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

Stage decorations provided by
Sean Morris, Assistant Director of Grounds and Landscaping,
and Tisha Harrison, Director, University Advancement

Flag Etiquette

All persons present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the armed forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. 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 through the last note.
THE PLATFORM PARTY

Dr. Brian Noland, President, East Tennessee State University

Dr. Bert C. Bach, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Wilsie S. Bishop, University Chief Operating Officer and Vice President for Health Affairs

Dr. MaryLou Apple (10 a.m.) Tennessee Board of Regents Tullahoma, TN

Mr. Parker Smith (2 p.m.) Tennessee Board of Regents Kingsport, TN

Mr. Scott Niswonger (10 a.m. speaker) Executive Chairman of Landair Transport, Inc. and Chairman Emeritus of Forward Air Corporation

Dr. Chris S. Dula (2 p.m. speaker) Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, East Tennessee State University

Dr. William R. Duncan, Vice Provost for Research and Sponsored Programs

Dr. Joe H. Sherlin, Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. David D. Collins, Vice President for Finance and Administration

Dr. Virginia Foley, Faculty Senate President

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

Dr. Dennis Depew, Dean, College of Business and Technology

Dr. Rick Osborn, Dean, School of Continuing Studies and Academic Outreach

Dr. Terence Hicks, Dean, Claudius G. Clemmer College of Education

Dr. Judith Slagle, Dean, Honors College (10 a.m.)

Dr. Scott Contreras-Koterbay, Department of Art and Design (2 p.m.)

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

Dr. Rob Pack, Associate Dean, College of Public Health

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

Dr. Cecilia A. McIntosh, School of Graduate Studies

Dr. Larry D. Calhoun, Dean, Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy

Dr. Robert T. Means, Jr., Dean, Quillen College of Medicine

Ms. Patricia R. Van Zandt, Dean, University Libraries

Ms. Sheryl L. Burnette, University Registrar

Dr. Patrick Brown, Department of Health Sciences
THE PROGRAM FOR COMMENCEMENT
EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
Saturday, May Seventh, Two Thousand Sixteen
Ten O’Clock and Two O’Clock
ETSU/MSHA Athletic Center

Presiding........................................................................................................... Dr. Bert C. Bach
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, East Tennessee State University

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

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

* Student Processional – March Grandioso ...........................................John Williams/arr.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 Choir

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

Commencement Speaker (10 a.m.) ..............................................................Mr. Scott Niswonger
Executive Chairman of Landair Transport, Inc. and
Chairman Emeritus of Forward Air Corporation

Commencement Speaker (2 p.m.) ................................................................. Dr. Chris Dula
Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, East Tennessee State University

Bright Morning Stars .................................................................................... arr. Shawn Kirchner
ETSU Choir with Soloist Shawn Salley, Dr. Matthew Potterton, Director

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

Greetings from The Tennessee Board of Regents (10 a.m.)...... Dr. MaryLou Apple, Tullahoma, TN
Greetings from The Tennessee Board of Regents (2 p.m.).......... Mr. Parker Smith, Kingsport, TN

Presentation of Honorary Doctorate Degree............................................ President Brian Noland

Degree Candidate Host................................................................................Ms. Sheryl L. Burnette
University Registrar, East Tennessee State University

Presentation of Candidates
Dr. Gordon K. Anderson, Dr. Dennis Depew, Dr. Rick Osborn, Dr. Terence Hicks,
Dr. Judith Slagle, Dr. Scott Contreras-Koterbay, Dr. Wendy M. Nehring, Dr. Rob Pack,
Dr. Cecilia A. McIntosh, Dr. Larry D. Calhoun, Dr. Don Samples, Dr. Robert Means

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

Alma Mater.................................................................................................Audience Singing
Accompanied by ETSU Choir

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

* National Emblem March........................................................................ E.E. Bagley
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
Scott M. Niswonger

Executive Chairman of
Landair Transport, Inc. and
Chairman Emeritus of
Forward Air Corporation

Scott Niswonger was born in Van Wert, Ohio, where he learned to fly, soloing on his 16th birthday. During his aviation career, he has flown everything from J-3 Cubs to the Boeing 747. He currently enjoys flying his Gulfstream IV and his aerobatic Navy T-34 trainer.

He is a graduate from Purdue University with a degree in Aviation Technology and was awarded a Doctorate of Technology in 2004. In addition, Mr. Niswonger earned a BSBA from Tusculum College in 1986 and later was honored with a Doctorate of Human Letters in 2006.

