

FALL 2024 COMMENCEMENT



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Nine o'clock in the morning and  
two o'clock in the afternoon  
Friday, December 13, 2024  
Hooper Eblen Center

Welcome to the Fall Commencement ceremony of Tennessee Technological University's 2024-2025 academic year. Commencement is the most important ceremony in the life of Tennessee Tech University.

The entire Tennessee Tech community extends cordial greetings to parents, spouses, relatives and friends gathered here for this significant ceremony. We celebrate the success of our graduates, who have spent years of study to earn a Tennessee Technological University degree.

## **9:00 A.M. CEREMONY**

College of Graduate Studies  
College of Agriculture & Human Ecology  
College of Business  
College of Engineering  
College of Fine Arts

## **2:00 P.M. CEREMONY**

College of Graduate Studies  
College of Arts & Sciences  
College of Education College of  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Whitson-Hester School of Nursing

For our undergraduate and graduate students, today's ceremonies recognize their academic achievements at Tennessee Tech and inaugurate a new era in their careers. A single theme unites us all today — the joy of accomplishment!

### **IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY**

If at any time during the program an emergency arises in which the building needs to be evacuated, guests seated on the floor should exit through the tunnel and cross the street to the parking lot. Those seated in the remainder of the arena should exit to the top of the concourse, vacate the building by the nearest door and proceed to any adjacent parking lot to allow for entrance of emergency vehicles.

In case of severe weather, everyone should move to the tunnel area and areas leading off the tunnel. Please remember that in any emergency situation, patience and orderliness are the keys to a safe evacuation.

# THE COLLEGES, SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS

Chartered in 1915, Tennessee Tech opened its doors to students in 1916. Its academic programs began with basic humanities and sciences as foundation courses for three major areas of study: agriculture, home economics and mechanical arts. The next year, students could enroll in business as a major course of study as well. By 1918, military training had been added to the curriculum.

In 1938, all the major fields of study, as well as the foundation classes, were reorganized into two main divisions – arts and sciences and professional and technical subjects—housing 11 departments. Divisions were quickly renamed "schools" and, in 1949, the expansion of the curriculum had blossomed into five schools consisting of 24 departments.

Most of today's academic programs have their roots in one of those five schools, which were redesignated "colleges" when Tennessee Tech achieved university status in 1965.

Relative newcomers to Tennessee Tech academics include the Department of Military Science (1950), the Graduate School (1958), the School of Nursing (1980), the School of Interdisciplinary Studies and Extended Education (2001), the College of Interdisciplinary Studies (2012) which merged the freshly minted School of Professional Studies and School of Environmental Studies, and the new College of Fine Arts (2017).

Most degree programs at Tennessee Tech today are housed in eight colleges and one school; special programs include three centers of excellence, Honors, the Millard Oakley STEM Center and the Department of Military Science/Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC).

## **COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN ECOLOGY**

In 1916, agriculture and home economics were among the three disciplines considered the heart of Tennessee Tech's academic mission. Along with mechanical arts, agriculture and home economics prepared "mountain boys and girls ... for the study and solution of the problems arising out of rural community life." Today's College of Agriculture and Human Ecology reaches far beyond rural life, with coursework honing entrepreneurial, management and leadership skills in agritourism, food production and safety, dietetics, families, farming, pre-veterinary science, and design and merchandising.

## **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

Then as now, the College of Arts and Sciences houses the foundation courses for all Tennessee Tech majors. Many of the same courses offered in 1916 – English, history, mathematics and sciences – quickly grew into entire departments, and by 1949, all of today's programs but earth sciences had reached department status. Today's College of Arts and Sciences is a thriving academic unit of more than 20 areas of study, with students and faculty in each discipline pursuing advanced study and research – and supporting the academic experience for all majors, regardless of discipline.

## **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

Students in 1916 could enroll in only one business course, which taught students bookkeeping, business methods, typewriting and shorthand; in 1917, business had become the fourth "school"—or major vocational subject—at Tennessee Tech. By 1949, it had expanded to include departments of accounting, business and industrial management, and business education. Today's students study to become leaders through programs in business management, marketing, international business and cultures, finance, economics, accounting, business information technology, the masters in business administration and the master of accountancy. They not only study business but gain experience in practice through internships, student managed investment funds and competitions.

## **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

All students enrolled in undergraduate studies from 1916 on were being groomed to be teachers, but it wasn't until 1938 that teacher training was recognized as its own department. By 1949, education was named a school, encompassing general education and health and physical education. All students took "practice teaching" in their last term. Today's College of Education, the second of Tennessee Tech's units to develop doctoral studies, is a diverse unit, home to programs ranging from elementary and secondary teacher licensure to exercise science.

