

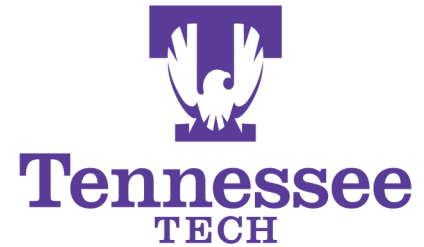
MPS-PS News

TENNESSEE TECH GRADUATION CEREMONY, HOOPER EBLIN CENTER

The Fall 2018 Commencement Ceremony takes place on Saturday, December 16th at the Hooper Eblin Center beginning at 9:30am. We are proud to celebrate all students earning a degree at Tech. Most importantly, we are **EXCITED** for the six students graduating with the Public Safety concentration of the MPS degree. Your determination and grit has earned you the privilege of being one of the roughly 10% of Tennesseans aged 25-64 with a graduate/professional degree. We are proud of your accomplishment, appreciate your hard work, and look forward to cheering for each of you as you walk across the stage in a few weeks!

CARLY DREW PAINTING EXHIBITION JAN 22ND—FEB 21ST

Carly Drew’s work examines the ever-changing relationships to place through the layers of personal history, industrial changes to the terrain and the rich American landscape painting tradition. Drawing is her media of choice, because it parallels these layers by holding evidence of decisions made during the working process while showing changes in the work that have taken place over time. In using this direct connection of media and concept she works to layer past, present, and unseen aspects of a location. By weaving each of these threads into a single image, the end result becomes a narrative compression of the history, ideas, and personal connections to the land. The exhibition is located in the Joan Derrberry Art Gallery.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Carly Drew Exhibition
- Application Deadline 12/4
- Veteran’s Student Center Now Open
- Learn a little more about Ashley Wright

LOCAL, FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS ALL ARE WELCOME!

Holiday Festival, Appalachian Center for Crafts

The Appalachian Center for Craft holds a Holiday Celebration of Craft each year. This event features shopping for one-of-a-kind gifts in the retail gallery, mini-workshops in Craft Center studios, specialty vendor showcases in our exhibition galleries and craft demonstrations.

This event is free and open to the public. Where? Appalachian Center for Craft; When? Saturday & Sunday, November 18th & 19th.

For more information, please visit <https://www.tntech.edu/craftcenter/specialevents/holiday>

STEM Safari Saturdays Sweet STEM

Safari Saturdays are workshops in hands-on science and math for young learners and their families. These interactive programs are age-appropriate for PreK-3rd graders and encourage family participation. Come experience math, science and engineering concepts with candy hearts, Skittles, Twizzlers, M-n-M's and gummy bears! Reservations are required; admission is free.

Sweet STEM takes place on Saturday, February 10th from 9am to noon at Ray Morris Hall.

For more information or to register follow this link: <https://www.tntech.edu/stem/safari-saturdays>

SPRING 2018 APPLICATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 8TH!!

Our next cohort of students begins in December. Join us! There's still time to apply!

If you know anyone interested in getting an MPS Public Safety concentration, please remind them that the deadline to apply is December 4th with all supporting documents submitted by December 8th. Be sure to check with your department/agency about tuition assistance.

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

- Registration for spring is happening now. Please be on the lookout for emails regarding registration from Tara. As a reminder, pay no attention to the mass student registration emails.
- Fall courses end on December 15th. Enjoy your 2 week break!
- Spring courses begin on Saturday, December 30th.
- All administrative offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.
- All administrative offices will be closed for Christmas break from Friday, December 22nd through Monday, January 1st. Offices reopen normal business hours on Tuesday, January 2nd.
- All administrative offices will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King day.
- Graduation applications for participation in the May 2018 graduation ceremony are due by February 5th.

