



# MPS-PS News

## TENNESSEE TECH AWARDED VETERAN’S RECONNECT GRANT

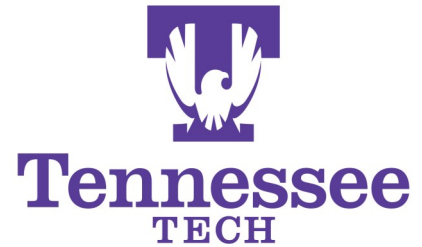
We are *ECSTATIC* to announce that Tennessee Tech has been selected as an awardee of the 2017 Veteran’s Reconnect Grant Program aimed at improving prior learning assessment policies and practices for student veterans returning to college. What does this mean for veterans?

The goals are to make the transition between military service and post secondary education seamless as well as the conversion of military experience to college credit. We understand the value of learning that takes place outside of traditional settings. This grant allows us to expand our current PLA policy thereby providing faster pathways to degree attainment. It’s the least we can do for those who have served!

## GAELYNN LEA, VIOLIN AND VOICE, COMING TO TECH—09/18

Gaelynn Lea is a classically trained violinist and songwriter. Her work most recently won NPR Music’s 2016 Tiny Desk Contest, a competition drawing submissions of original songs from more than 6,000 musicians across the country.

Gaelynn also does speaking engagements about disability, finding inner freedom, and the power of music. She has a congenital disability called Osteogenesis Imperfecta, or Brittle Bones Disease. In recent years, she has used her music as a platform to advocate for people with disabilities and to promote positive social change. She will be performing at 6 p.m. in Bell Hall Auditorium.



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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- Application Deadline 7/24
- The Eclipse is coming 8/21
- Offices closed 09/04
- Learn a little more about Dr. Mark Warnick

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## LOCAL, FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS ALL ARE WELCOME!

### Blake Leeper, Paralympic Track and Field Medalist

Leeper, eight-time Paralympic Track and Field international medalist, world record holder, and three-time American record holder has never been one for excuses. Born without legs below his knees, he has defied the odds and won countless titles as a Paralympic runner. Come hear his personal and inspiring story.

This event is free and open to the public. Where? TN Tech campus, Derryberry Hall Auditorium; When? Tuesday, October 24th from 7:00-8:30 PM.

For more information, please visit <https://www.tntech.edu/centerstage/>

### TN Cowboy Mounted Shooters

Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association® (C.M.S.A.) is the fastest growing equestrian sport in the nation. Mounted contestants compete in this fast action timed event using two .45 caliber single action revolvers each loaded with five rounds of specially prepared blank ammunition. C.M.S.A. has a variety of levels of competition for everyone, ranging from novice levels to the seasoned professional.

This event takes place on Saturday, November 11th at the Hyder-Burks Ag Pavilion ARN. For more information, contact Derrick Hutchings at dhutchings@gmail.com or by phone at 931-607-1204.

### FALL 2017 APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JULY 24TH!

Our next cohort of students begins in August. 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 July 24th with all supporting documents submitted by July 28th. Be sure to check with your department/agency about tuition assistance.

### IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

- Registration for fall 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.
- Summer courses end on August 4th. Enjoy your short break!
- Fall courses begin on Saturday, August 12th.
- All administrative offices will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day.
- September 11th, Patriot Day, is the official day of remembrance for the tragic events that occurred in 2001.
- World Mental Health Day, established in 1992 by the World Federation for Mental Health, is Tuesday October 10th.
- Need a second chance at something? Give it a shot on Mulligan Day, Tuesday October 17th.
- Saturday, November 11th is Veteran's Day. To those who have served, THANK YOU!!!!



## TENNESSEE TECH ECLIPSE FEST AUGUST 21ST

On August 21, 2017, Cookeville and Tennessee Tech will be in the direct path of a total solar eclipse! Tennessee Tech's Tucker Stadium, directly in the line of totality, will be the primary viewing location for the eclipse for the state of Tennessee. Join the community and visitors from all over the United States to celebrate this once in a lifetime event at Cookeville and Tennessee Tech.

- Viewing Party—Tennessee Tech will be holding festivities all day on August 21st. The eclipse viewing party will take place in Tucker Stadium from 12:30-1:45pm. This event is FREE and open to the public, but we ask that you register in advance so that we can plan accordingly. Tucker Stadium will remain open until 3:00pm for the entirety of the partial eclipse.
- Eclipse Festival—The eclipse viewing party will be preceded by a festival in tailgate park between Tucker Stadium and Hooper Eblen Center from 10:00am to 12:30pm.
- Tennessee Tech will provide FREE eclipse glasses for the first 10,000 attendees!
- Give the Gift of the Eclipse—The Oakley STEM Center is supplying Upper Cumberland area schools with specialty glasses for thousands of K-12 students. You can personally provide 20 glasses with a \$10 gift.

For more information please visit <https://www.tntech.edu/stem/eclipse> . We hope you'll join us!!

### 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. Our favorite is posting about the positive things that happen in our communities and with those working in public safety fields everyday. Follow us on twitter:

@TTUPubSafetyMPS

Facebook:

tntechmpspublicsafety

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

#WingsUp

#TechYeah



## SPOTLIGHT OF MPS-PUBLIC SAFETY:

### DR. MARK WARNICK

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.



Dr. Warnick has been a practitioner in public safety for nearly all his life. Three days after graduating from High School, he shipped out to basic training for the United States Air Force. Upon completion of his service, he spent a four-year period working in law enforcement. When the opportunity arose to become a firefighter and EMS worker, he jumped at the chance. He spent 27 years in fire and EMS, 12 of those years as Chief or Assistant Chief, and 18 of those years as a training officer. He became so passionate about public safety during those years, he consecutively served 17 years in emergency management, 15 of those years as a Training and Exercise Coordinator. Later in life, Mark decided to return to school. He earned a Bachelor's, Master's, and Ph.D. in Public Safety with a specialization in Emergency Management from Capella University.

Dr. Warnick is passionate about public safety and educating others about public safety. As a service related disabled veteran, he also has a passion for ensuring that those with disabilities are not overlooked by public safety professionals in the performance of their duties. He is fervent about helping others and has started several non-profit organizations and serves on the Board of Directors of two other non-profits.

Dr. Warnick has been married to his lovely wife Cleopatra (Cleo) for 15 years. Their blended family has a total of nine children and 13 (soon to be 14) grandchildren who are located all over the United States as well as Scotland and England. He has an avid love for animals that he learned while growing up in rural America. In fact, if you call him, do not be surprised if you hear a dog bark, a cat meow, or a rooster crow in the background!

"I love my job at TN Tech. I get to work with students that are among the best in public safety. While I help students learn things such as writing skills and APA, I also see my role as not telling students how to think, but to help them thoroughly research a subject and to come to their own conclusions."

