



SPRING 2026 COMMENCEMENT



# SPRING COMMENCEMENT

Nine o'clock in the morning and  
two o'clock in the afternoon  
Friday, May 8, 2026  
Hooper Eblen Center

Welcome to the spring Commencement ceremony of Tennessee Technological University's 2025-2026 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 & Human Sciences  
College of Emerging & Integrative 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 Emerging & Integrative 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 & 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 & 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 master's 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 & HUMAN SCIENCES**

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 EMERGING & INTEGRATIVE STUDIES**

The College of Emerging and Integrative Studies offers a forward-thinking and flexible approach to education, bringing together expertise from across the sciences, humanities, engineering, business and technology. Since pioneering Tennessee Tech's entry into the state's online degree network and opening doors to customized academic pathways, the college has continued to expand access and opportunity for learners across Tennessee and beyond. Today, it includes the School of Interdisciplinary Studies, the School of Professional Studies, and the School of Environmental Studies—each empowering students to design an academic journey that reflects their individual interests and career goals. Whether studying online or on campus, students experience a comprehensive, future-focused education that prepares them to thrive in an evolving world.

## **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.

## **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 now College of Emerging & Integrative 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 procession, 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 8, 2026**  
**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 Chorale under the direction of Dr. Craig Zamer

Address to Graduates..... President Oldham

Special Greeting ..... Larry Stone,  
President of Stonecom Radio, Broadcaster

University Special Message ..... Hannah-Grace Boswell,  
Graduating Senior and President's Ambassador

Special Address ..... Bobby Wilder,  
Head Football Coach, Tennessee Tech

Recognition of Faculty ..... President Oldham

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

Presentation of Academic Deans ..... Dr. John Liu  
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees..... President Oldham

"The Tennessee Tech Hymn"..... Joan Derryberry  
Performed by Tennessee Tech Chorale under the direction of Dr. Craig Zamer

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

## SPRING 2026

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 Nowfel Mahmud Bhuyian, Engineering #

**Dissertation Title:** "Development of Morphologically Consistent Digital Elevation Model for Improving Riverine Flood Impact Assessment in Data-Poor Areas"

**Advisor:** Dr. Alfred Kalyanapu

Eric Brown, Computer Science

**Dissertation Title:** "Cognitive Awareness in SLMs: A Bloom's Taxonomy Evaluation of Classification, Metacognitive Scaffolding, and Cognitive Resilience in Small Language Models"

**Advisors:** Dr. Douglas Talbert & Dr. Jesse Roberts

Brandon Douglas Hines, Engineering

**Dissertation Title:** "Design and Evaluation of a Piezoelectric Integrated Smart Knee Replacement"

**Advisor:** Dr. Steven Anton

Mohamed Ashraf Mohamed Mansour, Engineering

**Dissertation Title:** "Enhanced Operation of Three Phase Dual Active Bridge Through Asymmetric Fractional Transformer Winding"

**Advisor:** Dr. Indranil Bhattacharya

Olivia Ezinne Nnadi, Engineering

**Dissertation Title:** "Characterization of Subsurface Current Flow in Through-The-Soil Long-Range Wireless Power Transfer Using an Active Front-End Converter"

**Advisors:** Dr. Ghadir Radman & Dr. Charles Van Neste

Mamunur Rashid, Engineering

**Dissertation Title:** "From Data Synthesis to Station Siting: A Learning-Based Framework to Accelerate EV Adoption"

**Advisor:** Dr. Syed Ali Asad Rizvi

Kevin Paul Shay, Engineering

**Dissertation Title:** "A Laser Powder Bed Fusion

Additive Manufacturing Characterization Approach and Dataset Highlighting Implications for Cross-Platform Performance Consistency"

