

SPRING COMMENCEMENT

Nine o'clock in the morning and two o'clock in the afternoon Friday, May 6, 2022 Hooper Eblen Center

Welcome to the Spring Commencement ceremony of Tennessee Technological University's 2021-2022 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 Business
College of Engineering
College of Fine Arts
College of Interdisciplinary Studies

2:00 P.M. CEREMONY

College of Graduate Studies
College of Agriculture & Human Ecology
College of Arts & Sciences
College of Education
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	
Austin Wheeler Smith, Jr. (interim)	
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 MAY 6, 2022 9:00 A.M. CEREMONY

Presiding
Invocation
National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner" Francis Scott Key, John Stafford Smith Performed by Tennessee Tech Music Students under direction of Professor Craig Zamer
Address to Graduates
Special GreetingBraden Hammer Trailblazer and Graduating BioChem/Molecular Biology Major
Special Message
Special Address Ethan Roberts Pitcher, Chicago Cubs
Recognition of Faculty President Oldham
Recognition of Graduates' FamiliesPresident Oldham
Presentation of Academic Deans
Conferring of Degrees
"The Tennessee Tech Hymn"
Closing RemarksPresident Oldham
Presentation of Candidates for Degrees
College of Graduate Studies

DEGREE CANDIDATES SPRING 2022

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

Md Rumman Ul Ahsan, Engineering

Dissertation Title: "Wire + ARC Additive Manufacturing (WAAM) of Bimetallic Structures and High Entropy Alloy (HEA)"

Advisors: Dr. Duckbong Kim & Dr. Jiahong Zhu

Farzana Ahmad Bhuivan, Engineering

Dissertation Title: "Leveraging Vulnerability Discovery Strategies for Secure Development of Supervised Learning Projects"

Advisor: Dr. Akond Rahman

John Thomas Brackins, Engineering

Dissertation Title: "Evaluation of Nonlinear Interactions Between Tropical Cyclone Storm Surge and Rainfall Runoff to Improve Understanding of Joint Coastal Flood Risk"

Advisor: Dr. Alfred Kalyanapu

Ankit Gupta, Engineering

Dissertation Title: "Thermo-Mechanical Characterization and Modeling of Short Fiber Reinforced Composite Material Fabricated Using the Fused Filament Fabrication Process"

Advisor: Dr. Ismail Fidan

William Avery Johnson, Engineering

Dissertation Title: "Companion Assisted Remote Attestation of Embedded Systems in Industrial Networks"

Advisors: Dr. Sheikh Ghafoor & Dr. Stacy Prowell

Utkarsh Kavimandan, Engineering #

Dissertation Title: "Investigation of Inverter Dead-Time Effects in Single-Phase Wireless Power Transfer Systems"

Advisor: Dr. Satish Mahajan

Yueh Ying Liao, Engineering

Dissertation Title: "Development of Methods for Characterization of Elastolytic Activity: Towards the Development of New Therapeutics for the Treatment of Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency"

Advisor: Dr. Robby Sanders

Kuseso Onai, Engineering

Dissertation Title: "A Systematic Approach to the Design and Control of Inductive Power Transfer for Electric Vehicle Battery Charging"

Advisor: Dr. Joseph Olorunfemi Ojo

Chioma O. Onwuchekwa, Environmental Sciences

Dissertation Title: "Adsorption of Methamphetamine on Select Microplastics and the Evaluation of Microplastic Content in Surface Water and a Wastewater Treatment Plant"

Advisor: Dr. Tammy H. Boles

Frederick Kyle Reed, Engineering

Dissertation Title: "Radiation-Hardened Sensing and Communication Electronics with Frequency Drift Correction Using JFET Technology"

Advisor: Dr. R. Wayne Johnson

Zhicheng Zhang, Engineering

Dissertation Title: "Using Machine Learning

Algorithms to Predict the Quality of Parts Fabricated
by Low-Cost Metal Material Extrusion Method"

by Low-Cost Metal Material Extrusion Method"

