Parent Pride Newsletter

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Introducing the Buccaneer Family....

The New Student and Family Program Office at ETSU is in the process of establishing a Parent & Family Association. This Association will start taking applications during the Spring 2014 semester. This organization will give parents and family members of current ETSU students the opportunity to connect with campus as well as the community. The Buccaneer Family is a new initiative aimed at allowing parent and family members an opportunity to play an active role in the education of their student while he or she is enrolled at East Tennessee State University. There is a $25 annual fee to join the association.

Members of the Buccaneer Family will receive:

- A network of staff and parents to support and assist your family
- Emails/Newsletters with campus updates & information
- Family Weekend and Special Events Discounts
- Dedicated phone line
- Athletic event discounts
- A parent packet that will include a Discount Card, button, car decal, and much more

If you like more information on how to join the Buccaneer Family, please call us at (439) 423-4634. We look forward to meeting the newest members of the Buccaneer Family. Please visit www.etsu.edu/family and “like” ETSU New Student & Family Programs on Facebook for more information and frequent updates!

GO BUCS!!!!
Multicultural Center Dream Soon to Become Reality at ETSU

A Multicultural Center Planning Team (MCPT) was formed last fall to coordinate the work involved in creating this center. The team operates under the leadership of Angela Claxton-Freeman, a doctoral candidate in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis who serves as chair of the team; Dr. Joe Sherlin, vice president for Student Affairs; and Mary Jordan, special assistant to the president for Equity and Diversity. It is comprised of faculty, staff and student representatives from Student Affairs, Multicultural Affairs, Women’s Studies, Equity and Diversity, the Black Faculty and Staff Association, the Language and Culture Resource Center and other campus units.

The establishment of a Multicultural Center comes out of the recommendations set forth by the Committee for 125 in its final report as one of several factors that will help ETSU to become “recognized nationally as a student-centered university fostering a transformative educational experience that affirms the value and richness for diversity.” It will be a multifaceted entity that provides educational support programs and support services and also serves as a catalyst for dialogue around diversity-related issues.

In his charge to the MCPT, ETSU President Dr. Brian Noland noted that when he was a graduate student and was doing research on the ETSU campus, the need for a Multicultural Center was repeatedly mentioned in interviews he conducted with faculty and staff. And he believes that now – with the recommendation from the Committee for 125 providing impetus and when an ideal space is becoming available on the second level of the D.P. Culp Center – is the right time to bring the center to fruition.

The mission of the Multicultural Center will be “to actively promote, lead, and facilitate the university’s commitment to diversity; champion the importance of diversity; provide a supportive atmosphere for students; engage the university community in intercultural dialogue; build collaborative relationships among students, faculty, staff, (and) the community; and challenge barriers to diversity.” Members of the MCPT recently toured the space on the second level of the Culp Center that will become the Multicultural Center. Once the Welcome Center relocates to the new parking garage, this space will provide a centralized location that is convenient for students and is dedicated to student support activities. The group is also developing a timeline for completion of the Multicultural Center, which is targeted for opening during the spring 2015 semester.
Arts Initiative

New Arts Center

A major emphasis of the ETSU arts initiative will be the construction of a new arts center for ETSU. The need for an arts center has been a recurring theme across campus for more than a quarter-century. And now, state funding may soon be available for the construction of this facility, which is projected to cost approximately $38 million. This arts center would bring together the visual arts, music, theater, dance, storytelling, poetry readings, film and more, and it will touch both the campus and the region by serving as a venue for community artistic performances and exhibits, national touring productions, and other special events.

Major features of this new facility will include a:

- 1,400-seat concert hall
- 500-seat theater
- 250-seat recital hall

It will also house administrative offices for the Mary B. Martin School of the Arts and gallery space.

ETSU has set a goal to raise $9.5 million by June 2014 in order to meet the matching fund requirement for this arts center. Mr. James C. Martin has provided momentum for this initiative by providing the lead gift of $3 million toward this goal. We invite you to be part of the ETSU arts story and to join us in making this long-time dream of having an arts center a reality. ETSU’s proposed arts initiative and its related activities will influence economic growth and catalyze revitalization and civic enrichment for the region.

Now Seating Campaign

ETSU is proud to launch its “Now Seating” campaign as part of the exciting new ETSU Arts Initiative. Through “Now Seating,” individuals or organizations can purchase seats in one of the three facilities – a 1,400-seat concert hall, a 500-seat theater, and a 250-seat recital hall – that will be located in the new arts center. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor or remember a child, spouse, other family member, friend, favorite professor, or a company or organization. Each seat can be purchased for $250. For more information on the arts initiative at ETSU, visit www.etsu.edu/artsinitiative.
ETSU College of Nursing receives $1.2 million grant for Interprofessional Care

Teaching students to provide interprofessional care for patients with multiple chronic conditions is the focus of a $1.2 million grant awarded to the College of Nursing at East Tennessee State University from the U.S. Department of Health Resources and Services Administration’s Advanced Nursing Education Program.

