sciences Dr. Gloria C. Johnson, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts Dr. Lonnie Sharpe, Interim Dean of the College of Life and Physical Sciences Dr. Michael Harris, Dean of the College of Public Service and Urban Affairs Dr. Alex Sekwat, Interim Dean of Graduate Studies and Research	

Conferring and Awarding of Degrees	President Glenda Baskin Glover
Alumni Induction Ceremony	Mr. Tony Wells <i>National President</i> , TSU National Alumni Association

I hereby fervently pledge my lifelong loyalty, service, and financial support to my alma mater in appreciation for the opportunities afforded me at Tennessee State University.

I pledge to maintain active membership in the national alumni association, to encourage others to attend Tennessee State University, and to become a part of a global society of notable alumni who promote excellence as a way of life.

I further pledge to exemplify the high ideals of my alma mater, and to continue to hold fast to the University's motto - *Think. Work. Serve.*

<i>The Alma Mater</i>	University Wind Ensemble and University Choir
Benediction	Reverend Frank Stevenson, Sr. <i>Pastor</i> , St. Luke Primitive Baptist Church
Recessional (Audience remains seated)	University Wind Ensemble

Doctoral Candidates for Degrees

2016 Spring Commencement

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Dr. Celeste Williams
Interim Dean

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Dewanna Lenea Bandy Murfreesboro, TN
Ed.S., Middle Tennessee State University, 2010
M.P.H., University of Tennessee at Knoxville, 2005
B.S., Austin Peay State University, 1996
Title: The Impact of Nutritional Choices on Wellness in Adolescent Females in Middle Tennessee
Chair: Dr. John David Tiller

Durant Camron Bridges Nashville, TN
Ed.S., Middle Tennessee State University, 2009
M.Ed., Middle Tennessee State University, 2007
B.S., Middle Tennessee State University, 2006
Title: Exploring Situation Awareness Levels and Workload of Operators Decision Making in a Simulated Airline Operations Control Center
Chair: Dr. John Mark Hunter

Andrew D. Burnham Spring Hill, TN
B.S., University of Maine, 1994
M.Ed., Fitchburg State College, 1999
Title: Utilizing a Logic Model Design to Evaluate a Preparation Program for Teachers of the Visually Impaired
Chair: Dr. John David Tiller

Princess E. Gordon-Patton Antioch, TN
B.A., Fisk University, 1978
M.Ed., Tennessee State University, 1996
Title: Student Perceptions of Faculty Integration of Technology in on-ground Courses at a Large, Urban HBCU in the Southeastern Region of the United States
Chair: Dr. John D. Tiller

Robert O. Hassell Lebanon, TN
M.Ed., Tennessee State University, 2009
B.A., Lane College, 2007
Title: An Examination of Kindergarten Teacher's Perspectives on Technology Integration
Chair: Dr. Nicole Arrighi

Gena Feathers Surgener Smyrna, TN
Ed.S., Middle Tennessee State University, 2013
Title: The Academic Achievement of Elementary Level General Education Students in Inclusion Classrooms Versus Non-Inclusion Classrooms
Chair: Dr. John David Tiller

Rebecca H. Zanolini Franklin, TN
Ed.S., Middle Tennessee State University, 2011
Title: The Underrepresentation of Latinos in Public Higher Education in Tennessee: A Case Study of Latino College Students
Chair: Dr. John Mark Hunter

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Quintessa Hathaway Hervey Murfreesboro, TN
Brenda Gail Myers Baxter, TN
Ed.S., Tennessee Technological University, 2006
B.S., Tennessee Technological University, 1985
M.A., Tennessee Technological University, 1995
Title: Investigating the Effects of the Academy of Reading Program on Middle School Reading Achievement
Chair: Dr. Denise Dunbar

Carol Ann Parker Murfreesboro, TN
Ed.S., Middle Tennessee State University, 2013
M.B.E., Middle Tennessee State University, 2008
B.B.A., Middle Tennessee State University, 2003
Title: Differences in Middle School TCAP Writing Assessment Scores Based on Keyboarding Skill
Chair: Dr. Respress

Andre Lavelle Washington Franklin, TN
B.S., Tennessee State University, 1997
M.Ed., Lipscomb University, 2001
Ed.S., Tennessee State University, 2005
Title: The Effect of Looping on the Reading and Math Grade Equivalencies of Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Students
Chair: Dr. Karen Stevens

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

PSYCHOLOGY

Aisha Patricia Armstrong Bridgetown, Barbados
M.S., Tennessee State University, 2009
B.A., Spelman College, 2007

Mitchell G. Beavers Hixson, TN
M.S., Tennessee State University, 2012
B.S., Roanoke College, 2009

Amy Beth Berman College Park, MD
M.A., University of Maryland College Park, 2014
M.A., American School of Professional Psychology, 2000
B.A., University of Maryland College Park, 1998
Title: Trauma Symptomatology among Undocumented Immigrants in the Context of U Visa Petitions
Chair: Dr. Joan Popkin