Advisors: Dr. Ismail Fidan and Dr. Muhammad Ismail

MASTER'S DEGREES

Connor Adams, Business Administration
Mary Anja Adkisson, Computer Science
Natalie Ann Alshaikh Ali, Business Administration
Christina M. Alsup, Business Administration
Andrew C. Atwood, Business Administration #
Shaun K. Barber, Business Administration
Alexander Michael Barnes,

Business Administration Jessica Thalia Bautista, Business Administration Farzana Ahmad Bhuiyan, Computer Science Adam Denton Browner, Business Administration Nia Marie Buntin, Business Administration # Kendall Faith Burt, Professional Studies Aubrey Moore Cagle, Business Administration Shaina Cardwell, Professional Studies Amber Nichelle Carter, Professional Studies Jeremiah Lee Catlett, Professional Studies Jordan Clanagan, Business Administration Crystal LeAnn Claunch, Accountancy Joseph K. Cross, Business Administration Viviana Laura Cruz, Business Administration Bedu Dahal Poudyal, Professional Studies # Samuel David Dunham, Civil Engineering # Hunter Mason Dyer, Civil Engineering Ciera E. Farris, Business Administration # Taylor Nicole Fiehweg, Professional Studies James Robert Fry, Professional Studies Rachel Dannielle Galyean, Business Administration Justin Matthew Garcia, Business Administration Isabel N. Gray, Business Administration Amber Rose Green, Business Administration Madison Harris, Business Administration # Daniel Hines, Business Administration # Markus J R Hoegman Moeller, Civil Engineering Morgan Hughes, Professional Studies Caroline Adele Hunter, Professional Studies # Allyson Baylee Jones, Computer Science Shannon M. Kelley, Business Administration Emma C. Kenner. Professional Studies

Jeffrey Calen Kimmell, Computer Science
David Kraft, Business Administration
Steven Lam, Chemical Engineering #
Quy Ton Le, Electrical and Computer Engineering #
Jennifer Leatherman, Business Administration
Caitlin Love Lewis, Professional Studies
Mackenzie Taylor Martin, Civil Engineering
Boston Maxwell, Professional Studies
Tyler W. McCormick,

Electrical and Computer Engineering
Elizabeth McCulley, Business Administration
Thomas C. McNamee, Business Administration #
Madison Kate Moffitt, Professional Science #
William R. Mungovan, Business Administration
Lori Nabors, Professional Science Masters
Brandon T. Nieman,

Electrical and Computer Engineering
Bradley Alan Northern, Computer Science
Ellie Marianne Ogletree, Professional Studies
Delaney Camille Oldham, Business Administration
Yves Mai Orsino, Business Administration
Amanda Brabson Paletz, Professional Studies
Anthony J. Palmer, Computer Science
Maxey S. Parham, Business Administration
Jennifer Lee Parris-Horner, Professional Studies
Jennie Hill Patterson, Business Administration
Andrea Pendleton, Business Administration
Jason E. Penny, Business Administration
Christine Soutee Phanbandith,
Business Administration

Hannah Elizabeth Randles,
Business Administration
Neal Waldon Reagor. Business Administration

Francisco Javier Reyes Ibarra,
Business Administration

Sarah LeAnne Rhoton, Civil Engineering # William Christopher Rogers,

Mechanical Engineering

George R. Rucker, Chemical Engineering Travis Sandefur,

Electrical and Computer Engineering # Lauren Schmidt, Business Administration Md Bulbul Sharif, Computer Science William Herland Sloan, Professional Studies Nusrat Jannah Snigdha, Civil Engineering # Sina Sontowski, Computer Science John Williamson Stallworth II,
Business Administration #
Christian Staton, Business Administration
Caye Williamson Strong, Professional Studies
Tyler T. Sylvester, Professional Studies
Ricardo Tapia Mosqueda, Business Administration
Austin Taylor Tice, Computer Science
Abigail Till, Mechanical Engineering
Cynthia Turnmire, Professional Studies
Marissa Nicole Vazquez, Professional Studies

Shelby Gail Walton, Business Administration
Matthew Watkins, Business Administration
Nicholas Stephen White, Business Administration
Carl Russell Whitlow, Business Administration
Jacob Lynn Wilder, Professional Studies
Bethanie Deanne Williams, Computer Science
Nicholas Graham Wilson, Business Administration
Brandon Yates, Professional Science Masters
Isabel Marie York, Business Administration #
Dee C. Zhao, Computer Science

