

# Roane State | Today





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Several Roane State baseball players participated in a literacy program at Kingston Elementary School during the fall semester. Sophomore outfielder Kyle Adams is shown helping student Raefe Johnson with letter recognition.

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# Letter | from the President

Having completed the 2006-2007 academic year, we have much to celebrate. We had a 4 percent growth in students attending Roane State. We graduated more than 760 students during this academic year. The job placement rate of our graduates was over 93 percent. Our Roane State students perform better and had a higher grade-point average after transferring to a university than students who started at the four-year institution. This we can attribute to our world-class faculty that academically prepares students to excel at their chosen universities. We have honored two outstanding alumni for 2007, Keith McDaniel and Bernadette Locke Mattox. We have conducted or participated in many community-related activities in order to enhance the quality of the lives of the citizens within our eight-county service area. Yes, your college continues to maintain its high standard of academic excellence and community engagement.

There are four major community engagement activities that we are proud of that I would like to highlight. In this issue, there is more information about all of the community engagement activities we participated in this year. Our entire faculty, students, staff, and administrators have spent much time and energy making these four major events unqualified successes. Here are the four that we are most proud of:

- Academic Festival—Last Spring, Roane State hosted more than 1,800 students from over 35 high schools across East Tennessee to compete in 87 different academic, performing arts, and visual arts competitive events. Over 400 gold, silver, and bronze medals were awarded for academic excellence during the competition. This annual Academic Festival hosted by Roane State is the only one of its kind in Tennessee. It gives high school students and their faculty sponsors a chance to “show off” their academic prowess.
- Kids Camps—During this summer, Roane State hosted over 40 “Kids Camps” on five of our eight campuses. We had over 475 kids from all ages participating in educational camps such as Adventures in Flight, Challenging Art Projects, Young Playwrights Camp, Secret Agent Camp, and Totally Awesome Science to just name a few. We wanted to engage our youth in a positive learning environment. We also hosted several sports and horsemanship camps. The children who participated in our many camps will certainly tell you of the great fun they had learning new skills.
- Health Fair – In partnership with Roane Medical Center, our Health Fair, conducted in the Roane State Gym, brought in over 65 vendors who provided health information, products, and resources to over 400 Roane County citizens. This was one way to enhance the quality of life of those citizens who needed additional assistance. We also supported free dental services one Saturday a month at the Oak Ridge Campus in partnership with Remote Area Medical (RAM).
- Teachers Supply Closet - In partnership with local chambers of commerce, Roane State provided classroom supplies and materials to K-12 teachers. Over 165 teachers took advantage of the free supplies this year. Our thanks go to the many businesses and individuals that donated funds and supplies to support the giveaway of classroom materials.

In closing, Roane State Community College will continue to strive toward our goal of becoming a premier higher education institution focused on student learning, be a center for cultural and intellectual richness, and an instrument for enhancing the quality of life of the citizens within our service area.



*Gary Loff*



# Vistas | of Roane State

## Roane County Campus

Roane State held its annual Multicultural Day celebration on Oct. 24, and the Roane County campus hosted the traditional and well-attended food-tasting. Other activities included entertainment, lectures and displays showcasing different cultures. All campuses and departments were involved in the event.



## Oak Ridge Campus

Sidewalks at the Oak Ridge Campus became canvases for colorful creations during the Oak Ridge Rotary Club's eighth annual Street Painting Festival Oct. 20-21. The festival supports education by raising money for Roane State student scholarships, and it celebrates art by providing opportunities for artists of all ages and skill levels. This year's event raised approximately \$17,600 for scholarships, adding to the \$145,000 the festivals have generated over the years.



## Campbell County Campus

On August 1, the Campbell County Center for Higher Education marked its one-year anniversary in the new facility. One of the most beautiful features of the center is the Community Room, which has been used regularly by the Campbell County community. Groups such as the Tennessee Forestry Association, Campbell County Board of Education, Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and the Boys & Girls Club have taken advantage of the Community Room. Making this room available to the community has done much in fostering the relationship between Roane State Community College and the Campbell County community.



## Cumberland County Campus

Students at the campus organized an art exhibit in November. Martha Raisanen's art appreciation class put out a "call for work" to artists and student artists in the Roane State service area. The exhibit opened Nov. 9 with a reception that included live entertainment and refreshments. Works were displayed from Nov. 12-16 in the halls and in the campus's Community Room, which has become a hub for community activities such as the art show. The Community Room also has served as the meeting location for groups such as the local chapter of the American Red Cross, the Tennessee Forestry Commission, the National Alliance on Mental Illness and regional leaders of Boy Scouts of America.



# Vistas **continued**

## Fentress County Campus

Special thanks go to the Community Bank of the Cumberland for sponsoring the annual Father/Daughter Dance. All proceeds are donated to the Fentress County Dual-Credit Fund. The Community Bank of the Cumberland and the Pinckley Foundation made it possible for 53 students to take dual-credit classes for free in the fall. Some students took as many as five dual-credit classes. Subjects include composition, sociology, psychology and college algebra. Dual-credit classes count as both high school and college credit.



## Knox County Campus

The Knox County Center for Health Sciences has revived its site support team with two new community members. Colin Ickes, a Roane State adjunct instructor and operations officer with the Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management Agency, has agreed to serve along with Eva Peters, a counselor from Farragut High School.