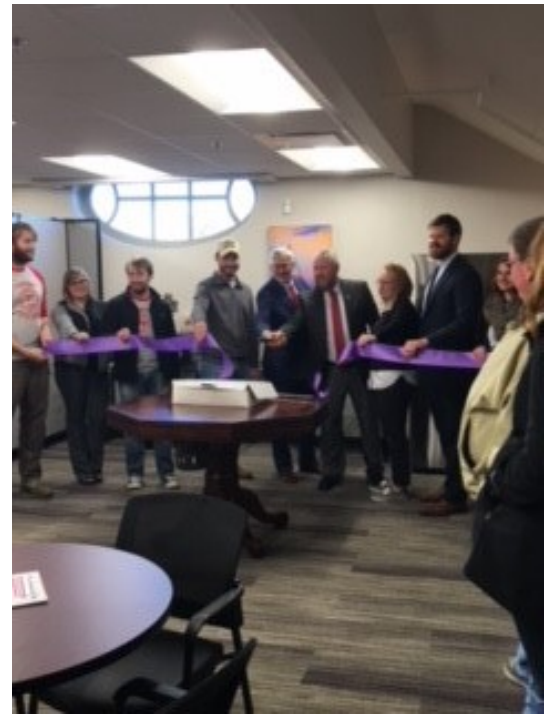


TENNESSEE TECH OPENS EAGLE’S WING STUDENT VETERAN CENTER

On November 10th, Tennessee Tech celebrated Veteran’s Day with a ceremony honoring all veterans but with an emphasis on Tech’s student veteran population. Many took part in the ceremony including President Oldam, Kevin Flanary, Director of Military and Veteran’s Affairs, as well as current students representing four branches of the Armed Services: Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines.

Following the ceremony, a ribbon cutting took place to celebrate the grand opening of our new Student Veteran Center, Eagle’s Wing. Located on the third floor of the Jere Whitson Memorial Building, this center offers an escape from the pandemonium that can happen on a traditional campus. Three years in the making, it includes computer stations for working, a lounge and refreshment area for relaxing, as well as a bumper pool table for fun! We are ecstatic that Tennessee Tech values its veteran’s, providing a place specific to their needs while simultaneously offering a place to develop comradery amongst the student veteran population on campus.

As Director Flanary aptly said, “We [Tennessee Tech] always receive countless ‘Military Friendly’ awards, but... I would rather be ‘Military Supportive’ and know that our students trust us and feel truly welcome. Anyone can be friendly, but not every one can be truly supportive. It’s a fact that less than 1% of our citizens serve in the military. That makes me even more thankful for those who enlist during this time in history, because I know that they are not part of the status quo.” We in Public Safety couldn’t agree more!



WE TWEET!

TTU Public Safety Concentration has a presence on Facebook and Twitter. We try to share and post from agencies and departments around the state and nation as it applies to public safety. We are happy to share upcoming events and important information for the public good. Follow us on twitter:

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Let us know what you are doing and we will share if we can.

#WingsUp

#TechYeah

SPOTLIGHT OF MPS-PUBLIC SAFETY:

ASHLEY WRIGHT

If you are ever in the Cookeville area, don't forget to stop by for a visit. We are located in the Volpe Library, Room 113.



Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Ashley Wright as Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Coordinator. As a vital part of the Veteran's Reconnect Grant awarded this past summer, the PLA coordinator's focus is on getting more transfer credit hours approved for military veterans, as well as educating the campus on the importance of PLA for adult learners. As you know, adult learners have valuable experiences gained prior to returning as a student and she believes that experience should count.

She is a two time Tennessee Tech graduate, with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Master's in Business Administration. She has not only worked at Tech in several capacities but has also worked in multiple industries outside of Higher Education. She worked in the Engineering field at Cummins Filtration and ATC Automation before deciding to come back to graduate school. She then worked as an Accounts Payable Manager before returning to Tech for her current position. In her free time she loves kayaking, playing video games, reading, and playing the piano, which she does frequently at her church, The River.

"I absolutely love Tennessee Tech, and I am so excited to be working on this PLA project. Adult learners are important to this campus, my husband included, and I would love to pave the way for these students to get credit for all of the work they have done outside of the Higher Education world. I believe it is so important that prior experience and training are considered when a student is starting college. I hope that I can make that transition easier for all Non-Traditional students."