After graduation from Purdue University, Mr. Niswonger moved to Greeneville, Tennessee, as the corporate pilot for the president of the Magnavox Company. In 1973, Niswonger started a cargo airline, General Aviation, Inc. After selling that company, he became the Vice President of North American Operations for Flying Tiger Lines – a military contractor and global cargo airline. He later co-founded a second transportation company, Landair Services, with an initial investment of $2,000, and in 1990 formed Forward Air Corporation. Those companies today have annual sales of over $1 billion. It’s impressive to note that he founded the first two companies to ever be taken public in Greene County’s 233-year history. Niswonger currently serves as Executive Chairman of Landair Transport, Inc. and Chairman Emeritus of Forward Air Corporation. He is a member of the Executive Committee and board of directors of First Horizon National Corporation (NYSE: FHN), the parent of First Tennessee Bank, a $26 billion financial services company.

He is especially proud of The Niswonger Educational Foundation that he established in 2001 to create opportunities for individuals and regional growth through educational programs, scholarships, and other charitable activities. This educational operating foundation currently has 20 scholars in universities across the United States and 57 alumni. The Foundation has an annual program budget of more than $5 million and has invested more than $43 million in our region.

Niswonger is the lead benefactor for the Niswonger Children’s Hospital, which is home to one of only six St. Jude Affiliate Clinics in the world.

With an exceptional level of involvement, businessman and philanthropist Scott Niswonger has made a positive impact for those who will follow.
Dr. Chris S. Dula is a licensed clinical psychologist and associate professor of Psychology at ETSU, with a continuing adjunct appointment in the Quillen College of Medicine’s Department of Family Medicine. He began his academic career in 1992 at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte where he earned an Associate in Arts degree in 1994. He then went on to obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte in 1996. He earned his Master of Arts degree from Appalachian State University in 2000. He obtained his Ph.D. from Virginia Tech in 2003, which was followed by a one-year postdoctoral research fellowship at the University of Memphis.

Since his arrival at ETSU in 2004, students in his Applied Psychology Laboratory have given over 250 professional presentations. Dr. Dula is co-author of over 20 professional peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. As a principal and co-principal investigator, he has received over $300,000 in grant funding. Dr. Dula has won multiple teaching honors at ETSU, including the Distinguished Faculty Award in Teaching, which is the highest honor bestowed upon a university faculty member, as well as the ETSU School of Graduate Studies Outstanding Mentor Award, among others. He was also named a 2011-12 Top 25 Professor on MTV’s RateMyProfessor.com.
Candidates for Degrees

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 49-52
★ - cum laude
★★ - magna cum laude
★★★ - summa cum laude

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SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Dustin Cooper
Biomedical Sciences
B.S., Eastern Kentucky University
M.S., University of Kentucky
Dissertation: “An Investigation into Formulation and Therapeutic Effectiveness of Nanoparticle Drug Delivery for Select Pharmaceutical Agents”
Chair: Dr. W. Scott Champney

Hugo Alexandre De Paula Santana
Sport Physiology and Performance
B.S., Universidade Federal De Uberlandia
M.S., Universidade Catolica De Brasilia
Dissertation: “Relationship of Force Variables to Vertical Jumps Performance”
Chair: Dr. Michael Stone

Benjamin A. Hilton
Biomedical Sciences
B.S., Clemson University
Dissertation: “Investigation of Novel Functions for DNA Damage Response and Repair Proteins in Escherichia coli and Humans”
Chair: Dr. Yue Zou

Allison Leich Hilbun
Biomedical Sciences
B.S., College of William & Mary
M.S., University of Northern Colorado
Dissertation: “Strategies of Balancing: Regulation of Posture as a Complex Phenomenon”
Chair: Dr. Istvan Karsai

Jessica Anne Slade
Biomedical Sciences
B.S., Henderson State University
Dissertation: “In Vitro and In Vivo Characterization of Chlamydia and HSV Co-infection”
Chair: Dr. Robert V. Schoborg

Hui Yan
Biomedical Sciences
B.M.D., Xuzhou Medical College
Dissertation: “Regulation of Acute and Chronic Immune Responses by β-Arrestin2”
Chair: Dr. Deling Yin

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Robert Hurst Baker
Educational Leadership
B.A., University of Tennessee
M.S.W., University of Tennessee
M.S., University of Tennessee
Chair: Dr. Catherine Glascock

Lori Workman Brown
Educational Leadership
B.S., Middle Tennessee State University
M.Ed., Middle Tennessee State University
Ed.S., Middle Tennessee State University
Dissertation: “Educator Perceptions of Instructional Leadership in the School Improvement Process”
Chair: Dr. William Flora
Suzanne Claiborne Bryant  
*Educational Leadership*  
B.S.E.D., University of Tennessee  
M.S., University of Tennessee  
Ed.S., University of Tennessee  
Chair: Dr. Pamela Scott