Calisha S. Brooks Nashville, TN
M.S., Tennessee State University, 2010
B.A., Fisk University, 2005
Title: Social Media's Influence on Body Image Dissatisfaction in African American Women
Chair: Dr. Linda Guthrie

Caryn Datrice Darwin Madison, TN
Ed.S., Austin Peay State University, 2004
M.A., Austin Peay State University, 2003
B.S., Austin Peay, 2000
Title: The Relationship among Behavior, Teacher Efficacy, and Academic Achievement: Accentuating the Positive
Chair: Dr. Joan Popkin

Shereen Haj-Hassan Nashville, TN
M.A., Middle Tennessee State University, 2004

Jacqueline A. Newman Pepper Pike, OH
M.S., Loyola University Maryland, 2011
B.A., Denison University, 2009
Title: Psychological Welfare of U.S. Citizen and Legal Permanent Resident Parents in Mixed-Citizenship Status Families
Chair: Joan Popkin, Ph.D.

Teresa A. Young Antioch, TN
M.S., Illinois State University, 2011
B.A., Illinois State University, 2009
Title: An Internet-Based ACT Module for Racist and Sexist Prejudice
Chair: Dr. Robin Oatis-Ballew

EDUCATION SPECIALIST

INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP

Rhonda E. Burgess Nashville, TN
M.Ed., Tennessee State University, 2008
B.S., Belmont University, 1981

Jennifer Tanayshia Colvin-Smith Nashville, TN
M.Ed., Tennessee State University, 2013
B.S., Tennessee State University, 2009

Nicolette Denise Dowling Antioch, TN
M.C.J., Tennessee State University, 2006
B.S., Middle Tennessee State, Murfreesboro, 2003

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Dr. S. Keith Hargrove
Dean

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SYSTEM ENGINEERING

Ashraf Hussein Al Sharah Amman, Jordan
M.E., New York Institute of Technology, 2011
B.S., Utah State University, 2006
Title: Integrated Game Theoretic and Network Integrity Scheme to Detect and Mitigate Insider Threats in Manets and Colluding Jamming Attack
Chair: Dr. Sachin Shetty

Biswajit Biswal Nashville, TN
M.S., Polytechnic University, 2008
Title: Secure Measurement Based Geolocation to Locate Cloud Data in Cloud Datacenter
Chair: Dr. Sachin Shetty

Kimberly D. Gold Nashville, TN
M.E., Tennessee State University, 2005
B.S., Tennessee State University, 1999

Pavana Sirisha Kallakuri Nashville, TN
M.S., Tennessee State University, 2011
Title: Measurement Based Approach To Design Fault Tolerant Controllers For Multivariable Systems
Chair: Dr. Lee Hyun Keel

Hellen Maziku Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania
M.S., Tennessee State University, 2012
B.S., University of Dar es Salaam, 2009
Title: Towards Infrastructure based Software Defined Security
Chair: Dr. Sachin Shetty

Paul T. McNeil Nashville, TN
M.S., Vanderbilt University, 2013
B.A., Oakwood College, 2011

Sai Kiran Mukkavilli Hyderabad, Telangana/India
M.E., Old Dominion University, 2010
B.S., Jawaharlal Nehru Technology University, 2008
Title: Network Traffic Anomaly Detection for Laas Clouds
Chair: Dr. Sachin Shetty

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Dr. Stephanie Bailey
Dean

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

PHYSICAL THERAPY

Morgan Paige Arnett Brentwood, TN
B.S., Lipscomb University, 2012

Tom Sewell Austin II Baxter, TN
B.S., Tennessee Technology University, 2013

Jeffrey R. Berger Verona, WI
B.S., University of Wisconsin - Madison, 2011

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B.S., Towson University, 2012

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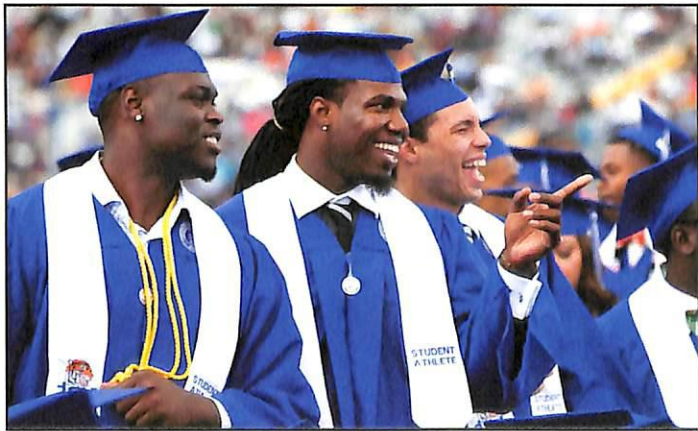
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Chair: Dr. Michael Montgomery

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B.S., King Fahad Navy College in KSA, 2006

