Commencement Ceremony
December 14, 2019
Flag Etiquette
All persons present in uniform and service members not in uniform should stand at the position of attention and face the colors. It is customary for all to follow the flag as it travels to its post. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. When the national anthem is played or sung, citizens should stand at attention at the first note and hold the position through the last note.

Guests are asked to refrain from coming forward to take pictures during the ceremony.
The Platform Party

Dr. Brian Noland, President

Dr. Wilsie S. Bishop, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Interim Provost

Dr. Lori Meier, Associate Professor, East Tennessee State University
Department of Curriculum and Instruction (10 a.m. Commencement Speaker and Mace Bearer)

Mr. Patrick Cronin, Professor, East Tennessee State University Department of Theatre and Dance
(3 p.m. Commencement Speaker)

Dr. Gordon K. Anderson, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Tony Pittarese, Senior Associate Dean, College of Business and Technology

Dr. Janna Scarborough, Interim Dean, Clemmer College

Dr. Don Samples, Dean, College of Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences

Dr. Jill LeRoy-Frazier, Assistant Dean, School of Continuing Studies and Academic Outreach (10 a.m.)

Dr. Rick Osborn, Dean, School of Continuing Studies and Academic Outreach (3 p.m.)

Dr. Sharon McGee, Dean, School of Graduate Studies

Dr. William Block, Dean, Quillen College of Medicine

Dr. Wendy M. Nehring, Dean, College of Nursing

Dr. Debbie Byrd, Dean, Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy

Dr. Randy Wykoff, Dean, College of Public Health

Dr. Christopher Keller, Dean, Honors College

Mr. David P. Atkins, Dean, University Libraries

Dr. B.J. King, Chief Financial Officer

Dr. Joe Sherlin, Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment

Dr. Keith Johnson, Vice President for Equity and Inclusion

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The Program for Commencement

East Tennessee State University
Saturday, December Fourteenth, Two Thousand Nineteen
Ten O’Clock and Three O’Clock
ETSU Mini-Dome

Presiding ........................................................ Dr. Wilsie S. Bishop
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Interim Provost, East Tennessee State University

* Fanfare – Ceremonial Fanfare .......................... David Lincicome
ETSU Wind Ensemble, Dr. Christian M. Zembower, Conductor

* Platform Party Processional – Traditional Selection .... Will MacMorran, Bagpiper

* Student Processional – March Grandioso .......... John Williams/arr. Steven Rhodes
ETSU Wind Ensemble, Dr. Christian M. Zembower, Conductor

* Presentation of Colors ....................................... ROTC Color Guard

* The Star-Spangled Banner ..................................... Francis Scott Key
ETSU Wind Ensemble and ETSU Chorale

Introduction of Commencement Speaker .................... Dr. Brian Noland
President, East Tennessee State University

Commencement Speaker (10 a.m.) .............................. Dr. Lori Meier
Associate Professor, East Tennessee State University Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Commencement Speaker (3 p.m.) ............................... Mr. Patrick Cronin
Professor, East Tennessee State University Department of Theatre and Dance

Light of a Clear Blue Morning ......................... Dolly Parton/arr. Craig Hella Johnson
ETSU Chorale, Dr. Matthew Potterton, Director

Recognition of Platform Party
Recognition of Special Guests ............................... President Brian Noland

Degree Candidate Host ..................................... Dr. Thomas N. Donohoe
University Registrar, East Tennessee State University

Presentation of Candidates ............................. Dr. Gordon K. Anderson, Dr. Tony Pittarese,
Dr. Janna Scarborough, Dr. Don Samples, Dr. Jill LeRoy-Frazier (10 a.m.),
Dr. Rick Osborn (3 p.m.), Dr. Sharon McGee, Dr. William Block,
Dr. Wendy M. Nehring, Dr. Debbie Byrd, Dr. Randy Wykoff, Dr. Christopher Keller

Conferring of Degrees ........................................ President Brian Noland

* Alma Mater .................................................... Audience Singing
Accompanied by ETSU Wind Ensemble and ETSU Chorale

* Recessional – Traditional Selection ....................... Will MacMorran, Bagpiper

* March from English Folk Song Suite .................. Ralph Vaughan Williams
ETSU Wind Ensemble, Dr. Christian M. Zembower, Conductor

(The audience is requested to remain by their seats until the academic formation leaves the auditorium.)

* Audience Standing
Dear Graduates,

Today represents a milestone event in your life, for it is the culmination of your hard work and dedication over the past several years. It also represents the beginning of a new journey in your life. Whether that journey leads you back to campus to further your education, or into the workforce to put your skills to the test, it has been enhanced by your experience at ETSU.

Today, I encourage you to take a moment to reflect upon the experiences that brought you to this commencement ceremony. Undoubtedly, your own efforts have helped propel you onto this stage. The efforts and support of your family and loved ones, many of whom are with us today to celebrate your success, also played a key role in making today’s celebration possible. In all of the excitement that is graduation day, please do not forget to tell those individuals “thank you” for all that they have done and continue to do to support your endeavors.

I also encourage you to show your appreciation to the faculty and staff who helped you achieve your degree. We are proud of your accomplishments and look forward to hearing where your footprints lead in the coming years. Be sure to stay connected with ETSU and our National Alumni Association. Additionally, I hope that you can return to campus to take in a performance, attend homecoming, or just walk through our beautiful grounds.

