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Former National Science Foundation Director to Speak at Tennessee Tech University

Tennessee Tech University puts a premium on innovation and leadership; toward that end, TTU will host Arden Bement Friday, April 4, as featured lecturer in this year's Wallace S. Prescott and James Seay Brown Distinguished Lecture Series in Engineering.

Bement's talk, "Role of Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Science and Engineering Education," is from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. in Derryberry Auditorium. It is free and open to the public.

Bement is the inaugural director emeritus of the Purdue University's Global Policy Research Institute and Purdue's Chief Global Affairs officer emeritus. In 2010 he took a 10-year leave of absence from Purdue to serve as the director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology and as director of the U.S. National Science Foundation.

He served as a member of the National Commission for UNESCO and as the vice-chair of the Commission's natural sciences and engineering committee. He is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering, the European Science Academy and the Pan American Academy of Engineering, among others.

A panel of key academic and industry leaders will host a discussion, "Role of Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Science and Engineering Research and Education in the 21st Century," from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Panel members include Charlie Brock, CEO and president of Launch Tennessee; Steve Canfield, mechanical engineering professor at TTU; Richard DeMartino, associate professor at Rochester Institute of Technology's Saunders College of Business; James Roberto, associate laboratory director of science and technology partnership at Oak Ridge National Laboratory; and Sam C. Weaver, president and CEO of Proton Power Inc. Bement will moderate.

The Prescott/Brown Legacy Endowment for Engineering and Technology Professional Development was created in recognition of the individual and combined legacies of TTU's James Seay Brown, dean of **the College of Engineering**, and former president and engineering professor Wallace S. Prescott. The endowment serves as an ongoing investment in the future of the College of Engineering and its graduates. In addition to the lecture series, the endowment supports student design competition activities and professional development for the college's faculty and staff.



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