Marques Jerome Easter *Nashville, TN*
B.S., University of Cincinnati, 2012

Raniah S. Jamily *Seattle, WA*
Title: A Comparison of the United State and Saudi Arabia on
Citizen's Perceptions on the Influence of Family Structure on
Juvenile Delinquency
Chair: Dr. Michael Montgomery

Michael D. Johnson *Flint, MI*
Title: The Effects of Crime and Education on At-Risk Youth
Chair: Dr. Michael Montgomery

Robin Nichole Lively *Nashville, TN*
B.A., American Baptist College, 2012

Brian M. Majors *Nolensville, TN*

Roshanda N. Newsum *Memphis, TN*

Loren Josef Poole *Antioch, TN*
B.S., Colorado Tech University, 2008

Emily Denise Richards *Memphis, TN*

Miles Lyndon-Irving Turner *Antioch, TN*
B.S., Tennessee State University, 2011

Title: Black and Blue: The Cultural Conflict Between The
Black Officer and the Black Community

Zhu Zeng *Ganzhou, China*
B.L., Nanchang University, 2006

COLLEGE OF LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES

*Dr. Lonnie Sharpe
Interim Dean*

MASTER OF SCIENCE

BIOLOGY

Najlaa Abdullah Afghani *Nashville, TN*
B.S., Umm Al-Qura University, 2010
Title: MACF1 as a Novel Target for the Treatment of Brain
and Lung Cancers
Chair: Dr. Quincy Quick

Meshael Fareed Al Safar *Nashville, TN*
B.S., King Faisal University, 2011
Title: Effect Of Cloves And Ginseng Extracts On The Viability
Of Tumor Cell Lines.
Chair: Dr. E. Lewis Myles

Areej M. Alanazi *Tabuk, Saudi Arabia*
B.S., University of Tabuk, 2012
Title: The Effects of Myrrh and Rosemary Extract on Cancer
Cell Lines

Majed Awadh Alanazi *Aljawf, Saudi Arabia*
B.S., Aljouf University, 2011

Jawaher Albaqami *Nashville, TN*
B.S., King Abdulaziz, 2010
Title: Growth Inhibition of Tumorigenic Cells Induced By a
Medicinal Plant

Eilaf Hassan Alquireish *Nashville, TN*
B.S., University of Dammam, 2010

Shifaa Oudah Alshammari *Nashville, TN*
Title: Cytotoxic effect of Ferula assafotid and Astragalus Sarcocolla in the Growth of Sw620 Colorectal Cancer and HeLa Cancer Cells.

Azzah Baashirah *Nashville, TN*
B.S., King Abdul Aziz, 2000

Nicholas T. Cook *Bartlett, TN*
B.S., University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, 2013
Title: Bioinformatics Analysis of Adipose Tissue Transcriptome of Broiler Chickens
Chair: Dr. Xiaofei Wang

Jerel Crew *Nashville, TN*

Mary Elizabeth Curtis *Hendersonville, TN*
M.S., Drexel University, 2010
B.A., University of Kansas, 2008

Afnan Ibrahim Felimban *Makkah, Saudi Arabia*
B.S., Umm Al-Qura University, 2012
Title: Effects of Lepidium Sativum, Ficus Carica, and Hibiscus Sabdariffa on Different Cancer Cell Lines

Arwa Kamal Rashid Hamadnaalla *Nashville, TN*

Monisha S. Hunter *Riverdale, IL*
B.S., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2012

Catherine Candra Jackson *Nashville, TN*
B.S., Lane College, 2007

Yosra Ahmad Modafer *Atlanta, GA*

Tiara Y. Smith *Madison, TN*
B.A., Tennessee State University, 2007

Sharia Yasmin *Nashville, TN*
B.S., Tennessee State University, 2013
Title: Effects of Flame Retardants, HBCD and TBBPA, on Secretion of Tumor Necrosis Factor Alpha from Human Immune Cells
Chair: Dr. Margaret Whalen

CHEMISTRY

Ruqayyah Saeed Alalyu *Hofuf, Saudi Arabia*
B.S., King Faisal University, 2009
Title: The Effect of Medicinal Plants Fennel Seeds and Olive Leaves on the Growth of Colon, Leukemia, and Lung Cancer Cell Lines

Noor Abdulrahman S Alattas *Denton, TX*
B.S., King Abdulaziz University, 2010
Title: Polysaccharide-mediated Formation of Pigments from Serotonin



Kholoud Khaled Alhaidari *Jeddah, Saudi Arabia*
B.S., King Abdulaziz University, 2012

Anaif Mohammad Alhewaitey *Tabuk, Saudi Arabia*
B.S., King Abdulaziz University, 2006
Title: Interactions of Aurein with Model Membranes and Antimalarials

Bashiyar Almarwani *Nashville, TN*
B.S., Taibah University, Saudi Arabia, 2011
Title: Investigating the Structural Impact of the Antimicrobial Peptide Combi-2 in Model Membranes
Chair: Dr. Nsoki Phambu