## **COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

Called "mechanical arts" in 1916, engineering was one of three original majors at Tennessee Tech; students took courses in blacksmithing, machine assembly and drafting. The first degrees were awarded in 1937, when two civil engineering students and three general engineering students graduated. In 1968, engineering was the first academic unit on campus to develop a doctoral program. Today's College of Engineering awards more than 400 degrees annually in seven disciplines that defined Tennessee Tech as the state's only technological university.

## **COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS**

Created in 2017, the College of Fine Arts contains nationally accredited undergraduate degree programs in art, design, fine craft, music performance and music education, which are all offered in state-of-the-art facilities, including craft studios, art education labs, concert and recital halls. The college's renowned faculty members are dedicated to hands-on, experiential learning and providing students exposure to a wide variety of fine arts professionals in the field. The college consists of the School of Art, Craft and Design and the School of Music.

## **COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES**

A major hurdle Tennessee Tech had to cross before reaching university status was developing a graduate studies program, which required more research facilities and more faculty with doctoral degrees. In the 1950s, the administration made a major push in that direction, establishing graduate studies in 1958. Most graduate degrees were in education; by the early 1970s, the first Ph.D.'s in engineering were awarded. Today's College of Graduate Studies administers doctoral programs in engineering, education, nursing practice, counseling and supervision and environmental sciences, as well as master's and specialist's degrees.

## **COLLEGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES**

One of the newest academic units, interdisciplinary studies moved Tennessee Tech into the state's online degree program in 2001, opened the door to custom-degree offerings for students interested in specialized studies not already offered by another academic unit on campus, and pioneered remote learning site coursework for distant Tennessee counties. Today's College of Interdisciplinary Studies houses the School of Interdisciplinary Studies, the School of Professional Studies and the School of Environmental Studies which blends technology with the sciences, engineering and humanities.

## **WHITSON-HESTER SCHOOL OF NURSING**

In 1916, Tennessee Tech home economics majors learned the basics of caring for the sick and elderly in the home, where the vast majority of nursing took place. In 1980, the School of Nursing opened at Tennessee Tech, offering baccalaureate-level degrees to women and men with an associate's degree who were already licensed as registered nurses, as well as to students interested in a four-year university degree. Today's School of Nursing is piloting an accelerated program for professionals in other fields who have decided to switch careers and is collaborating with another institution on a joint doctoral program in nursing.

## **DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE/ARMY RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (ROTC)**

During World War I, a predecessor of today's Army ROTC formed at Tennessee Tech in 1917. The Department of Military Science originated at Tennessee Tech in 1950 when a senior division of Army ROTC began operation. From 1956 to 1972, all male students conducted mandatory military training in their freshman and sophomore years. In 1973, military studies opened to both men and women. Today's Army ROTC is a dynamic elective curriculum that transforms students into leaders, culminating in an Army officer commission at graduation.

# A BRIEF HISTORY

In its first century, Tennessee Tech grew from a small rural school for a few hundred high school and junior college students to a doctoral-granting university with more than 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students, and research and teaching connections throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Chartered in 1915 as Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, "Tech" opened its doors to students in September 1916. The small campus was an outgrowth of a privately owned church school, the University of Dixie, which was chartered in 1909 by a group of local business and religious leaders. Dixie College, as it was commonly known, suffered the fate of many small schools hampered by lack of funding and closed after only a few years.

Its founders, intent on offering education beyond the eighth grade to local boys and girls, negotiated an arrangement with state and local educators to create a new public school in Cookeville that would bridge the gap between the lower grades and undergraduate studies. The land and single building of Dixie College were deeded to the state and, with the pledge of funding from Putnam County, Cookeville and the state of Tennessee, re-emerged as Tennessee Polytechnic Institute (TPI). Between March of 1915 and September of 1916, two residence halls were built and a president, faculty and staff were hired. Enrollment during the first academic year, 1916-1917, was 362; students were taught by 15 faculty members, including the president.

Growth was not quick, but it was steady. High school curricula were phased out beginning in the 1920s; by 1929, the state approved a complete college program, and the first class of four-year students graduated with baccalaureate degrees that June. Instructional programs were reorganized into the divisions of arts and sciences and professional and technical subjects in 1938. Nine years later, those divisions were renamed "Schools" and by 1949, the schools had grown to five: agriculture and home economics, arts and sciences, business administration, education and engineering. Military Science was added in 1950, and the Graduate School program began in 1958.

