

STUDENT AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER

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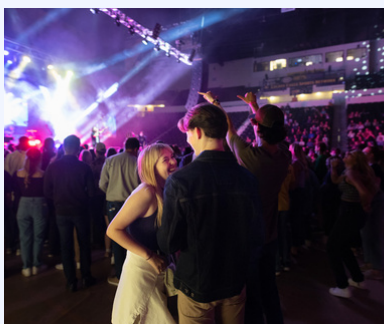
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SOLO CONCERT TICKET RELEASE PARTY

WRITTEN BY STAFF

The Ticket Release Glow Party is an interactive event for students to come and learn who will be performing at this year's SOLO Concert on March 30. There was food and games; students also got to play "Guess that Song" with current SGA President Addison Dorris. Later on that evening, the SGA President shared that T-Pain Featuring Tee Grizzley, and Nando would be performing at the Spring SOLO Concert. Current Tennessee Tech students must register for the SOLO Concert via Eagle Engage and may register one free guest.

Non-student guests must enter with the student and be at least 18 years of age. Valid state-issued ID will be checked prior to admittance. Students should download the Tennessee Tech Eagle Engage app on their mobile devices for easy registration and event check-in. Students can also use the QR code provided on the SOLO Concert Posters to register via Eagle Engage. Non-students will be able to purchase tickets for \$35 plus tax while supplies last beginning March 16. Visit www.tntech.edu/solo for more details.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WRITTEN BY
STAFF

Every February, we honor the contributions and sacrifices of African Americans. Black History Month is an opportunity to celebrate the triumphs and reflect on the adversities that are a part of our country's history. Multiple departments were responsible for arranging a series of events that took place throughout February to do just this at Tennessee Tech.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs hosted a series of events over the course of the month. According to the Multicultural Affairs website, their mission is “to facilitate constructive conversations about the importance of diversity and to celebrate the contributions of African Americans to our university and society.” The month commenced with a “History of Hip Hop” event led by Jonathon Blanchard on February 2nd which was accompanied by “The Block Party” concert that evening. February 7th brought a talk given by Anthony Ray Hamilton on his personal experience with racial injustices within the United States legal system. The week ended with a discussion on “Cherokee Freedmen” facilitated by Jeff Hobbs and Troy Smith on February 9th.

The third week started off with the Gospel Extravaganza on February 19th followed by a student-led exhibition titled “Racing Through Time” in the morning of February 21st with a Soul Food Night that evening, and the week closed with a presentation by Ebone Bell on “How to Be a Good Ally” on February 22nd. The month wrapped up with the IMPACT Cookeville Scholarship Banquet honoring Mary Alice McClellan and Lori Jackson Strode on February 26th and a Paint Night with Marc Burnett, former Vice President of Student Affairs, on February 27th. Additionally, throughout the month, the Committee on the Status of Blacks hosted a daily Black History trivia contest made available through links to the questions posted on Tech Times.


We want to acknowledge Multicultural Affairs, Student Engagement, Diversity & Inclusion Office, History Department, Commission on the Status of Blacks, Music Department, Human Ecology, and SGA for hosting these wonderful events. Also, a big thanks to all of those who participated this February for Black History Month.



activist, writer and author

ANTHONY RAY HINTON

Author of "The Sun Does Shine," Anthony Ray Hinton, will speak on how he was convicted of the unsolved murders of two fast-food restaurant managers. He was sentenced to death and held on the state's death row for 28 years before his exoneration and release in 2015 through the Equal Justice Initiative efforts.



FEBRUARY 7



DISTRESSED PROTOCOL WORKSHOP

WRITTEN BY
STAFF

On February 26, 2023, the counseling center hosted a Distress Protocol Workshop for Academic Affairs faculty and staff on responding to students in distress. The workshop, sponsored by Center for Advancing Faculty Excellence (CAFÉ), outlined possible signs and symptoms of distressed students, the campus distress protocol, the VAR method of engaging with distressed students, and detailed campus resources to support students. In the photo is Dr. Bedelia H. Russell (Associate Provost for Online Education and Faculty Development), Angela Rector (Assistant Director of Clinical Services and the Counseling Center), and Dr. Christina Mick (Director of the Counseling Center).



DR. GOAD TO TEACH AHEAD MASTER CLASS

WRITTEN BY
STAFF

In addition to serving as his professional organization's President-Elect, AEC Director, Dr. Chester Goad, has been tapped to present and facilitate for AHEAD'S 2023 Master Class designed for seasoned professionals in the field of Disability. Dr. Goad will be teaching a three-day session in Minneapolis, MN. The topic is "Advanced Practices for Leveraging Data, Research, Assessment, and Other Information on Your Campus." The Association on Higher Education and Disability boasts a membership of over 5,000 disability professionals, representing all 50 states and over 10 countries. In addition to its direct memberships, AHEAD has formal partnerships with 37 Regional Affiliates and numerous professional organizations. AHEAD members are actively engaged in service provision, consultation and training, and policy development on their campuses and promote accessibility across the field of higher education and beyond.