**Advisor:** Dr. Stephen Canfield

### MASTER'S DEGREES

Amr Akmal Abouelmagd,  
Computer Science #

Sahera Yasmín Abumariam Gabrie,  
Chemical Engineering

Sara Ahmed, Accountancy #

Jesse Adu Akowuah, Civil Engineering

Lauren Elizabeth Allen, Engineering Management

Michelle Avivi, Business Administration

Tmara Avivi, Business Administration

Priyanka Bajracharya, Civil Engineering

Elizabeth Ann Baltz, Curriculum and Instruction

Alexander Hans Bassel, Business Administration

Jessica Eileen Baugh, Computer Science

Faith Lauren Bettencourt,  
Business Administration #

Brett Billingsley, Computer Science #

Mahalah Evon Boone, Business Administration

Richmond Boone, Business Administration #

Jamie Boyd, Computer Science

Emma Riley Brown, Business Administration

Joshua Buckner, Mechanical Engineering #

Linda Alexander Clarke, Business Administration

Ryan Cunningham, Civil Engineering  
Daniel Joseph Dever, Business Administration  
Kayla Dilmore, Accountancy #  
Sophia Isabella Dunn,  
Community Health and Nutrition  
Tyler Dale Edwards, Mechanical Engineering #  
Christopher Elson, Chemical Engineering  
Nathaniel Fisher, Accountancy #  
Dominic Anthony Fosco, Civil Engineering  
Isabella Grace France, Business Administration  
Melisa Ramos Garcia, Business Administration  
Gracie Gore, Civil Engineering  
Megan Jean Hendrickson, Computer Science  
Kevin Ho, Business Administration  
Morgan Lexi Holcomb, Professional Studies  
Keonte' Toni Hutchinson,  
Community Health and Nutrition  
Md Azizul Islam, Mechanical Engineering  
Brendan Anthony Jackson, Computer Science #  
Luke Thomas Jenkins, Business Administration  
Bradley Allen Jones, Business Administration  
Shafieh Karami, Chemical Engineering  
Cade Houston Kennedy, Computer Science  
Taylor Ryan Knox, Accountancy #  
Alexis Paige Leach, Business Administration  
Seth Logue, Mechanical Engineering  
Micah Materi, Business Administration #  
Patrick Liam McCloud, Computer Science #  
Kendall Brenae Medders, Business Administration  
Noah Montgomery, Business Administration  
Elijah Nazareth Morrell, Business Administration #  
Claire Mackenzie Myers, Chemical Engineering #  
Kashaina Nucum, Computer Science  
Jemima Opokua Obeng, Civil Engineering  
Conor James Orr,  
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Sharneka Parker, Business Administration  
Landon Gabriel Parrish, Business Administration  
Dhruva Patel, Business Administration #  
Emilee Hitchcock Perkins,  
Business Administration #  
Ethan Christopher Pesterfield, Mechanical  
Engineering  
Madison Qualls, Business Administration  
Kelsey Rainey, Computer Science #  
Abdul Goni Raju, Mechanical Engineering  
Brooklin Richardson, Business Administration  
Dylan Scott Roberts, Business Administration  
Madisen Claire Sanders, Accountancy #  
Emerson Shelton Schmidt, Business Administration  
Jared Lee Scott, Computer Science  
Jeffery Carl Sheley, Business Administration  
Wyatt Stewart, Business Administration  
Luke Story, Business Administration  
Olivia Szylar, Business Administration  
Gabriel Joseph Tardy, Civil Engineering  
Alex Tharpe, Mechanical Engineering  
Toby Tomlin, Mechanical Engineering #  
Jake Anthony Toney, Business Administration  
Madeline Grace Topping, Business Administration  
Owen Emory Varnado, Business Administration  
Layla Lynn Walker, Business Administration  
Joel Wallace, Civil Engineering  
Tim Wang, Mechanical Engineering  
Braxton Scott Westbrook, Computer Science  
Andrew Wheeler, Computer Science  
Ellen Sue Williamson, Business Administration  
Maggie Worley, Business Administration  
Rabeta Yeasmin, Chemical Engineering #  
Donyale Markeith Young, Business Administration

# COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & HUMAN ECOLOGY

## SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

Khalid Mansour G. Alanazi\*  
Sabrina Alfaro Mata  
Colton A. Almond\*  
Layla Rae Amons\*  
Alex McKinley Armstrong\*\*\*  
Maylee A. Bilbrey  
Adam F. Bingham\*  
William Alan Blankenship  
Sarah E. Blier  
Gauge R. Borum  
Morgan Cartwright#  
Tanner Allen Cocke  
Mary Ellen Copas\*  
Ella G. Cutshall\*\*  
Laurel Alyssa Dempsey  
Jack DiMisa  
Abdullah Sami Elgaithie\*  
Olivia J. Evans\*\*  
Keely M. Frazier  
Antonio Fuentes Garcia#  
Shaela Amanda Garrett  
Jacob Hair  
Emma C. Hamblen  
Emma Nicole Hardin  
Seth I. Harvey\*\*  
Sydney G. Hohmann\*\*  
Davie M. Holloway  
Avery R. Jenkins\*\*  
Matthew Everett Johnson\*  
Isaac D. Knowles\*  
Grant A. Mainord  
Molly F. McCarthy\*\*  
Daniel Metzgar\*  
Maggie E. Miller  
Megan L. Miller\*  
Raven Sierra Mullis\*\*  
Samuel Clayton Pardué\*  
Evany M. Park  
Darrian Powell  
Zachary M. Raines  
Caleb H. Rawdon  
Clara Robinson  
Shedrach M. Seay\*\*\*