Finally, as you realize this dream of a college degree, I ask that you always share with others the importance of higher education. It is through the power of higher education that we can make the biggest difference in our own lives, our communities, and the world.

Congratulations on this outstanding accomplishment. Godspeed and go Bucs!

Brian Noland
Earlier this fall, Dr. Lori Meier received the ETSU Distinguished Faculty Award in Teaching, the highest honor bestowed by the university to a faculty member. Meier is currently an associate professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the Clemmer College.

Prior to receiving this award, Meier twice received the Outstanding Faculty Award for Teaching within the Clemmer College (2015 and 2019), as well as the college’s Faculty Award for Diversity and the Excellence in Teaching Award from ETSU’s student chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success in 2018.

In 2018, Meier was selected by NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory to serve as a Solar System Ambassador and used that volunteer outreach program position to support her teaching of undergraduate social studies and support a number of local schools and organizations as well as ETSU.

Within her department, Meier is the graduate program coordinator for the Master of Education in Elementary Education Program and interim coordinator of the Master of Education in Educational Technology Program. She has published numerous articles and presents regularly on innovative teaching practices at meetings of such professional associations as the American Educational Research Association, National Council for the Social Studies, American Association for Teaching Curriculum and more.

Meier, who earned her M.A.T. at ETSU, also holds a B.A. in English from Milligan College and a doctor of education degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Central Florida. Before joining the ETSU faculty in 2008, she taught in elementary schools in Kingsport and Melbourne, Florida, and was a literacy trainer within the Brevard Public Schools system in Melbourne.
Veteran stage and screen actor Patrick Cronin arrived on the ETSU campus in the spring of 1999 as the holder of the Basler Chair of Excellence for the Integration of the Arts, Rhetoric and Science. The appointment was for only one semester, but because he enjoyed his time at ETSU so much, he decided to make Johnson City his new home when a tenure-track position in theater at the university became available.

Throughout his career, Cronin, who is a member of SAG-AFTRA and AEA (Actor’s Equity), has appeared in over 200 television shows and films, including “Seinfeld,” “Star Trek: The Next Generation,” “Home Improvement,” “All in the Family,” “Hill Street Blues,” “Alice” and “L.A. Law.” He received Emmy nominations for his performances in “The Wonder Years” and “Lucy and Desi: Before the Laughter.”

At ETSU he has directed numerous productions including “The Crucible,” “Other Desert Cities,” “Our Town,” “Beautiful Bodies” and “Forever Plaid.” Last month, he appeared on stage at ETSU as the grandfather in “You Can’t Take It With You,” a show which was especially important in Cronin’s life. Not only had he previously directed it at ETSU and played the same role at a nearby professional theater, but the show is written by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, whose granddaughter, the late actress Beatrice Colen, was married to Cronin.

While at ETSU he met and later married Dr. Amber Kinser, who is Chair of the Department of Communication and Performance. Together, they have four children – three of whom are already ETSU graduates, and a fourth son, Isaac, who graduates from ETSU today and, just yesterday, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army.
Candidates for Degrees

Dean: Dr. Sharon McGee

School of Graduate Studies

Doctor of Philosophy

Robert B. Blaisdell #
Sport Physiology and Performance
B.S., Temple University
M.S., East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
Dissertation: “Effects of Neuromuscular Fatigue Resulting from Repeat Sprint Exercise Among Trained Cyclists on Measures of Strength and Power Performance”
Chair: Dr. Michael H. Stone

Brian Michael Cartwright
Biomedical Sciences
B.S., East Tennessee State University
Chair: Dr. Yue Zou

Kui Cui #
Biomedical Sciences
B.S., Xuzhou Medical College
M.S., Soochow University
Dissertation: “The Distinct Expressions of Integrins αβ9 and αβ12 Differently Regulate Macrophage Migration in 3D Matrix in vitro and in Tissue during Inflammation”
Chair: Dr. Valentim P. Yakubenko

Aaron Noly Jerikoh Cunanan #
Sport Physiology and Performance
B.A., Louisiana State University, Shreveport
M.S., Louisiana State University, Shreveport
Dissertation: “Barbell Trajectory and Kinematics during Two International Weightlifting Championships”
Chair: Dr. Michael H. Stone

Asher Lee Flynn #
Sport Physiology and Performance
B.S., Evangel University
M.S., University of Central Arkansas
Chair: Dr. Michael H. Stone

Thaddeus Joseph Light #
Sport Physiology and Performance
B.A., West Virginia University, Morgantown
M.S., Louisiana Tech University
Dissertation: “The Influence of Strength in Load-Velocity Relationships in the Back Squat”
Chair: Dr. Kimitake Sato

Tsitsi Cecilia Nyabando
Early Childhood Education
B.A., Africa University
M.Ed., East Tennessee State University
Dissertation: “Second-Grade Students’ Perceptions of Their Classrooms’ Physical Learning Environment”
Chair: Dr. Pamela Evanshen

Emmanuel Atuahene Odame #
Environmental Health Sciences
B.S., University of Ghana
M.P.H., East Tennessee State University
Dissertation: “Assessing Heat-Related Mortality and Morbidity Risks in Rural Populations and Sub-Populations”
Chair: Dr. Ken Silver

Robert W. Sausaman #
Sport Physiology and Performance
B.B.A., University of Memphis
M.B.A., University of Memphis
M.S., University of Memphis
Dissertation: “Exploring the Match Demands of Division I Women’s Collegiate Soccer”
Chair: Dr. Michael H. Stone

