

HIGHER EDUCATION

Public higher education in Tennessee is coordinated by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and consists of two systems—the University of Tennessee campuses, governed by the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees, and the state universities, community colleges, and technology centers governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents.

These bodies are composed of appointed lay citizens to ensure public direction and policy guidance in higher education. All three employ chief executive officers and are legislative entities with defined purposes and responsibilities.

Tennessee Higher Education Commission

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) was created in the fall of 1967 by the Tennessee General Assembly to achieve coordination and foster unity in higher education in this state. The commission is composed of nine lay members, with six-year terms, representing congressional districts of the state; three constitutional officers (comptroller of the treasury, state treasurer, and secretary of state) who are ex officio voting members; two student members with staggered two-year terms with voting privileges in their second year (one student member from the University of Tennessee System and one student member from the Board of Regents System); and the executive director of the State Board of Education, as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

The commission has become one of the strongest coordinating boards in the country by providing leadership in public policy development for higher education and through the development of policies that help ensure fair and equitable funding of the various public institutions and that growth is managed to maintain the efficiency of state appropriations.

Among the commission's statutory responsibilities are strategic planning for Tennessee postsecondary education; reviewing and approving new academic programs; developing formulae and recommending the operating and capital budgets for public higher education; providing data and information to the public, institutions, legislature, and state government; and providing authorization for private postsecondary institutions operating within the state. The commission is also the State Approving Agency for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure that

Executive Director Richard G. Rhoda, Ph.D.

Tennessee Higher Education Commission

Richard G. Rhoda, executive director of THEC, started in 1973 as a research associate at the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR), eventually becoming the executive assistant to the chancellor. He served in various administrative capacities at Tennessee State University beginning in 1985, and returned to TBR as vice chancellor for Administration in 1990. During his tenure as vice chancellor, he served as interim president at Nashville State Technical Institute, acting chancellor of TBR and interim president of Austin Peay State University. From 1995 to 1997 he served on the faculty of Vanderbilt University before returning to TBR in 1997. He was confirmed as executive director of THEC in September 1998. Dr. Rhoda received a B.A. in History from Vanderbilt, an M.A. in Education at Peabody and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration at Vanderbilt.



any postsecondary institution desiring to offer veterans benefits to its students meets the department's standards. The underlying principles of the commission in the fulfillment of the responsibilities and development of policies have been and continue to be equity, excellence, accessibility and accountability.

Members of THEC include: Jim Powell Sr., Limestone, chairman; A.C. Wharton Jr., Memphis, vice chairman; Dr. Brad Windley, Tullahoma, vice chairman; Debby Patterson Koch, Nashville, secretary; Dawn Blackwell, East Tennessee State University, student, nonvoting; the Honorable Riley C. Darnell, secretary of state, voting, ex officio; General Wendell Gilbert, Clarksville; W. Ransom Jones, Murfreesboro; the Honorable John G. Morgan, comptroller of the treasury, voting, ex officio; Jack Murrah, Chattanooga; Dr. Gary Nixon, Nashville, nonvoting, ex officio; the Honorable Dale Sims, state treasurer, voting, ex officio; Kevin Teets, University of Tennessee at Martin, student, voting; Katie Winchester, Dyersburg; and Eleanor E. Yoakum, Knoxville.

The University of Tennessee System

The University of Tennessee is a statewide system of higher education that has a presence in each of Tennessee's 95 counties.

Through the combined force of its education, research, and service capabilities, the university serves students, business and industry, schools, governments, organizations, and citizens throughout the state.

The statewide university enrolls about 42,500 students and graduates more than 9,000 students a year.

The university system is governed by a board of trustees appointed by the governor of Tennessee. Board members are: Johnnie Amonette, Memphis; William Carroll Sr., Sevierville; Barbara Castleman, Martin; Steven Ennis, Tullahoma; James Haslam II, Knoxville; Waymon Hickman, Columbia; Rhynette Hurd, Memphis; Jerry Jackson, Dyersburg; Andrea Loughry, Murfreesboro; James L. Murphy III, Nashville; Susan Richardson-Williams, Knoxville; Karl Schledwitz, Memphis; Don Stansberry Jr., Huntsville; William B. Stokely III, Knoxville; John Thornton, Chattanooga; and James L. Wolford, Chattanooga. Two UT students and two faculty members serve one-year terms on the board, and those positions rotate annually among the institutions within the UT system. Ex officio members of the board are the governor of Tennessee, the commissioners of education and agriculture, the executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, and the president of the university.

Dr. John D. Petersen is president of the statewide University of Tennessee system.

President John D. Petersen, Ph.D.

