

## The Tennessee Board of Regents 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 each institution retaining its 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 member; Bob Thomas, Nashville, vice chair; Frank Barnett, Knoxville; Agenia Clark, Nashville; Gregory Duckett, Memphis; the Honorable Ken Givens, commissioner of agriculture, voting, ex officio; Judy Gooch, Oak Ridge; Jonas Kisber, Jackson; Fran Marcum, Tullahoma; Millard Oakley, Livingston; Leslie Parks Pope, Johnson City; 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; 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 2007, the faculty representative is Janice Donahue of Walters State Community College, and the student representative is Matthew Harris, Austin Peay State University.

### **Charles W. Manning**

Chancellor, 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



**Tim Hall**  
*President*

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 \$190 million annually.

Established in 1927 with 158 students, APSU attained its highest enrollment in history in fall 2006 with 9,207 students—a 5.5 percent increase over 2005. APSU leads the state in online enrollment, with more than 2,900 students taking at least one online class in spring 2007. The university offers numerous online courses and 13 online programs, including associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees.

In 2007, APSU opened the \$11-million Foy Fitness and Recreation Center, featuring a rock-climbing wall, 10,000 square feet of fitness space and many other amenities. In 2008, the university expects to complete a \$4.7-million education facility on post at nearby Fort Campbell, Ky., becoming the only on-post university with an individual facility. An observatory located roughly 12 miles from the main campus will open in fall 2007.

APSU has launched an accelerated bachelor's degree in professional studies, allowing students with an Associate of Applied Science degree to complete a bachelor's degree in 14 months. Minors in real estate, Asian studies, geographic information systems, dance, and global security studies also have been added. In fall 2006, APSU's M.S. in Management expanded to the Web, enabling students to earn the degree—online or on campus—in as little as one year. An M.A. in Teaching will be offered starting in fall 2007.

Thanks to APSU's successful football scholarship fundraising campaign, fall 2007 will mark the University's return to scholarship football and the Ohio Valley Conference. APSU's first capital campaign has secured more than \$31 million in gifts and commitments.

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



**Paul E. Stanton Jr.**  
*President*

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, 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 12,500 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. Students may choose from programs of study leading to bachelor's and master's degrees, graduate certificates, and doctoral degrees in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy, education, audiology, environmental health sciences, clinical psychology, and biomedical sciences.

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. The five-acre ETSU Gray Fossil Site, located less than two miles from Interstate 26, is one of the richest sources of information in the nation about the Miocene Epoch.

## Middle Tennessee State University

Founded in 1911, Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) is one of the oldest and largest public universities in the state. Educating over 22,000 students, MTSU is the No. 1 choice of undergraduate students in Tennessee and occupies 500 acres at the geographic center of the state in Murfreesboro. Nashville, the state capital, is only 30 miles away.

In its earliest days, MTSU was a teachers college and still educates more teachers than any university in Tennessee. It has one of the largest recording industry programs in the nation, strong reputations in business, aerospace, nursing, and mass communication, and a lasting commitment to the sciences and liberal arts. In 1998, the prestigious Honors Program became Tennessee's first University Honors College.

In 2005, MTSU began its Tennessee's Best program, which is dedicated to keeping the best students in the state. Ninety-two percent of MTSU students come from Tennessee, with the vast majority remaining in the state after graduation. During the past year MTSU students have excelled in a variety of academic areas, including taking the top prize at the Columbia Scholastic Press Award, receiving the Scripps-Howard Fellowship Award, and competing against the very best in the NCAA while winning multiple Sunbelt Conference championships.

MTSU's heightened emphasis on academic quality is central to its 10-year academic master plan, and, as a result, the university recently increased its admissions standards. Quality academics are enriched through special chairs dedicated to supporting particular disciplines. MTSU is home to the Center for Historic Preservation, the Center for Popular Music, the Albert Gore Sr. Research Center, the Middle East Center, and the Center for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia.



**Sidney A. McPhee**  
*President*

An economic engine in the volunteer state, MTSU adds not only educational and cultural value to Tennessee, but also stimulates a vibrant business environment for the region. A recent study by the Business and Economic Research Center estimated that MTSU's economic impact on Middle Tennessee was almost \$700 million.

## Tennessee State University



**Melvin N. Johnson**  
*President*

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 1951 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 2006 student enrollment was 9,038.

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; Center of Excellence in Information Systems Engineering and Management; Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement; Center of Excellence in Intelligence Studies; Center of Excellence for Battlefield Sensor Fusion, and a Pilot Center for Academic Excellence in Intelligence Studies.. The university offers 45 bachelor's degrees, 24 master's degrees, and doctoral degrees in seven areas: administration and supervision, biological sciences, curriculum and instruction, public administration, psychology, computer information systems engineering, and physical therapy. 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, and a new sponsored research and programs building is the site of a Department of Defense-funded nanoscience and biotechnology laboratory.

## 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 2006 enrollment was 9,733 students.

Best known for its engineering- and science-related disciplines, Tennessee Tech offers 39 bachelor's degree programs in five colleges—Arts and Sciences, Agricultural and Human Sciences, Business, Education, and Engineering—plus 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. The centers bring together interdisciplinary research teams of faculty and students from across campus to offer valuable assistance to area industry, government, and professional organizations. 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 and alumni satisfaction. TTU was also ranked one of the “Top Public Universities in the South” by U.S. News and World Report for 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, and 2007, and was named a “Best Southeastern College” by The Princeton Review for 2005, 2006 and 2007. TTU is also recognized nationally for its educational value, being listed among “America’s 100 Best College Buys” for 2006 and 2007, and included in The Princeton Review’s “America’s Best Value Colleges” guidebook, 2007 and 2008 editions.