Brynn Elisabeth South  
Piper A. Triplett\*\*  
Caeson B. Utley\*\*  
Macy Wanasek  
Austin Wattenbarger  
Briley T. York\*

## SCHOOL OF HUMAN ECOLOGY

Kaelyn Elizabeth Adams\*\*  
Emaline Kathryn Anderson\*\*\*  
Isabell Ann Apple\*\*\*  
Angelica Y. Ascencio\*  
Autumn B. Barsumian\*\*\*‡  
Alexis Shayenne Belfor#  
Ethan Tyler Boles\*\*#  
Adriana Nicole Carter  
Sara Beth Carver  
Regan L. Corley\*\*  
Hannah Michelle Cowan\*  
Jacklyn I. Dodd\*\*#  
Aryan Dogra#  
Alyssa Ella-Ann Emory\*\*#  
Sophia Corrine Sky Enriquez#  
Brook Maryssa Fritts#  
Cammie Gables  
Davis Austin Hartman\*#  
Caroline E. Henderson\*\*  
Ali K. Hicks\*\*\*  
Brian C. Hizer\*  
Addison Grace Howard\*\*  
Hailey M. Hraba\*\*#  
Lania Monet Jackson  
Aaron S. Jerd\*\*  
Carly Elaine Johnson  
Ethan Ryan Mayo\*\* †  
Tarice Shanton McKinney\*\*  
Olivia Grace Meachen\*\*  
Nicholas Andres Melgar#  
Taylor C. Mick  
Analese M. Milligan\*\*  
Ailish B. Munoz\*#  
Audrey Claire Oldham\*  
Emma Peters

Myra Elizabeth Rainwater  
Brayten Ray  
Rebekah Allyson Reed  
Amber Stephanie Rodriguez  
Adriana N. Roeder\*\*  
Meredith Caroline Slonecker\*  
Nicole D. Spencer\*

Noah B. Spivey\*  
Christopher Elijah Thomas  
Erin West\*\*#  
Lucy S. Wright\*\* †  
Sarah Helen Wright  
Ashley Brooke Yearwood\*\*#  
Katelyn Y. Young\*\*\*

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Carson Graham Adams#  
Kyra Daniella Adams\*\*#  
Amanda Lee Agnew#  
Carter Allen  
Joan G. Almaguer  
Carolina Alves Silva\*\*\*  
Austin S. Anderson  
Zane Edwin Andry  
Jonah Crew Apple  
Lex W. Baijo  
Victoria Vanessa Bain  
Torin Ollie Baker  
Slate C. Baldwin  
Daniel B. Bale  
Dawson Luke Bandy  
Carrson Andrew Barber  
Colton D. Berghoff  
Trenton J. Bilbrey  
Noah Gage Birdwell\*\*\*  
Kaitlyn Michelle Blair\*  
Joseph F. Boudreaux  
Alex W. Bowman  
Zachary S. Braden  
Kinsley Michael Branson\*\*  
Bo Butler Briggs\*\*  
Landon Jay Brown  
Andrew M. Burgess  
Thomas W. Burr\*  
Isabella Byondo\*  
Katy Elizabeth Caldwell  
Maria Guadalupe Camacho  
John Coleman Reuter Campbell  
Ahmad Markece Capehart#  
Sofia B. Carroll\*  
William C. Carter  
Sadie Grace Cherry\*\*  
Kenneth Clack  
Jordan S. Click