The University of Tennessee System



John D. Petersen became the 23rd president of the University of Tennessee July 1, 2004. He was provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at the University of Connecticut for four years before coming to UT. As president, Petersen is the chief operating officer of the statewide University of Tennessee system. He is headquartered at the campus in Knoxville. Prior to his appointment at the University of Connecticut, Petersen was dean of the College of Science and professor of chemistry at Wayne State University from 1994 to 2000. He previously was on the faculty at Clemson University and at Kansas State University. Petersen received the Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry from the University of California at Santa Barbara and the B.S. in chemistry from California State.

University of Tennessee

The University of Tennessee is headquartered in Knoxville and composed of:

- The flagship campus at Knoxville, Tennessee's oldest and largest public university, a land-grant institution that holds the Carnegie Foundation doctoral/research-extensive classification.
- The Health Science Center at Memphis, the educational and research hub of the Memphis medical center since 1911.
- The Institute of Agriculture, a statewide education, research, and outreach organization serving students, clients, farmers, and families throughout Tennessee.
- The Institute for Public Service, a statewide organization of agencies serving state and local governments and industries throughout Tennessee.
- The Space Institute at Tullahoma, a graduate and research institution.

The University of Tennessee enrolls the best qualified students and has the highest graduation rate among public colleges and universities in Tennessee. Students come from every Tennessee county, every state, and more than 100 nations. The university has more than 100 endowed chairs and professorships. Nationally ranked University of Tennessee programs include law, pharmacy, master of business administration, supply chain management/logistics, civil engineering, materials engineering, social work, education, audiology, physical therapy, and ophthalmology.

The UT-Battelle partnership manages Oak Ridge National Laboratory for the Department of Energy, strengthening the university's more than half-century affiliation with the nation's largest science and energy laboratory. The Health Science Center in Memphis has extensive ties with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, an internationally recognized research institution.

The university has nationally competitive intercollegiate athletics programs for both women and men.

Administrators responsible for the individual entities that make up the University of Tennessee are Dr. Loren Crabtree, chancellor of the Knoxville campus; Dr. William Owen Jr., vice president for health affairs and chancellor of the Health Science Center; Buddy Mitchell, interim vice president for the statewide Institute of Agriculture; and Hank Dye, vice president in charge of the statewide Institute for Public Service.



Loren Crabtree
Chancellor, Knoxville

William Owen Jr.
Vice President and Chancellor
Health Science Center

Buddy Mitchell
Interim Vice President
for Agriculture

Hank Dye
Vice President
for Public
and Governmental
Relations

University of Tennessee at Martin



Nick Dunagan
Chancellor

The University of Tennessee at Martin, located in Northwest Tennessee, is known for its high-quality undergraduate educational programs.

UT Martin was founded in 1900 as Hall-Moody Institute. The campus became part of the University of Tennessee in 1927 as a junior college, attained senior-college status in 1951, and became a primary UT campus in 1967.

The university serves 6,100 students by offering baccalaureate and master's degrees in more than 100 specialized fields of study. The university's focus on undergraduate education is exemplified through its faculty, Honors Programs, Center for Global Studies, Student Success Center, and Campus Recreation Program. On-line degree programs are available through UT New College.

The university competes in NCAA Division I in both men's and women's athletics and is a member of the Ohio Valley Conference. The UT Martin rodeo team is the only collegiate rodeo team in Tennessee.

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga



Roger Brown
Chancellor

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, founded in 1886 as Chattanooga University, became a campus of UT in 1969.

Enrollment is approximately 8,700. Ninety-six bachelor's and fifty-eight master's degree programs are offered by the colleges of Arts and Sciences; Business; Health, Education and Professional Studies; Engineering and Computer Science; and the UTC Graduate School.

In 2003, UTC implemented its first doctorate in physical therapy. Since that time, the campus has added a Ph.D. in computational engineering and an Ed.D. in education.

The 100-acre campus, located in downtown Chattanooga, emphasizes the experiential learning opportunities available through numerous partnerships with the community and places importance on applied research opportunities for faculty and students.

The State University and Community College System

The State University and Community College System of Tennessee, which is governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents, was created by the General Assembly in 1972. The Board of Regents is the sixth largest system of higher education in the nation, enrolling over 180,000 students. The system is composed of six state universities, thirteen community colleges, and twenty-six technology centers. The institutions span the state and operate as a coordinated network with unique characteristics and services. All institutions are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The institutions and their programs are also recognized by numerous national and regional accreditation associations.

Among the responsibilities of the Tennessee Board of Regents are the prescription of curricula and requirements for programs and degrees, approval of operating and capital budgets, selection of campus presidents, and the establishment of policies regarding system and campus operations.