Joseph Ardell Walters #
Sport Physiology and Performance
B.S., University of Tampa
M.S., University of Tampa
Dissertation: “The Effects of Branched Chained Amino Acid Supplementation on Acute Markers of Fatigue and Performance”
Chair: Dr. Michael H. Stone

Tara Kate Whiton #
Sport Physiology and Performance
B.S., University of Southern Maine
M.S., Montana State University, Bozeman
Dissertation: “The Influence of Chronic Branched-Chain Amino Acid Supplementation on Measures of Central and Peripheral Fatigue in Training Athletes”
Chair: Dr. Michael H. Stone

Derek R. Wilcox
Sport Physiology and Performance
B.A., Appalachian State University
M.A., East Tennessee State University
Chair: Dr. Brad DeWeese

Doctor of Education

Francis Canedo
Educational Leadership
B.B.A., Universidad Privada Boliviana
M.B.A., Universidad Privada Boliviana
B.B.A., East Tennessee State University
Dissertation: “Queer Students’ Perceptions of Inclusion at ABC Community College: A Phenomenology”
Chair: Dr. Pamela Scott

Caitlin Elizabeth Chapman-Rambo #
Educational Leadership
B.A., East Tennessee State University
M.A., East Tennessee State University
Dissertation: “Factors Affecting Design”
Chair: Dr. Hal Knight

John Matthew DeLozier #
Educational Leadership
B.B.A., Montreat College
M.P.I.B., Western Carolina University
Dissertation: “Community College Grow Your Own Leadership: A Phenomenological Study of Employee Perceptions of Individual and Organizational Leadership Development”
Chair: Dr. James Lampley

David A. Farmer #
Educational Leadership
B.S., Auburn University
M.A., Tusculum College
Dissertation: “Residents’ Understanding of and Satisfaction with Water Savings Devices”
Chair: Dr. James Lampley

Bethany Ryan Fillers #
Educational Leadership
B.S., Tennessee Technological University
M.A., Tennessee Technological University
Ed.S., Lincoln Memorial University
Dissertation: “Sensemaking in the Process of Inquiry: A Qualitative Case Study of a Networked Improvement Community”
Chair: Dr. Bill Flora

Kenneth Paul Hanson #
Educational Leadership
B.S., Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
M.B.A., Webster University
Dissertation: “A Comparison of Academic Success for Military Associated Students to the General Student Population at Middle Tennessee Community Colleges”
Chair: Dr. James Lampley

Sidney R. Hill
Educational Leadership
B.A., University of Memphis
M.Ed., Tennessee State University
Dissertation: “Perceptions of Maxine Smith Fellows on Barriers that Contribute to the Underrepresentation of African Americans in Faculty and Administrative Positions at the Tennessee Board of Regents”
Chair: Dr. W. Hal Knight

David A. Little #
Educational Leadership
B.S.A.G., University of Tennessee
M.S., University of Tennessee
Dissertation: “Growth Scores and TEAM Networked Improvement Community”
Chair: Dr. Virginia Foley

Michael Nicholas Novak #
Educational Leadership
B.S., Middle Tennessee State University
M.Ed., Middle Tennessee State University
Dissertation: “Perceptions of Tennessee Employees in Higher Education and K-12 working with Confucius Institutes”
Chair: Dr. Donald Good

Because the commencement program must be prepared in advance, this list of candidates is tentative. Certification of graduation must come from the Registrar of the university.

Academic Honors - See descriptions on pages 26-28
# - Indicates students who completed degree requirements in August.

10 a.m. Ceremony
Harrison P. Orr  
*Educational Leadership*  
B.S., Western Carolina University  
M.S., Western Carolina University  
Dissertation: “Student Retention in Community College Engineering and Engineering Technology Programs”  
Chair: Dr. Donald Good

Carmen Cristy Pendergrass  
*Educational Leadership*  
B.S., Tennessee Technological University  
M.A., Tennessee Technological University  
Ed.D., Lee University  
Dissertation: “The Effects of Grade Configuration on Tennessee Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade Students’ English Language Arts and Math Achievement”  
Chair: Dr. Pamela Scott

Jeffery Eugene Phillips  
*Educational Leadership*  
B.B.A., East Tennessee State University  
M.D.O., University of Oklahoma  
M.S., Tarleton State University  
M.B.A., Naval Postgraduate School  
M.D.O., United States Army War College  
Dissertation: “Factors that Contribute to PK-12 Teacher Retention in One Midwest School District”  
Chair: Dr. James Lampley

Elizabeth Shea Renfro  
*Educational Leadership*  
B.B.A., Mars Hill University  
M.B.A., Milligan College  
Dissertation: “Servant Leadership Measures in PK-12 Schools”  
Chair: Dr. James H. Lampley

Angela Darlene Adams Smith  
*Educational Leadership*  
B.S., East Tennessee State University  
M.A., East Tennessee State University  
Chair: Dr. James Lampley

Tammy Jackson Watson  
*Educational Leadership*  
B.A., Carson-Newman University  
M.A.T., Carson-Newman University  
Ed.S., Lincoln Memorial University  
Dissertation: “Parent, Teacher, and Administrator Perceptions of School Community Relationships”  
Chair: Dr. Pamela Scott

**Doctor of Public Health**

Kirinya Munene Mwirigi  
*Public Health*  
B.S., Kenyatta University  
M.P.A., Eastern Kentucky University  
M.S., Eastern Kentucky University  
Chair: Dr. Deborah Slawson