In 1965, on its 50th anniversary, TPI gained university status and was renamed Tennessee Technological University; its existing schools were designated "colleges." More programs began: the School of Nursing in 1980 and the School of Interdisciplinary Studies and Extended Education in 2001. By 2012, interdisciplinary studies had merged with new schools of professional studies and environmental sciences to become the College of Interdisciplinary Studies. The College of Fine Arts was established in 2017.

Today's students are taught by more than 400 faculty housed in eight colleges, one school and three centers of excellence. Programs of study are accredited by national agencies. A maturing advancement division ensures that university operations are not limited by annual state funding allocations. Today's administration has charted a course with as much, if not more, resolve and determination as its forbears displayed more than 100 years ago.

# THE PRESIDENTS

Thomas Alva Early.....	1916-1920
Quentin Miller Smith.....	1920-1938
Austin Wheeler Smith, Jr. (interim).....	1926-1927, Fall 1940
James Millard Smith.....	1938-1940
William Everett Derryberry.....	1940-1974
Arliss Lloyd Roaden.....	1974-1985
Wallace Samuel Prescott.....	1985-1987
Angelo Anthony Volpe.....	1987-2000
Robert R. Bell.....	2000-2012
Philip B. Oldham.....	2012-present

## FORMAL ELEMENTS OF THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

The commencement of a program of academic study in higher education is a formal recognition of this exceptional achievement. Many of the traditions date back to medieval times, evidence that higher learning has been revered in most civilizations during two millennia.

### REGALIA

Academic ceremonial garments and ornaments, or regalia, have evolved from the attire of students and monks in medieval churches, the greatest centers of learning in the Western world. Caps, hoods and gowns are symbolic of scholarly devotion and the decisive role of education in the development of civilization.

In time, academicians began to adopt symbols unique to their individual universities—much like the medieval system of classic heraldry, in which chivalric orders were identified by coats of arms, ornamental trappings and colorful patterns. The design of gowns, caps and hoods symbolize the institution, field of learning and type of degree earned.

While black is the customary color of robes, caps and gowns, some universities have chosen distinctive colors for the attire. Tennessee Tech adopted its school colors for the regalia beginning with the centennial academic year, 2015-2016. Gowns and mortarboards are purple with gold insignia and tassels.





## THE CEREMONIAL MACE

Modeled after royal staffs carried by messengers and soldiers, the mace was adopted as an academic symbol by universities in the Middle Ages. Usually carried by a faculty marshal at the head of the processional, the mace represents academic dignity and the authority of the university to confer degrees.

The Tennessee Tech mace was designed and made by a former director of the university's Appalachian Center for Craft, Alf Ward, an accomplished silversmith. Constructed of sterling silver and gold and purple heart, the mace is 45 inches in length. Its wooden blade-like stem is overlaid with engraved silver and embossed with gold floral decoration. The stem contains pierced and embossed golden eagles and supports an engraved silver cup. The cup has two gold discs symbolizing the heraldic devices of the university and is covered by a gold grill capped with a golden eagle.

# THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

A medallion or seal of office, once used to mark documents as official, is now considered a mark of authority. Tennessee Tech's presidential medallion was designed by then-President Everett Derryberry and sculptor Hans Prehn.

The medallion or silver disc is inscribed with the name of the university, its charter date, 1915, a "T" representing Tennessee Tech, the book of knowledge, the lamp of learning and an outline of the state of Tennessee with a star indicating the geographical position of Cookeville and the university. On the reverse side is a golden eagle and the date 1965, the year Tennessee Tech reached university status. Small silver plates bear the names of past presidents, while the name of the current president is engraved on a larger plate over the medallion.

## THE TECH HYMN

Joan Derryberry, a concert pianist and member of the music faculty, composed the Tennessee Tech Hymn in 1943, just three years into her time here as first lady.

The song illustrates the beauty of the campus and its setting and is a pledge of loyalty, love and service from students, faculty and staff. It is sung at large gatherings of the university, including commencements, convocations and ball games. The music appears on the back of this program.

## THE TECH FLAG

Another first lady, Gloria Bell, designed the Tennessee Tech flag in 2003 in honor of the university's most familiar and long-standing traditions. The three main elements of the flag represent the university's historic and idyllic characteristics, as well as reputation for quality.

The magnificent golden eagle, with wings outstretched, depicts the pride, honor, strength and spirit of students, faculty and staff. The column of gold represents the pillar of knowledge, intellect and experience—all qualities of the university's prestigious academics. A base of majestic purple represents the strong foundation of character, commitment and endurance indicative of the university culture.