Ari Scott Cook  
Cody C. Cothron\*\*  
Conner Bryce Cox\*\*  
Aj Crawford  
Silas M. Cross  
Coby Crump  
John T. Daniels  
Daniel E. Davidson  
Heath Davis\*  
Elena Caroline Dietrich  
Joseph E. Duncan\*  
Turner M. Eades  
Trista D. Eggleston  
Tarek A. Elbeshbeshy\*\*  
Taylor Dale Ellis  
Kendall A. Ely  
Skyler B. Emery  
Christopher Aaron Evans  
Qais Eyadat#  
Andrew Flannery  
Ian Henry Fleet\*  
Joshua Foget#  
Gerardo Francisco-Sebastian  
Kaden S. Fray  
Ashlyn Brooke Fults\*\*\*  
Mia S. Furman\*\*\*  
Theron Gaines#  
Joan C. Garcia Hernandez\*\*\* †  
Maison F. Gargac  
Maggie Elaine Garrett  
Victoria Alexandra Gelabert  
Molly Elizabeth Gilliam\*\*  
Jarrett L. Glass  
Miguel L. Glass  
Amalie J. Goodwin\*\*  
Myles C. Goodwin\*  
Elena Noel Gould\*\*\* †  
Evin Lee Graber#

Chandel C. Graham  
Logan B. Greenwood  
Wilson Thomas Greenwood  
Maxwell C. Griffin  
Braden Nathaniel Hale\*  
Isabella N. Hale\*\*  
Natalie Brooke Halfacre\*\*\*  
Carson Hall\*\*  
Matthew Thomas Hall  
Jerrod Lee Hammond  
Bryson Clay Hammons\*  
Phillip L. Hamner  
Parker Edward Hannah\*\*  
Arman Hassan  
Jocelyn Ruth Hayes\*\*\*  
Bethany R. Hedge  
Jacob A. Hileman  
Christopher L. Hix  
Matthew Hodges  
Ray E. Hodges  
Lukas C. Hoglo  
Braden Holt  
Josiah Frederick Howerter\*  
Aaron W. Hughes  
Gabrielle Hughes\*\*  
William K. Hull  
Rachel Human  
Riley Jakob Hurley\*  
John P. Jackson  
Cameron D. Jasper  
John Mark Jenkins  
Jake L. Jenne  
Desirae Jimenez  
Ally A. Jones\*  
John Kane  
Michelle Z. Khoury  
Joy King-Riley#  
Luke Allen Kingsolver\*\*  
Savannah Kathleen Kirby\*\*\*  
Alexander G. Kotsioris  
Cody A. Lackey\*  
Abbey Langham  
Alex Seth Ledbetter\*  
Allison Amie Lee\*\*  
Chance C. Littleton\*\*  
Deanna Hope Loyd  
Matthew R. Martin  
Ian C. McAfee  
Haylee LenaMae McDonald\*\*\*

Matthew McGlothen  
Gretchen Cecilia Mcguire  
Eliza McMahan  
Macy L. Meador\*  
Farrah Ashley Meredith\*  
Michael Morrow  
Noah P. Nelson\*  
Connor R. Newton\*  
Patrick Garvice Nixon  
Garrett W. Oakley\*  
Jackson W. O'Neill  
Richard J. Ortega Rosendo  
Elyad Oshnavie\*  
Cole Heath Owens  
Claire Elizabeth Palya\*  
Emma Faith Parson\*\*\*  
Mihir K. Patel\*\*\*  
Shahil N. Patel  
Abby R. Paugh\*\*  
Jaxson Douglas Pease\*  
Isaac Levi Pendergraft  
Tommy Noelle Perhay  
Britney Tida Phally  
Kevin Philbin  
Braden C. Pickell\*\*  
Bobby Dale Pippin\*\*\*‡  
Parker A. Pitcock  
Bryan Logan Powell  
Ethan W. Powell\*\*\*‡  
Preston A. Powell#  
Justin Alfredo Ramirez  
Mady Rose Ray\*\*\*  
Daniel L. Rehberg  
Keyla Roberts  
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‡ W. A. Howard Award	4.00 grade point average
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# Student who graduated previously or anticipates graduating at a later ceremony.

**THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM**  
**MAY 8, 2026**  
**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  
Tennessee Tech Chorale under the direction of Dr. Craig Zamer

Address to Graduates..... President Oldham

Special Greeting ..... Larry Stone,  
President of Stonecom Radio, Broadcaster

University Special Message ..... Hannah-Grace Boswell,  
Graduating Senior and President's Ambassador

Special Address ..... Bobby Wilder,  
Head Football Coach, Tennessee Tech

Recognition of Faculty ..... President Oldham

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

Presentation of Academic Deans ..... Dr. John Liu  
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees..... President Oldham

"The Tennessee Tech Hymn" ..... Joan Derryberry  
Tennessee Tech Chorale under the direction of Dr. Craig Zamer

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 and Human Sciences..... Dean Lisa Zagummy
- College of Emerging & Integrative Studies..... Dean Mike Gotcher
- Whitson-Hester School of Nursing ..... Dean Kimberly Hanna

# DEGREE CANDIDATES

## SPRING 2026

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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

Vandyck Kojo Adade-Yeboah, Exceptional Learning

**Dissertation Title:** "The Effectiveness of Providing Virtual Positive Behavior Supports Training to Ghanaian Caregivers of Children with Maladaptive Behaviors"

**Advisor:** Dr. Krystal Kennedy

Jeffery Scott Herman, Counseling and Supervision

**Dissertation Title:** "EMDR Therapists' Use of Empathic Attunement: A Grounded Theory Study"

**Advisor:** Dr. Katherine Hermann-Turner

Jasen Knight, Exceptional Learning

**Dissertation Title:** "Metacognition and Self-Accountability for Career Success Among African American Men"

**Advisor:** Dr. Holly Portia Anthony

Kudakwashe Mandebvu, Exceptional Learning

**Dissertation Title:** "Early Childhood Educators' Social Emotional Competencies and Implementation of Social Emotional Instruction in Their Classrooms"

**Advisor:** Dr. Jane Baker

Jasmine Reynolds, Counseling and Supervision

**Dissertation Title:** "Black Daughters' Experiences of Paternal Incarceration: An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis"

**Advisors:** Dr. Jonathan Wiley & Dr. Katherine Wood

Lisa Salvato, Exceptional Learning

**Dissertation Title:** "Vision Beyond Sight: Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC) In Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education"

**Advisor:** Dr. Holly Portia Anthony

Hannah Willis, Exceptional Learning

**Dissertation Title:** "Deconstructing Potential Bias

in IRB Processes: A Qualitative Content Analysis of Policies, Procedures, and Training at Tennessee's R2 Public Universities"

**Advisor:** Dr. Amber Spears

### SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION DEGREES

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Megan Fletcher, Instructional Leadership

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Kellie Mason, Counseling and Psychology #

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Jennifer Lynn Salas, Curriculum and Instruction

Jason Schales, Curriculum and Instruction

Deborah Marie Conley Shrum,  
Instructional Leadership

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Rachel Clarice Young, Instructional Leadership

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Jerod Brite, Professional Studies  
Gav Bryson, Exercise Science #  
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Dustin Lee Buttram, Professional Studies  
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Lucia Cuadra Valero, Chemistry #  
EmmaLee Cupp, Curriculum and Instruction  
Elizabeth Ann Decker, Counseling and Psychology #  
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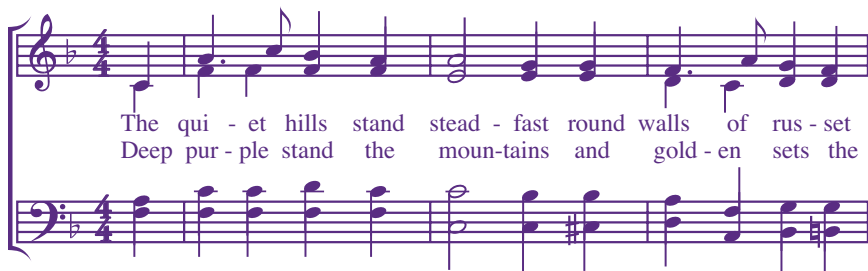
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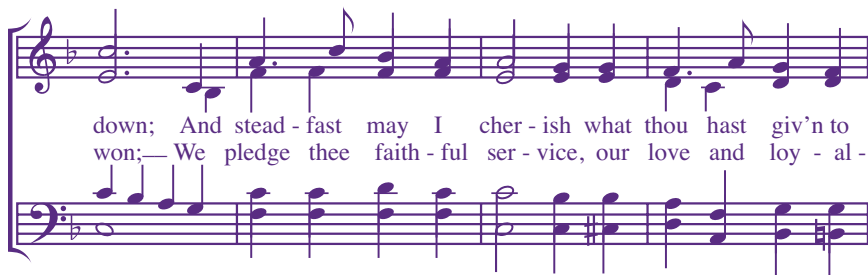
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