



“Learning and Leadership are indispensable to each another.”  
- John F. Kennedy



Learning  
Leadership  
Research  
Measurement  
Organizational Effectiveness  
Technology and Innovation  
Communication



# DOCTORATE in LEARNING and LEADERSHIP

*Learn. Collaborate. Lead.*

FALL 2014

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.

## Induction 2014

In July 2014, program faculty and staff welcomed 13 new scholar-practitioners (Cohort 10) during a series of Induction activities held

online (UTC Learn) and face-to-face at the Chattanooga Hotel. C10 members represent a variety of professional fields including higher education administration, accounting, physical therapy, athletic training, etc. During Induction, doctoral faculty and participants came together to engage in active learning in a format that mirrors the hybrid learning model. Pre-readings for Induction included *Humble Inquiry* by Schein and numerous articles on topics ranging from neuroscience to transformative learning theory. New participants were given the opportunity to pose questions to a panel of graduates. Recent graduates were recognized during the Induction dinner. C10 members are currently enrolled in their first semester of core coursework, Research Methodologies and Foundations of Human Learning Theories.



## Admission 2015

Applications to the Fall 2015 cohort (C11) will be accepted mid-November 2014 through mid-February 2015. Please refer prospective applicants to our program website for details ([www.utc.edu/dll](http://www.utc.edu/dll)).





# Participant News

- **Laura Bass** published in the *Research in Higher Education* journal, presented at the Consortium of Student Retention and Data Exchange, served as a group facilitator for Advisors' Council, and presented a leadership series based on *The Leadership challenge* by Kouzes & Posner.
- **TJ Battle** welcomed her first grandchild, Claire, in October 2014.
- **Lindy Blazek** retired from teaching after 33 years of service and celebrated her 40th Wedding Anniversary in May 2014. She was recently hired as a Learning Strategist at Skyuka Hall school.
- **Mike Breakey** has pursued career changes and has experienced an overall change in his perspective (outlook) of higher education.
- **Jerad Brewer** accepted a position as Coordinator of the UTC Intensive English Program in August. For the past 12 years, he has been an instructor in various English departments at several area colleges and universities. This is his first staff position.
- **Pete O'Brien** has been working to develop more clinical sites for Jackson State Community College, thus increasing student capacity. He was successful in securing approval from the State of TN Med Lab Board for 3 new sites in Fall of this year. He is looking forward to welcoming new students from these areas.
- **Gerry Stark** is excited about his recent papers in Upper Limb Prosthetic Acceptance for Instructional Design and Cognitive Decision Making that have been accepted at the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists as well as OrthoReha Technik in Leipzig, Germany.
- **Stacy Swafford** has been promoted to Assistant Professor at Tennessee Wesleyan. She was also selected by the graduating class of 2014 to give "The Last Lecture" at their senior brunch.



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. Sara Jahansouz** was named Dean of Students at the University of Houston Downtown in 2013. She serves on the Texas Dean of Students Consortium.
- **Dr. Wendy Oliver** was asked to present at AERA. She has also been asked to consult on national projects, including Junior Achievement USA's blended learning initiative.
- **Dr. Rebecca Pennington** is currently serving as the Teacher Education Program Assessment Director and edTPA Coordinator at Covenant College.
- **Dr. Michelle Rigler** received an offer from Jessica Kingsley Publishers to publish her first book, co-authored with Emily Quinn and Amy Rutherford.
- **Dr. Mick Shuran** has served as an adjunct instructor at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.
- **Dr. Kathy Thacker** is enjoying independent counseling and research on the coast of North Carolina.
- **Dr. Ashley Aldridge Wilson** has welcomed a son named Webb.
- **Dr. Josh Yother** was named Head of School at Skyuka Hall.