Teressa Ann Dobbs  
*Educational Leadership*  
B.S.W., East Tennessee State University  
M.S., University of North Texas  
Dissertation: “The Experiences of First-Generation Women from South-Central Appalachia Who Have Obtained their Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership”  
Chair: Dr. Catherine Glascock

Yolanda Clarice Ellison  
*Educational Leadership*  
B.S., Lambuth University  
M.B.A., Union University  
Dissertation: “Standardized Testing and Dual Enrollment Students”  
Chair: Dr. Hal Knight

Allison L. Gardenhour  
*Educational Leadership*  
B.S.E.D., Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis  
M.Ed., East Tennessee State University  
Dissertation: “Student Achievement in Response to Intervention Groups”  
Chair: Dr. Virginia Foley

Cheri Buchanan Gregory  
*Educational Leadership*  
B.S., Middle Tennessee State University  
M.S., Middle Tennessee State University  
Dissertation: “Community College Student Success in Online Versus Equivalent Face-to-Face Courses”  
Chair: Dr. James Lampley

Johnnie Sue Hawley  
*Educational Leadership*  
B.A., Carson-Newman University  
M.Ed., East Tennessee State University  
Chair: Dr. Eric Glover

Rachel Rebekah Heaton  
*Educational Leadership*  
B.S., East Tennessee State University  
M.Ed., Milligan College  
Dissertation: “Parental Involvement: Perceptions and Participation at Critical Moments Throughout the Middle School Transition”  
Chair: Dr. Virginia Foley

Tachaka Inez Hollins  
*Educational Leadership*  
B.B.A., Middle Tennessee State University  
M.B.E., Middle Tennessee State University  
Dissertation: “Student Participation and Grade Performance in the Tennessee College of Applied Technology Online Collaborative”  
Chair: Dr. Jasmine Renner

Matt Hoskins  
*Educational Leadership*  
B.A., Wake Forest University  
Ed.S., Appalachian State University  
M.A., Appalachian State University  
Dissertation: “Structural-Symbolic Translation Fluency: Reliability, Validity, and Usability”  
Chair: Dr. Eric Glover

Rebecca C. Hunley  
*Educational Leadership*  
B.S., Carson-Newman University  
M.A.E.D., Tusculum College  
Dissertation: “Teacher and Student Perceptions on High School Science Flipped Classrooms: Educational Breakthrough or Media Hype?”  
Chair: Dr. Eric Glover

Cheryl Hyland  
*Educational Leadership*  
B.S., Oklahoma State University  
M.Ed., University of Oklahoma  
Dissertation: “A Comparative Study of Instructor Status on Student Success and Retention at Motlow State Community College”  
Chair: Dr. Jasmine Renner

Jeffrey Mark Jee  
*Educational Leadership*  
B.S., Our Lady Holy Cross College  
M.B.A., University of New Orleans  
Dissertation: “The Clergy Act: Student Awareness and Perceptions of Effectiveness at a Public University and a Private College in East Tennessee”  
Chair: Dr. Donald Good
Rebecca Williams Lasher  
*Educational Leadership*  
B.A., University of North Carolina, Asheville  
M.S.W., University of Tennessee  
Dissertation: “College Experiences of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians”  
Chair: Dr. Donald Good

Tanna Hurd Nicely  
*Educational Leadership*  
B.S.E.D., University of Tennessee  
M.A., Johnson Bible College  
Ed.S., University of Tennessee  
Dissertation: “An Examination of the Community School Model in an Urban School Setting”  
Chair: Dr. Pamela Scott

DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Bethesda J. O’Connell  
*Public Health*  
B.S., East Tennessee State University  
M.P.H., East Tennessee State University  
Chair: Dr. Deborah Slawson

Daniel Owusu  
*Public Health*  
B.A., University of Ghana  
M.Phil., University of Cambridge  
Chair: Dr. Megan Quinn

Jerry William Ripley  
*Educational Leadership*  
B.S., East Tennessee State University  
M.A.T., East Tennessee State University  
Ed.S., Lincoln Memorial University  
Chair: Dr. Virginia Foley

Sharon D. Smith  
*Educational Leadership*  
B.S.B.A., University of Alabama  
M.S., University of West Alabama  
Dissertation: “Factors that Motivate Faculty to Pursue External Funding at a 4-Year Public Institution of Higher Education”  
Chair: Dr. Virginia Foley

