

INTERCULTURAL AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER

Fall 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

A SEMESTER OF CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY

This past fall, Intercultural Affairs welcomed students back to campus with events that built community, celebrated identity, and connected Golden Eagles with resources, alumni, and each other. From welcome programs and tailgates to concerts, conversations, and festivals, these experiences helped students find their place at Tennessee Tech.

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BUILDING COMMUNITY AND BELONGING

Intercultural Affairs Annual Welcome Back Event – August 26

Intercultural Affairs kicked off the year with the Annual Welcome Back Event in the Roaden University Center, where students met student organizations, learned about upcoming programs, and made new connections to launch the semester.

First Flight Tailgate for First-Gen Families – September 13

First-generation students and their families gathered for the First Flight Family Tailgate, enjoying food, a sundae bar, and fellowship before the big game. The event highlighted resources and support available through First-Gen Student Success and Intercultural Affairs in a fun, family-friendly setting.



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Race to Tech

Race to Tech is a full-day visitation experience co-hosted by Intercultural Affairs and Admissions, where prospective students follow a Race to Tech itinerary that introduces them to life as a Golden Eagle. Throughout the day, they attend sessions on admission to Tennessee Tech, connect with campus departments and student organizations at a high-energy resource fair in the Tech Pride Room, and hear current students share their own Tech stories. Participants also have multiple opportunities to ask questions about majors, campus life, and support services that help students succeed academically, professionally, and socially.



Homecoming Alumni & Student Mixer – October 31

The National Pan-Hellenic Council and Intercultural Affairs Ambassadors co-hosted an Alumni & Student Mixer during Homecoming week. Students connected with returning alumni, explored career paths, gained insight into life after graduation, and had the chance to begin building mentoring relationships—all while enjoying food and conversation.



CULTURE, ARTS, AND AWARENESS

Southern Hip-Hop with Dr. Heidi R. Lewis – October 2

Dr. Heidi R. Lewis led an engaging discussion on Southern hip-hop and “mumble rap,” co-sponsored with the English Department and the Women’s Center. Students heard her insights, participated in a Q&A moderated by Dr. Arthur Banton, and had the opportunity to get copies of her new book, *Make Rappers Rap Again*, signed.



DJ Lee & The MAGI Band – October 7

Center Stage, Intercultural Affairs, and the School of Music hosted DJ Lee & The MAGI Band for a full day of programming. Students experienced “The Experience of Music” in Wattenbarger Auditorium and later enjoyed a high-energy live concert in the RUC Multipurpose Room, featuring a blend of soul, funk, and hip-hop.



Tech Goes Pink and the Pink Out Game Tailgate

Tech Goes Pink and the Pink Out Game Tailgate united students, alumni, and campus partners in raising awareness for breast cancer. From daytime tabling on the Main Quad and an evening Survivor/Memory Walk to a game-day tailgate in Tailgate Park, participants wore pink, enjoyed snacks and refreshments, and honored survivors at the football game and Eagle Walk, with support from Intercultural Affairs Ambassadors, NPHC sororities, campus health partners, and Tennessee Tech Athletics.



Community Fest – November 13

Community Fest turned Centennial Plaza into a global celebration with international food, a global music DJ, creative crafts, a bonfire, and faculty engagement. Student organizations hosted activities such as pottery, bracelet making, tissue flower making, African beats, rock painting, and hat decorating, giving everyone a chance to experience cultures from around the world.



Etiquette Dinner – November 17

The Etiquette Dinner, co-sponsored with the Center for First-Generation Student Success, offered students the opportunity to practice professional dining skills in a formal setting. Guests dressed in business or dressy attire, enjoyed a three-course catered dinner, and learned practical tips from faculty on professional etiquette, networking, and making a strong impression at events.



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