Appointive and statutory members of the Tennessee Board of Regents are: the Honorable Phil Bredesen, governor of Tennessee, chairman, voting, ex officio; Fran Marcum, Tullahoma, vice chair; Frank Barnett, Knoxville; Agenia Clark, Nashville; Noble Cody, Cookeville; the Honorable Ken Givens, commissioner of agriculture, voting, ex officio; Judy Gooch, Oak Ridge; Jonas Kisber, Jackson; Leslie Parks Pope, Johnson City; Dr. Richard G. Rhoda, Tennessee Higher Education Commission executive director, nonvoting, ex officio; Howard Roddy, Chattanooga; J. Stanley Rogers, Manchester; the Honorable Lana Seivers, commissioner of education, voting, ex officio; Maxine Smith, Memphis; Robert Thomas, Nashville; and William Watkins Jr., Memphis. Appointive members serve six-year terms except for one faculty member and one student member, each of whom serves a one-year term. As of 2005, the faculty representative is Amiri Al-Hadid, Tennessee State University, and the student representative is Sondra Wilson, Columbia State Community College.

Chancellor Charles W. Manning, Ph.D. Tennessee Board of Regents

Charles W. Manning, the 6th chancellor of the Board of Regents, earned his B.A. in chemistry from Western Maryland College and his Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from the University of Maryland. He did postdoctoral work in chemistry at the Institute for Anorganische und Kernchemie, Johannes Gutenberg Universitat. When Dr. Manning joined the Board of Regents in April 2000, he had served for ten years as Chief Executive Officer of the University System of West Virginia. Prior to that, he was executive vice chancellor of the Oklahoma higher education system and deputy director of the Colorado commission on higher education.



Austin Peay State University

Named for former Tennessee governor and Clarksvillian Austin Peay, Austin Peay State University is one of the region's key economic engines, with a total impact of about \$175 million annually.



Sherry L. Hoppe
President

Established in 1927 with 158 students, APSU attained its highest enrollment in history in fall 2004 with 8,659 students—a 13 percent increase over 2003. Demand for on-line programs has skyrocketed at APSU. In 2000, the university had no on-line classes; APSU now averages more than 2,500 students taking at least one on-line class each semester, and the university offers nine on-line degrees.

With more Hispanic students than any Tennessee university, APSU opened the state's first collegiate Hispanic Cultural Center in 2005. New construction and renovations can be seen across campus. McCord Building is being renovated to house the School of Nursing, the geosciences and an expanded GIS Center.

APSU has launched such new programs as a bachelor's in homeland security, an international relations minor, a new forensic chemistry concentration and a master's degree in social work. In fall 2004, APSU launched a new weekend M.S. in Management, enabling working adults to earn a master's in business in a year.

After APSU's successful football scholarship fund-raising campaign, in 2005 the Ohio Valley Conference Board of Presidents agreed to reinstate APSU to the OVC. APSU's first capital campaign has twice surpassed its goal. The revised goal of \$20 million has been exceeded with major gifts still to come.

In addition to international and national leaders who are graduates, APSU alumni fill key posts in the Tennessee legislature. Besides alumni serving as state representatives, two of the state's three constitutional officers—Riley Darnell, secretary of state, and John Morgan, comptroller of the treasury—are APSU alumni.

East Tennessee State University

Established under the General Education Bill by the General Assembly in 1909, East Tennessee State University (ETSU) opened in 1911 as East Tennessee State Normal School. To reflect the institution's expanding role in education,



Paul E. Stanton Jr.
President

the General Assembly authorized a series of name changes, and in 1963, university status was achieved. East Tennessee State University's 350-acre main campus is located in Johnson City with centers in nearby Kingsport, Elizabethton, and Bristol. Enrollment exceeds 12,000 students pursuing studies in over one hundred academic programs offered within the areas of arts and sciences, business, education, health sciences and services, and technology.

One of the principal campuses governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents, ETSU offers four-year and graduate programs of study through ten colleges and schools: College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business and Technology,

Claudius G. Clemmer College of Education, Honors College, James H. Quillen College of Medicine, College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy, College of Public and Allied Health, School of Continuing Studies, and School of Graduate Studies. Doctoral-level degree programs encompass the doctor of medicine, the doctor of education, the doctor of philosophy in biomedical sciences, the doctor of science in nursing, the doctor of audiology, the doctor of physical therapy, and the doctor of pharmacy.

The James H. Quillen College of Medicine was created by the Tennessee legislature in 1974. Its first class of twenty-four students enrolled in 1978 and earned the first M.D. degrees four years later. In 1988, the College of Medicine combined with the colleges of Nursing and Public and Allied Health to form a Division of Health Sciences. As a result, ETSU is the only major academic health sciences center between Knoxville, Tennessee, and Roanoke, Virginia.

East Tennessee State University's one-of-a-kind programs include the world's only master's degree in storytelling and reading. Further, ETSU is the only university in America offering a comprehensive selection of courses relating to bluegrass and country music.

Middle Tennessee State University

Founded in 1911, Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) is the oldest and largest public university in Middle Tennessee, educating over 22,000 students each year. The campus occupies 500 acres at the geographic center of the state in Murfreesboro, and Nashville, the state capital, is only thirty miles away.

