

INTERCULTURAL AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER

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ABOUT US

The Intercultural Affairs Office is located in the Leona Lusk Officer Black Cultural Center (BCC) on the second floor of the Roaden University Center (RUC, 258). The office provides programs designed to encourage intercultural awareness and global engagement as well as educational opportunities outside the classroom. We offer academic support, the ambassador program, the peer mentoring program and internships to improve the academic performance and professional development of our students.

Students can come to the center to study and network with other students in our lounge or participate in numerous events that are hosted throughout the year. A library and computer lab are also available for students to maximize their personal and academic development.



MEET OUR TEAM



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THE REACHING ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE (R.A.C.E.) PEER MENTOR PROGRAM

The Reaching Achievement Committed to Excellence (R.A.C.E.) Peer Mentor Program is here to help first-year students start strong at Tennessee Tech. R.A.C.E. pairs incoming freshmen with supportive upperclassmen who have already been through the college transition and are ready to share real-life tips on classes, campus life, and getting connected.

As a mentee, you'll meet other freshmen, join monthly events and activities, take part in study nights, and get involved in both campus and community opportunities. You'll also experience Sneak Peek Week, a fun and informative way to learn your way around campus and discover helpful resources before the semester gets busy. To learn more or apply, visit the Intercultural Affairs R.A.C.E. webpage. Upperclassmen and transfer students interested in mentoring can check out the R.A.C.E. PLUS Program.



THE REACHING ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE (R.A.C.E.) P.L.U.S. PROGRAM

The Professionalism and Leadership for Undergraduate Student Success Program (P.L.U.S.) is a collaborative initiative between Intercultural Affairs, the Office of Access, Belonging, and Community Outreach, and the Office of First-Generation Student Success, designed to equip you with essential tools for academic and professional success.

This comprehensive program offers career readiness training through a specialized Connections class and Career Readiness Certificate, meaningful networking opportunities with alumni and industry partners through campus recruitment events and a student-led spring banquet, graduate school preparation and undergraduate research experiences, and financial support through stipends disbursed at the end of each semester for program completion



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The program begins with summer orientation in August, and continues throughout the academic year with hands-on workshops, professional development, and community engagement activities.



THE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Intercultural Affairs Ambassadors are student leaders who represent the Intercultural Affairs Office and the Leona Lusk Officer Black Cultural Center at Tennessee Tech. They help welcome and recruit prospective students, host campus visits and small groups, and serve as friendly, knowledgeable faces for students exploring our programs and spaces. Ambassadors also play a key role in supporting Intercultural Affairs events, from cultural programs to educational workshops, and they help create and coordinate social activities that build community and connection across campus.



FEBRUARY MOMENTS THAT BROUGHT US TOGETHER

February was full of meaningful moments that brought our campus community together through shared experiences, connection, and celebration. From energetic game nights and supportive spaces for first-generation students to uplifting music and engaging signature programs, these events helped students build community, explore culture, and make Tennessee Tech feel even more like home.

Intercultural Affairs TENNESSEE TECH	
EVENTS - FEBRUARY 2026	
<p>Enjoy exciting events hosted by Intercultural Affairs, First Generation Student Success, the Center for Student Engagement, the SGO Events Committee, and the Athletics Department.</p>	
<p>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH Basketball Game The Hoop, Women at 5:30 PM & Men at 7:30 PM Neon Theme Night and Dreck Night. Free admission to students with Eagle Card. This event is sponsored by TTU Athletics.</p>	<p>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH First-Gen Friday Multi-Purpose Room (Rooden University Center 282) at 10 AM - 12 PM Enjoy free food while connecting with fellow first-generation students and faculty. This event is sponsored by First-Generation Student Success.</p>
<p>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND Gospel Extravaganza Multi-Purpose Room (Rooden University Center 282) at 4 PM Enjoy gospel music performed by the United Voices of Praise Choir and other local groups and individuals! This event is sponsored by the Omicron Phi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and local churches.</p>	<p>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH Prescher Lawson Multi-Purpose Room (Rooden University Center 282) This event is brought to you by the SGO Events Committee.</p>
<p>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH Somebody Feels Phi Tour Dinner with Jim & Samatha's House Memphis Multi-Purpose Room (Rooden University Center 282) at 6:00 PM Enjoy food from Jim and Samatha's House Memphis, a restaurant featured on Netflix's "Somebody Feed Phil".</p>	
<p>FOR ACCOMMODATIONS OR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: 931-372-3393 OR INTERCULTURALAFFAIRS@TNTech.EDU</p>	

ALPHA PHI ALPHI, TRINITY M.B. CHURCH, KAINOS CHURCH & TTU UNITED VOICES OF PRAISE PRESENT...

Gospel
EXTRAVAGANZA
COMMUNITY - WIDE PRAISE

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22 2026
4:00 PM

ROADEN UNIVERSITY CENTER (ROOM 282)
1000 NORTH DIXIE AVE COOKEVILLE, TN 38505



On Friday, February 20, first-generation students gathered in the Roaden University Center Multipurpose Room to connect with peers, staff, and faculty who share their experience. With free food and conversation, First-Gen Friday created a welcoming space to share resources, build relationships, and celebrate the strengths of first-generation students, supported by First-Generation Student Success.



The campus community came together on Sunday, February 22, for the Gospel Extravaganza in the Roaden University Center Multipurpose Room. Attendees enjoyed powerful performances from the United Voices of Praise Choir along with local groups and individual artists, creating an uplifting evening of music, faith, and fellowship hosted by the Omicron Phi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and local churches.

On Thursday, February 26, students gathered in the University Center to enjoy a special dining experience featuring food from Jim & Samella's House in Memphis, as seen on Netflix's "Somebody Feed Phil." This Intercultural Affairs event invited the campus community to explore regional flavors, learn the story behind the restaurant, and connect over a shared meal.



Rooted in Worth hosted Campus Conversations: Future You Panel on Monday, March 2, at 6:00 p.m. in the Tech Pride Room of the Roaden University Center. The event was open to all students and featured graduate students, Tennessee Tech faculty, and community professionals who shared their academic journeys, career decisions, challenges, and highlights, as well as practical advice for students interested in their fields. Panelists included doctoral students Kamyah Crowley, Jasmine Reynolds, and McKenna Stevens, faculty member Dr. Lauren Wright, and Cookeville Police Department Sgt. Chantelle Nahmens, offering a wide range of perspectives on planning for life and careers beyond graduation.



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