Sahar Josephine Alavi  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

Jalen Deshon Bridwell  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., Milligan College

David H. Britcliffe  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., University of Tennessee, Martin

Hannah Kate Byrge  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.A., University of Virginia’s College at Wise

Catherine Cox  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

Joshua Blake Davis  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Hope Nicole Dotson  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Jessica Leigh Drake  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.A., University of Virginia’s College at Wise

Landon Wayne Duncan  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S.Ed., University of Tennessee

Macauley Jane Duncan  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., Tennessee Technological University

Tyleisha Corey Gaffney  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., University of South Carolina, Spartanburg

Hans Scott Galle  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Paul Anthony George  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Brittany Nichole Gray  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Conner J. Hensley  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., University of Tennessee, Martin

Milann Danielle Hepburn  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., Milligan College

Katie Elizabeth Hernandez  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

Lindsey Marie Higgins  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Zachary Lynn Jackson  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Mary M. Jaramin  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., Auburn University

Christina Wakefield Jensen  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.A., East Tennessee State University

Hannah Michelle Johnson  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Kristin Elizabeth Koen  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Amanda Logsdon  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., University of Kentucky

Michael L. Lowe  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., Lander University

Andrew Richards Lutz  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., Milligan College

Trey Blakely Martin  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., Tennessee Technological University

Megan Rachelle Messer  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Daniel Allen Neubrander  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Kalin Bryn Oglesby  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., Lagrange College

Devin L. Rogers  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., Carson-Newman University

Andrew James Simonsen  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., Milligan College

Brandon Robert Michael Skelding  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., Chicago State University

Christa Gloria Smith  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

Dennis Cody Smith  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Haley Anna Warf  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

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*Physical Therapy*  
B.S.Ed., University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa

Stephen Gregory Wilson  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S.Ed., University of Tennessee

Bryan Robinson Wood  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., Auburn University

Madison Lee Woody  
*Physical Therapy*  
B.S., Tennessee Technological University
Masters Degrees & Education Specialists

College of Business & Technology
Dean: Dr. Dennis Depew

Abdulrasaq Folorunsho Alaya
Technology
B.S.E.E., Kwara State University

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Accountancy
B.B.A., East Tennessee State University

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B.S., Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

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Business Administration
B.S., Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

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Business Administration
B.S., East Tennessee State University

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Business Administration
B.A., Washburn University

Michael Hunter Bowyer
Business Administration
B.S., University of Virginia’s College at Wise

Augustine Cong Bui
Business Administration
B.S., University of Calif Riverside

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Business Administration
B.B.A., East Tennessee State University

Nusrat Jahan Chowdhury
Computer and Information Science
B.S., Noakhali Science and Technology University

Chair: Dr. Ferdous Kiar

Chelsie Nicole Collins
Business Administration
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Daniel Chadwick Cox
Business Administration
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Jessica D. Davis
Accountancy
B.B.A., East Tennessee State University

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Business Administration
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B.S., University of Vermont

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Megan Renee Sills
Business Administration
B.S., Austin Peay State University

Hannah Nicole Starnes
Digital Marketing
B.B.A., East Tennessee State University

Keaton Richard Summers
Business Administration
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Andrew Jonathan Surber
Business Administration
B.S., Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Sabrina Carol Sutton
Digital Marketing
B.S.Ed., East Tennessee State University

Justin Alan Sylvester
Business Administration
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Rami Faisal Tamimi
Business Administration
B.E.E., Birzeit University

Joshua Taylor Teague
Business Administration
B.B.A., East Tennessee State University

Ruoting Wang
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B.B.A., East Tennessee State University

Daniel Wayne Wright
Business Administration
B.S., DePaul University

Huizi Zheng
Accountancy
B.B.A., East Tennessee State University

College of Clinical & Rehabilitative Health Sciences
Dean: Dr. Don Samples

Lauren Elise Fabrize
Speech-Language Pathology
B.S., James Madison University

Thesis: “Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Speech-Language Pathologists’ Perceptions of Infants with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome”
Co-Chairs: Dr. Kerry Proctor-Williams and Dr. Brenda Louw

Jason M. Farr
Allied Health
B.S.A.H., East Tennessee State University

Thesis: “Hospital Preparedness for an Internal Mass Casualty Event”
Chair: Dr. Randy Lee Byington

Andrea Bisciglia Gibson
Speech-Language Pathology
B.S.Ed., University of Tennessee

Vanessa Lynn Jones
Allied Health
B.S.A.H., East Tennessee State University

Thesis: “Admission Criteria: A Focus on Using the Interview Process”
Chair: Dr. Susan Epps

Ashley Dawn Morgan
Allied Health
B.H.S., South College

Thesis: “Online Ultrasound Programs: Program Directors Perspective”
Chair: Dr. Randy Lee Byington

Maria Hannah Offield
Clinical Nutrition
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Stephen D. Osborne
Allied Health
B.S.A.H., East Tennessee State University

Thesis: “Automatic Exposure Control During Computed Tomography Scans of the Head: Effects on Dose and Image Quality”
Chair: Dr. Shirley Cherry

School of Continuing Studies & Academic Outreach
Dean: Dr. Rick Osborn

Robert William Dugger
Professional Studies
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Victor Oakley
Professional Studies
B.A., Maryville College
Oluwafisayo Semire Ogundoro  
Liberal Studies  
B.A., University of Ibadan  
Chair: Dr. Marie Tedesco