Cindy D. Phillips  
*Public Health*  
B.S.N., University of North Carolina, Wilmington  
M.S.N., East Tennessee State University  
Dissertation: “Psychological and Sociocultural Influences of Current and Historical Intimate Partner Violence in Pregnancy”  
Chair: Dr. Deborah Slawson

DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY

Heather Marie Andrews  
*Audiology*  
B.S., Middle Tennessee State University

Emily Nicole Crewe  
*Audiology*  
B.S., Radford University

Nicole Margaret-Kerins Diehl  
*Audiology*  
B.S., Ohio University

Ashley Marie Ellis  
*Audiology*  
B.S., University of Nevada, Reno

Emerald Brooke Lauzon  
*Audiology*  
B.S., Radford University

Kathryn Phillippe  
*Audiology*  
B.S.Ed., Illinois State University

Kelsey Jordan Thomas  
*Audiology*  
B.S., Florida State University
The Doctor of Medicine graduates in the Quillen College of Medicine received their degrees and doctoral hoods Friday afternoon at their Graduation Ceremony. The hoods were presented to the graduates by Dr. Robert Schoborg, Professor, Department of Biomedical Sciences, and Dr. Jason Moore, Professor, Department of Family Medicine. These faculty members were selected by popular election of the graduating class. Residency positions for the members of the Class of 2016 are listed below.

Matthew Alvin Allison  
*Internal Medicine*  
University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine  
Knoxville, Tennessee

Jonathan Jacob Allred  
*Radiology/Diagnostic*  
University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine  
Knoxville, Tennessee

Jonathan Jacob Allred  
*Radiology/Diagnostic*  
University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine  
Knoxville, Tennessee

Stephen Aaron Ashe  
*Ophthalmology*  
Louisiana State University School of Medicine  
New Orleans, Louisiana

James Samuel Bailey  
*Ophthalmology*  
Madigan Army Medical Center  
Tacoma, Washington

Faris Adam Bakeer  
*Internal Medicine*  
Barnes-Jewish Hospital  
Saint Louis, Missouri

Brent Allen Baker  
*Family Medicine*  
East Tennessee State University, Quillen College of Medicine  
Bristol, Tennessee

Jonathan Bradford Boyd  
*Pediatrics*  
Vanderbilt University School of Medicine  
Nashville, Tennessee

Caryn Elizabeth Brehm  
*Internal Medicine*  
Wake Forest School of Medicine  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

John Claude BuAbbud  
*Psychiatry*  
Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine  
Roanoke, Virginia

Adam Lassiter Carrera  
*Ophthalmology*  
University of Tennessee College of Medicine  
Memphis, Tennessee

Benjamin Michael Cearlock  
*Emergency Medicine*  
Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine  
Roanoke, Virginia

Amy Suzanne Haldeman Cohee  
*Surgery*  
University of Virginia School of Medicine  
Charlottesville, Virginia

Maria Markiza Cooper  
*Dermatology*  
Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education  
Jacksonville, Florida

Kelley Naraine Cross  
*Dermatology*  
Geisinger Health System  
Danville, Pennsylvania

Nathan Grant Davis  
*Emergency Medicine*  
University of Tennessee St. Thomas Hospitals  
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Adam Collins Del Conte  
*Family Medicine*  
Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine  
Chicago, Illinois

Lindsey Ann Sharp Denney  
*Emergency Medicine*  
University of Tennessee St. Thomas Hospitals  
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

James Ashton Fisher  
*Emergency Medicine*  
Oregon Health & Science University  
Portland, Oregon

Jason Eric Fleenor  
*Transitional*  
Naval Medical Center  
Portsmouth, Virginia

Vanessa Yvette Freeman  
*Psychiatry*  
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Madeleine Valerie Garren  
*Anesthesiology*  
University of Arizona College of Medicine  
Tucson, Arizona

Andrew Lee Gibson  
*Emergency Medicine*  
Florida Hospital  
Orlando, Florida
Christopher Jeffreys Gill  
*Pediatrics*
Medical University of South Carolina  
Charleston, South Carolina

Valerie Amanda Hansen  
*Pediatrics*
University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Omaha, Nebraska

Christopher Michael Hill  
*Internal Medicine*
University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine  
Knoxville, Tennessee

Tina Louise Jackson  
*Psychiatry*
University of South Alabama Hospitals  
Mobile, Alabama

Katie Lynn Johnson  
*Surgery*
Oregon Health & Science University  
Portland, Oregon

Elijah Bennett Kennedy  
*Emergency Medicine*
Florida Hospital  
Orlando, Florida

