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Advancement, Alumni offices to move to

Model Mill Development

Earlier this morning during the Johnson City/Jonesborough/Washington County Chamber of Commerce monthly breakfast meeting hosted by ETSU, Pam Ritter, Vice President for University Advancement and President/CEO of the ETSU Foundation, and I announced that the ETSU Foundation will lease space at Model Mill Development. This fall, the offices of University Advancement and the Alumni Association will relocate to this property located on West Walnut Street. We anticipate that move taking place sometime in October.

As you know, a major renovation of the facility has been taking place, and it has been our goal throughout this time for ETSU to have a presence at the Mill. You can read more about the move [here](#).

Coming Soon: The COVID-19 Safety Pledge

Later this week, every member of the ETSU community will receive an email with a link to the **Bucs are Back: COVID-19 Safety Pledge**. As we prepare for the fall semester, I ask that all our students, faculty and staff review the public health recommendations and guidelines in the short training module and then take the pledge to do your part to help protect the health and safety of our community.



Watch this video to learn more about the COVID-19 Safety Pledge.

Whether you are on campus or working and studying from home, we want everyone at ETSU to understand and acknowledge the protocols we have put in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The pledge will take about 10 minutes of your time, and we ask that you complete it before the start of classes on Aug. 24. Thank you for making this a priority and for all that you do to make ETSU a special place – where people come first.

2020 Virtual Faculty Convocation set for August 21

A highlight of the start of the fall semester is our annual faculty convocation, a time in which we gather together to welcome our new faculty, to honor those who have achieved Faculty Emeritus status, and to congratulate the winners of our Distinguished Faculty awards in Teaching, Research, and Service. These awards are the highest honors bestowed to the ETSU faculty.

The 2020 Virtual Faculty Convocation will be held on Friday, Aug. 21, at 9 a.m. The theme for this year's event is "Inspiring Hope and Resilience for a Stronger Tomorrow." You may RSVP for the event, access the meeting link, and learn more by visiting the [convocation website](#). I look forward to having you be part of this event as we kick off the fall 2020 semester.

OPERATION UPDATE FOR FALL 2020

ETSU to Operate at Modified Stage 2 for the Fall 2020 Semester

ETSU will remain in Stage 2 operations as we begin the fall semester, but we have made some modifications to the original Stage 2 structure defined by our Future Operations Workgroup. I presented this Modified Stage 2 framework to our students, faculty and staff earlier this week, and I also reviewed them in a video that was released on Monday.

I encourage you to visit our Bucs Are Back [website](#) to read more about any operation changes for the upcoming fall semester as well as to learn about the many ways we are working to keep everyone safe.

Many Offices Offering Extended Hours

I am very appreciative of all the work underway across campus to ensure students have access to the services they need before the fall semester begins on Monday, Aug. 24. Many of our offices will hold extended hours on campus and virtually from Aug. 13-27. A complete list is available at etsu.edu/hours.

Additionally, it is important that we remember the new fee payment deadline – Monday, Aug. 17, at 6 a.m. A series of changes regarding fee payments are being implemented this year. These adjustments in policy were driven from student

feedback and allow offices and staff members to be available to assist students with any issues that might cause disenrollment from classes due to fee non-payment. Learn more about payment options on the [Bursar's Office website](#).



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