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*What's  
Happening in  
Student Affairs*

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**From the Desk of the Vice President**

***Keeping Students First & Transforming the Student Experience***

My time at Tech has been nothing short of exciting, intriguing and filled with the belief that the possibilities are endless. The Student Affairs Team is committed to the “Students First” philosophy and dedicated to the core values of advocacy, connection/sense of belonging, diversity and inclusion, student engagement, wellness, and wellbeing. Through many programs and services offered via our 10 departments, we help students realize their individual potential by providing an exceptional student experience beyond the classroom.

In addition to offering great opportunities, our Division is moving in a direction where we will fill the gaps in services to ensure the success of all students. Our collective efforts will reposition us to focus on the following new goals and objectives while maximizing the current programs and services that we offer. Our Top 3 priorities include:

- 1. A renewed focus on student health, wellness and wellbeing**  
creating a community of practice with these elements at the center of our work; collaborating across unit and divisional lines to provide programs and services that incorporate an integrated approach to student health and safety; providing opportunities for holistic student development; and, looking at all dimensions of wellness to ensure wraparound services that cater to students’ wellbeing.
- 2. Student engagement 2.0**  
coordinating and facilitating programs and services that lend themselves to student success via increased student organization development, sorority and fraternity growth and expansion, intercultural engagement, leadership development, service-learning, cultural competency, residential education, off-campus and commuter student services, community engagement, LGBTQ+ and ally support services; and town-gown partnerships (i.e., College Town Weekends).
- 3. Strategic initiatives**  
assessing the needs of students in order to create an exceptional student experience; reallocating and maximizing resources; planning our marketing, communication, and technology plan; providing professional development for staff; and the implementation of best practices and evidence-based strategies.

All of these initiatives are reflected in our new organizational structure which was made possible by a reallocation of existing financial resources. To learn more about our new staffing model, please see our organizational chart here, <https://www.tntech.edu/sa/pdf/student-affairs-organizational-chart-2-22.pdf>. We are just beginning to make strides towards an extraordinary student experience, and the best is yet to come!

Wings Up,

Dr. Polk-Johnson (aka “Dr. PoJo)



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*Organizational  
Changes*

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## Who's Who: New Roles and Titles in Student Affairs



### **Kim York (previously Administrative Associate 4)**

Executive Assistant to the Vice President  
Roaden University Center Room 221



### **Sandra Bohannon (previously Executive Director)**

AVP, Health, Wellness and Well-being and Director of the Marc L. Burnett Recreation & Fitness Center  
Marc L. Burnett Recreation and Fitness Center Room 178



### **Les Fralix (previously Coordinator of Intramurals)**

Associate Director, Marc L. Burnett Recreation and Fitness Center  
Marc L. Burnett Recreation and Fitness Center Room 178



### **Dr. Katie Williams (previously Dean of Students)**

AVP, Strategic Initiatives and Dean of Students  
Roaden University Center Room 230



### **Courtney Thompson, Executive Director of University Housing & Residential Life**

MS Cooper Hall Room 210

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**Matt Nisbet (previously Assistant Director, Residential Life)**

Director of Assessment, Marketing and Technology/Data Analyst  
Roaden University Center Room 230



**Michelle Huddleston (previously Assistant Director, Service Learning)**

Associate Director, Service Learning, Leadership Development & Residential Education  
Pinkerton Hall Room 209



**Josh Edmonds (previously Director of Residential Life)**

Director of Operations & Manager, Tech Village Apartments  
MS Cooper Hall Room 217



**Charria Campbell (previously Director of Multicultural Affairs)**

Director of Student Engagement and Intercultural Affairs  
Roaden University Center Room 258

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*Student Spotlight*

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**Briley Barnett**

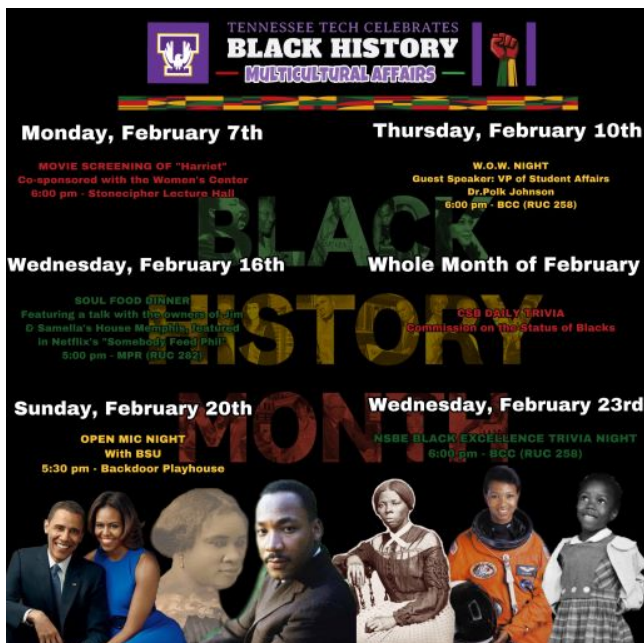
Briley colorfully and intentionally exemplifies TN Tech's Bold, Fearless, Confident, and Kind values in and out of the classroom. Majoring in Communications, Briley is President and Founder of Backdoor Improv Troupe and refers to Improv as a creative outlet which allows her to support and lead others. In addition to representing the Fine Arts, Briley is also a wonderful student and classmate. Dr. Lauren Michel describes Briley's character, "In addition to being bold and fearless onstage, she brings her confidence and kindness to class daily." Briley uses her talents to serve others by offering reassurance and creating an enjoyable learning environment. She encourages other students, "It is important to find people who support and accept you. The first rule

of improv is 'yes, and' meaning that you accept and build upon any new ideas given. Having that mindset has allowed me to further my passion and create life-long friendships." Congratulations to Briley for #LivingWingsUp!

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on Campus*

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February 26, 2022

April 9, 2022

April 30, 2022

<https://www.tntech.edu/weekends>

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