For more than a decade, MTSU's enrollment growth has been unmatched by any university in the state, and it is now the No. 1 choice of undergraduate students in Tennessee. For much of the past decade, MTSU has been the leader in educating some of the best and brightest students in Middle Tennessee and has ranked as the No. 1 choice of midstate valedictorians and salutatorians.

In 2005, MTSU began its *Tennessee's Best* program, dedicated to recruiting and keeping the best students in the state. The university's heightened emphasis on academic quality is central to MTSU's 10-year academic master plan, and the university has recently increased its admissions standards.

MTSU has a number of signature programs that compete in a national arena, including accounting, aerospace, recording industry, equine studies, business, teacher training, mass communication, historic preservation and biotechnology. Ninety-three percent of MTSU students come from Tennessee, and the vast majority of them remain in the state after graduation.

An economic engine in the Volunteer State, MTSU adds not only educational and cultural value to Tennessee, but helps provide a vibrant business environment for the region. Last year the Business and Economic Research Center estimated that MTSU's economic impact in Middle Tennessee was \$700 million.



Sidney A. McPhee
President

Tennessee State University

Established under a 1909 act of the General Assembly, Tennessee State University (TSU) opened as the Agricultural and Industrial State Normal School at Nashville in 1912. After various name and status changes, TSU emerged as a full-fledged land-grant university in 1958 and continues its mission of instruction, research, and public service. Today, the university consists of a 500-acre main campus and an additional facility in downtown Nashville. A five-year \$112 million capital improvements project has allowed for the construction of eight new facilities and renovation of all existing structures. The fall 2004 student enrollment was 9,100.



Melvin N. Johnson
President

TSU includes: College of Arts and Sciences; College of Business; College of Education; College of Engineering, Computer Science and Technology; College of Health Sciences; School of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences; School of Graduate Studies and Research; School of Nursing; Institute of Government; University Honors Program; Center for Extended Education; Center of Excellence for Research and Policy in Basic Skills; and Center of Excellence in Information Systems Engineering and Management. The university offers 45 bachelor's degrees, 24 master's degrees, and doctoral degrees in six areas: administration and supervision, biological sciences, curriculum and instruction, public administration, psychology, and computer information systems engineering. TSU has three faculty chairs: the Thomas and Patricia Frist Chair of Excellence in Business, the Samuel P. Massie Chair of Environmental Engineering and a Chair of Excellence in Banking and Finance.

TSU has a chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, and its College of Business was the first in Nashville to hold accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. TSU also has one of the only degree programs in Africana studies in the Southeast. TSU has been a leading institution in the Tennessee Board of Regents system for funding for research, garnering \$35 million to \$41 million annually.

TSU currently is renovating its campus in downtown Nashville, the Avon Williams campus, with \$18.5 million in *Geier* Consent Decree funds.

Tennessee Technological University

Tennessee Technological University (TTU) was established by an act of the General Assembly in 1915. Its first grounds and buildings had belonged to Dixie College, a private institution founded in 1911. The campus, which includes a 300-acre farm, is located in Cookeville, the largest and most centrally located city in the Upper Cumberland region. The university also operates the Joe L. Evins Appalachian Center for Craft in nearby Smithville. The fall 2004 enrollment was 9,217 students.

Best known for its engineering- and science-related disciplines, Tennessee Tech offers some 40 bachelor's degree programs in five colleges—Arts and Sciences, Agriculture and Human Ecology, Business Administration, Education, and Engineering—plus the School of Nursing and the School of Interdisciplinary

Studies and Extended Education. Students can also earn graduate-level degrees in 20 programs, including the Ph.D. in engineering, environmental sciences, and education.

Tennessee Tech is also proud to host two chairs of excellence in business and three multi-million dollar “Accomplished Centers of Excellence” in engineering. Each center supports the work of faculty members and researchers who have earned national and international reputations in their fields. To offer valuable assistance to area industry, to government, and to professional organizations, the centers bring together interdisciplinary research teams of faculty and students from departments, schools, and research units throughout campus. The university is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and has received three commendations from the organization. Of the full-time faculty, approximately 80 percent hold an earned doctorate or terminal degree.

As a result of these successful relationships, Tennessee Tech typically earns high marks for student satisfaction, alumni satisfaction, and financial aid awards. TTU was also ranked one of the “Top Public Universities in the South” by *U.S. News and World Report* for 2002, 2003, 2005 and 2006, and named a “Best Southeastern College” by *The Princeton Review* for 2005 and 2006.



Robert R. Bell
President

The University of Memphis

Established in 1912 under the General Education Act of 1909 as West Tennessee Normal School, today the University of Memphis is classified by the Carnegie Foundation as one of the two doctoral research-extensive public higher education institutions in the state.

Serving almost 21,000 students, the University’s main campus is located on a 209-acre tract in the heart of residential Memphis. The South Campus, 146 acres located several blocks south of the main campus, houses research facilities, an athletic complex, and warehouse space. Another major site useful especially for field research is the 620-acre Meeman Shelby Forest Farm in northwest Shelby County. The university also offers classes at three high schools and four satellite locations in Shelby County and West Tennessee.

