Clemmer College Renaming
Our history, our present, and our future
ETSU’s Core Values, Consistency in Mission

Purpose of the Normal School Law of 1909: ‘For the education and professional training of teachers for the public schools of the state.’ In a broader sense, the act focused squarely on improving living conditions in the regions of the three normal schools.

Four general principles recognized by our first president, Sidney Gilbreath:

1. Support goal of regional service
2. Scholarship
3. The study of education as a science, practice in teaching
4. A knowledge of the conditions and needs of the State.

Sidney Gilbreath

1911 – East Tennessee State Normal School
1952 – School (later College) of Education formed
2004 – College named for Claudius G. Clemmer
Living our mission while evolving...

While from its beginning in 1911 the school has sought to adapt itself to conditions in the area and thereby render its best service, yet the administration has kept in mind that changing conditions make new demands and call for growth and development internally as well as externally.

- David Sinclair Burleson, History of the East Tennessee State College, 1947
Academics, Research, and Service

- 10 Undergraduate majors/concentrations
- 16 Minors
- 23 Graduate degree programs (including 3 doctoral programs)
- 16 Graduate Certificates
- 4 Research and Practice Centers
- University School
- Community Counseling Center
Professional Careers

- Elementary and Secondary School Teachers (early childhood, special education, PE, reading specialists, etc.)
- Childcare professional
- Early interventionist
- Mental health technicians
- Professional counselor
- National park ranger
- Students in professional schools for PT, OT, MD, and chiropractic programs
- Foster care family intervention specialist

- Family support specialist
- Personal trainer
- Athletic coach
- Strength and conditioning specialist
- Managers for international and major sport programs
- School superintendent
- State park Seasonal Interpretive Recreator
- College student advisor
- Hospice counselor
- Child Life Specialist
Primary Reasons for Name Change

• “Claudius G. Clemmer College of Education” did not fully reflect variety of programs, research strands, interests, or specializations within the college
  • The various academic programs and career opportunities could not easily be identified

• 2018 – Clemmer College –
  • rather than achieving the intent of encompassing the variety and complexity of the college – its vagueness resulted in confusion

• Strategic Visioning Process
• Desire for representation, clarity, and connections
Process

- Examined peer universities and others for names of similar colleges; Trends in expanding names of similar colleges
- Reviewed most popular names previously put forward by faculty and staff – reopened survey
- Two names emerged – surveys sent to alumni, current students, faculty, staff – split results
- Name put forward to Leadership Team – consensus achieved
- Shared with faculty and staff at all-hands meeting – received support
- Shared with university deans and Academic Council
Education and Human Development

• Education
  - The act or process of imparting and acquiring general, or particular, knowledge, developing the powers of reasoning and judgement, and generally of preparing oneself and others intellectually for a mature life.
  - Education as a discipline – The study of various factors, methods, and elements involved in the process of educating. The task is to bring out or develop potential. This occurs at across levels of development from early childhood through adult learning.

• Human Development
  - Human development refers to the physical, cognitive, and psychosocial development of humans throughout the lifespan. Human development is multidisciplinary.
  - Development – a process that creates/promotes growth, progress, positive change…. Education, Coaching, Counseling, Training, Leading, Managing, etc. – are forms of development in their own ways.

• Education and Human Development
  - Centers a focus on the person(s) while attending to context and systems.
  - Education and human development “strive to optimize” the elements that help people live healthy and fulfilling lives from birth to death.
Go beyond…

College of Education
A professional training college for teachers focused on improving the quality of life in the region.

Clemmer College of Education and Human Development
A college focused on improving the quality of life of the region and beyond through professional preparation programs emphasizing teaching and learning, physical and mental health, and leadership, management, and coaching. Our academic programs, K-12 laboratory school, and four research and practice Centers all provide opportunities for research and professional outreach. Collectively we serve to facilitate the potential of individuals, communities, and systems.
Thank you for your consideration.