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UTC is one of 151 institutions designated Doctoral/Professional Universities in a new category established in early 2019 by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. More than $148 million in construction, renovation, improvements or planning involving 30 projects on campus is underway. From academic buildings to parking areas to residential spaces, work is happening across campus to continually enhance function and aesthetics.

Graduates of UTC's School of Nursing have Tennessee's highest average first-time pass rate—98.7 percent—for state licensure as registered nurses.

UTC student-athletes have a six-year graduation rate of 84 percent, up from 50 percent in 2012.

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Message from the Chancellor

This update falls on the 50th anniversary of the University of Chattanooga, a private liberal arts school, becoming part of the University of Tennessee System. The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga was charged with “affecting continued movement toward academic excellence.” The merger included Chattanooga City College, formerly Zion College, located six blocks from our campus, and signaled a broader challenge for the Chattanooga community.

Over the past 50 years the timelessness of contributions of many individuals working together have brought us to the UTC of today:

- A campus of 1,300 students has grown to more than 11,600.
- The UC Foundation has grown from $3 million in assets to more than $200 million.
- Scholarship endowment funds total over $31 million, providing 1,492 scholarships.
- Partnerships with our community to develop thinkers, doers and explorers.

As we work on issues like the cost of a college degree, our response is framed by the value that comes with a college degree—exposure to a myriad of perspectives and cultures, growth as an individual and skills to navigate life’s unexplored opportunities. I believe this point of distinction will attract more students to UTC.

UTC is an institution that invests in students and teaches them to be lifelong learners and constant explorers. We intend to be the best we can be for our students and our community.

Chancellor Steven R. Angle

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MISSION

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is a driving force for achieving excellence by actively engaging students, faculty and staff; embracing diversity and inclusion; inspiring positive change; and enriching and sustaining our community.

VALUES

- Students are the primary reason we exist as an institution.
- We live integrity, civility and honesty.
- We relentlessly pursue excellence.
- We embrace diversity and inclusion.
- Creativity, inquiry and scholarship are our culture.

GOAL 1: TRANSFORMING LIVES

- The ThinkAchieve program incorporates experiential learning opportunities into the curriculum as part of specific courses. Since the inception of the program in 2015 the number of student participants has increased from 695 to over 3,000.
- The Rocket Mocs in the College of Engineering became the first UTC team to win the annual national Students for the Exploration and Development of Space Rocketry Contest.
- UTC student-athletes recorded a 3.537 overall GPA in fall 2018; 166 made the Dean’s List, and 40 were academic All-Southern Conference.

GOAL 2: INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES

- The UTC Institute of Teaching and Learning at Tyner Academy is part of Hamilton County Schools’ Ready Institutes and is where seven pupils in the inaugural Chancellor’s School for prospective teachers are preparing for teaching careers.
- The Center for Urban Informatics and Progress was named a critical partner in Chattanooga’s 2019 designation as a Top 50 Smart City project by the National Science Foundation’s US Ignite project.
- The Community Research Initiative Equity Fellows micro-grant program was established to facilitate constructive engagement with diverse populations in Chattanooga and to enhance UTC’s capacity to address future concerns.

GOAL 3: STEWARDSHIP

- UTC created more than 8,300 jobs and was responsible for $353.1 million in economic impact in fiscal year 2016-2017, according to a 2018 study by the Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research.
- Three years after its introduction, the UTC master’s in social work was named one of the nation’s best by an organization for human services careers. Of 261 MSW programs nationally, UTC is the only one ranked in Tennessee by HumanServices.Edu.
- UTC received a $15 million anonymous gift to establish a Fund for Excellence to support facilities, equipment, research and scholarship, and a $1 million gift from the Kennedy Foundation, Inc. to benefit students studying poetry and faculty teaching poetry.

GOAL 4: DIVERSITY

- The six-year graduation rate for African-American students increased from 26 percent to 40 percent from 2013 to 2018.
- For the fourth year, UTC is one of four U.S. institutions to host international students as part of the U.S. State Department’s Study at the U.S. Institute.
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- Student-produced Stories from the Big 9, a series of podcasts about Chattanooga’s historic Martin Luther King Boulevard, debuted on WUTC-FM in February in honor of Black History Month.

2015–2020 Strategic Plan

Year 4 UPDATE

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GOAL 1

Transform lives through meaningful learning experiences.

GOAL 2

Inspire, nurture and empower scholarship, creativity, discovery, innovation and entrepreneurial initiatives.

GOAL 3

Ensure stewardship of resources through strategic alignment and investments.

GOAL 4

Embrace diversity and inclusion as a path to excellence and societal change.
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