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

George O. Akers Jr. Tra Michael Anderson

Gracyn Ruth Bailey

Noah Cleve Bean

Alexis Nicole Beaty

Robert Bryce Beeler*

Mckenzie Blair**

Jake M. Boesinger

Conner Hill Bostion *** ‡

Lorna Delaney Boston

Carter 1. Bowman

Hannah Maree Bowman

Ethan A. Bream

Holly Anne Brewer*

Sydney D. Brewer

Timothy W. Broome

April Rose Bryant **

Tanner Dale Bryant **

Tyler Nathanael Buck **

Suhair DAOUD Burbar

Jacob R. Burgess *

Hunter B. Busby

Evan Liam Bush-Mahoney*

Cody J. Cantrell *

Daisy A. Carrillo

Daisy Arlene Carrillo

Macy Kaye Carter ***

Briley McKay Cauthen

William R. Cecil*

Jack Mercer Clippinger

Lucas C. Cobb

Riley Marcus Colson

Zachary Austin Conner

Andrew Brian Cooper

Kyle Mack Cooper ***

Cassie Brooke Coppinger

Glenmore Arnold Crabtree

Beniamin James Cross **

Ethan Bradley Cross

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Brookelyn Ann Davis **

Joshua W. Davis

Bruno De Ornelas Marques ***

Sierra Rae Delon

Austin Christopher Dennis *

Megan LeighAnn Diem

Hayden Rhea Douglass **

Carter Grey Duke

Tyler William Dutton

Lauren Ruth Dye

Amanda Michelle Edmonds

Jessica Joanne Ferguson

Lauren Leslie Fox

Brenden N. Fraine **

Mason Tucker Fry*

Jayden L. Gabel

Kaitlyn Ann Gass

Golston Ferris Gillespie

David Levon Gist III

Joseph Douglas Glover

Joshua David Gordon

William Alexander Griffiths #

Justin Newman Grossarth

Juan Elias Grubert

Griffin Michael Guarneri

Mary-Grayson Hamrick

Jordan Austin Harris

Caroline Paige Hendren

Addison Michael Hice#

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Austin D. Johnson *

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Brianna Nicole Lancaster

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lazmine R. Lawson **

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James Reid Scarborough *

Jackson Rives Schierling ***

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Andrew T. Shepard

Carter Silvey Short

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Austin L. Smith Timothy Z. Smith **

Alanah Mayanni Smithson*

Oluwatobiloba Olusegun Sobowale

Dylan Charles Sparks Theodore R. Spivey

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Katelyn Delaine Stewart ** Kathrvn G. Stiles

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Noah Jaymes Tilley Kaylee B. Triplett **

Catherine Elizabeth Trombley David Ethan Scott Vanatta Tyler David Vaughn

Dakota Chase VonLobstein Andrew C. Waggoner Christian James Wallace

Sydney Nichole Walls Blake W. Weber

Faith N. Walls

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COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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Mohamed Rashid Mohamed Alqabid Alteneiji

Khalid Mohammed S. Alzahrani Fthan Nathaniel Cole Arnold

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Assessment Areas Using Mixed Methodology"

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**summa cum laude 3.9 to 4.00 grade point average

‡ W. A. Howard Award 4.00 grade point average

† in cursu honorum 22 hours of honors courses
and a 3,5 to 7 > grade point average

Candidates are recognized in this program if their grades qualified them for honors at the time this listing was prepared for the printers. All who anticipate graduating with honors will be recognized during the ceremony and the final honor achieved will be recorded on their diploma and on their academic transcript.

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Nancy Greene

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Married for 36 years, Bruce and Nancy are retiring together this spring. Together, they have a combined 60 years of service to the university.

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Performed by Tennessee Tech Music Students under direction of Professor Craig Zamer

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Performed by Vocal Music Education Student Olivia Metcalfe

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College of Engineering, Clay N. Hixson Student Success Center

Mark Creter,

Department of English, College of Arts & Sciences

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