Taylor Brooke Ohman  
Liberal Studies  
B.S., Milligan College

Jamie Diane Reynolds  
Professional Studies  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Georgia Dover Ward  
Liberal Studies  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Clemmer College  
Interim Dean: Dr. Janna Scarborough

David R. Barlow  
Counseling  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Jill Eileen Bernstorf  
Counseling  
B.S., Western Carolina University  
Thesis: “Influence of Competitive Sports on Disordered Eating Behaviors in Young Female Athletes”  
Chair: Dr. Rebecca Milner

Catherine Thompson Borman  
Early Childhood Education  
B.F.A., George Washington University

Jennifer Michelle Bowers  
School Librarianship  
B.A., University of Tennessee  
M.S., University of Tennessee

Jessica S. Burleson  
Counseling  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Savannah Lauren Caldwell  
Elementary Education  
B.S.Ed., East Tennessee State University

Calvin Matthew Claggett  
Educational Leadership  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Terrence Lamont Curtis  
Human Services  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Kendra Renee’ Dailey  
Counseling  
B.S., University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

Nicholas Stephen Duda  
Human Services  
B.S., Carson-Newman University

Lana Brigitte Dyer  
Human Services  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Terri Fought  
Educational Leadership  
B.B.A., University of Memphis

Stephen William Frederic Fox  
Educational Leadership  
B.A., East Tennessee State University

Dylan Cole Frye  
Sport Science and Coach Education  
B.S., West Virginia Wesleyan College

Catherine Anne Furness  
Reading  
B.A., SUNY Oneonta  
M.A., University College Dublin  
M.A., The New School

Katie Phillips Gibson  
Human Services  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Samuel Keister Henley  
Sport Science and Coach Education  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Lindsay Marie Herrell  
Educational Leadership  
B.A., King University

Jalen Alexandre Howard  
Sport Management  
B.S., Florida Southern College

Kimberly Woods James  
Educational Leadership  
B.A., East Tennessee State University

Jennifer Renee Jeffers  
Human Services  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Greyson Daniel Jennings  
Educational Leadership  
B.S., East Tennessee State University

Melissa Dawn Johnson  
Elementary Education  
B.S.Ed., East Tennessee State University

Michael Francis Krupa  
Counseling  
B.A., Northern Illinois University

Jennifer Arthur Ledbetter  
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B.S.Ed., East Tennessee State University

Cortnee Ruthann Lee  
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B.S., East Tennessee State University

Dylan Chase Leffingwell  
Sport Management  
B.A., Ohio Wesleyan University

Robert Kelly Leopold  
Reading  
B.A., University of Tennessee  
B.A., University of Tennessee  
M.Div., Virginia Theological Seminary  
D.D.O., Sewanee: The University of the South  
Thesis: “The Player Character’s Journey: The Hero’s Journey in Moldvay’s Dungeons & Dragons”  
Chair: Dr. Delanna Reed

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Dr. Lori Meier, Distinguished Faculty Award in Teaching, 2019, Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Faculty Line Leader

Dr. Alok Agrawal
Distinguished Faculty Award for Research, 2019
Department of Biomedical Sciences

Student Line Leader

Dr. Andrea Clements
Distinguished Faculty Award for Service, 2019
Department of Psychology

Bearers of University Banners

College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Eileen G. Ernenwein

College of Business and Technology
Mr. Stephen Hendrix

College of Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences
Dr. Randy L. Byington

School of Continuing Studies and Academic Outreach
Dr. Julie Fox-Horton

Clemmer College
Dr. Jill Channing

Quillen College of Medicine
(Posted)

College of Nursing
Dr. Alex Sargsyan

College of Public Health
Dr. Matthew Zahner

Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy
Dr. Katelyn Alexander

Honors College
Dr. Karen Kornweibel

School of Graduate Studies
Dr. Craig Wassinger (10 a.m.)
Dr. Ingrid Luffman (3 p.m.)

University Libraries
Ms. Celia Szarejko (10 a.m.)
Mr. Travis Clamon (3 p.m.)

ETSU National Alumni Association
Mr. Samuele A. Wilson (10 a.m.)
Ms. Rebecca J. Eubanks (3 p.m.)

Color Guard

Cadet SGT Sydney Sitton

Cadet SGT Nathaniel Vernon

Cadet CPL Connor Lancaster

Cadet SGT Tanner Wilson

Cadet 1LT Seamus Hagan

Placement of University Banners

Cadet MAJ Marshall Martin

Color Guard/Pershing Rifle Advisor

Mr. Jay Emberton

Graduating Students Receiving Army Commissions

Jared Cathey, 2LT, Armor, United States Army, Tennessee Army National Guard

Isaac Kinser, 2LT, Infantry, United States Army, Active Duty

Natalia Kinser, 2LT, Nurse Corps, United States Army, Active Duty

Alicia Rodriguez, 2LT, Military Intelligence, United States Army, Active Duty

Trumpet Fanfare

ETSU Wind Ensemble

Ushers

Presidential Ambassadors

Announcement of Candidates

Mr. Fred Sauceman, Senior Writer and Associate Professor of Appalachian Studies

Prelude Music

ETSU Wind Ensemble, Dr. Christian M. Zembower, Conductor
The three academic degrees generally recognized are the bachelor's, the master's, and the doctor's. The name of each degree seems to have been determined by medieval university custom. The bachelor's degree, the baccalaureate, takes its name directly from the medieval practice of "bachelors" wearing a garland of bayberries. The master's degree was equivalent to a license to teach, and sometimes was followed by the express words Licentia Docendi. The doctor's degree was originally a title of respect and a recognition of great learning. Today the doctor's degree indicates advanced study and independent research in a specialized field of learning, whereas honorary degrees are granted for meritorious service and for distinction in public or private endeavor. In the medieval university, students and teachers wore gowns indicating their status and scholastic achievement.

