Congratulations to the Newest Million Dollar Club Members
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Congratulations to the twenty-one (21) existing members and seven (7) new members for 2011 of the Million Dollar Club. This is an exclusive club populated by scholars who, due to their commitment to excellence, are on the cutting edge in research, teaching, and service. The steady increase in sponsored research and program support is a direct result of the million dollar projects awarded to these 28 distinguished scientists, engineers, and educators. Their efforts, although measurable in dollars, are immeasurable in terms of the positive impact their work has had on the University’s ability to achieve its mission.

Left to Right: Mr. Ronnie Brooks, Dr. Jennifer Stewart-Wright, Ms. Katari Coleman, Dr. Maria Thompson, Dr. Pamela Hull, Dr. Peter Millet, and Dr. S. Keith Hargrove.

Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance
Funded by: Tennessee Department of Health and Human Service
Award: $1,750,000.00
Project Contacts: Dr. Jennifer Stewart-Wright, jsstewart8@tnstate.edu, (615) 277-1650

Naval Education Engineering Center
Funded by: United States Navy
Unit: College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science
Award: $1,666,469
Project Contact: Dr. S. Keith Hargrove, skhargrove@tnstate.edu, (615) 963-3401
Duration: May 6, 2010—September 30, 2015

Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance
Funded by: Tennessee Department of Health and Human Service
Unit: Center of Excellence for Learning Sciences
Award: $1,750,000.00
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Ms. Katari Coleman, kcoleman14@tnstate.edu, (615) 277-1657
Duration: Sept 1, 2009—Dec 30, 2010
**Research and Facility Renovation for the College of Engineering, Technology and Computer Science at Tennessee State University**

Funded by: National Science Foundation

Award: $1,287,206

Duration: May 6, 2010—September 30, 2015

Unit: College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science

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**Strengthening Instruction in Tennessee Elementary Schools—Focus on Mathematics**

Funded by: Tennessee Department of Education

Award: $8,000,000

Duration: November 1, 2010—June 30, 2014

Unit: College of Education

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**Nashville Children Eating Well for Health**

Funded by: United States Department of Agriculture

Award: $4,683,561

Duration: February 14, 2011—February 13, 2015

Unit: Center for Health Research

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Ronnie G. Brooks, MSCE
Assistant Vice President, Facilities Management

Mr. Ronnie Brooks is a licensed professional engineer in Illinois and Tennessee. He received a bachelor’s in Civil Engineering from The University of South Carolina and a master’s in Civil Engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology. Presently, he is pursuing a doctorate in education at The University of Memphis. Prior to coming to TSU in 2008, he was associate director of the physical plant at The University of Memphis from 1995-2008. He is a board member of the Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers and a member of the Southeastern Regional and the Tennessee Associations of Physical Plant Administrators.

Katari Coleman, M.Ed.
Statewide Program Director, Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance

Ms. Katari Coleman is the statewide program director for the Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance (TECTA) for Tennessee State University’s Center of Excellence for Learning Sciences. She received her B.A. in sociology from the University of Illinois, her M.Ed. in child development from Erikson Institute (Loyola University) and is currently working on her doctorate in education at Loyola University. She is a board member of the Tennessee Association for the Education of Young Children and a national committee chair for the National Association of University Women.

S. Keith Hargrove, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science

Dr. S. Keith Hargrove serves as Dean of the College of Engineering, Technology and Computer Science at Tennessee State University (TSU). He received his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from TSU, his M.S. from the Missouri University of Science and Technology, and his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. Dr. Hargrove completed post-doctoral research at the University of Michigan and has industry experience with General Electric Company. His research interests are in virtual and augmented reality, advanced manufacturing systems, systems engineering and management, and minority engineering education.

Pamela C. Hull, Ph.D.
Associate Director, Center for Health Research

Dr. Pamela C. Hull, Associate Director of the TSU Center for Health Research, earned a B.A. in Sociology from Duke University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology from Vanderbilt University. Dr. Hull’s research focuses on the development and testing of multi-level public health interventions to prevent and detect cancer and obesity and to reduce racial/ethnic health disparities. She conducts community-based participatory research with community partners in the Hispanic and African American communities.

Peter Edmund Millet, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Education

Dr. Peter Millet is an educator, administrator and licensed clinical psychologist. He received both his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Clinical Psychology from The Ohio State University. He holds a B.A. degree in Clinical Psychology from Oakland University. His training included completion of a residency at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, and an internship at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN. In 2003 Dr. Millet completed the Management Development Program offered by the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University. In 2007 he completed the Millennium Leadership Institute (MLI) which is sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. In terms of community service, Dr. Millet currently serves as chairman of the Elam Mental Health Center Advisory Board at Meharry Medical College. He also serves as a consulting Clinical Psychologist for Matthew Walker Community Health Center located in Nashville, TN. Since 2004 he has served as Dean of the College of Education. Prior to being appointed Dean of the College of Education, Dr. Millet served as Chairman of the Department of Psychology at Tennessee State University. He has research interests in two primary areas, Psychology and Education.

Jennifer Stewart-Wright, Ph.D.
Director, Center of Excellence for Learning Sciences

Dr. Jennifer Stewart-Wright began her service to Tennessee State University (TSU) as a chemistry professor with her Ph.D. in biochemistry. She used her enthusiasm and creativity to help fellow scientists and students find unusual opportunities. These skills became even more useful to the Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs (RSP) in facilitating grant proposals and successful grant management. Jennifer has served RSP in various roles for the past six years, and currently serves as the director of the Center of Excellence for Learning Sciences.

Maria Thompson, Ph.D.
Vice President, Research and Sponsored Programs

Dr. Maria Thompson serves as vice president of Research and Sponsored Programs at Tennessee State University where she oversees $40 million in externally funded projects annually. She is principal investigator for more than $2 million dollars of grant-funded projects.

Thompson began her career in higher education at the University of Kentucky, where she served as assistant professor in the Department of Interior Design, Merchandising and Textiles within the College of Human Environmental Sciences. Thompson received a Bachelor of Science degree from Tennessee State University and a Master of Science degree from the Ohio State University. She received her doctorate in textile science and textile economics from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1994. She completed the National Council of University Research Administrators Leadership Development Institute in 2005 and the Millennium Leadership Initiative, sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in 2010.

In January 2010, Thompson founded the Capital City Research Consortium (CCRC), an organization established to foster economic and academic growth in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics and to create and promote long-term economic development and job creation. Members of the CCRC include Tennessee State University, serving as the lead institution, and five other universities located in Nashville, TN.