The University of Memphis offers world-recognized programs in disciplines as diverse as education, philosophy, earthquake science, audiology, biomedical engineering, and psychology. In addition, the University’s Fogelman College of Business and Economics has moved into the forefront of international business education offering undergraduate and graduate programs as well as advice and training for mid-South business people. Recent notable initiatives of the Fogelman College are the Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality and Resort Management and the FedEx Institute of Technology.



Shirley Raines
President

As is appropriate for one of America's major metropolitan research universities, the mission of the U of M is tied to meeting the needs of the city of Memphis and the larger mid-South region, which includes Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi, and parts of Alabama, Missouri, and Kentucky. Evidence of this mission is demonstrated by the university's groundbreaking techniques in training teachers for the urban classroom and by ongoing research into such issues as health care, economic opportunity, housing, public safety, and water quality.

The University of Memphis is also well connected to its metropolitan community through internships and "connected research" conducted in conjunction with area business and industry. Such "Memphis Extras," which can be offered by a large university in a large city, provide students with unique educational and career opportunities.

The university is organized into six undergraduate colleges: College of Arts and Sciences, Fogelman College of Business and Economics, College of Education, College of Communication and Fine Arts, Herff College of Engineering, and University College, which offers nontraditional degrees with an emphasis on personally designed education. The U of M also includes a Graduate School, the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, the Loewenberg School of Nursing, and the School of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

Chattanooga State Technical Community College

Chattanooga State is a comprehensive technical community college offering 59 associate of arts and science concentrations, 29 career programs (associate of applied science), and a myriad of training, continuing education and advancement classes and services. The college was established as the Chattanooga State Technical Institute in 1963. By an act of the 1973 General Assembly, the Institute was expanded to Chattanooga State Technical Community College. The main campus is located near the Chickamauga Dam on the banks of the Tennessee River, six miles from downtown Chattanooga. Chattanooga State also offers courses and programs through four satellite operations, many community locations, and through extensive distance instruction, including web-enabled offerings. The College enrolled 9,304 students in its transfer, career and technical programs in fall 2004. Over 8,000 area employees received training through the college in 2004, and 2,233 were engaged in ABE/GED preparation.



James L. Catanzaro
President

Chattanooga State is organized into the following academic divisions: Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences; Math and Sciences; Engineering, Business & Information Technologies; Nursing and Allied Health; Library Services; and Industrial Technology. Other units of the college include: Economic and Community Development, Student Services, Business and Finance, Human Resources, and Leadership and Fund Development.

Cleveland State Community College

The mission of Cleveland State Community College is to provide accessible, responsive and quality educational opportunities primarily for residents of Southeastern Tennessee. The college delivers developmental education, university transfer programming, workforce training and community services. By engaging students in the learning process, the college aspires to promote success, enhance quality of life and encourage civic involvement. The college strives to be a responsible partner in lifelong learning for the individual and in economic development for the region.

Authorized in 1965 by the General Assembly, Cleveland State admitted its first students in 1967. The attractive 105-acre Cleveland campus has ten buildings, an observatory, an extensive library, athletic fields and fitness facilities. Cleveland State operates two additional sites located in Athens, Tennessee, and Vonore, Tennessee, respectively. The college focuses on responsive delivery of the highest quality education and training at the lowest possible cost for the citizens of Bradley, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe and Polk counties. Degree offerings include Associate of Art degree, Associate of Science degree, Associate of Applied Science degree and 19 certificate programs.

Cleveland State makes every effort to provide students with the total college experience. In addition to classroom participation and studies, Cleveland State creates opportunities for students to interact with the entire campus community. Student Senate, Student Host Ambassadors, intramural sports and over 15 campus organizations all provide excellent avenues for student involvement.



Carl Hite
President

Columbia State Community College

Columbia State Community College, the first of Tennessee's community colleges, was founded in 1966. The college was temporarily housed in facilities throughout the city of Columbia until the present campus was occupied in fall 1967. On March 15, 1967, Lady Bird and President Lyndon B. Johnson dedicated the Columbia campus.

Today, the college serves close to 10,000 students per year in credit and noncredit courses and awards more than \$10 million in financial aid. Five academic divisions offer students over fifty programs of study and the opportunity to earn a certificate, associate of arts, associate of science, or associate of applied science degree. In addition to the Columbia campus, the college has locations in Lawrence, Marshall, Wayne, and Williamson counties.



O. Rebecca Hawkins
President

Dyersburg State Community College

Offering courses in the Arts and Sciences, Business and Technology, and Nursing and Allied Health, Dyersburg State is a comprehensive community college that provides the people of its service area with high-quality career programs, developmental education, continuing education, and courses designed to enable students to transfer to four-year colleges. Programs are delivered through traditional and on-line instruction. Under the leadership of President Karen Bowyer, Dyersburg State has become a major resource for workforce development and training for regional business and industry. Dyersburg State enriches the cultural life of West Tennessee through its performing and fine arts programs, which include classical and jazz concerts, theatrical productions, art exhibits, and an annual book festival.