## STUDENT VETERANS

Tennessee Tech University recognizes veterans and current military members for their service to our country and their excellence in higher education. The red, white and blue cords, worn voluntarily by a select few, represent their veteran status while pursuing their educational goals.

Tennessee Tech proudly honors these student-veterans by presenting them with these cords to signify their achievement on this day.

**THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM**  
**DECEMBER 13, 2024**  
**9:00 A.M. CEREMONY**

Presiding ..... Dr. Philip B. Oldham  
President

Invocation ..... Dr. Robert Owens  
Senior Executive for Access, Belonging & Community Outreach

National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner" ..... Francis Scott Key, John Stafford Smith  
Performed by Tennessee Tech Music Student Faith Manganaro,  
accompanied by faculty member Joshua Davis

Address to Graduates ..... President Oldham

Special Greeting ..... Kelsey Hewitt  
Student Government Association President

Special Message ..... Tyler and Anna Dunn  
Alumni, Accounting 2012 and Psychology 2011

Special Address ..... Ashraf Islam  
Alumnus, Civil Engineering 1968

Recognition of Faculty ..... President Oldham

Recognition of Graduates' Families ..... President Oldham

Presentation of Academic Deans ..... Dr. Lori Bruce  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees ..... President Oldham

"The Tennessee Tech Hymn" ..... Joan Derryberry  
Performed by Tennessee Tech Music Student Riley Keegan,  
accompanied by faculty member Joshua Davis

Closing Remarks ..... President Oldham

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

College of Graduate Studies ..... Dean Julie Baker  
College of Agriculture & Human Ecology ..... Dean Darron Smith  
College of Business ..... Dean Tom Payne  
College of Engineering ..... Dean Joseph Slater  
College of Fine Arts ..... Dean Jennifer Shank

# DEGREE CANDIDATES FALL 2024

Because of circumstances which require that the list of names be furnished to the printer in final form approximately seven days prior to Commencement, it is possible that one or more of the candidates listed may have been unable to complete all requirements for the degree or may have elected voluntarily to register for additional work and to graduate at a subsequent ceremony. The change does not necessarily imply that a student has failed nor does it commit the university to grant a diploma to a person thus listed in error. Also, students listed with one or more honors distinctions are candidates for the honor(s) at the time the program is provided to the printer, and may not complete the requirements to be awarded the distinction.

Graduates are grouped by college. Individual names will be called by order seated, not in alphabetical order.

## COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREES

Abayomi Isaac Adeleke, Engineering

**Dissertation Title:** "Exploring Nanoscale Interactions and Magnetic Field Effects in Polyacrylamide Gel Nanocomposite Structures"

**Advisor:** Dr. Pedro Arce

Ahmed Talaat Eltoukhy Elsayed Ahmed,  
Engineering #

**Dissertation Title:** "Investigating Robust Reinforcement Learning Models for Securing Smart Grids"

**Advisor:** Dr. Mohamed Mahmoud

Wesam Abdelrahman Mohammad Al Amiri,  
Engineering #

**Dissertation Title:** "Sensing by Reusing Communication Waveforms in Integrated Sensing and Communication"

**Advisors:** Dr. Allen MacKenzie & Dr. Terry Guo

Mohammad Alshaikh Ali, Engineering

**Dissertation Title:** "Development of Novel Additive Manufacturing - Assisted Metal Casting: Lost-PLA Process"

**Advisor:** Dr. Ismail Fidan

Atef Hussein Tawfik Elsayed Bondok, Engineering #

**Dissertation Title:** "Towards Secure Federated Learning Against Adversarial Attacks in Smart Grids"

**Advisor:** Dr. Mohamed Mahmoud

Ty Allen Hagan, Engineering

**Dissertation Title:** "Thermocavitation Over an Ice Interface"

**Advisor:** Dr. Rory Roberts

Anfal Azad Haris, Engineering

**Dissertation Title:** "Hydrogels for Healthcare and Regenerative Medicine Applications: Synthesis, Characterization and Performance Assessment"

**Advisors:** Dr. Pedro Arce & Dr. Robby Sanders

Josiah Okpanachi Haruna, Engineering #

**Dissertation Title:** "High Density Symmetrical Two-Phase Induction Machine Drive"

**Advisor:** Dr. Joseph Ojo

Astrit Imeri, Engineering #

**Dissertation Title:** "Exploration of Tensile and Fracture Testing Methodology for Material Extrusion Additively Manufactured Specimens"