In 1895, an intercollegiate commission drafted a uniform code for the use of academic caps, gowns, and hoods in the United States. This code is followed by approximately 95 percent of all colleges and universities. In 1932 and 1935 the American Council on Education reviewed and refined the American academic costume.

Those holding a bachelor's degree traditionally wear a gown of worsted material, fastened at the top, and distinguished by long pointed sleeves hanging nearly to the knees. The master's gown, worn open, is made either of worsted or silk, and has long closed sleeves with an arc appearing near the bottom and a slit for the arm near the middle of the sleeves. The doctor's gown, also worn open, is made of silk, faced with a broad strip of velvet, and has three bars of velvet on each sleeve.

A hood may be worn with the gown and is made of the same material. The master's hood is three and one-half feet long, faced with a three-inch strip of velvet; the doctor's hood is four feet long, faced with a five-inch strip of velvet. The color of the tassel or the velvet strip on the hood indicates the field of study in which the degree was earned or granted, as for example: Agriculture – Maize; Arts, Letters, Humanities – White; Commerce, Accountancy, Business – Drab; Dentistry – Lilac; Economics – Copper; Education – Light Blue; Engineering – Orange; Fine Arts including Architecture – Brown; Forestry – Russet; Journalism – Crimson; Law – Purple; Library Science – Lemon; Medicine – Green; Music – Pink; Nursing – Apricot; Oratory (Speech) – Silver Gray; Pharmacy – Olive Green; Philosophy – Dark Blue; Physical Education – Sage Green; Physical Therapy – Teal; Public Administration including Foreign Service – Peacock Blue; Public Health – Salmon Pink; Science – Golden Yellow; Social Work – Citron; Theology – Scarlet; Veterinary Science – Gray.

The appropriate cap for all degrees is the familiar black "mortarboard." A black tassel, or one of a color signifying the field of specialization, hanging to the left of the face, is appropriate for all degrees. Those holding a doctor's degree may wear a soft velvet cap of the color indicating their field of study, or with the "mortarboard" may wear a tassel in whole or in part of gold thread.

The Presidential Medallion - The presidential medallion is the traditional symbol of office worn at official functions. The design features a torch symbolizing learning; a wreath, symbol of victory, while the star ruby symbolizes excellence.

The Mace - The East Tennessee State University mace is an organic design in forged silver with an ebony handle. The form gives a circular impression, referring to the medieval concept of a heavy armor-breaking club yet losing its warlike appearance by becoming less solid and a more decorative symbol of the university as it encompasses global thinking. A central staff radiates the thrust of the rhythmical branches of the tree of knowledge; the heavier branches representing the well-established disciplines and the more delicate ones the beginnings and growth of the new.

The Flag - The flag of East Tennessee State University is of simple conception, yet representative of the rich heritage of the area and the aspirations of the university.
Students wearing a medallion on a colored ribbon are graduating with honors as follows:
- White ribbon - cum laude (3.50 – 3.64 GPA)
- Yellow ribbon - magna cum laude (3.65 – 3.84 GPA)
- Blue ribbon - summa cum laude (3.85 – 4.00 GPA)

**National Honor Societies**

**Alpha Epsilon Delta**
Purple and red cords signify membership in Alpha Epsilon Delta, the national health pre-professional honor society dedicated to the encouragement and recognition of excellence in pre-professional health scholarship.

**Alpha Sigma Lambda**
The cream colored stoles with deep burgundy and antique gold embroidery signify the credo “First in Scholarship and Leadership.” Membership in the Zeta Tau chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda represents the premier national honor society for nontraditional students.

**Delta Alpha Pi International**
The blue and gold cords signify the participation in the Psi chapter of Delta Alpha Pi, which honors high achieving students with disabilities.

**Gamma Beta Phi**
The gold sashes signify membership in the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, which emphasizes service, scholarship, and character.

**Gamma Sigma Alpha**
The blue and gold cords signify membership in Delta Pi, which honors high achieving students with disabilities.

**Golden Key International Honour Society**
The Golden Key medallion is a round 2” gold sandblast finished medallion with the GK logo attached by a royal blue and gold 30” neck ribbon. The honor stole is a beautiful rich gold satin embroidered material with the GK logo in royal blue. The honor cords have double strands of intertwined royal blue and gold cords with a GK charm attached. The Golden Key regalia signifies membership in the Golden Key International Honour Society and the pillars of academics, leadership, and service for which the society was founded.

**Omicron Delta Kappa**
The sky blue, black, and white intertwined honor cords signify membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society which recognizes juniors, seniors, and graduate students who exhibit excellence in one or more of the following areas: scholarship, athletics, community service, campus governance, involvement in student organizations/publications, or the performing arts.

**Sigma Alpha Lambda**
The navy, black, and gold intertwined honor cords signify membership in Sigma Alpha Lambda, a national leadership and honors organization, which recognizes and encourages academic achievement, servant leadership, and community service.