The project is designed for students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) program and will provide a combination of classroom and clinical experiences that emphasize interprofessional practice and improved competencies for managing multiple chronic diseases.

Students enrolled in the Gatton College of Pharmacy and ETSU’s clinical nutrition program from the College of Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences will also be involved in the project, with students from other ETSU professional programs joining in future semesters.

“ETSU has a long and respected history of being at the forefront of interprofessional learning and patient care, going back to the Kellogg initiative from the early 1990s,” said Dr. Sheila Smith, grant author and associate dean for Academic Programs in the ETSU College of Nursing, in reference to a $6.1 million grant awarded to the university in 1991 from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to launch a major rural and community health partnerships initiative.

“Bringing together professionals from a wide range of disciplines to collaborate is the future of health care,” she continued. “This program will help us achieve the university’s mission of providing the best care to patients, especially those who have been historically underserved.”

A major initiative of this project is the establishment of a faculty-supervised interprofessional (IP) student clinic at the Johnson City Community Health Center (JCCHC) where students from various health sciences programs will team together to care for patients with multiple chronic conditions.

The grant program will also develop seminars, didactic content modules, guest lectures, case presentations and webinars focusing on interprofessional, collaborative case management. An online course will also be developed for students in a wide array of ETSU health professions programs.
Students urged to complete FAFSA form

Now that all 2013 W-2 forms have been distributed, students planning to or who may attend East Tennessee State University during the upcoming fall 2014 semester should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible. The priority deadline for fall is April 15, 2014.

“I cannot stress enough to students and parents the importance of applying by the April 15 deadline,” said Margaret Miller, ETSU Director of Financial Aid. “Students whose applications are submitted by this date should easily have their funds available by the time fees are due, and they likely won’t have to deal with the stress of trying to complete financial aid files at the last minute.”

Though the FAFSA is the first step in applying, Miller said there are additional forms that must be completed before the application is complete. Up to 40 percent of applications are selected by the federal processor for verification and those students, according to Miller, are often the ones who are late in returning materials.

“Students are selected at random for verification, and that requires them to submit additional documentation,” she added. “While it is encouraging to see more students applying early, we are concerned that many chosen for verification aren’t getting those forms back to us on time. And there are some who do not carefully review their Student Aid Report (SAR) and are unaware they have been identified for verification.”

Students should check the “Comments” section of their SAR to see if they are selected for verification, and they can monitor their financial aid status via the Financial Aid tab on their Goldlink account.

The ETSU Office of Financial Aid staff says it is important that students complete the application in its entirety, and that all information supplied is accurate. Errors or incomplete forms will delay processing. The FAFSA and other forms, including verification documents, are available at www.etsu.edu/finaid.
Weekend Events

Come to the Culp Center for the second annual ETSUCon--Comic and Anime Convention. ETSUCon will take place on Saturday, March 1st & Sunday, March 2nd. Registration begins at 10 am each day and activities close at 10 pm each night. The convention features vendors and artists from around the region, as well as celebrity voice actors, including:

- Charles Martinet (Nintendo's Mario)
- Martha Harms (Maya, Borderlands 2)
- Christopher Sabat (Dragonball Z)
- Robert Axelrod (Lord Zedd, Mighty Morphin Power Rangers)

For tickets and information visit www.etsucon.com

Bucstock Music and Arts Festival will feature student artists and vendors, as well as performances throughout the day. You won't be able to avoid the fun this weekend because music and vendors will be set up all over campus--in the ETSU Amphitheatre, 311 Sherrod Library, Auditorium, Cave, Cave Patio, and ETSU Quad. Bucstock will take place from 10am to 10pm on Saturday, April 5, and will include performances of 21 various bands. This weekend will also be featured as our Spring Family Weekend (see page 13). We hope to see you there! Peace!

**Both of these events are hosted by Buctainment! For more info visit [http://www.etsu.edu/students/sorc/cal_weekends.aspx](http://www.etsu.edu/students/sorc/cal_weekends.aspx)**
The Relay For Life of Washington-ETSU is an incredible and inspiring opportunity to unite as a community to honor cancer survivors, raise awareness about what we can do to reduce our cancer risk, and raise money to help the American Cancer Society fight the disease.