**Advisor:** Dr. Christopher Wilson

Sainand Mahadev Jadhav, Engineering #

**Dissertation Title:** "Wire + ARC Additive Manufacturing (WAAM) of Refractory Alloy-Based Bimetallic Structures"

**Advisor:** Dr. Duckbong Kim

Trevor Joseph Kramer, Engineering

**Dissertation Title:** "Effects of SOFC Pressurization and Investigation of SOFC Gas Turbine Hybrids for Aerospace Applications"

**Advisor:** Dr. Rory Roberts

Elmahedi Mahalal, Engineering #

**Dissertation Title:** "AI-Assisted Physical Layer Security in Next Generation Wireless Networks"

**Advisor:** Dr. Muhammad Ismail

Tyler Gregory Marcrum, Engineering  
**Dissertation Title:** "Quasi-Wireless Power Transfer Utilizing Quarter Wave Resonators with a Focus in Aerospace Robotics"  
**Advisor:** Dr. Charles Van Neste

M. Rayhan Ahmed Mithu, Engineering #  
**Dissertation Title:** "Incorporating a Knowledge Base into Machine Learning Techniques for Forensic Analysis of Control Systems"  
**Advisor:** Dr. Mike Rogers

Umair Ahmad Mughal, Engineering #  
**Dissertation Title:** "AI-Assisted Intrusion Detection System for Swarms of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles"  
**Advisor:** Dr. Muhammad Ismail

Miles C. Nevills, Engineering #  
**Dissertation Title:** "The Fundamental Study of Diamond-Based Nanoadditive for the Enhancement of Fluid Heat Transfer"  
**Advisor:** Dr. Ethan Languri

Peter Oluwatosin Oyekola, Engineering #  
**Dissertation Title:** "Enhancing Sensitivity of Indirect Electromechanical Impedance Based Non-Destructive Evaluation for Part Qualification Using Elastic Metamaterial"  
**Advisor:** Dr. Mohan Rao

Zifei Su, Engineering #  
**Dissertation Title:** "Motion Control and Planning for Battery Electric Vehicles"  
**Advisor:** Dr. Pinggen Chen

## MASTER'S DEGREES

Merrin Ashleigh Allen, Accountancy #  
Kyle Scott Anderson, Business Administration #  
Sean B. Anderson, Business Administration #  
Samuel Oppong Junior Asare-Duah,  
Civil Engineering  
Kaitlyn Asplund, Business Administration  
Coble Baxter Brooks, Accountancy #  
Julian Christopher Burkhardt,  
Business Administration #  
Peyton Michael Calitri, Business Administration  
Ian M. Campbell, Accountancy #  
Rebie Fern Campbell, Accountancy  
Mikaela Canterbury, Accountancy #  
Cody J. Cantrell, Business Administration #  
Chad D. Carney, Mechanical Engineering  
Shushanta Chakraborty, Civil Engineering #  
Justin David Condidorio, Business Administration #

Trevor Daniel Condidorio,  
Business Administration #  
Timothy Logan Crisp, Business Administration  
Caleb Lane Crowell, Accountancy #  
Pryce Daniels, Business Administration #  
Landon Matthew Davis, Civil Engineering  
Emily May Disbrow, Business Administration #  
Rachel Lee-Anna Duncan, Business Administration  
Caleb John Dunlap, Mechanical Engineering  
Eddie Doss Eatherly, Business Administration #  
Amr Ahmed Elshazly, Computer Science  
Carole Ann Faircloth, Engineering Management #  
Katelyn Olivia Farmer, Business Administration  
Jacob Henry Foster, Mechanical Engineering  
William Marks Franklin,  
Engineering Management #  
Chloe J. Franklin, Business Administration #  
Jacklynn Elizabeth Friesel,  
Engineering Management #  
Mateo Christopher Gannod, Computer Science #  
Joseph N. Hall, Business Administration #  
Dylan M. Hazard, Business Administration  
Joseph Hunter Himes, Chemical Engineering #  
Bailey Nicole Hooper, Business Administration #  
S M Mostaq Hossain, Computer Science #  
Douglas Aron Huttes, Chemical Engineering  
Hayden Isaac Pierce Keller, Computer Science  
Zahra Kiakojouri, Accountancy #  
Daniel Paul Kimbell, Business Administration  
Deanna Marie King, Business Administration  
Andrew Scott Kloek, Business Administration #  
Trevor Joseph Kramer, Mechanical Engineering #  
Jacob R. Latham, Computer Science  
Katherine L. Lemon, Accountancy  
Ethan Edward Locke, Business Administration  
Tyler Gregory Marcrum,  
Electrical and Computer Engineering #  
Hunter Patrick Mathis, Accountancy #  
Kelly Stewart McDaniel, Business Administration #  
Foress Jackson Meadows II, Civil Engineering  
Lauren P. Murphy, Business Administration #  
Sydney M. Murrell, Business Administration #  
Mariah Jada Nettles, Accountancy #  
Faria Nur, Civil Engineering #  
Sydney Brynn O'Hara, Accountancy #

