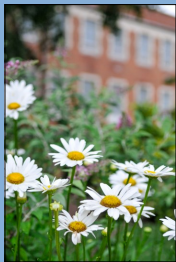




“Learning and Leadership are indispensable to each another.”

- John F. Kennedy



Learning

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Research

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The multidisciplinary Learning and Leadership Doctoral Program equips participants with an understanding of the relationship that learning plays in the leadership process. The program philosophy supports the development of reflective practitioners in a variety of organizations and focuses on the interwoven nature of learning and leadership.

Program News

Please join us in welcoming Dr. David Rausch as Associate Dean of the College of Health, Education and Professional Studies, and as he resumes the role of Program Director/faculty in the Learning and Leadership Doctoral Program (Ed.D./Ph.D.). Dr. Elizabeth Crawford will continue to serve as the LEAD Program Advisor/faculty and as the School of Professional Studies Director (Department Head). Ms. Becca McCashin will continue to serve in the role of Program Coordinator.

ReSEARCH Dialogues

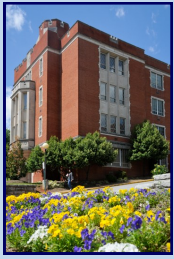
The 3rd annual UTC ReSEARCH Dialogues conference, celebrating Scholarship, Engagement, the Arts, Research, Creativity, and the Humanities in graduate studies will be held on **April 4, 2018**, at the UTC University Center. For details, please visit the following link:

<https://www.utc.edu/research-dialogues/>



Admission News

Applications to the Fall 2018 cohort (C14) are currently under review by the Admission Committee. Please refer prospective applicants to our program website (link: [Doctoral Program in Learning and Leadership](#)) for current program information and to request to be placed on our contact list via the online inquiry form. We typically accept applications December through February for each upcoming cohort. The next opportunity to apply will be **December 2018 through February 2019** for the **Fall 2019** cohort.



Participant News



- **Jamie Connors**, Associate Professor of Accounting, is a tenured professor at Dalton State College and her daughter was married in December 2017.
- **John Cunningham**, was featured in the *Times Free Press* for his team's implementation of the community school model in Hamilton County. This model focuses on addressing students' basic welfare (hot meals, access to healthcare, etc.) as well as providing academic support. By leveraging existing programs and partnerships with local nonprofits, the HCDE Opportunity Zone Leadership team focuses on each community's unique needs in order to strengthen relationships and improve student outcomes.
- **Patty Flowers** transitioned to the position of Assessment Coordinator and Research Associate in the Office of Accreditation and Assessment at UT-Martin in February 2016. Since that time, UTM has made improvements to their accreditation processes. Patty has participated in two SACSCOC Summer Institutes, one SACSCOC Annual Meeting, one IUPUI Annual Assessment Conference, and one AAHLE Conference.
- In March 2017, **Charlie Folsom** accepted a new position with the UTHSC as a Student Success and Recruitment Coordinator in the College of Nursing. In this role, Charlie works to recruit and retain students within a specific college and affords him the opportunity to gain experience and access to data for future research related to student success.
- In June 2017, **Tyler Forrest** was promoted to Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget & Finance at UTC. In this new role, Tyler continues leadership oversight of the departments of Budget & Finance, Auxiliary Services, and Procurement & Contract Services.
- In November 2017, **Yancy Freeman** was promoted to Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management and Student Success at UTC. In this role, Yancy serves on the Executive Leadership Team and oversees recruitment and retention initiatives across campus.
- In September 2017, **Eva Lewis** was promoted to Assistant Provost for Strategy and the Office of Planning, Evaluation & Institutional Research at UTC, which includes institutional performance measurement and evaluation, as well as assessment of student outcomes and curriculum and outcome mapping.
- **Rick Mattson**, Portfolio Manager at Aflac, sat for the PfMP (Portfolio Management) certification exam by in the 3rd quarter of 2017. This level of certification is held by less than 500 individuals globally.
- **Joyce McPherson**, Instructor at Belhaven University, received a Provost Student Research Award for a study on "Shakespeare Pedagogy: Active Learning in the Theatre Arts" and a Travel Award to present at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Kansas City, MO, in March 2018.
- **Barbara Scales**, Director of the June Anderson Center for Women and Nontraditional Students at MTSU, was the 2017 recipient of the TN Women in Higher Education June Anderson Award and was one of 14 community leaders recognized with the 2017 ATHENA International Women's Leadership award.



The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly.

- Jim Rohn



Alumni News

- **Dr. Elaine Carson** and **Dr. Wendy Oliver** have been working with a client to upgrade the online high school content that they previously developed. On a personal note, Dr. Carson is working with a middle school youth group at her church and has enjoyed spending time outdoors with them.
- In February 2018, **Dr. Charley Deal**, Special Advisor to the Chancellor and Interim Director, Office of Research, Grants and Contracts and Exec. Director of WestStar Leadership at UT-Martin was recognized with the 2018 [University of Tennessee President's Award](#), the highest honor a UT faculty or staff member can receive from the University. Dr. Deal is passionate about serving the people of West TN and was instrumental in founding and opening the Regional Educational Center in Fayette County.
- **Dr. Colleen Harris** completed the MA in Mythological Studies with an emphasis in Depth Psychology at the Pacifica Graduate Institute in May 2017. Dr. Harris is currently working on a Ph.D. in the same program, and her dissertation prospectus was accepted in June 2017. Dr. Harris transitioned to the newly created position of Digital and Data Services librarian at California State Channel Islands in August 2017, and she remains on the tenure track as a library faculty member.
- **Dr. Jody Love**, Program Director/Professor of Sonography at Chattanooga State Community College, participated in the year-long "Chatt-LEAD" leadership exploration and development program and is currently serving as the TCAT Curriculum Committee Chair. As a result of Dr. Love's dissertation research, she was invited to perform multiple presentations at her national professional society's annual conference and was appointed to the SDMS Musculoskeletal Injury Task Force which led to the rewriting of the profession's industry standards on ergonomics. Dr. Love was featured in the "Women of Distinction" magazine in June 2016.
- **Dr. Michael "Mick" Shuran**, Principal at West Middle School in Tullahoma City Schools, developed a free summer program called the "Not so Scary World of Technology" to help adults overcome their fears of using technology. By all accounts, it was a successful venture.
- **Dr. Chris Willis**, Assoc. Professor of Media Technology/Mass Communications, wrote the script for the short film, "Follow" that was filmed as part of the Summer 2017 Professional Film and Television Training Class at Chattanooga State Community College. The story reimagines an encounter that took place between UTC students and a traveling street preacher who spent several days addressing students in a "free-speech" zone. A UTC student was arrested and charged with multiple charges after attempting to confront the man.