Kara Elizabeth Kilpatrick  
*Psychiatry*
University of Kentucky Medical Center  
Lexington, Kentucky

Jordan Lakota Kim  
*Family Medicine*
University of Tennessee College of Medicine  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

ErinMarie Olson Kimbrough  
*Internal Medicine*
Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education  
Jacksonville, Florida

Stephen Lynn Kinser  
*Family Medicine*
University of Tennessee College of Medicine  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Rachel Michelle Lindsey  
*Pediatrics*
East Tennessee State University, Quillen College of Medicine  
Johnson City, Tennessee

Bailie Walker Lott  
*Pediatrics*
University of Tennessee College of Medicine  
Memphis, Tennessee

Hicks Corey Manson  
*Surgery/Orthopedic*
Naval Medical Center  
Portsmouth, Virginia

Brittany Leigh Funderburke Matney  
*Family Medicine*
Mountain Area Health Education Center  
Asheville, North Carolina

Michael Douglas Morris  
*Neurology*
University of Florida College of Medicine  
Gainesville, Florida

Michael Franklin Nebielt II  
*Obstetrics/Gynecology*
Emory University School of Medicine  
Atlanta, Georgia

Lorenzo Quentrel Olive  
*Surgery*
University of Tennessee College of Medicine  
Memphis, Tennessee

Nathan Chad Page  
*Emergency Medicine*
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Anuj Anil Patel  
*Pediatrics*
University of Kentucky Medical Center  
Lexington, Kentucky

David Evan Pollock  
*Psychiatry*
Indiana University School of Medicine  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Cornelius Odell Powell, III  
*Emergency Medicine*
Carolinas Medical Center  
Charlotte, North Carolina

Landon Matthew Pratt  
*Anesthesiology*
University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine  
Knoxville, Tennessee

Christopher Raymond Reid  
*Surgery*
West Virginia University School of Medicine  
Morgantown, West Virginia

Kent Andrew Rinehart  
*Surgery/Orthopedic*
University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Omaha, Nebraska

Megan Taylor Roberson  
*Emergency Medicine*
Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
Nashville, Tennessee

Ashley Machelle Rose  
*Internal Medicine*
University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine  
Tampa, Florida

Leigh Rose Schlactus  
*Internal Medicine*
University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine  
Knoxville, Tennessee
Russell Lloyd Shults  
_Anesthesiology_  
University of Vermont Medical Center  
Burlington, Vermont

Steven Matthew Standley  
_Internal Medicine_  
University of Florida College of Medicine  
Gainesville, Florida

Luke Michael Stanley  
Psychiatry  
East Tennessee State University, Quillen College of Medicine  
Johnson City, Tennessee

Benjamin Scott Stockton  
_Family Medicine_  
Family Medicine Residency of Idaho  
Boise, Idaho

Michael David Stockwell  
Obstetrics/Gynecology  
Richmond University Medical Center  
Staten Island, New York

Igor Tkachenko  
_Emergency Medicine_  
University of Tennessee College of Medicine  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Catherine Elizabeth Voorhees  
Obstetrics/Gynecology  
Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
Nashville, Tennessee

Kevin Wayne Weaver, Jr.  
_Pediatrics_  
University of Arkansas Medical Sciences  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dana Krystina Williams  
_Internal Medicine_  
University of Louisville School of Medicine  
Louisville, Kentucky

Logan Andrew Williams  
_Pediatrics_  
University of Florida College of Medicine  
Orlando, Florida

Tyler Ross Woodall  
_Internal Medicine_  
University of Mississippi Medical Center  
Jackson, Mississippi

Joseph Dessaix Zachary  
_Radiology/Diagnostic_  
University of Florida College of Medicine  
Gainesville, Florida

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**BILL GATTON COLLEGE OF PHARMACY**

**DOCTOR OF PHARMACY**

The Doctor of Pharmacy graduates in the Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy received their doctoral hoods Friday morning at their commencement ceremony. The hoods were presented to the graduates by Dr. Jessica E. Burchette, Department of Pharmacy Practice, and Dr. Brooks B. Pond, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. These faculty members were selected by the members of the graduation class. Undergraduate institution; undergraduate degree, if applicable; and practice plans for the members of the Class of 2016 are listed below.