**Sigma Phi Alpha**
The purple and gold cords signify membership in Sigma Phi Alpha, the national honor society for the dental hygiene profession. The purpose of Sigma Phi Alpha is to promote, recognize, and honor scholarship, leadership, and service among dental hygiene graduates. These graduates represent the top 80 percent of their dental hygiene class.

**Tau Sigma**
Cords of burgundy and gold signify membership in Tau Sigma, an academic honor society designed specifically to recognize and promote the academic excellence and involvement of transfer students.

**College of Arts and Sciences**

**Alpha Psi Omega Lambda Epsilon**
The amber and sky blue cords signify membership in the Alpha Psi Omega National Theatre Honor Society, designed to recognize and reward exemplary student participation in theatre.

**Kappa Mu Epsilon**
The rose pink and silver cords signify membership in the Tennessee Beta Chapter of the Kappa Mu Epsilon national mathematics honor society, which recognizes achievement in and appreciation of mathematics.

**Lambda Pi Eta**
Graduates who have attained a standard of excellence in the field of communication wear honor cords of red and white to signify their membership in Lambda Pi Eta honor society.

**Phi Alpha Theta**
The maroon and light blue cords signify membership in Phi Alpha Theta, an American honor society established in 1921 for undergraduate and graduate students and professors of history. The society is a charter member of the Association of College Honor Societies and ETSU’s chapter, Alpha Epsilon Epsilon, was chartered in 1989.

**Pi Gamma Mu**
The blue and white honor cords signify membership in the Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Science, which emphasizes scholarship in the social sciences.

**Pi Kappa Lambda**
The gold and white honor cords signify membership in the National Music Honor Society, Pi Kappa Lambda, which recognizes outstanding scholarly achievement and musicianship.
Pi Sigma Alpha
The red, white, and black honor cords signify membership in Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science National Honor Society, which recognizes excellence in the study of political science.

Psi Chi
The silver satin stole worn by some psychology graduates signifies membership in Psi Chi, the honor society in psychology.

Sigma Tau Delta
The red and black honor cords signify membership in the Sigma Tau Delta International Honor Society, which recognizes excellence in English scholarship.

College of Business and Technology

Beta Alpha Psi
The red and black honor cords signify membership in Beta Alpha Psi, the international honor society for accounting, finance, and information systems.

Beta Gamma Sigma
The blue and gold honor cords signify membership in Beta Gamma Sigma, the honor society for schools accredited by AACSB - the International Association for Management Education.

Epsilon Pi Tau
The blue, gold, and white honor cords signify membership in Epsilon Pi Tau, the international honorary for professions in technology.

Kappa Omicron Nu
The crimson and cream honor cords signify membership in Kappa Omicron Nu, the national family and consumer sciences honor society.

Upsilon Pi Epsilon
The maroon and white cords signify membership in Upsilon Pi Epsilon, the national honor society for computer science.

College of Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences

Alpha Eta
The intertwined white and light green honor cords signify the distinction of membership in Alpha Eta, the national honor society for allied health professionals. Alpha Eta members maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or greater and have evidenced community and professional service and leadership status, reflected in their motto: “Together We Serve.”

Lambda Beta
The blue and green cords and ribbons signify membership in Lambda Beta, the national honor society for the respiratory care profession. Lambda Beta honors scholastic achievement, service, and the character of students, graduates, and faculty members of the respiratory care profession. These graduates represent the top 25 percent of their respiratory class.

Lambda Nu
The maroon and forest green cords signify membership in Lambda Nu, the national honor society for the radiologic and imaging sciences. Lambda Nu fosters academic scholarship at the highest academic levels, promotes research and investigation in the radiologic and imaging sciences, and recognizes exemplary scholarship.

College of Nursing

Sigma Theta Tau
The orchid and white honor cords signify membership in Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor society of nursing.

Phi Alpha National Honor Society
The blue and gold medallions signify membership in the Phi Alpha National Honor Society, which recognizes and encourages superior scholarship in social work as well as all other academic disciplines.

Clemmer College

Chi Sigma Iota
The royal blue and white twined honor cords signify membership in the Eta Tau Sigma chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, Counseling Honor Society International, which values academic and professional excellence in counseling.

Kappa Delta Pi
The violet and jade green twined honor cords with violet tassels signify membership in Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education.

College of Public Health

Delta Omega
The black and salmon stoles signify membership in Delta Omega, the national honor society for public health. Membership reflects dedication to quality in the field of public health and to protection and advancement of the health of all people.

Epsilon Nu Eta
The gold, green, and sky blue honor cords signify membership in Epsilon Nu Eta, the national honor society for environmental health majors. ETSU is the founding chapter of Epsilon Nu Eta.

School of Continuing Studies and Academic Outreach

Graduate Liberal Studies Programs
The Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs National Honor Society is open to graduate students in liberal studies who have earned a minimum of a 3.75 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale and who have demonstrated leadership in the classroom and in the greater community. AGLSP National Honor Society members at ETSU wear honors cords of blue and gold to signify their distinction.
Admissions Ambassadors
The sashes of gold designate graduates who are members of the Admissions Ambassadors organization through the Office of Admissions. After being selected for the organization based on their academic qualifications, our Ambassadors assist with recruitment by providing campus tours to our ETSU guests. As leaders and representatives of ETSU, our Ambassadors must maintain a 3.0 GPA each semester.