Maha M. Alotaibi *Asir, Saudi Arabia*

Zaina E. Alqahtani *Dammam, Saudi Arabia*
B.S., King Faisal University, 2010
Title: Inhibition of Cancer Growth by O,S and N-Containing Schiff Bases Derived from 2,2'-Bipyrdine-5,5'-Dicarboxaldehyde.
Chair: Elbert Myles and Mohammad Karim

Tathi Alshammari *Rafha, Saudi Arabia*
B.S., The College of Education for Girls, 2008

Amjad Yahya Alwadai *Nashville, TN*

Nujud Andijani *Nashville, TN*
Title: Molecular Organization of the antimicrobial peptide jelleine-I in Model Membranes

Seyi P. Falekun *Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria*
B.S., Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, 2011

Mohammed Shahidul Islam *Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh*
M.S., University of Dhaka, 2012
B.S., University of Dhaka, 2010
Title: Duel Catalyst System for Direct Amidation Reaction from Potassium Organotrifluoroborates and Amides

Reda Hessen Massawe *Jazan, Saudi Arabia*
B.S., Jazan University, 2011

Linda S. Quinones *Nashville, TN*

MD Razzak *Nashville, TN*
M.S., Jahangirnagar University, 2009
B.S., Jahangirnagar University, 2007

Alexis C. Sledge *Nashville, TN*

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GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Jenica Shiri Anderson *Antioch, TN*
Darion D. Banister *Antioch, TN*
Victoria R. Calvin *Antioch, TN*
Terrance T. Lewis *Nashville, TN*
Kevin Rayburn *Nashville, TN*
Angelita S. Thompson *Nashville, TN*
Regina C. Wright *Champaign, IL*

MASTER OF
PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Crystal Armentrout *Nashville, TN*
B.A., Mary Baldwin College, 1993

Marques L. Gibson *Hermitage, TN*
B.S., Tennessee State University, 2012

Ollie Holt *Nashville, TN*
B.S., Tennessee State University, 1990

Jill Khan *Nashville, TN*
B.P.S., Tennessee State University, 2003

Bionka D. Randolph *Antioch, TN*
B.S., Tennessee State University, 2012

Lenore R. White *Nashville, TN*
B.S., University of Phoenix, 2014

MASTER OF
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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Thomas Jeffrey Bates *Hendesonville, TN*
B.A., Western Kentucky University, 1996

Sam Braden IV *Stone Mountain, GA*
B.S., Western Kentucky University, 2007

Victoria R. Calvin *Antioch, TN*
B.S.W., Middle Tennessee State University, 2011

Angelita S. Thompson *Nashville, TN*
B.A., Fisk University, 2012

Regina C. Wright *Champaign, IL*
B.S., Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, 2012

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

SOCIAL WORK

Bonnie Aelsia Adams *Murfreesboro, TN*
B.S.W., Middle Tennessee State University, 2015

Tequila D. Barksdale *Nashville, TN*
B.S., Tennessee State University, 2012

Stephanie T. Blanks *Cordova, TN*
B.S.W., Middle Tennessee State University, 2013

Marlon J. Buckley *Clarksville, TN*

Andrew Paul Chapman *Nashville, TN*
B.B.A., Belmont University, 2010

Lee Ann Deckard *Hartsville, TN*
B.S.W., Middle Tennessee State University, 2012
A.S., Volunteer State Community College, 1998

Elsabeth C. Dohrmann *Murfreesboro, TN*
B.S., Middle Tennessee State University, 2015

Thomas J. Farr *College Grove, TN*
B.S., Tennessee State University, 2013

Victoria L. Harris *Nashville, TN*
B.S., Tennessee State University, 2011

Robert B. Jackson *Nashville, TN*
B.S., Lambuth University, 2006

Teara T. Lee *Nashville, TN*
B.S.W., Tennessee State University, 2010

Phoumy Kao Mikavan *Antioch, TN*
B.S.W., Middle Tennessee State University, 2013

Emily K. Parks *Nashville, TN*
B.S.W., Union University, 2012

Chrystalyn M. Reid *Nashville, TN*
M.B.A., University of Phoenix, 2006
B.S.W., Middle Tennessee State University, 1998

Charles Adrian Shaffer *Christiana, TN*
B.S.W., Middle Tennessee State University, 2013

James Anthony Vaughan *Hendersonville, TN*
B.S.W., Tennessee State University, 2015
A.A.S., Nashville State Community College, 2012

D'Asia S. White *Antioch, TN*
B.S.W., Tennessee State University, 2012

Santasha T. Wright *Nashville, TN*
B.S., Tennessee State University, 2013

Reunion Celebration Participants



Class of 1951 - 65th Reunion

Ms. Madeline Haynes-Allen
Ms. Ola Hudson
Mr. Thomas A. Jackson
Ms. Ida K. Martin
Dr. Tommie Morton-Young
Mr. John E. Wesley
Ms. Helen M. Young