Taiye Godwin Owu,  
Electrical and Computer Engineering #  
Andrew Philip Pachares, Accountancy #  
Noah S. Parsley, Business Administration  
Jeel H. Patel, Accountancy #  
Jennifer Kay Peck, Business Administration  
Russell Thomas Perry, Chemical Engineering #  
Alison Kate Plunket, Business Administration  
Lauren McKenzie Randall, Accountancy #  
Kundan Tushar Rathod, Civil Engineering  
Joshua Reliford, Business Administration #  
Daniel Keith Rhoton, Business Administration #  
Axel Joaquin Rodriguez, Business Administration  
Sohag Kumar Saha,  
Electrical and Computer Engineering  
David A. Schafer, Mechanical Engineering  
Briana N. Schaff, Business Administration #  
Emilee M. Scott, Business Administration  
Caden Matthew Scott, Engineering Management  
Sanjida Akter Sharna, Computer Science

Ashfak Md Shibli, Computer Science #  
Justin Tyler Shilalakis, Accountancy #  
Katheryn Alexandra Smith,  
Business Administration  
Simon Heinrich Stark, Business Administration #  
Callie Stewart, Computer Science  
Michael James Tidwell,  
Electrical and Computer Engineering #  
Jennifer M. Toney, Chemical Engineering #  
Brianna Shay Turner, Chemical Engineering #  
Nancy Ung, Business Administration  
Andrew C. Waggoner, Business Administration #  
Aidan R. Wagner, Business Administration  
Benjamin M. Wiggins, Business Administration  
John Caleb Aaron Williams,  
Electrical and Computer Engineering #  
Kailey M. Wood, Business Administration #  
Ereny Samy Younan, Computer Science  
Daniel Jeres Zahr, Business Administration #  
Yang Zheng, Electrical and Computer Engineering #

# COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN ECOLOGY

## SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

Ahmed Bakheet Alkhamali  
Leannetta Anderson  
Allison S. Bohannon  
Journey B. Cowan#  
Jacob R. Debord\*  
Jessica L. Delong\*  
Brooke E. Donaldson  
Allie S. Faudi\*\*  
Chandler B. Fryar\*#  
Daniel T. Gentry  
Landre Grace Griggs  
Savannah Rene Gross  
Kaylee Jade Hash  
Tamara A. Heath\*\*\*‡  
Sophie G. Helton  
Casey Hollis\*\*\*  
Mason W. Jones  
Aliyah H. Kingery\*  
Mckenzie G. Mason\*  
Brianna N. Metzler  
Benjamin T. Painter  
Jacob S. Phelps  
Victoria Prichard  
Riley S. Putman  
Kallie D. Renner\*\*  
Charlotte Simmons\*\*\*‡  
Aspyn J. Terry  
Austin Wattenbarger  
Katelyn B. Wattenbarger#  
Katie Whited  
Alex S. Woodard  
Samantha Grace Zahn\*

## SCHOOL OF HUMAN ECOLOGY

Lucas James Ballard\*\*\*  
Matthew I. Bowling  
Morgan E. Braswell  
Madison Ann Cowan\*\*\*  
Brooke Nichole Galan#  
Peyton A. Harris#  
Alyssa N. Herrick\*\*  
Caleb E. Johnson\*\*#  
Canaan Jones\*\*\*  
Drake D. Knight#  
Shannon Deserra Lee  
Leanna Brooke Marcy  
Faythe Leaniita Martin\*#  
Peighton Summer Maynord  
James Stanley Medley#  
Aly E. Parks\*\*#  
Erika Nicole Phillips\*\*#  
Nathalie A. Recinos\*#  
Amaris Rice#  
Chloe R. Richardson#  
Jessica M. Scarlett  
Grace N. Schride\*\*#  
Chrystopher A. Shaward\*#  
Kate E. Simpson\*\*\*  
Hailey E. Smith\*\*  
Sara Destiny Steets  
Cael D. Sumerlin\*\*\*#  
Raegan O. Tjon Sien Kie\*#  
Andrew D. Whitehead

# COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Makenzie C. Allen  
Gladys Sarait Ambrocio Hernandez\*  
Julie Kate Baker#  
Tyson M. Baker  
Hayden Bell  
Riley Palmer Bishop#  
Levi C. Borders\*\*  
Lauren B. Bowen#  
John R. Bragg  
Emma C. Breeding  
Zoey Suzette Budzilek  
Clarice K. Chandler  
Jake A. Clark  
Alex Clarke  
Bridges Coffey\*  
Jonathan R. Cope  
Makenzie A. Cope\*\*\*‡  
Mallory A. Copeland  
Austin B. Cowan\*#  
Olivia Grace Cravens  
Marlee Elizabeth Daniel#  
William Michael Davis#  
Myles Lake Dawson  
Alexis Paige Dean\*\*\*  
Finley B. Denton  
Moreen M. Elias  
Jaclyn E. England  
Macy C. Farley#  
Maria G. Figueroa Palacio  
Keegan K. Fleming#  
Alex Nichole Ford  
Kendal Franks  
Maison F. Gargac  
Abbey Irene Garland#  
Mckenna B. Garren  
Jaden T. George\*\*  
Noah Wylie Gore  
Lauren E. Grimes  
Callie Elizabeth Gudino\*\*  
Bryn Nicole Gyolai\*\*\*  
Matthew Christopher Hager\*\*  
Jonathan David Haas  
Dylan L. Headrick#  
Gavin Taylor Hensley\*\*\*  
Brantley Anne Hollingsworth\*\*#  
Yiming Huang  
Colton Holcomb Jeffries\*

Sophia Irene Jenkins#  
Claude T. Johnson  
Faith Tylyn Jolley\*†#  
Chloe Judycki  
Bryce A. Keyes  
Hannah Elizabeth Klemme#  
Lauren G. Knox\*  
Greg W. Ledbetter  
Landon Corey Lewis#  
Dimitri Matthew Lindsey  
Jacob M. Linkous  
Brad Christopher Long  
Samuel G. Luke  
Cade MacLean\*\*  
Katherine A. Malone  
Justin Gene Martin#  
Bradley B. McBride  
Ethan Lukas McWilliams\*  
Kendall Brenae Medders#  
Michael Scott Mercer  
Nicole Mary Meyers\*\*  
James T. Miller\*#  
Rosie A. Morales  
Amanda M. Mukai\*\*#  
Scott D. Murillo  
Daisy Anne Neeley  
Amara Chinyere Nwajagu\*\*  
Blaise Daniel Ochs  
Adam M. Owens\*\*\*  
Landon Gabriel Parrish  
Evelyn Perez Escalante  
Paxton Phoenix Clower Powell  
Trent Reece Power  
Dominic A. Roberts  
Caty Roberts#  
Nathan A. Roberts\*  
Jordin Andrew Rosasco  
Natalie Paige Russell\*\*\*  
Hope E. Sachs  
Joao Victor Sales Santos\*\*†  
Hayley N. Smith  
Sophia Noelle Snow#  
Heath Edward Snyder  
Spencer Riley Sorce  
Patrick Szymaszek  
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Julia Tait Vaughn



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Payton Madison Wagner#  
Lauryn E. Waldron  
Mitchell T. Watson  
Maggie G. Weir  
Kennedy Anne West#  
Aaron L. Wheeley

Skylar R. Williams#  
Lorryn Jaide Wilson\*#  
Madyson Claire Wilson  
Sierra B. Windle  
Maggie Elizabeth Worley\*\*  
Jazmine Wand Yamilkoski#  
Darci E. Zeh\*

# COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Omar Abdelsalam#  
Alley K. Abram  
Abdulrahman Abdullah Aljohani  
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**DECEMBER 13, 2024**  
**2:00 P.M. CEREMONY**

Presiding ..... Dr. Philip B. Oldham  
President

Invocation ..... Dr. Robert Owens  
Senior Executive for Access, Belonging & Community Outreach

National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner" ..... Francis Scott Key, John Stafford Smith  
Performed by Tennessee Tech Music Student Faith Manganaro,  
accompanied by faculty member Joshua Davis

Address to Graduates ..... President Oldham

Special Greeting ..... Kelsey Hewitt  
Student Government Association President

Special Message ..... Tyler and Anna Dunn  
Alumni, Accounting 2012 and Psychology 2011

Special Address ..... Ashraf Islam  
Alumnus, Civil Engineering 1968

Recognition of Faculty ..... President Oldham

Recognition of Graduates' Families ..... President Oldham

Presentation of Academic Deans ..... Dr. Lori Bruce  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees ..... President Oldham