Emerging Leaders Academy
The intertwined royal blue, gold, and silver cords signify completion of The Dr. Brenda White Wright Emerging Leaders Academy. Based on principles of servant-leadership, the Emerging Leaders Academy serves to identify, encourage, and equip emerging student leaders with the skills, knowledge, and experience to effectively lead at ETSU and beyond.

Fine and Performing Arts Scholars Program
The long stoles of silver designate the Fine and Performing Arts Scholars Program of the ETSU Honors College. These graduates were selected as artistically talented students and have completed a rigorous major or minor in an arts-related field.

Honors-in-Discipline Programs
The bronze medallions on blue and gold ribbons designate the Honors-in-Discipline Programs of the ETSU Honors College. These graduates, selected on the basis of their academic performance, completed a rigorous honors program in their major area of study.

International Regalia
Stoles depicting the colors and/or flags of different countries represent the home countries of ETSU international graduates or the countries where the graduates have participated in significant study abroad experiences as part of their degree programs.

Interprofessional Education (IPE) Program
Graduates who complete the two-year Interprofessional Education Experience offered through the Academic Health Sciences Center are wearing white cords. This experience focused on the four core domains of Interprofessional Education and Practice – Interprofessional Communication, Interprofessional Values and Ethics, Teams and Teamwork, and Roles and Responsibilities. The white color represents the end result when multiple colors of light (representing each profession involved in the experience) pass through a prism and symbolically blend expertise in the Interprofessional Education Experience.

Midway Honors Scholars Program
The long stoles of ETSU blue with gold embroidery designate the Midway Honors Scholars Program of the ETSU Honors College. These graduates were selected as academically talented students who transferred from other colleges and universities and who have completed programs of academic challenge and performance here at ETSU.

National Residence Hall Honorary
The blue and white cords signify membership in the National Residence Hall Honorary, which recognizes the top one percent of residence hall students who are exemplary residential students in academics, leadership, and service.

Pre-Health Living-Learning Community
The gold stoles signify membership in the pre-health living-learning community, an interdisciplinary undergraduate community focused on the academic, professional, and personal growth of pre-health students.

Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC)
Graduates wearing military uniforms participated in ETSU’s ROTC program and are newly commissioned officers of the United States Army. These graduates took on the challenge and seized the opportunity to combine world-class leadership and management training with their academic studies here at ETSU.

Roan Scholars Leadership Program
The purple and gray stoles are representative of the prestigious Roan Scholars Leadership Program founded in 1997. Outstanding student-leaders throughout the region are selected based on exemplary character, leadership, intellectual curiosity, physical vigor, and overall leadership potential.

Student Veterans of America
The Student Veterans of America (ETSU Chapter) is a national student organization that recognizes veterans for their service to our country and their continuing excellence in pursuing higher education. The red, white, and blue cords presented proudly by SVA represent the graduate’s veteran status while attending ETSU. Yesterday’s Warriors, Today’s Scholars, Tomorrow’s Leaders.

University Honors Scholars Program
The long stoles of antique gold with blue embroidery designate graduates of the University Honors Scholars Program of the ETSU Honors College. These graduates, selected on the basis of academic excellence and well-rounded experiences, have participated in a four-year program of academic challenge and performance at ETSU.
The Star-Spangled Banner

Oh say, can you see, by the dawn’s early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O’er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Alma Mater

In the shadow of the mountains,  
Under skies of blue,
Stands our dear old Alma Mater,  
Glorious to view,
Sound the chorus, speed it onward;  
Thee we’ll never fail!
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater—  
Hail to thee, all hail!

In thy halls we formed our friendships,  
Dear old college home;
And to thee we pledge our hearts,  
Wherever we may roam,
Sound the chorus, speed it onward;  
Thee we’ll never fail!
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater—  
Hail to thee, all hail!

Recent Retirees

Scott H. Beck  
Office of Sponsored Programs
Larry W. Britt  
Custodial Services
Teresa L. Carver  
Trio Outreach
Patrick Cronin  
Theatre and Dance
Corinthia M. Duncan  
Admissions
Mark E. Ellis  
University Libraries
Rita J. Forrester  
Office of Graduate Medical Education
Susan D. Gardner  
Family Medicine
Loyd L. Glenn  
Nursing Undergraduate Programs
Tom Jernigan  
OB GYN
Jane M. Jones  
Office of the President
Theresa King  
Custodial Services
Susan Knoche  
Medical Library Administration
Diana L. Kuehl  
Counseling Center
Thomas P. Larue  
Library Administration
Deborah H. Lee  
Biomedical Sciences
Emily Lemieux  
Biomedical Sciences
Emanuel Lewis  
Building Maintenance
Mary A. Littleton  
Community and Behavioral Health
Darrellen E. Lodien  
Child Study Center
Rebecca A. Loyd  
Information Technology Computer Services
Linda L. Lucas  
Adult, Commuter and Transfer Services
Melinda A. Lucas  
Pediatrics
Linda P. Mongold  
Student Services COM
Kenneth D. Phillips  
Nursing Graduate Programs
Susan L. Reed  
Office of Practice
Eugene H. Scheuerman  
Pathology
Billie J. Scott  
Custodial Services
Michael L. Smith  
Social Work
Ronnie Sutphin  
Custodial Services
Joan C. VanEaton  
Community Engagement
Susan Wallace  
Psychiatry
Frederick B. Warren  
Athletic Develop
Gary J. Williams  
Safety Security
Ramona A. Williams  
Community Engagement
Barbara A. Wolff  
Child Study Center
Yue Zou  
Biomedical Sciences