Class of 1956 - 60th Reunion

Mr. Charles Archie
Ms. Gladys A. Archie
Mr. Cameron Barron
Ms. Jean L. Graves
Ms. Lois Hawthorne
Dr. Charles Hudson
Ms. Nelle Hudson
Ms. Ruby G. Key
Ms. Jeanette M. Joyner
Dr. Williams Mason, Sr.
Mr. Willie A. Moore
Ms. Thelma Northern
Ms. Ella Singleton
Mr. Wilbert Smith
Ms. Gwendolyn H. Vincent
Dr. Edna J. Williams
Class of 1961 - 55th Reunion
Ms. Alice V. Bailey
Ms. Alma Bowman
Mr. Bobby Cain
Ms. Margo Cain
Ms. Jo Carole Harris
Ms. Wilma James
Ms. Mattie Taylor Little
Ms. Lucille Seibert
Ms. Mildred Smith
Ms. Thelma Taylor
Ms. Mary Ester Williams

Class of 1966 - 50th Reunion

Ms. Barbara Akins
Ms. Carrie Allen
Mr. Alonzo Beard
Ms. Albert Berry
Mr. Robert Brack
Dr. Voncile Britton Gowdy
Ms. Anna K. Broome

Mr. S. Renard Brown
Ms. Ottie A. Bryant, Esq.
Ms. Kathlyn Carter
Ms. Lawrence Collins
Ms. Rosie Collins Wilson
Mr. Joe Crowell
Ms. Gloria Cozart
Mr. Arthur Drayton
Ms. Melissa F. Lewis
Ms. Robert L. Green
Ms. Alline Greer-Carter
Mr. John Hardy
Ms. Glenda Harvey
Ms. Jimmie Hill
Mr. Logan Hill
Ms. Sandra Inge
Mr. Sterling Ingram
Ms. Catherine Johnston-Carter
Ms. Ruby Jones
Ms. Sharron L. Jones
Ms. Rita Mack
Ms. Edith McGuire-Duvall
Mr. Marshall Moore
Mr. Alfonza Patrick
Ms. Norma Pryor-McCuiston
Mr. Lois Poag
Ms. Geraldine Sanders
Ms. Vivian Shelton
Ms. Tommi Stephens
Ms. Bernice Stevens
Ms. Ariedell Stewart
Mr. Rudolph Smith
Ms. Audrey Stradford
Ms. Tommi L. Stephens

Class of 1971 - 45th Reunion

Mr. Lee Allen
Dr. Phillip H. Bourne
The Honorable Curtis Collier
Ms. Patricia Bradford
Ms. Thedda Edwards
Mr. Albert Greer
Dr. Sandra Waters Holt
Ms. Sandra D. Hair Hunt
Ms. Eula McCall
Ms. Elaine Reese
Mr. Robert Spann

Class of 1976 - 40th Reunion

Ms. Janet Atwater
Mr. James Beard
Ms. Pamela Bright
Ms. Constance Burwell-Smith
Ms. Alicia Cain
Ms. Lonette Cobb
Ms. Debbie C. Hirsch
Mr. Theodore Collier
Ms. JoAnn Davis-Davis
Ms. Helen Dean
Ms. Dennis Lawson
Mr. James Glover
Ms. Judy Goldthree
Ms. Anita Greene
Ms. Frances Harris-Clark
Ms. Darlynn Jordan
Mr. Dennis Lawson
Ms. Deborah Luter
Ms. Carletha P. McNeil
Ms. Linda Parrish
Mr. Larry Scott
Ms. Eileen Singleton
Ms. Juanita B. Wynn

Returning Vintagers

Mr. William Akins
Mr. Joseph Anthony
Ms. Marjorie Anthony
Ms. Sophia Beamon
Ms. Frieda Bennett
Ms. Eleanor Bright
Ms. Sumatra Christensen
Ms. Alfred Coleman
Ms. Rosa Coleman
Ms. Ruth Harwell
Ms. Joyce Hayes
Mr. William Hegger
Dr. Gloria C. Johnson
Ms. Gladys Lawrence
Ms. Joyce Long
Ms. Ollie K. Phelps
Mr. Neal Richardson
Ms. Erma Todd
Ms. Mary B. Walker
Ms. Rae Watkins
Ms. Shirley Watkins
Ms. Catherine Wells

Undergraduate Commencement Speaker *Harold Ford, Jr.*

**Former United States Congressman,
Political Analyst for MSNBC and CNBC**



Harold Ford, Jr. served Tennessee in the United States Congress for 10 years. As the former chair of the Democratic Leadership Council, an organization that has long been at the forefront of the reform movement, Ford became close to the Clinton wing of the Democratic Party and was described by President Bill Clinton as “the walking, living embodiment of where America ought to go in the 21st century.”