Karen A. Bowyer
President

Dyersburg State began serving the people of Crockett, Dyer, Gibson, Lake, Lauderdale, Obion, and Tipton counties in 1969. Dyersburg State's main campus is situated on 115 acres in Dyersburg. Off-campus centers are located in Gibson County, Obion County, and at the Jimmy Naifeh Center in Tipton County.

Jackson State Community College

Authorized by the General Assembly in 1965, Jackson State Community College opened its doors in 1967. Since its first graduation ceremony in 1969, over 10,000 West Tennesseans have earned an associate's degree from Jackson State and most of them have remained in the West Tennessee community living, working, and contributing to the economic growth and development of the state. The college operates a 97-acre main campus in Jackson and full-service campuses in Lexington and Savannah. Additional instructional services are offered in cooperation with Tennessee Technology Centers in Paris, McKenzie and Whiteville. Jackson State serves a fourteen-county service area in West Tennessee including the counties of Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Madison, McNairy and Weakley.



Bruce Blanding
President

Jackson State Community College serves over 4,000 students each semester in credit and noncredit programs, making it the largest college in Jackson. Students are provided the opportunity to enroll in general education associate degree programs designed to prepare them for transfer to baccalaureate institutions, in professional and technical associate degree programs designed to prepare them for employment, or in individual personal interest courses.

Motlow State Community College

Since 1969, Motlow College has been the learning center for area residents whose goal is to move forward in life through education, training, workforce development, and personal enrichment. Its mission, “to enrich and empower its students and the community it serves,” is fulfilled through its comprehensive programs, multiple locations, and service to community.

Located on 185 acres of land in rural Moore County, Motlow College continues as a testament to the Reagor Motlow family, descendants of world-famous Jack Daniel. The Motlow family donated the land on which the college is built. Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Motlow awards the Level 1 Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Applied Science degrees as well as technical certificates of credit. Its threefold comprehensive programs provide degree programs for students who plan to transfer to upper-division colleges and universities; degree and nondegree programs for students who do not plan to transfer; and public service, lifelong learning, and workforce development programs to promote personal enrichment and economic and community development.

Motlow College provides quality, affordable, convenient education to the second largest geographical community college service area—4,500 square miles—in the state. Motlow College serves an 11-county area with a population of more than 441,000 residents. The service area includes Bedford, Cannon, Coffee, DeKalb, Franklin, Lincoln, Moore, Rutherford, Van Buren, Warren, and White Counties. With its primary campus in Moore County, Motlow has three satellite locations: McMinnville Center, Fayetteville Center, and Smyrna Teaching Site.

Motlow’s economic impact on the service area is nearly \$42 million. The non-quantitative benefits—the human capital, cultural enrichment, service to community, business, and industry—further escalate the value that the area derives from Motlow College.



Arthur L. Walker Jr.
President

Nashville State Technical Community College

Nashville State Community College is a comprehensive technical community college located on 100 acres in West Nashville. The college was founded in 1970 under the enabling legislation for all technical institutes and served the community as Nashville State Technical Institute until July 2002, when the mission of Nashville State was expanded to that of a community college. In addition to its main campus in West Nashville, Nashville State offers classes at three satellite campuses: Cookeville, Waverly, and its newest campus, The Southeast Center, located in Southeast Davidson County. As a community college, Nashville State continues to offer the Associate of Applied Science career and technical degrees. With the mission



George H. Van Allen
President

expansion, two new degrees were added for students planning to transfer credits to universities: the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science.

The college also offers technical and career advancement certificate programs, along with an extensive series of courses for business and industry. The college provides technical career education programs that prepare students for employment; courses, workshops, and seminars for lifelong learning; and classes and support services for underprepared students. The college also provides a strong general education foundation and maintains articulation agreements with public and private universities for students who may decide to pursue a bachelor's degree.

In the future, Nashville State plans to continue to build on its solid reputation as a technical college. The college will continue to play a vital role in meeting the educational needs of individuals in the community as well as the economic and workforce development needs of the Nashville business community.

Northeast State Technical Community College

Northeast State began operations in 1966 as Tri-Cities State Area Vocational School, developed into a technical institute in 1978, and, in 1990, added a transfer curriculum to become a comprehensive technical community college. One of the fastest growing colleges in the state, Northeast State is located in the geographic center of the Tri-Cities of Bristol, Kingsport, and Johnson City. The college enrolls students from its official five-county service area, as well as from the neighboring states of Virginia and North Carolina. The fall 2004 enrollment was 5,085.



