



DOCTORATE in LEARNING and LEADERSHIP *Learn. Collaborate. Lead.*

SUMMER / FALL 2019

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



- Learning
- Leadership
- Research
- Measurement
- Organizational Effectiveness
- Technology and Innovation
- Communication

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.

Welcome Cohort 15

This past Summer, we welcomed Cohort 15 to the LEAD program. Each participant enrolled in the new foundational course, Learning & Leadership Integration & Assimilation Process. The new cohort is currently enrolled in Leadership and Learning: Theory to Practice and Research and Inquiry. Members of C15 represent diverse backgrounds including Higher Education Administration, Curriculum & Instruction, Business, Theology, and Psychology.



Recruitment Cohort 16

Applications to the Summer 2020 cohort of the Learning and Leadership Doctoral Program (Cohort 16) will be accepted **December 2019 through February 2020**. Please refer prospective applicants to our program website (www.utc.edu/dli) for details, including a link to our Inquiry Form. We appreciate your assistance recruiting future scholar-practitioners to our LEAD program!

Please send us your news

If you have any professional and/or personal news that you would be willing to share with the Learning and Leadership faculty, staff, and participants, please visit the following link: [Learning and Leadership News Update](#)



Participant News

- **John Alpers** accepted a tenure track position with Carson-Newman University.
- **Donny Behneman** was invited to present at a regional EMS conference at UNC Greensboro on his, “University of Tennessee—Chattanooga and the Master Calendar.”
- **Laura Brown** has joined the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee in the role of Senior Deputy Director of Client Services. She is responsible for the implementation of strategic planning and regionalization; investigation and resolution of client complaints/grievances; and program development, implementation and evaluation.
- **Jamie Connors** became a grandmother for the first time in June!
- **Jessica Hackathorne** received the Outstanding Faculty Advising Award at the UTC annual faculty awards dinner, as well as the CHEPS college-level award ceremony.
- **Lowell (J.R.) Howard** has assumed the duties of Executive Officer of Cadet Command’s 7th Brigade, which is headquartered in Fort Knox, KY. The 7th Brigade is responsible for Army ROTC programs in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee.
- **Adlai Hurt** was promoted to Senior Director of Development within the Tickle College of Engineering at UTK.
- **Jackie Johnson** has been named Interim Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at UT-Martin.
- **Elizabeth Lamberson** passed the Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) exam and has joined Henegar Counseling Center as a full-time therapist.
- **Kim Page** was awarded the title of Faculty Fellow at MTSU and has been nominated for the Athena young professionals award for Rutherford county. This is an award given annually to a woman under the age of 40 who has demonstrated leadership in her field.
- **Izetta Slade** accepted a new role as Senior Director of UTK Human Resources with leadership responsibilities for Recruitment, Employee Relations, and Learning & Organizational Development
- **Erin Thornbury (Noseworthy)** has joined the Respondus team as the eLearning Customer Training and Success Manager. Her son, Otto Henry, turned one in December.
- **Cindy Williamson** was recognized as the 2019 Outstanding Graduate Student (Participant) for the Learning and Leadership program. Cindy and her husband welcomed their first child, Joseph Moreland (JoJo), in May.

Alumni News



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



- **Dr. Laura Bass** started a new position at Richmond Graduate University as the Associate Registrar and Advisement Coordinator.
- **Dr. Wahtawah (TJ) Battle** has volunteered as an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician for the non-profit, Remote Area Medical (R.A.M.), for the last 2.5 years and also volunteers as a mentor for high school students preparing for college or technical careers (TNAchieves).
- **Dr. Mandie Beeler** currently serves as Director of the Jones Center for Leadership and Service at UTK.
- **Dr. Zach Best** has been appointed principal of Melrose Veterans Memorial Middle School (suburb of Boston, MA).
- **Dr. Michael Breakey** has been the keynote speaker at three events, all focusing on the topic of ethical behavior. These events included UTC graduating military veterans, Coahulla High School's Signing Day program, and an Armed Forces Day ceremony in Lafayette, GA.
- **Dr. Mike Caraccio** won the Public Education Foundation teacherpreneur grant competition and was also selected to be a member of the Leadership Fellow cohort.
- **Dr. Charley Deal** was appointed by Chancellor Keith Carver to the position of Executive Director of Research, Outreach, and Economic Development at UT-Martin.
- **Dr. Reid Fisher** completed a 3-year proof-of-concept research study in coordination with the US Air Force on how athletic training can integrate and impact operational costs. The impacts of their work has led to an expansion of 30 athletic trainers across the base.
- **Dr. Lisa Godfrey** recently became a certified Google Trainer.
- **Dr. Colleen Harris** was granted tenure and promoted to Associate Librarian at California State University Channel Islands.
- **Dr. Jeff McCord** was selected to serve as Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development by Tennessee Governor, Bill Lee.