Both during and following his tenure in Congress, Ford has been a longtime supporter of small and mid-size businesses, as well as a staunch advocate for fiscal and economic reform. As an unapologetic supporter of the historic energy renaissance the country has undergone over the last decade, Ford continues to be one of energy reform’s leading voices. Since leaving office in 2007, he continues to work diligently to promote healthy non-partisan debate on today’s most pressing issues, both in Washington and in communities across the country. With profound changes to America’s political landscape set to take place following the midterm elections of November 2014, Ford helps organizational and political leaders understand what the Obama administration and congress can do to make progress on the key hot-button issues that can move the country forward.

During his five terms in the Congress, Ford’s focus was results. He served on both the Financial Services and Budget Committees and worked passionately to balance the budget and promote free enterprise for the House Blue Dog coalition, the organization which gave then Governor Bill Clinton his start in national politics.

Ford’s eye-opening book, *More Davids Than Goliaths* (Crown 2010), became an instant *New York Times* best-seller. Reflecting on what he’s learned from his extended political family, the slings and arrows of the campaign trail, and those across our nation who inspire him, *More Davids Than Goliaths* explains Ford’s conviction that “at its best, leadership in government can solve, inspire, and heal.” Along the way, Ford reminds us that, in America, there are more Davids than Goliaths, more solutions than problems, more that unites us than divides us.

Currently, Ford serves as a political analyst and contributor for CNBC and MSNBC, and a Professor of Public Policy at the NYU Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. Ford is active with several nonprofits and foundations. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, where he received a B.A. in American History, and a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School.

Harold Ford, Jr. lives and works in New York City with his wife Emily and daughter Georgia Walker.

Undergraduate Order of Ceremony

Saturday, May 7, 2016
Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover, Eighth President
Tennessee State University
Presiding Officer

Prelude	University Wind Ensemble Dr. Reginald McDonald, Conductor
Academic Processional (Audience remains seated) Pomp and Circumstance -- Sir Edward Elgar	University Wind Ensemble Dr. Reginald McDonald, Conductor
College/School Banner Carriers	Students with Highest Academic Honors
Chief Marshal	Dr. Oscar Miller Professor of Sociology and Department Head Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Urban Professions
Presentation of Colors	Air Force ROTC Color Guard
The Star-Spangled Banner -- Francis Scott Key (Audience stands)	University Wind Ensemble
Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing -- James Weldon Johnson (Audience stands)	Video Presentation
Invocation	Reverend James Turner, II Pastor, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
Greetings	President Glenda Baskin Glover
Music	The University Choir Dr. Susan M. Kelly, Director
Announcements and Acknowledgments	Mrs. Cynthia Brooks Vice President for Business and Finance
Introduction of Speaker	Miss Ciarra Bowman Health Sciences Major, College of Health Sciences
Commencement Address	Mr. Harold Ford, Jr. Former U.S. Congressman (TN) and Political Analyst for MSNBC and CNB

Presentation of Vintagers	President Glenda Baskin Glover
Presentation of the Student Academic Excellence Award	President Glenda Baskin Glover

Ciarra Bowman, Health Sciences Major, College of Health Sciences
Abigail Meek, Health Sciences Major, College of Health Sciences
Ashley Parmer, Communications Major, College of Liberal Arts

Presentation of Deans of Colleges and Candidates for Degrees	Dr. Mark G. Hardy Vice President for Academic Affairs
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Dr. Chandra Reddy, Dean of the College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Sciences
Dr. Millicent Lownes-Jackson, Dean of the College of Business
Dr. Celeste Williams, Interim Dean of the College of Education
Dr. S. Keith Hargrove, Dean of the College of Engineering
Dr. Stephanie Bailey, Dean of the College of Health Sciences
Dr. Gloria C. Johnson, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts
Dr. Lonnie Sharpe, Interim Dean of the College of Life and Physical Sciences
Dr. Michael Harris, Dean of the College of Public Service and Urban Affairs
Dr. Alex Sekwat, Interim Dean of Graduate Studies and Research

Conferring and Awarding of Degrees	President Glenda Baskin Glover
Alumni Induction Ceremony	Mr. Tony Wells National President, TSU National Alumni Association

I hereby fervently pledge my lifelong loyalty, service, and financial support to my alma mater in appreciation for the opportunities afforded me at Tennessee State University.

I pledge to maintain active membership in the national alumni association, to encourage others to attend Tennessee State University, and to become a part of a global society of notable alumni who promote excellence as a way of life.

I further pledge to exemplify the high ideals of my alma mater, and to continue to hold fast to the University's motto - Think. Work. Serve.

The Alma Mater	University Wind Ensemble and University Choir
Benediction	Reverend James Turner, II Pastor, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
Recessional (Audience remains seated)	University Wind Ensemble

Academic Honors

Summa Cum Laude A senior who has earned a grade point average of 3.75 or above.
 Magna Cum Laude A senior who has earned a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.74.
 Cum Laude A senior who has earned a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.49.
 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 graduating 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.

