



Tech hosts inaugural Lighting the Quad event



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Tech's Main Quad was bright with holiday spirit as the university celebrated its inaugural Lighting the Quad event in late November. Thousands of students, faculty, staff and members of the Tennessee Tech community filled the lawn to the sound of holiday music played by the Golden Eagle Marching Band. On the steps of the Jere Whitson Memorial Building, President Phil Oldham welcomed the crowd. "The Quad is a special place for all of us and we are honored to have so many join us to start this new Tennessee Tech tradition," Oldham said.

2018 Outstanding Alumni Association awards

Nominate an outstanding alumnus for 2018 Alumni Association awards

In the new year, one of the most important functions the TTU Alumni Association Executive Board will take on is selecting Tech's best and brightest -- alumni and friends who have served as outstanding ambassadors of Tech. Beginning in 2018, alumni awards will be given for these four categories:

- Distinguished Alumnus Award
- Outstanding Young Alumnus Award
- Outstanding Service Award
- Outstanding Philanthropy Award

Nominations must be submitted by Jan. 15, 2018.

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Math whiz among Tennessee Tech fall graduates



Among the 1,200 students earning a degree this semester is Jonathan Dugas, a native of Winchester, Tennessee. While he's receiving a master's degree in mechanical engineering, it's his work in math that has brought him some notoriety. Dugas, who earned a mechanical engineering degree from Tech in 2014, collaborated with math professor Brian O'Connor to create a mathematical formula involving prime numbers that is unlike anything that has been done before.

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Donor Spotlight: Eastman, Global Specialty Chemical Company

Eastman's 25-year partnership with Tennessee Tech continues to fund scholarships, professional development opportunities, career placement programs, equipment, and classroom upgrades. Representatives from the global specialty chemical company say they choose to support Tennessee Tech because of the high quality, industry-ready students that the University is known for. More than 150 Eastman employees are TTU graduates. The majority of them are employed at the Kingsport, Tennessee, location, but the company has TTU graduates at their other 50 sites across the globe as well.



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Tech scores high marks in state's funding formula



During its December meeting, Tennessee Tech's Board of Trustees heard Tennessee Higher Education Commission Director Mike Krause explain how the university's score in the state's funding formula could lead to an additional \$3 million appropriation. The board learned that the results of 2018-2019 higher education budget formula, which have been sent to the governor for his consideration in preparing next year's state budget, showed Tech's score atop all state locally governed universities.

Tennessee Tech Board of Trustees Chairman Tom Jones (left) presents outgoing Trustee Nick Russell (center) with a framed resolution honoring his work representing students while President Phil Oldham looks on (right). Russell, who was the first student trustee of the board, is completing his studies at Tech this semester. The board's resolution honoring Russell passed unanimously. A new student trustee will be announced at the next board meeting.

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