William W. Locke
President

Northeast State offers the associate of arts, associate of science, and associate of applied science degrees, and one-year certificate programs. Formal articulation agreements, which enable students to transfer without loss of credit, are currently in place with a number of colleges and universities. Ninety-three percent of Northeast State's two-year technical program graduates find jobs in their fields of study.

The college supports economic and community development by providing various kinds of training for business and industry and offers community education programs designed for professional growth and personal enrichment. Off-campus, Internet, evening and weekend classes; peer tutoring; cooperative education; student development activities; and a full range of financial aid programs are available.

Pellissippi State Technical Community College

The conversion of the former State Technical Institute at Knoxville into Pellissippi State Technical Community College was authorized by the 1988 General Assembly. The primary college campus is located on 144 acres off the Pellissippi Parkway between Knoxville and Oak Ridge. Other permanent sites include the eighteen-acre original campus near downtown Knoxville, a facility in Blount County, and a facility on Magnolia Avenue in Knoxville. Enrollment for fall 2002 was 7,562.

The college offers associate degree programs (career technical and university parallel) through six departments: Business and Computer Technology, Engineering and Media Technologies, English, Liberal Arts, Mathematics, and Natural and Behavioral Sciences. It also offers continuing education and certificate programs.



Allen G. Edwards
President

Roane State Community College

Roane State was authorized by the General Assembly in 1969, and classes were first held in 1971. In 1973, permanent facilities opened on the 104-acre campus in Roane County. The college also operates a major branch campus in Oak Ridge; centers in Campbell, Cumberland, Fentress, Loudon, and Scott counties; and a center in Knox County for the delivery of health technologies. The fall 2004 student enrollment was 5,331. All sites are linked for electronic communication, and all sites except Knox County are linked for two-way interactive video.

The college offers university transfer programs leading to an associate degree in thirty-five areas of concentration, as well as career programs in health, environmental sciences, and business-related fields leading to the associate of applied science degree. Certificate programs are offered in twelve career education fields. Through its commitment to technology advancement and a challenging and nurturing learning environment, Roane State seeks to enrich the lives of those who come for education and for service.



Gary Goff
President

Southwest Tennessee Community College



Nathan L. Essex
President

Southwest Tennessee Community College was established by Chapter 510 of the Public Acts of 1999, which became effective July 1, 2000.

Southwest Tennessee Community College is a comprehensive, multicultural, public, open-access college whose mission is to anticipate and respond to the educational needs of students, employers, and communities in Shelby and Fayette counties and the surrounding Mid-South region. The College provides citizens with an effective teaching and learning environment designed to raise educational levels, enhance economic development, and enrich personal lives.

Southwest has two main campuses, the Union Avenue Campus near the city's downtown area and the Macon Cove Campus in the city's eastern/northeastern section. These locations provide enormous opportunities for community service/outreach and collaboration. There also are centers and teaching sites located throughout Shelby and Fayette counties for classroom study and computer training, helping to enhance the educational opportunities for students across the Memphis metropolitan area.

Southwest is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award Associate of Applied Science, Associate of Arts, and Associate of Science degrees. In addition, the College offers academic and technical certificate programs and courses that prepare students for transfer, employment, and career advancement in areas including allied health sciences, nursing, biotechnology, business, computer technologies, criminal justice, education, and engineering and related technologies.

The College boasts such advantages as small class sizes, quality faculty, affordable tuition, open and early admissions, and comprehensive support services. With approximately 12,000 students, Southwest Tennessee Community College is the largest two-year college in Tennessee.

Volunteer State Community College



Warren Nichols
President

Volunteer State Community College (VSCC) is a comprehensive two-year college located in Gallatin, about thirty miles northeast of Nashville. Authorized by the General Assembly in 1969, Volunteer State admitted its first students in 1971. One of the fastest growing institutions in the state, VSCC occupies a 100-acre main campus with sixteen buildings. Student enrollment for fall 2004 was 7,044.

Classes are offered in a twelve-county service area, and for the convenience of students, off-campus instruction is offered at McGavock and Hunters Lane High Schools, Madison Church of Christ in Nashville and at sites in Macon, Overton, Robertson, and Wilson counties. A major VSCC center operates in Livingston offering day and evening classes. Volunteer State is a distance education leader in Tennessee offering a large number of classes on videotape, on-line, and CD-ROM for students who need a convenient and flexible class schedule.

Volunteer State offers the Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science degrees for transfer to a four-year institution and the Associate of Applied Science and one-

or two-year technical certificates that prepare students with the essential skills needed for job entry and career advancement.

VSCC is a true community college offering a multitude of services and activities for area residents. Continuing education classes, workshops and seminars, cultural events, and other venues create opportunities for full utilization of the campus. The college is a full partner with business and industry providing training and assistance in workforce development and other initiatives. Off-campus and evening classes, counseling services, testing, financial aid assistance, tutoring services, athletics, a learning lab with computer-based instruction, and extensive technical/computer capabilities help make Volunteer State one of the premier institutions in the state.