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, HUMAN, AND NATURAL SCIENCES

Magna Cum Laude

Megan K. Goolsby
 Toni J. Harding
 Carla N. Hayes
 Clifford C. Hines
 Aszland J. Thornton

Cum Laude

Jason R. Sales
 Susan Solomon

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Summa Cum Laude

Rame Eskridge
 Ruby J. James
 Shawneis Alexis Jones
 Samantha Rohling
 Devlyn Simon
 Walter James Williams

Magna Cum Laude

Saber Ali Alqarni
 Toni J. Harding
 Ayonna MyAisha James
 Raegan McKenzie Johnson
 Natalie Kim Montalvo

Cum Laude

Kristopher Lee Burris
 Jelisa Renee Butler
 Redesha D. Cooper
 Erica B. Lockett
 Daprecia Monique Mayes
 DeAndrea Elise Pointer
 James W. Shelton
 Kovan A. Sinjo
 Mary N. Yousef

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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Avangalin Delaine Ballantyne
 Jamila Ashkia Menieda Bonner

Kiona NeShay Coleman
 Brianna J. Lawrence
 LaRhonda Michelle McLemore
 Lacey Noel
 Alisha Renee Tuning

Cum Laude

Hanan A. Altimimi
 Ad'Breona D. Brown
 Calvin Henderson
 Amy Michelle Mangrum
 Aurora T. McKinney
 Paris Briona Roberts
 Jasmin Lanye Webb

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Summa Cum Laude

Jeremiah T. Cooper
 Kamden C. Jones
 Paul Klockenkemper
 Marc Kevin Primeau

Magna Cum Laude

Michael David Alexander
 Muflih Alqahtani
 Kierston Janae Mooror

Cum Laude

Abdullah Rashid M Almutairi
 Timothy Armstrong
 Michael A. Attalla
 Tiffanie R. Brown
 Chantelle B. Fenton
 Aaron K. Henderson
 Sean Christopher Jenkins
 Ivana R. Page
 Brent Lawrence Warner
 Marcus Anthony Williams

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Summa Cum Laude

Aqeelah Jafar Al Showkan
 Ciarra Lenay Bowman
 William Cody Byrd

Glory O. Canups
 Mariah Mae Leaman
 Abigail C. Meek
 Calicia Jean Moss
 Sarah Ann Needleman
 Brittney M. Pamperin
 William K. White

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Ines M. Adawa Wandja
 Robert Adkisson
 Bandr Hathal Aldwsari
 Hadar M. Babiry
 Jessica M. Bach
 Tevry H. Benavy
 Ketsana Bouttavong
 Terrance Lamar Campbell
 Macy L. Dennis
 Stephanie R. Dixon
 Solen Hekem Emen
 Tianyun Fei
 Tiffany J. Jordan
 Dayle Lemon
 Jemina S. Leveque
 Marcella Lorraine Maloney
 Toccara Shantale McCloud
 Allison Brooke McCormack
 Latisha Means
 Kelly Merkel
 Jasmine Ashley Owens
 Kristina R. Rhett
 Kacey Leigh Ann Schmittou
 Alexandria Denise Stewart
 Alisha Renee Tuning
 Lauren E. Wiggins
 Aaron Thomas Woods
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Martina A. Aiad
 Uzoamaka Matilda Alaribe
 Mustafa Aljarrah
 Renee Ladelle Allison
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 Dania Amin
 Marcela L. Azevedo
 April Kalynn Bell

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 Daniel T. Brown
 Prapassorn Bruscha
 Lindsey A. Burgess
 Blake Harrison Burgett
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 Nancy Gabriela Diaz
 Lauren E. Dreitlein
 Nneka F. Egwuatu
 Anne Emesibe
 Ashlyn N. Furkins
 Briana Marie Horton Gaines
 Marian Shawky Ghatas
 Negin Ghazialsharif
 Dawonna Kay Hardwick
 Katelyn Hope Harper
 Kenneth W. Harris
 Dominique Natreze Henry
 Rujin A. Hesin
 April Lynette Higgenbottom
 Mariana Camelia Hozan
 Rachel Ward Hurst
 Zubeida Husain
 Montia Jackson
 Kiera Shante' Johnson
 Trafawn S. Johnson
 Tissanie Sade Jones
 Anthony C. Joshua
 Elizabeth J. Key
 Ashley Nicole King
 Khanh Phuong Thi Le
 Lynecia A. Lipton
 Lynecia A. Lipton
 Tia R. Mason
 Shakila J. Matthews
 Branden E. McClain
 Rhonda Mccoin
 Jalon A. Mccutcheon
 Brittany Nichole Moore
 Caroline Sarwat Neseem
 Julie Hai-yen Nguyen
 Dionna Shenell Nixon
 Oluwafemi Adebayo Olarubofin
 Reilly Lynne Poirier
 Rachael Blair Rarig
 Jameelah I. Rejab
 Katie Rae Ress
 Chanel V. Roberts
 Abraham O. Simmons
 Cilona Srey
 Tia Strickland
 Alisha N. Summers
 Henry W. Tate
 Ayanna Imani Taylor
 Addisalem A. Techane
 Ashley Nicole Walker
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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