SPRING KICKOFF

WRITTEN BY STAFF

Students were welcomed back this Spring Semester with the Spring Kickoff organized by Student Engagement, featuring a series of events intended to help students make connections, and facilitate involvement in student organizations and the campus community.

Highlights included: the Martin Luther King, Jr. Silent March, Jammy Jam, Movie Night at the AMC, and ORG-stravaganza. Thank you to all those who made the Spring Kickoff such a success!



TTU ALERT SYSTEM

WRITTEN BY STAFF

University Police has partnered with Putnam County 911 Center to better integrate all the emergency resources that the county has to offer in the event of natural disasters and other emergencies that could potentially impact our campus.

This new partnership allows for continuity between both groups to act as a backup for one another during an emergency event and relay messages regarding the emergency situation to both subscribers at the university and in the community. In addition to text-based alerts, emergency notifications are also communicated via Tech's social media platforms and the university website.

All students are automatically enrolled and parents, faculty, staff, and others can enroll at:

www.tntech.edu/police/ttualert.php.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

WRITTEN BY STAFF

Miguel Angel Fuentes Garcia was selected as February's Student Affairs Student Spotlight due to his embodiment of the Golden Eagle values. Miguel is a Senior Mechanical Engineer major who hopes to become an engineer in the biomedical field. He is currently researching the strength of the Achilles tendons with the hope of developing a way to produce tissue for this cord instead of having it donated. He continues to make a difference as the president of Tennessee Tech's SHPE (Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers) chapter and as the Arts & Crafts Coordinator at the Upper Cumberland Hispanic Heritage Festival. It is Miguel's bold fearless leadership style and passion for pursuing vital knowledge that makes him such an excellent choice for the Student Affairs Student Spotlight.



NEW LOUNGE AND MEETING SPACE

WRITTEN BY STAFF

Some needed upgrades have been made to the area formerly known as the Noble Cody Executive Suite. This area has been remodeled and now includes a meeting space in what is now Meeting Room 246 and a student lounge located in room 241, which will be named the Intercultural Lounge. These changes are designed to provide a community space for all students at Tennessee Tech University to engage, connect, educate, and celebrate the diversity of our student body. The multi-use space has been outfitted with comfortable furniture as well as functional workspaces in order to facilitate student interaction and engagement. The Intercultural Lounge will also be utilized to host gatherings and dialogues, fostering innovation, creativity, and the sharing of knowledge, ideas, and resources among our students. Meeting Room 246 will be utilized by student organizations and departments for meetings, workshops, and training sessions.



INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS PRIORITY CHECK-IN

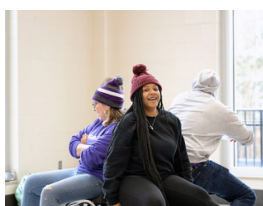
With the deadline for submitting the first sections of information for the Tech's Institutional Effectiveness (IE) reports fast approaching, the Division of Student Affairs made it a priority to meet with each department to discuss the upcoming deadline and to provide any support they might need in ensuring they have a clear idea of what needed to be submitted to successfully satisfy the requirements.

Thus, the Priority Check-in Workshop was born. The Office of Strategic Initiatives hosted the check-in on February 1st providing resources and a guided discussion of everything related to IE Reports and CAS. Leaders from each department attended the workshop where they were given the opportunity to participate in interactive exercises that allowed each department to take a deep dive on their initiatives for their IE reports as well as their specific department's CAS standards.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There is always something exciting going on at Tennessee Tech! Check out all the great upcoming events hosted by the Division of Student Affairs and Tennessee Tech, and contact us for more information!

- **The Sunscreen Usage Tabling Event**, organized by Health Services, will be on March 6th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the lobby of the RUC.
- **Panhellenic Study Night**, hosted by the Panhellenic Council, will be on March 6th and April 4th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Prescott 215.
- **Volley for Vision**, a fundraiser put together by Delta Gamma, will be on March 24th from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Intramural Field Sand Volleyball Courts.
- **Bob Ross Paint Night**, organized by the Residential Hall Association, will be on March 25th from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Tech Pride Room.
- **The SOLO Concert**, coordinated by Student Engagement, will be on March 30th beginning at 7 p.m. in the Hooper Eblen Center.



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