Walters State Community College

Walters State was authorized by the General Assembly in 1967, and the college opened in 1970. The institution is named for the late U.S. Sen. Herbert S. Walters. The 175-acre main campus is located on the southeast edge of Morristown; satellite campuses (centers) are established in Sevierville, Greeneville, and New Tazewell, and the Walters State Great Smoky Mountains Expo Center is located in White Pine.

Walters State enrolls approximately 6,000 degree-seeking students and serves an additional 4,000 students in continuing education and job training programs. The college provides university parallel programs that prepare students to transfer two years of college work to four-year colleges or universities, and technology, health, and public safety programs that prepare them for immediate employment.

Additionally, the college stimulates community and economic development through a wide array of continuing education and community service programs. Through the Walters State Institute for Business and Industry, the college provides state-of-the-art technology and customized training programs producing well-trained and educated employees who contribute to East Tennessee's development of world-class products, services, and operations.



Wade B. McCamey
President

Tennessee Technology Centers

The Tennessee Technology Centers are the premier providers of workforce development training throughout the state. Established as a statewide system by legislation passed by the 1963 General Assembly, the State Area Vocational Technical Schools were transferred from the State Department of Education in July 1963, and now operate under the governance of the Tennessee Board of Regents. During the 1994 legislative session, the names of the institutions were changed from the Area Vocational-Technical Schools to the Tennessee Technology Centers.

There are twenty-seven Technology Centers offering entry-level, state-of-the-art postsecondary technical training, serving both youth and adults. The mission of the centers is to meet the occupational and technical training needs of the citizens of Tennessee, including employees of existing and prospective industries and businesses, thereby contributing to the economic and community development



James D. King
Vice Chancellor

of the communities they serve. The total 2002 enrollment for the Tennessee Technology Centers was 32,565 with emphasis on job placement and upgrading career development for all those completing training.

Related Programs



**Janice Snow
Rodriguez**
Executive Director

Tennessee Foreign Language Institute: Janice Snow Rodriguez, Executive Director — The Tennessee Foreign Language Institute (TFLI) was established in 1986 by the General Assembly to promote, encourage, enhance, and facilitate the learning and teaching of foreign languages and cultures for the economic, professional, and educational enrichment of the state government and its employees, the business community, foreign language educators, and the citizens of Tennessee. Since its inception, TFLI has provided and participated in dozens of teachers' programs, has been awarded federal and state grants for innovative programs, and has funded several research projects. Presently, TFLI serves more than 4,000 people per year and offers classes and self-study programs in more

than 140 languages. TFLI also offers English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, which focus on proficiency in conversation, reading, writing, and accent reduction, and a certification program for teachers of ESL. Other professional development programs TFLI offers include Legal and Medical Interpreter Training as well as a seminar in Translation Technique. Additionally, TFLI provides legal, medical, commercial, and technical interpretation, translation, and voice-over services in over 50 languages.



Robert W. Ruble
Executive Director

Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation: Robert W. Ruble, Executive Director — The Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) was chartered by the General Assembly in 1974 to administer State-supported programs of student financial aid. Every year TSAC helps more than 100,000 students attend college by providing over \$1 billion in loan guarantees and \$200 million in merit and need-based grants and scholarships.

Current programs, supported by state and federal funds, include the Federal Stafford Loan Program, Federal PLUS Loan Program, Federal Consolidation Loan Program, Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Program, Tennessee Student Assistance Award Program, Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program, Christa McAuliffe Scholarship Program, Ned McWherter Scholars Program, Minority Teaching Fellows Program, Tennessee Teaching Scholars Program, and Dependent Children Scholarship Program.

Other Education

From her earliest beginnings to the present, Tennessee has been at the forefront of education.

Washington College Academy in East Tennessee can trace its origins to 1780—sixteen years before Tennessee was admitted to the union.

The first school in Tennessee is located between Johnson City and Greeneville on a 155-acre campus overlooking the Great Smoky Mountains.

This traditional school concentrates on a classical education while emphasizing traditional values. Founded by Samuel Doak, a Presbyterian minister, the school is a nondenominational, coeducational, boarding and day school for grades 6-12.

The school has graduated 22 college presidents, 28 members of Congress, 3 governors, 63 physicians, 16 missionaries, and 162 ministers. The principles laid forth by its founding fathers are today very much a part of the educational experience of Washington College Academy.

As in the 18th century, Tennessee is a leader in providing educational opportunities for its citizens in the 21st century.

The Renaissance Center in Dickson is an example of the how modern technology is being utilized to promote a variety of educational programs and initiatives. Developed by the Jackson Foundation, the Renaissance Center is a place where the young and old alike can experience a “renaissance” of learning and self-awareness in an environment that encourages excellence and rewards creativity.

College courses, pottery, art, and computer courses are just a few of the opportunities offered by this new and unique center dedicated to the advancement of education.



Harris Hall at Washington College Academy in Johnson City.



Renaissance Center in Dickson.