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 Derrick Greene
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 Melanie C. Hill-Guion
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 Shoshana Jaffa
 Kelsey A. Kittrell
 Paul Klockenkemper
 Carlie Lake
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 Daniella Morpeau
 Teanna Jamin Ohm
 Ashley Denise Parmer
 Jose L. Quinones
 Michelle Marie Ross
 Thomas Richard Samuel
 DeAnna Lashae Taylor

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 Clynezetta Coleman
 Haley Hampton
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 Thomas D. Jones
 Rachael Elise Manners
 Heriberto Palacio
 Jennifer Peterson
 Nazanin M. Shirani
 Cartel T. Sims
 Anita L. Stewart
 Tabitha Cornelia Tarau

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 Tonisha M. Brown
 Ashley M. Butler
 Kalana S. Croom
 Ta'lor Daniels
 Julia Taylor Dean
 Cierra D. Fleming
 Kenchele Monae La'Neis Fountain
 Melanie Gillingham
 Chasity B. Gowdy
 Joseph Stephen Graham
 Maccio T. Hightower
 Brittany A. Holliday
 Katherine Gay Howe
 Leslie L. Jones

Tyra Bonet Laster
 Antonette Marie Lovett
 Rayna L. Marable
 Davon T. Miles
 Tamela D. Pettigrew
 Kendra Paige Petty
 Benjamin Michael Pitt
 Charis M. Quarles
 Ricki L. Smith
 Donysha R V Starks
 Kimarcus Shaheed Thomas
 Chakara L. Vinson
 Chanelle Ward
 Alexis LeShay Warner
 Lee L. Watts
 Lydia Marie Woodard
 Anndrea N. Young

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Leonel Herrera Flores
 Jasmine Marie Stuckey

Magna Cum Laude

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 Kiona NeShay Coleman
 Heather Michele Griese
 Karina Wells

Cum Laude

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COLLEGE OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND URBAN AFFAIRS

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Shelby N. Moser

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 Jeffrey C. Mendelsohn
 Radarius A. Morrow

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Racia D. Poston

Tonisha S. Wilson

Cum Laude

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Undergraduate Candidates for Degrees

2016 Spring Commencement

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

Travon R. Alexander *Madison, TN*
Alexis A. Allen *Southfield, MI*
Phillip T. Anderson *Nashville, TN*
Gerald Stephon Brisco *Nashville, TN*
Shanail L. Brown *Oakland, TN*
David E. Conner *Bessemer, AL*
Thomas Wyatt Coutts *Cross Plains, TN*
Jdarvous Cross *Bolivar, TN*
Matthew V. Edwards *Joelton, TN*
Dustin S. Garcia *Madison, TN*
Joshliene Y. Gardner *Saint Louis, MO*
Megan K. Goolsby *Goodlettsville, TN*
Spencer L. Gordon *Antioch, TN*
Carla N. Hayes *Goodlettsville, TN*
Clifford C. Hines *Old Hickory, TN*
Oliver Jermaine Howard III *Nashville, TN*
Janiel E. Jackson *Collierville, TN*
Asia N. Johnson *Nashville, TN*
Tanesha D. Miller *Gary, IN*
Demetria Monet Peoples *Cleveland, OH*
Desiree Joi Robertson *Mt. Juliet, TN*
Kyle E. Ward *Gates, TN*

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Kendra N. Benion *Madison, AL*
Jason R. Sales *Nashville, TN*

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

Alice C. Brown *Nashville, TN*
Toni J. Harding *Nashville, TN*
Kenisha Y. Hill *Memphis, TN*
Jazmin V. House *Cincinnati, OH*
Omesha L. Hutcherson *Nashville, TN*
Curhon D. Jamison *Springfield, TN*
Andranna M. Johnson *Antioch, TN*

Quinte'Sha A. Maultsby *Nashville, TN*
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In the land of golden sunshine
By the Cumb'rland's fertile shore.
Stands a school for greatest service
One that we adore
Alma Mater, how we love thee,
Love thy white and blue
May we strive to meet Thy mandates
With faith that's true.

Many come to Thee for knowledge,
Come from East, North, South and West.
For they know that Thou dost offer
Such a rich bequest.
Alma Mater, all Thy children
Worship at Thy shrine;
May the God of nations bless thee
With gifts divine.

Send forth sons both strong and valiant,
Send forth daughters wise and true.
Filled with hope and dauntless courage
Motives sane and true.
Alma Mater, kindly mother
Smile on Tennessee
May she lift her head toward Heaven
Honor Country, God and Thee.