Heather Lindsey Anderson  
Roane State Community College  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Jeremiah Eloh Angeh  
University of Pretoria, South Africa, PhD  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Ashley Lea Anthony  
Quinnipiac University, MS  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Lakin Norris Ayers  
East Tennessee State University  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Kelsey Breann Bare  
East Tennessee State University  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

David Bryan Barnhill, Jr.  
Birmingham-Southern College, BS  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Joseph William Bland Beaty  
Emory & Henry College, BS  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Christopher Allen Blackburn  
East Tennessee State University, BS  
Practice Plans: PGY-1 Residency  
James H. Quillen VA Medical Center  
Mountain Home, TN

Sarah Rachel Blevins  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, MS  
Practice Plans: PGY-1 Residency  
Indiana University Health  
Indianapolis, IN

Brittany Michelle Booker  
East Tennessee State University, BS  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Erika Paige Bowen  
University of Tennessee  
Practice Plans: Community Practice
Rachel Leigh Brown  
East Tennessee State University, BS  
Practice Plans: Fellowship  
MedVal Scientific Information Services/University of the Sciences  
Skillman, NJ/Philadelphia, PA

Kristen Anne Butler  
University of North Carolina, BS  
Practice Plans: PGY-1 Residency  
Kent Hospital  
Warwick, RI

Laura Elizabeth Byrd  
Northeast State Community College, AS  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Ronald Lee Carico, Jr.  
East Tennessee State University, BS  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Jennifer Ann Carmical  
Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College, AS  
Practice Plans: Institutional Practice

Holly Danielle Carver  
Emory & Henry College, BS  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Nian Shing Chang  
University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, BS  
Practice Plans: PGY-1 Residency  
Nicklaus Children’s Hospital  
Miami, FL

Brian Anthony Cooper  
Tennessee Technological University  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Morgan Bearden Corbin  
Carson-Newman University, BA  
Practice Plans: PGY-1 Residency  
University Health Shreveport  
Shreveport, LA

Lyndsey N. Cornett  
University of the Cumberlands  
Practice Plans: Institutional Practice

Zachary Trent Counts  
University of Virginia’s College at Wise, BS  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Jenny LeeAnn Dalton  
Walters State Community College  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Brittany Elaine Davis  
East Tennessee State University, BS  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Sandy Shea Davis  
Mississippi State University, BS  
Practice Plans: PGY-1 Residency  
Huntsville Hospital  
Huntsville, AL

Carley Ellen DeVee  
North Carolina State University, BS  
Practice Plans: PGY-1 Residency  
St. Joseph East  
Lexington, KY

Emily Nicole Dixon  
Eastern Kentucky University, BS  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Ariel Makenzie Dye  
East Tennessee State University  
Practice Plans: PGY-1 Residency  
Baptist Memorial Hospital  
Memphis, TN

Brandon Tyler Farmer  
East Tennessee State University, BS  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Kelly Madison Ferris  
University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, BS  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Tyler James Finocchio  
East Tennessee State University, BS  
Practice Plans: PGY-1 Residency  
Holston Valley Medical Center  
Kingsport, TN

Heather Morrison Flippin  
Radford University, BS  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Aaron Robert Garst  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, BS  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Allison Phillips Graham  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, BS  
Practice Plans: PGY-1 Residency  
Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital  
Roanoke, VA

Bryan Russell Gunter, Jr.  
East Tennessee State University, BS  
Practice Plans: PGY-1 Residency  
Indian Health Services/Cherokee Indian Hospital  
Cherokee, NC

Elizabeth Joan Cox Hagy  
East Tennessee State University, MBA  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Robert Conrad Holbrook  
University of Virginia’s College at Wise, BS  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Rachel Elizabeth Jamieson  
East Tennessee State University, BS  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Bruce Jarrod Johnson  
East Tennessee State University  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Sarah Elizabeth Johnson  
North Carolina State University, BA  
Practice Plans: Community Practice
Joshua Vincent Jones  
College of the Holy Cross, BA  
Practice Plans: PGY-1 Residency  
New Hanover Regional Medical Center  
Wilmington, NC

Lydia Kakuze  
Glendale Community College, AS  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Robert E. Keasling, III  
University of Alabama, Birmingham  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Loren Madden Kirk  
North Carolina State University, BS  
Practice Plans: Fellowship  
National Association of Chain Drug Stores  
Arlington, VA

Nicholas Richard Kirkpatrick  
University of Kentucky, BS  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Maxwell Bentley Lee  
University of Tennessee  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Brock Edmond Leisge  
Eastern Kentucky University  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

Kristin Brianna Lester  
Southwest Virginia Community College, AS  
Practice Plans: Community Practice

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Distinguished Faculty Marshals
Dr. Krishna Singh, Distinguished Faculty Award (Research), 2015
Department of Biomedical Sciences
Ms. Teresa Boggs, Distinguished Faculty Award (Service), 2015
Department of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

