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[Latest issue of Illuminated available](#)

The School of Graduate Studies is proud to present Illuminated, a magazine that focuses on graduate student research at ETSU. Additionally, it provides profiles of students who recently graduated. [Click here](#) to access the magazine.

This issue features work by graduate students and their academic advisors from the following departments: Psychology, Computer Science, Early Childhood Education, Audiology, Studio Art, Educational Leadership, and History. Illuminated is edited by Karin Bartoszuk, Ph.D. and includes the work of a talented ETSU graduate student, Hannah Warren (Sport Science and Coach Education) who conducted and wrote the interviews; and Emily

Redd (School of Graduate Studies) who designed the graphics and layout.

[Sherrod Library winter break hours](#)

Sherrod Library will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Dec. 23 with 24/7 chat available. From Dec. 24 to Jan. 3, 2021, the building will be closed with no services available, however, access to electronic resources to assist with research, including access to articles and databases, remains available 24/7. The library building will resume regular hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) on Monday, Jan. 4, 2021.

[Click here](#) for more information and updates.

[D2L Sign-in changes](#)

Information Technology Services (ITS) is performing maintenance on D2L today, Monday, Dec. 21, 2020 to improve platform security and sign-in experience

Continue to use elearn.etsu.edu to log in, but this update will provide a new look for the sign-in page and the experience will be similar to that of logging into Webmail or Zoom from your computer's internet browser.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the ITS Help Desk at [423-439-4648](tel:423-439-4648), itshelp@etsu.edu, or visit etsu.edu/helpdesk.

[Zoom recording storage changes](#)

Beginning today, Monday, Dec. 21, Information Technology Services (ITS) will be turning on **[Panopto's](#)** integration with Zoom.

This integration will provide additional opportunities for file retention, editing, and detailed analytics. All meetings and webinars that are recorded with Zoom will be automatically added to your Panopto library, checked for accuracy and validity, and then removed from Zoom. This allows the institution to save money in terms of paying for Zoom recording storage without Zoom users losing access to their files.

Please review the **[help document and Frequently Asked Questions](#)** for additional information.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact ITS's division of Academic Technology Services at [423-439-8611](tel:423-439-8611) or

[Institute on Trauma-Informed Strategies for Teaching and Learning Jan. 10-11](#)

The Women's Studies Program will host a two-day institute about infusing trauma-informed care principles into strategies for teaching and learning.

Dr. Phyllis Thompson, director of the Women's Studies Program and associate professor in the Department of Literature and Language, is co-organizing the institute with members of the Women's Studies Steering Committee. The project, "Trauma-Informed Strategies for Teaching and Learning: Creating a Culture of Belonging, Fostering Retention, and Increasing Degree Completion," was one of 7 funded projects funded by ETSU's Instructional Development Committee.

The two-day institute will kick-off on the evening of Sunday, January 10 from 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. and will be followed by a full day of sessions on Monday, January 11 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The events are free to attend. [Click here](#) to register.

The event draws on evidence-based approaches and model best practices, and is geared to the specific needs of ETSU, the local community, and region. First, participants will have a two-hour interactive evening session to explore questions about their interest in trauma-informed care (TIC) and how they can contribute to the conversation about TIC in higher education and the community. At the day-long institute, participants can take part in interactive workshops to learn the language of trauma-informed care, practice scenarios to better understand core principles, enhance course materials, develop strategies to recognize and respond to toxic stress, and create an action plan.

This timely opportunity offers critical insights and brings fresh perspectives to faculty preparing course assignments and administrators writing policy and developing programming for spring semester. Furthermore, with recent spikes in and effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for a trauma-informed faculty and staff is more urgent than ever.

["Reading Through the Pandemic" program](#)

Students who need books about language and culture for their spring 2021 courses but who need financial assistance may take advantage of a new program called "Reading Through the Pandemic" offered by ETSU's Language and Culture Resource Center (LCRC).

Through this program, students can apply for assistance in covering the

cost of books about language and culture that are required by course syllabi, or other such books that will help them succeed in their courses. To request books not specifically listed on syllabi, students must obtain letters from their instructors explaining how the desired books would help them.

After using the books purchased in the “Reading Through the Pandemic” program, students may turn the books in to the LCRC to be made available for other students to use in the future for classes or research through a specialized library established with the materials. Or, they may elect to keep the books.

[Click here](#) to read more, and to apply, contact the LCRC at **[423-439-8342](tel:423-439-8342)** or **lcrc@etsu.edu**.

[Office of Equity and Inclusion newsletter](#)

The Office of Equity and Inclusion invites you to read the latest edition of the Office of Equity and Inclusion Newsletter. **[Click here](#)** to access the December 2020 newsletter.

[Course eval results available](#)

Course Evaluations for the Fall 2020 semester have ended. Results are available. To access results, follow the same instructions that you used to track response rates and select the Reports tab on your landing page. **[Click here for instructions](#)**. There are several report options. Go to the help icon in the top right corner of your page to find out more about these options.