On April 25th, ETSU student organizations will compete to raise money for the American Cancer Society on the ETSU Quad from 3:00pm until 2:00 am April 26th. Anyone can join in and/or donate! Visit www.relayforlife.org/etsu for more information!!!

On Sunday, April 27th at 7:00pm, SGA will host a Spring concert featuring Olde Crowe Medicine Show along with special guests, the Carolina Chocolate Drops at ETSU’s MSHA Memorial Center (Mini-Dome). For more information and ticket sales, visit www.etsu.edu/sga.
The reigning Atlantic Sun Conference Champion ET-SU baseball team has begun the 2014 season. Coming off a 36-win campaign and its fourth trip to the NCAA Tournament, ET-SU took to the field and began gearing up for the season opener, which started Friday, Feb. 14 at home versus Longwood.

The Bucs return 25 players from last season’s championship squad. The Bucs play 35 of their 56 games at home this season, beginning with the season-opening weekend series against Longwood on Feb. 14-16.

ETSU’s softball schedule will consist of 56 games, 30 of which will be played at the Bucs’ home field, Betty Basler Field. The Bucs will take part in four tournaments: the Music City Classic in Nashville, Tenn., the Panther Invitational in Atlanta, Ga., and the Buccaneer Challenge and Buccaneer Invitational in Johnson City. ETSU will face several tough non-conference opponents, including opponents from the Big Ten and Big East conferences. The Bucs will return 15 players from last season’s squad.

To purchase season tickets, call the ETSU ticket office at (423) 439-3878 or visit ET-SUBucs.com/tickets.
Coach Torbush Announces 1st ETSU Football Recruiting Class

On February 5th, ETSU’s head football coach Carl Torbush announced the program’s first recruiting class during a historic media event at the Millennium Centre in Johnson City.

The overall class includes 47 commitments, 35 of whom are from the state of Tennessee, along with other players from Florida, Georgia, Ohio, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. In addition, 73 percent of the class had a high school grade point average of 3.0 or better, and as a group there are 14 state champions. This first recruiting class will have the benefit of a full year to practice, get stronger and prepare for the team’s first official season in 2015. ETSU’s first game against Kennesaw State is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 3, 2015.

Recruiting Quick Facts

- 73 percent (35 of 47 commitments) are from Tennessee
- There are also players from Ohio, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, and Virginia
- 10 players are taller than 6-foot-4
- 11 commits weigh more than 250 pounds
- 73 percent of the class had a high school GPA of 3.0 or better
- As a whole, the class boasts 14 state championships
- There are 23 offensive players, 22 defensive players and 6 athletes/specialists

For more on ETSU football, visit ETSUBucs.com and click on the football link.
The ETSU app delivers content, services, and features in a mobile friendly format for your iPhone or Android mobile device. On the spring board, you will find modules that with a click help you find your way around campus, link to mobile friendly ETSU services such as library catalogs, D2L and ETSU Live!, it can also be utilized to keep you informed about campus events and more!

The following is a list of current modules in the ETSU App:

**Athletics**
Stay up to date on all the ETSU Bucs sports teams’ schedules, scores, and news!

**Directory**
Search by name, e-mail address, or phone number to find contact information for faculty, staff, and students.

**Events**
Browse events and see what is going on around campus.

**Images**
Browse ETSU image galleries such as Athletic events, Archives of Appalachia, Campus Scenes and more.

**iTunesU**
This module button takes you to ETSU's mobile friendly iTunesU library where you can find videos and lectures produced by ETSU's world class faculty and staff!

**Maps**
This module will help you find your way around campus, or locate that building you've never heard of. If you’re using an Android device this module will give you access to Places and Tours as well.

**Places (currently iOS only)**
Looking for a place to print, get online, get your workout on, or grab a snack? This module will help you locate these services on campus, and give you quick access to hours of operation, and contact info.

**Tours (currently iOS only)**
This module offers useful tours of campus for prospective students, parents, and visitors.
Spring 2014

Jan. 16    First day of classes
Jan. 30    Last day to register or add classes without a departmental permit (Last day to register through GoldLink)
Jan. 30    Last day to drop a course without a ‘W’ grade (by 4:30 pm EST)
Mar. 10-15 Spring Break (students only, no day/evening classes, university open)
Mar. 12    Last day to drop a course with a 'W' grade without dean's permission
May 2      Last day of classes
May 3-8    Final exams - Final Exam Schedule
May 10     Commencement Ceremonies
May 12     All grades due by noon

Join your Student for our Spring Family Weekend!!

This semester we will team up with the events of BucStock, April 5th-6th! Email us at family@etsu.edu to register!

No Cost!
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