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College of Business and Technology ..........................................Dr. James Livingston
College of Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences............Dr. Chayadevi Nanjundeswaran
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School of Graduate Studies .........................................................Dr. Bea Owens (10 a.m.)
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ETSU National Alumni Association ..............................................Dr. Jack Rhoton (10 a.m.)
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Cadet SGT William T. Shelton

Placement of University Banners
Cadet SGT Ashley H. Hayes

Color Guard/Pershing Rifle Advisor
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Victoria E. Carter, 2LT, United States Army, Quartermaster, Army National Guard (UVA Wise)
Devin J. Cash, 2LT, United States Army, Adjutant General Corps, Active Duty (UVA Wise)
Mark W. Colbert, 2LT, United States Army, Chaplain, Education Delay
Jacob M. Colvin, 2LT, United States Army, Infantry, Active Duty
Duane H. James, 2LT, United States Army, Transportation Corps, U.S. Army Reserves
Johnathan B. Kelly, 2LT, United States Army, Transportation Corps, Army National Guard (UVA Wise)
Autumn L. Patterson, 2LT, United States Army, Military Police, Army National Guard
Tyler S. Ramsey, 2LT, United States Army, Nurse, Active Duty (UVA Wise)
Erin J. Shusta, 2LT, United States Army, Quartermaster Corps, Army National Guard
*Morgan L. Smith, 2LT, United States Army, Military Police, Army National Guard
Jacob E. Stitt, 2LT, United States Army, Transportation Corps, Active Duty
Quice G. Sumo, 2LT, United States Army, Chemical Corps, Army National Guard
Rebecca L. Thomas, 2LT, United States Army, Chemical Corps, Active Duty

*Identifies Distinguished Military Graduates

Trumpet Fanfare
ETSU Wind Ensemble

Ushers
President’s Pride and Admissions 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
ACADEMIC REGALIA

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.
Academic Honors

Students wearing medallions on colored ribbons are graduating with honors as follows:

- White ribbon - cum laude
- Yellow ribbon - magna cum laude
- Blue ribbon - summa cum laude

National Honor Societies

Alpha Sigma Lambda
The cream-colored stoles with deep burgundy and antique gold embroidery signify the credo “First in Scholarship and Leadership” and membership in the Zeta Tau chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the Premier National Honor Society for Nontraditional Students.

Gamma Beta Phi
The gold sash worn by some of the graduates signifies membership in the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society which emphasizes scholarship, service, and character.

Gamma Sigma Alpha
The cords of red and gold worn by some graduates signify membership in Gamma Sigma Alpha and a commitment to leadership, academic achievement, and excellence as core values of fraternities and sororities.

Golden Key International Honour Society
Golden Key medallion, honor stole, and honor cords: A round 2” gold sandblast finish medallion with the Golden Key logo attached by a Royal Blue and Gold 30” neck ribbon. The Golden Key Honor Stole in a beautiful rich gold satin embroidered with the GK logo in Royal Blue. Golden Key Honor Cords have a double strand of intertwined Royal Blue and Gold cords with a Golden Key charm attached. Golden Key regalia represent membership in Golden Key International Honour Society and the pillars of Academics, Leadership, and Service for which the society was founded.

Phi Kappa Phi
The blue, gold, and white medallions worn by some of the graduates signify membership in the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi which recognizes and encourages superior scholarship in all academic disciplines.

Omicron Delta Kappa
The sky blue, black, and white intertwined honor cords worn by some of the faculty and graduates signify membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, the 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.

National Residence Hall Honorary
The blue and white cords worn by some of the graduates signify membership in the National Residence Hall Honorary which recognizes the top one percent of residence hall student leaders.

Sigma Alpha Lambda
The navy, black, and gold intertwined honor cords worn by some of the graduates signify membership in Sigma Alpha Lambda, National Leadership, and Honors Organization which recognizes and encourages academic achievement, servant leadership, and community service.

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 represent 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 represent membership in the Tennessee Beta Chapter of the Kappa Mu Epsilon national mathematics honor society which recognizes achievement in and appreciation of mathematics by ETSU students.

Lambda Pi Eta
Students 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 National Honor Society
The blue and gold medallions worn by some of the graduates 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.

Phi Alpha Theta
The maroon and light blue cords worn by some of the graduates and faculty 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. East Tennessee State University’s chapter, Alpha Epsilon Epsilon, was chartered in 1989.
Phi Sigma Pi
The purple and gold sashes worn by some graduates signify membership in Phi Sigma Pi, a national co-ed honor fraternity. The fraternity’s purpose is to bring together some of the brightest and most motivated students on campus and work together in a spirit of excellence to encourage the three ideals of scholarship, leadership, and fellowship.

