GOAL 1: MOC UP

Chris Ledford has coined a nickname for himself. "I like to call myself Mr. Rough Around the Edges," he says. Having graduated from Knoxville’s Hardin Valley Academy last spring, he’s enrolled at UTC this fall with hopes of sanding those edges down a bit. Although confidence doesn’t seem to be a problem, Ledford (right in photo) is savvy enough to realize that he has a lot to learn in college. And not just in class. "I hope it can tell me a few things that are core to my beliefs," he says. "I hope it will help me exert my passions." More at utc.edu/year2-goal1.

GOAL 2: EXCEL

It kind of looks like the wheeled container that gardeners use to hold their tools while they sit on it to save their aching backs. Well, except for the solar panel on top and the computer motherboard and wiring underneath along with UTC spelled out in clear-plastic letters on each side. The device is actually a robot built during EXCEL: Exploring Clean Energy through hands-on Learning, a five-day conference held last June at UTC and hosted by the College of Engineering and Computer Science. The robot building was part of the Robotics and Solar Energy exercise. More at utc.edu/year2-goal2.

GOAL 3: WEST CAMPUS HOUSING

Thudding hammers. Whining drills. Screaming, grinding saws. Wood, metal and other trash crash-banging into a dumpster. Above it all, a 120-foot crane slowly and silently spins, lifting equipment and supplies off the ground, delivering them six to nine floors up. Construction is nonstop at the site of the new West Campus Housing, located at the corner of Vine and Houston Streets. Due to open in Fall 2018, the structural elements of the $70 million facility—walls, floors and ceilings—are 90 percent done, says Jeremy Busby, job superintendent for Hoar Construction Co., the building contractor. More at utc.edu/year2-goal3.

GOAL 4: SUSI

Stephan Johansen has traveled quite a few times to the United States from his home in Oslo, Norway. “Pretty much up and down the East Coast,” he says. His trips include a visit to South Carolina but, standing on the deck of the Hunter Museum of American Art, looking out over the Tennessee River, he feels like he’s finally found the South he’s always heard about. “Southern hospitality is real,” he says. It’s a common theme brought up by many of the 22 foreign students like Johansen who came to UTC for a month to dive into American culture, business and politics. As part of the Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSI), international students come to UTC from 18 different countries to study social entrepreneurship. More at utc.edu/year2-goal4.
GOAL 1 UPDATE
• UTC student athletes topped a 3.0 grade point average for seven consecutive semesters. 175 Mocs or 63% of UTC student-athletes made the Athletic Director’s Honor Roll. 141 were on the Dean’s List.

• The first-ever Moc Up program introduced 140 freshmen to the realities of college. UTC resources helped them work through their first year at UTC, including personal, financial and academic issues.

• The “Lucky 13” Occupational Therapy studies group that enrolled in the program before it was accredited, graduated on 5/5/17 and all 13 became the first to earn a newly-accredited Doctorate of Occupational Therapy at UTC.

GOAL 2 UPDATE
• 25 math and science teachers from 15 schools in Hamilton, Bradley and Polk counties and the towns of Dalton and Cleveland, Tenn., have built robots and explored clean energy with the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences.

• Responding to local hospital requests, UTC started the Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner concentration. Members of the first graduating class have either obtained a master’s of science in nursing or a post-master’s certificate.

• Cornerstones, Inc. established the Cornerstones Professor in Residence at UTC. Andrew Smith, local educator, architect and preservationist, is teaching the where and what for on preservation and the philosophical reasoning for saving our past.

GOAL 3 UPDATE
• In 2017-18, students will see UTC’s lowest tuition increase in more than 30 years. An increase of 1.8 percent marks the third consecutive year of record low tuition adjustments.

• Freshman and sophomore students from six counties in North Georgia and one in Alabama can save thousands of dollars by attending UTC with the new, regional tuition rate of in-state tuition plus 25 percent of the out-of-state tuition.

• Construction is nonstop on the West Campus Housing site. Set to open Fall 2018, the $70 million facility will offer two-person suites and sleep 600 students.

GOAL 4 UPDATE
• 22 undergraduate, foreign students studied at UTC during the month of July to learn about American culture, business and politics. For the second year in a row, the College of Business and the Center for Global Education hosted foreign students as part of the Department of State’s Study at the U.S. Institute for Student Leaders (SUSI).

• Engineering and art, not always the first two subjects that come to mind when thinking about collaborations, have teamed up for the Art for All project. UTC engineering students designed devices for people with disabilities to create artwork. University art students helped the artists bring their work to life.

• The Accessible Technology Initiative (ATI) was developed to ensure that information technology resources and services are accessible to all UTC students, faculty and staff.

Message from the Chancellor
This is a time of revolutionary change in higher education, and Tennessee is no exception. The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is on solid footing and part of a strong university system, the University of Tennessee. All of our success indicators are on the upswing and enrollment is increasing. The questions for us to address are simple and yet complex: Who are we, what distinguishes us, and what defines a UTC education?

For a UTC student, the most significant impact is graduating with a portfolio of accomplishments that bridges real-time experiences with hands-on preparation for a career that will help them be a productive member of society.

As a campus community, we are ready for a new, challenging strategic discussion on collaborative approaches to improve student preparation, outcomes and success.

What is the UTC difference?
We actively engage students; we focus on personal growth, service and community; we help students understand that knowledge comes from collaborative learning experiences.

Chancellor Steven Angle
See more of our progress at utc.edu/strategic-plan-dashboard.