## 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 Park Avenue Campus, 146 acres just 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, discrete mathematics, 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 leaders. Other notable initiatives of the university are the Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality and Resort Management and the FedEx Institute of Technology.



**Robert R. Bell**  
*President*



**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



**James L. Catanzaro**  
*President*

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.

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, associate of science, associate of applied science 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. During 2006, Columbia State Community College celebrated its 40th anniversary. Since 1966, Columbia State has served 25,000 students, graduated 12,000, and has awarded 2,500 nursing associate degrees. Currently, the college provides workforce training for 2,500 employees and 50 companies annually. Each year, more than 7,000 elementary and high school students attend educational and cultural activities at the college's five campuses. Columbia State Community College has become the "Center for Cultural and Performing Arts" in south central middle Tennessee, with over 7,500 annually attending musical performances and art gallery exhibits in its Cherry Theater and Pryor Art Gallery.

Today, the college serves close to 10,000 students annually 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



**Karen A. Bowyer**  
*President*

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.

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



**Bruce Blanding**  
*President*

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.

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 State Community College has been a lifelong learning center to over 441,000 citizens in the college's 11-county service area. With its focus on teaching and learning, Motlow is a student-centered institution that promotes academic, personal, and professional excellence and growth.

Located in rural southern Middle Tennessee, Motlow College is located on 185 acres of land donated by State Senator Reagor Motlow and his family—descendants of Jack Daniel—and bears the Motlow name in honor of their significant contribution. The college's service area encompasses 4,500 square miles, the second largest service area of a two-year Tennessee Board of Regents institution.

With more than 8,500 graduates, including 1,121 registered nurses, Motlow awards four associate degrees—associate of arts, associate of science, associate of applied science, associate of science in teaching—and technical certificates of credit. The college is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the Level 1 associate degree.

With its primary location in Moore County, Motlow has three satellite campuses—McMinnville Center, Fayetteville Center, and Smyrna Teaching Site. The College's comprehensive programs provide degree programs for students planning to transfer to upper-division colleges and universities; degree and non-degree programs designed to develop immediate job readiness skills and competencies; and public service, lifelong learning, and workforce development programs to promote personal enrichment and economic and community development.

To enhance students' educational opportunities, Motlow provides the Cultural and Performing Arts Series, Student Presidential Leadership Institute, clubs and organizations, and collegiate and intramural sports. It offers alternative teaching and learning delivery systems and schedules to meet the demands of its diverse student population. Committed to its mission, "to enrich and empower its students and the community it serves," Motlow College is a center for lifelong learning and growth opportunities.



**Mary Lou Apple**  
*President*

## Nashville State Technical Community College

Nashville State Community College is a comprehensive community college located in west Nashville. In addition to its main campus, Nashville State offers classes at three satellite locations: Cookeville, Waverly, and its newest campus, The Southeast Center, located in Southeast Davidson County.

The college was founded in 1970 under the enabling legislation for all of the state's 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. As a community college, Nashville State continues to offer the associate of applied science career and technical degrees, technical and career advancement certificate programs, and an extensive series of courses for business and industry. In addition, Nashville State's enhanced mission allows



**George H. Van Allen**  
*President*

the college to offer degrees designed to transfer into baccalaureate programs. Students can complete their first two years at Nashville State, receive an associate of science or associate of arts degree, and transfer credits to a university. The college maintains articulation agreements with public and private universities for students who decide to pursue a bachelor's degree.

The college's mission is to provide comprehensive educational programs and partnerships, exemplary services, an accessible, progressive learning environment, and responsible leadership to improve the quality of life for the communities it serves.

## Northeast State Technical Community College



**William W. Locke**  
*President*

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 2006 enrollment was 5,145.

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-four 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



**Allen G. Edwards**  
*President*

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 2006 was 8,188.

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.

## 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 2006 student enrollment was 5,353. 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

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.



**Nathan L. Essex**  
*Interim President*

## 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 2006 was 7,370.

Classes are offered in a twelve-county service area, and for the convenience of students, there are degree-granting locations at Livingston and at McGavock High School. VSCC offers off-campus courses at Hunters Lane High School and Madison Church of Christ, as well as at sites in Macon, Overton, Robertson, and Wilson counties. Volunteer State is a distance education leader in Tennessee offering a large number of courses on videotape, online, 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 as well as 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. Non-credit leisure and self-help courses are offered to provide local residents with convenient classes to enhance their personal and professional lives. The workforce development program creates business partnerships to help local businesses prepare their employees to be more effective in the global economy. Volunteer State has developed the proper infrastructure and mission to address the needs of a fast-growing and diverse population and to ensure the benefits of education remain a primary part of their lives.

## Walters State Community College



**Wade B. McCamey**  
*President*

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.

## 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, twenty-six of them free-standing institutions, with the twenty-seventh a part of Chattanooga State Technical Community College. They are located strategically throughout the state to meet the occupational and technical training needs of Tennessee's citizens, including employers with existing and prospective businesses and industries. By offering entry-level, state-of-the-art postsecondary technical training to both adults and youth, Technology Centers contribute to the economic and community development of the communities they serve. By providing training that involves the latest technologies, Technology Centers help keep Tennessee's workforce prepared for the future. The total 2006 enrollment for the Tennessee Technology Centers was 29,834 with emphasis on job placement and workforce development.



**James D. King**  
*Vice Chancellor*