Pi Gamma Mu
The blue and white honor cords worn by some of the faculty and graduates 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 worn by some of the graduates signify membership in the National Music Honor Society Pi Kappa Lambda which recognizes outstanding scholarly achievement and musicianship.

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 worn by some of the graduates signify membership in the Sigma Tau Delta International Honor Society which recognizes excellence in English scholarship.

College of Business and Technology

Beta Gamma Sigma
The blue and gold honor cords worn by some of the graduates 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 worn by some of the faculty and graduates signify membership in Epsilon Pi Tau, the International Honorary for professions in technology.

Kappa Omicron Nu
The crimson and cream honor cords worn by some of the faculty and graduates of the College of Business and Technology signify membership in Kappa Omicron Nu, the National Family and Consumer Sciences Honor Society.

Upsilon Pi Epsilon
The maroon and white cords worn by some of the graduates signify membership in Upsilon Pi Epsilon, the National Honor Society for Computer Science.

College of Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences

Lambda Nu
The maroon and forest green cords worn by some of the graduates 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 Education

Dhi Sigma Iota
The royal blue and white twined honor cords worn by some counseling graduates 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 Nursing

Sigma Theta Tau
The orchid and white honor cords worn by some of the faculty and baccalaureate graduates signify membership in Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society of Nursing.

College of Pharmacy

Phi Lambda Sigma
The green and gold honor cords worn by some of the graduates signify membership in Phi Lambda Sigma, also known as the National Pharmacy Leadership Society. Members of Phi Lambda Sigma are selected by their peers in recognition of service and leadership in the advancement of pharmacy.

Rho Chi
The purple and white honor cords worn by some of the graduates signify membership in Rho Chi, the Academic Honor Society in Pharmacy. Membership in Rho Chi is based on academic and professional achievement.
College of Public Health

**Alpha Eta**
The intertwined white and light green honor cords worn by some of the graduates and faculty 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.”

**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 worn by some of the graduates signify membership in Epsilon Nu Eta, the National Honor Society for Environmental Health majors. East Tennessee State University is the founding chapter of Epsilon Nu Eta.

**Lambda Beta**
The blue and green cords and ribbons worn by some of the graduates 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 10 percent of the highest academic achievers in the cardiopulmonary science major.

**Golden Key International Honour Society**
The gold medallion with the GK logo on a royal blue and gold neck ribbon, a gold satin stole embroidered with the GK logo and a double strand of intertwined Royal Blue and Gold cords with a Golden Key charm worn by some of the graduates signifies membership in the Golden Key International Honour Society representing the pillars of Academics, Leadership and Service for which the society was founded.

**Roan Scholars Leadership Program**
The purple and gray stoles are representative of the prestigious Roan Scholars Leadership Program. Roan Scholars are selected based on exemplary leadership, scholarship, character, and physical vigor.

**Honors-in-Discipline Programs**
The stoles of pale blue designate graduates of the Honors-in-Discipline Programs of the ETSU Honors College. These graduates, selected on the basis of their academic performance, have completed a rigorous honors program in their major area of study.

**University Honors Scholars Program**
The long stoles of antique gold 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.

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

**Fine and Performing Arts Scholars Program**
The long stoles of silver designate graduates of 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.

**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 graduate has participated in a significant Study Abroad experience as part of their degree program.

**ROTC**
Graduates wearing uniforms of the United States Army are newly commissioned officers.

**Student Veterans of America**
The Student Veterans of America (ETSU Chapter) is a national student organization, with over 500 chapters nationwide, that recognizes veterans for their service to our country and their excellence in college. The red, white, and blue cords worn voluntarily by a select few represent their veteran status while attending college. SVA proudly honors these student-veterans by presenting them with these cords to signify their achievement on this day. Yesterday’s Warriors, Today’s Scholars, Tomorrow’s Leaders
Recent Faculty Retirees

David A. Arnall  
Department of Physical Therapy

Norman A. Assad  
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Chris Ayres  
Department of Kinesiology, Sport and Recreation Management

Anthony Cavender  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Karen Harrington  
Department of Literature and Language

Michel Helfgott  
Department of Literature and Language

Jim Mead  
Department of Geosciences

K. Brent Morrow  
Department of Counseling and Human Services

Uta H. Schambra  
Department of Biomedical Sciences

Edith Seier  
Department of Mathematics and Statistics

John Whitehead  
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice
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!