Feedback sought for new course evaluation system

The Office of Effectiveness & Assessment seeks user feedback on EvaluationKIT, the new course evaluation system launched this semester. We recognize that opportunities for improvement exist, as with any new product. Please send comments about your experience to **assessment@etsu.edu**. Details shared will help us better communicate with the vendor in our efforts to find and implement solutions. Thank you for your participation in this year’s course evaluation process.

[Call for nominations for the position of Faculty Trustee](#)

The ETSU Faculty Senate is seeking nominations for the position of Faculty Trustee to the ETSU Board of Trustees. Nominees should be notified of their nomination and be willing to serve if elected. Self-nominations will be accepted. Nominations are accepted from Monday, Nov. 30, 2020, through 5 p.m. on Jan. 31, 2021. For more information, please visit [**etsu.edu/senate/facultytrusteenominations.php**](https://etsu.edu/senate/facultytrusteenominations.php).

On Jan.12 (3:30 p.m.) via Zoom, Dr. Virginia Foley, current Faculty Trustee, will provide an information session related to Trustee duties, expectations, and workload, and will answer questions related to the position. For additional information, or to request the Zoom link to attend, contact Dr. Foley at [**foleyv@etsu.edu**](mailto:foleyv@etsu.edu).

[2021 Appalachian Student Research Forum \(ASRF\) is going virtual](#)

The ASRF is a regional competition in which participants from universities and colleges across the Southern Appalachian region present their original research in a formal, juried setting. Dual enrollment, undergraduate, graduate and medical students, as well as post-doctoral fellows and medical residents are eligible to participate.

Unlike past years' forums, ASRF 2021 will take place completely online utilizing the Digital Commons platform. Presenters will record and upload their presentations after registration opens in February 2021 for viewing and judging after registration closes in March 2021 (actual dates to be determined).

As it becomes available, additional information on ASRF 2021 will be posted on the [**ASRF website**](#) and in the Weekly Update.

[Deadline approaching for Summer 2022 Faculty Course Proposals](#)

Interested in teaching a course abroad in Summer 2022? There are two programs to choose from: ETSU Faculty-Led Programs and Tennessee Consortium for International Studies (TnCIS) programs. Learn about both programs on the [**Bucs Abroad Faculty Information Page**](#) (Click "Step 1" and access our informational webinar). ETSU Faculty-Led proposals will be

reviewed by the International Advisory Council in April 2021.

- March 21, 2021: Deadline for ETSU Faculty Course Proposal
 - Feb. 1, 2021: Deadline for TnCIS Course Proposal
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[Applications accepted for veteran entrepreneurship program - STRIVE](#)

STRIVE (Startup Training Resources Inspiring Veteran Entrepreneurship) is an eight-week cohort led by faculty members in the College of Business and Technology. Participants will engage in online learning, meet one evening per week and be connected with mentors in the community. STRIVE students will receive personalized instruction and assistance relevant to the growth of each business concept.

ETSU's STRIVE cohort will begin in March 2021. Applications are accepted through Dec. 31 and spots are limited. There is no cost to attend.

Please share this opportunity with friends, family members and colleagues. To learn more about STRIVE, including an outline of the course schedule, or to submit an application, visit etsu.edu/strive. Send questions to STRIVE@etsu.edu or call [423-439-5395](tel:423-439-5395).

[Bucky's Food Pantry Holiday Closures](#)

Bucky's Food Pantry will have limited and by-appointment-only hours through Jan. 18, 2021, as students will be on break during this timeframe. Hours of operation will be posted on the Bucky's Food Pantry [website](#).

For additional information, please contact Kristi Smith at [423-439-8587](tel:423-439-8587) or Chuck Patton at [423-439-5243](tel:423-439-5243) or visit www.etsu.edu/foodpantry.

[Upcoming employee training opportunities](#)

Leadership tip of the week: "[Twelve Videos from Patrick Lencioni on 'The Advantage'](#)"

[A Trauma Informed Approach](#) - This is a link to the training session recorded from the State of Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth in which **[Strong BRAIN Institute](#)** member Becky Haas presented this insightful training on the Trauma Informed Approach that is just great

information for anyone to have. Please check it out.

[LinkedIn Learning "Becoming a Manager" Pathway](#): As a manager, success is predicated on your ability to achieve goals working with your team. The good news is that management is a skill that can be learned. This path is designed to provide you with the key considerations, skills, and competencies to help you become and succeed as a manager. You must be logged into **[LinkedIn Learning](#)** to access.

[NEW HR Employee Learning & Development Website](#): Please check out our new website for some great learning opportunities for our ETSU Employees.

Visit the **[Human Resources Home Page](#)** to find out more information on Supervisor COVID-19 Guidance and much more.

Please note: Be sure to check the **[Event Calendar](#)** and the **[Scheduled Classes](#)** websites for the latest training information. Check out the employee learning opportunities online at **[Percipio](#)**. Also check out **[LinkedIn Learning](#)**. As always, please contact us at **gloverke@etsu.edu** or **[423-439-6133](tel:423-439-6133)** if we can help in any way with your learning for you and/or your functional unit.

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