"The Tennessee Tech Hymn" ..... Joan Derryberry  
Performed by Tennessee Tech Music Student Riley Keegan,  
accompanied by faculty member Joshua Davis

Closing Remarks ..... President Oldham

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

College of Graduate Studies ..... Dean Julie Baker  
College of Arts & Sciences ..... Dean Daren Snider  
College of Education ..... Dean Lisa Zagumny  
College of Interdisciplinary Studies ..... Dean Mike Gotcher  
Whitson-Hester School of Nursing ..... Dean Kimberly Hanna

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## COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREES

Gideon Danso Eduah, Exceptional Learning #

**Dissertation Title:** "Students' Test-Taking Motivation and Performance on the Critical Thinking Assessment Test"

**Advisors:** Dr. George Chitiyo & Dr. Ada Haynes

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**Dissertation Title:** "Examining the Psychometric Properties of the Attachment to God Inventory with a 12-Step Substance Use Recovery Population"

**Advisor:** Dr. Tony Michael

Hayley Elizabeth Johnson, Exceptional Learning

**Dissertation Title:** "Evaluation of a Concurrent Feeding Mat (CFM) to Treat Food Selectivity: A Single Case Analysis"

**Advisor:** Dr. Krystal Kennedy

### DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE DEGREES

Sandra Marie Alexander, Nursing Practice #

**Project Title:** "Transitions of Care Between the Intensive Care Unit and the Operating Room"

**Advisor:** Dr. Nancy Cameron

Keelyn Danielle Boles, Nursing Practice #

**Project Title:** "Implementation of a Diagnostic Tool in Rural Adults Presenting with Acute Abdominal Pain"

**Advisor:** Dr. Mary Fornehed

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**Project Title:** "The Implementation of an Early Childhood Literacy Toolkit into Pediatric Primary Care"

**Advisor:** Dr. Jennifer Mabry

Chesnie Mae Cox, Nursing Practice #

**Project Title:** "Implementing a Standardized Reporting Process for Boarded Patients in the Emergency Department to Mitigate Adverse Events and Improve the Patient Experience"

**Advisor:** Dr. Nancy Cameron

Carolyn Lea Goodin, Nursing Practice #

**Project Title:** "Vascular Access Selection in a Rural Clinical Setting"

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**Project Title:** "Implementation of a Pilot HIV Pre-exposure Prophylaxis Self-Screening Tool"

**Advisor:** Dr. Barbara Jared

Ligemie Joseph Jones, Nursing Practice #

**Project Title:** "Quality Improvement Initiative: Educating Healthcare Providers to Implement a Short-Term Geriatric Depression Scale in a Primary Care Setting"

**Advisor:** Dr. Teresa Carnevale

Bobby Wade Tosh, Nursing Practice #

**Project Title:** "Implementation of a Clinical Opioid Withdrawal Scale (COWS) Assessment Tool in an Inpatient Setting"

**Advisor:** Dr. Mary Fornehed

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**Project Title:** "Implementing Follow-up Appointment Scheduling by the Provider to Improve Adherence in Newly Diagnosed Depression Patients: A Quality Improvement Project"

**Advisor:** Dr. Bernita Armstrong

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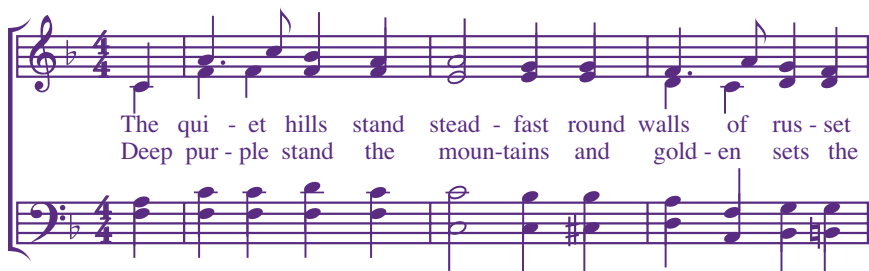
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Deep pur - ple stand the moun - tains and gold - en sets the



brown. On halls se - rene and camp - us green the smok - y hills look  
sun. We proud - ly wear these col - ors fair un - til our goal is



down; And stead - fast may I cher - ish what thou hast giv'n to  
won;— We pledge thee faith - ful ser - vice, our love and loy - al -



me. Oh Al - ma Ma - ter Ten - nes - see Tech, God pros - per thee.  
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