

# STUDENT AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER

The Division of Student Affairs Quarterly Newsletter



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN STUDENT AFFAIRS

WRITTEN BY DR. CHRISTINA MICK

The Power of Putnam recently presented the Tennessee Tech Counseling Center team with a partnership award. The Power of Putnam and Ryan Robertson, Substance Abuse Project Coordinator and DEC Response Team Coordinator for Power of Putnam presented the award in April to the TN Tech Counseling Center.

The counseling center, Power of Putnam, The Coalition for a Safe and Health Campus Community (CHASCO), the Tennessee Tech Addiction and Recovery Awareness program work collaboratively to reduce substance misuse and addiction across the campus community.

For more information please feel free to contact the counseling center or Ryan F.P. Robertson who is also president of the Tennessee Tech Addiction and Recovery Awareness program.

# WINGS UP WELCOME

## WRITTEN BY STAFF

We have two new additions to the Division of Student Affairs family.

Dr. Ben Stubbs will be working in the newly created role of Assistant Vice President for Student Engagement. He comes to us from University of West Florida where he oversaw Student Engagement programs including: New Student Engagement, Grit Pathway, New Student Living Communities, Student Organizations, and Student Activities.

Courtney Thompson is another great addition to Student Affairs. He takes over Housing & Residential Life as Executive Director. Courtney previously was the Director of Residence Life and Housing at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.



Dr. Ben Stubbs, Assistant Vice President for Student Engagement



Courtney Thompson, Executive Director of Housing & Residential Life

# YOU WILL BE MISSED

## WRITTEN BY RESIDENTIAL LIFE STAFF

There will forever be a hole in the heart of Residential Life at Tennessee Tech University. We lost a beautiful soul, an amazing colleague and a wonderful mentor. But we can promise you, Ronald Mezime, that we will try to fill that hole with memories, opportunities and experiences that bring honor to you and the legacy you leave here with us. You will be missed immensely, that smile and kind demeanor. Ronald Mezime... Truly one of a kind.



# STAFF RECOGNITION

## WRITTEN BY STAFF

This past April, the Division of Student Affairs held our first ever Student Affairs Staff Recognition event. It was hosted in the Burnett Recreation and Fitness Center.



Department	Award Nomination	Recipient
University Police	Outstanding Staff Award	Elizabeth Clemens
University Police	Campus Partner of the Year	Dean of Students Office
Burnett Recreation and Fitness Center	Excellence in Serving Students Award	Spencer Ryan
Burnett Recreation and Fitness Center	Going Above and Beyond Award	Les Fralix
Burnett Recreation and Fitness Center	Campus Partner of the Year	Michelle Huddleston
Mulicultural Affairs	Team Member of the Year	Niya Sparks, Graduate Student
Mulicultural Affairs	Campus Partner of the Year	Harry Ingle, College of Engineering
Mulicultural Affairs	Campus Partner of the Year	Clay Wesley, College of Business
Health Services	Key Contributor Award	Kim Bowman, LPN
Health Services	Consider it Done Award	Robert Brady, RN
Health Services	Campus Partner of the Year	Karen Lykins
Strategic Initiatives/Dean of Students	Transformer Award	Matt Nisbet

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Department	Award Nomination	Recipient
Strategic Initiatives/Dean of Students	Techno Master Award	Precious Edmonds
Strategic Initiatives/Dean of Students	Campus Partner of the Year	Counseling Center
Counseling Center	Hope Strong Eagles: Unsung Hero Award	Shonta Russell
Counseling Center	Hope Strong Eagles: Unsung Hero Award	Angela Rector
Counseling Center	Campus Partner of the Year	Housing & Residential Life
Accessible Education Center	Smiles for Miles Award: Bringing Joy to Students and the Team	Jodi Fox-Perdue
Accessible Education Center	Access Excellence Award	Dr. Edward Beason
Accessible Education Center	Campus Partner of the Year	Lauren Neal
Housing & Residential Life	Staff Member of the Year	Kashmoney Pride
Housing & Residential Life	Campus Partner of the Year	Olivia Moore, Food Pantry
Housing & Residential Life	Campus Partner of the Year	Health Services
Student Affairs Division	Division Support Staff of the Year	Catherine Hamblin
Student Affairs Division	Division Support Staff of the Year	Susan Henry
Student Affairs Division	Division Award	Leigh Ann Ray
Student Affairs Division	Outside the Division Award	Lee Wray

Congratulations to all the award winners! Its been a tremendous year for the Division. Here's to an even better 2023.

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**WRITTEN BY  
ELLIE BUCKNER**

Destiny Lee is a passionate Nutrition and Dietetics senior who improves our community with diligent action. Dr. Hutson states she “excels in the classroom, is a leader to her peers, and is involved in various volunteer efforts.” Destiny serves as the President of the Food, Nutrition, and Dietetics Club and Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society as well as the Community Service Chair and Vice President of the Food, Nutrition, and Dietetics Club. She is also the Student Liaison to the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics. Her plethora of volunteer efforts include creating recipe cards and videos for schools, interning for the Farm Link Project, and devoting countless hours at the TN Tech Food Pantry. Destiny encourages, “Change begins with you. One act of kindness goes a long way.” Destiny will continue to make a difference as a Registered Dietitian. Congratulations to Destiny!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

**WRITTEN BY  
STAFF**

Tennessee Tech University welcomed more than 330 American Legion Boys State delegates to campus this week, marking the in-person return of the program after a cancelation in 2020 and virtual activities in 2021.

Because of the opportunities given to hundreds of rising high school seniors from across the state, Tennessee's American Legion Boys State holds a high reputation and thousands of students apply to come each year.

Its important to recognize the part that Student Affairs plays in the camps and conferences like Boys State. Whether its the Office of Strategic Initiatives that puts on Boys State or the tremendous effort that Housing and Residential Life does to get the housing facilities ready for these events, they all should be applauded for their dedication.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

WRITTEN BY  
STAFF

Please join us in congratulating our spring 2022 graduates. College is always a challenging period, and the resiliency of these students is something to be applauded. As you continue your journey beyond Tennessee Tech University, we encourage you to continue to learn, explore, and discover. Stay in touch with our campus community no matter where your path takes you next. Wings Up!

*Summer vacation is coming up. Let's spend this time with family and those close to us. We owe it to them!*



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