## Loudon County Campus

Roane State students and staff joined in the Lenoir City Centennial Celebration. Students created a float for the May Centennial Parade and Street Festival. The float described the history of the Loudon County Campus. It showed a building on fire and was created in memory of the fire that destroyed almost an entire block in Lenoir City in 1998. RSCC's Loudon County center was built on the site of the fire, showing how growth and success in Lenoir City was able to emerge from tragedy.



## Morgan County Campus

Progress continues on construction of Roane State's newest campus, located in Wartburg. The Morgan County campus is expected to be completed in early 2008, and classes will begin there in the summer.

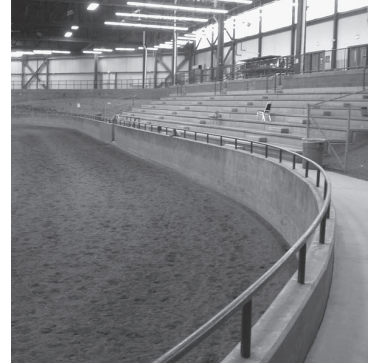


## Scott County Campus

Students at the Scott County campus now have one convenient location where they can take all the classes needed for a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Tennessee Technological University. The two schools celebrated the first year of the new "2+2" program during a September open house at the Scott County campus. The program enables students to complete a two-year associate's degree at Roane State, transition into Tennessee Tech's elementary education program, and then finish their bachelor's degrees while continuing to take classes at the Scott County campus.







**Roane State's 'Best Kept Secret' Shines Year-Round.**  
'Horse hotel,' entertainment venue, tourist attraction, **the Henry / Stafford Agricultural Exposition Center** is a community gem.

*By Jeff Gary*

**Roane State Community College is known for its community outreach from many branches of the campus. From its continuing education programs to the arts to athletics, RSCC really does put "community" in community college.**

**And one of the most prominent avenues of community outreach is perhaps the college's "best kept secret"—the Henry / Stafford Agricultural Exposition Center located on the main campus in Roane County.**

**Founded in 1988, the 72,000-square-foot Expo Center plays host to a wide variety of livestock and agriculture-related events every year.**

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## More than Meets the Eye

The Expo Center is hard to miss as you drive past it on your way to the student parking lot, tennis courts or gymnasium. But there is more to the center than what is evident to the passing eye.

“For one thing, we’re the number one tourist attraction in Roane County. We bring more visitors into the county from out of the area than anything else going,” says Expo Center Director Stan Starkey. “We’ve had exhibitors from 25 different states—from as far away as Florida, New York or Pennsylvania—basically, anything east of the Mississippi River.”

These tourists are coming to the Expo Center for a wide variety of events. Typically, 80 percent of the shows hosted by the facility are horse-related. In fact, Henry/Stafford hosts more horsing events than any other state-run facility in Tennessee.

There are many reasons why—location, reputation and repeat business. “But one reason,” Starkey says, “is not as obvious.”

“We don’t have a concrete floor. It’s all dirt there, which provides more cushioning,” he says. “Basically, the horses love it.”

And, in comparison to other facilities, the Expo Center spent more money on the facility and less on window dressing.

“One thing outsiders will complain about,” Starkey says, “is why we didn’t put in seats. But a lot of places spent their money on seats before they had barns and then they ran out of money. So, what we have, the horse people love it.”

In addition to the horse-related events, the center also provides overnight stall rentals.

Starkey jokes that the center serves as a sort of “horse hotel.”

“If people are traveling from north to south or east to west, we’re a convenient stop for them overnight. And this is a service we want to provide to the horsing community.”

All in all, with all horse shows and overnight stays combined, the Henry/Stafford Expo Center provided more than 11,000 stall nights last year.

“They seem to call here first. If they can’t get a date here, they go to other places,” Starkey says. “Basically, we’re open every weekend except the weekend after Thanksgiving and the weekend before Christmas and if we were open those weekends, we’d fill them. If I could magically create 10 weeks on the calendar, we’d fill those too—especially if they were in the warm months.”

In all, there are six state-run facilities in Tennessee—one at Walters State, two at Middle Tennessee State University, one at Tennessee Tech, a facility at UT-Martin and Roane State’s Henry/Stafford.

Additionally, there are four private or locally run venues (Memphis, Cleveland, Shelbyville and Williamson County).

## More than Horses

In addition to horse shows, Starkey notes that there are many different types of events in the facility from rodeos to dog obedience exercises to the turkey federation.

“People will always stop me on the street and ask ‘When’s the rodeo?’”

Antique tractor show and tractor pulls are also popular events.

“The antique tractor show is always the first weekend in October, and it usually draws a good crowd.”



“For one thing, we’re the number one tourist attraction in Roane County,” says Expo Center Director Stan Starkey.  
(at right)





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Starkey



**Another unique activity took place recently—The Tennessee Mounted Shooting Association came to Roane County. “It’s the first time I know of that they held their event here,” Starkey says.**

**Basically, horse riders dressed in period costumes from the late 19th century. While bearing authentic, period firearms, they rode in a specific pattern in the arena.**

**“They’re shooting blanks,” he says, “but the blanks can still pop a balloon. They’re timed and they must ride in a pattern. They break five balloons then switch guns and then they break five more.**

**“If you’ve never seen this event, it’s a real treat.”**

### **Nuts and Bolts**

**Starkey leads a five-person, full-time staff. In addition, there are part-timers that staff concessions and do farm work.**

**Starkey has been leading an effort to renovate and upgrade the facility. With state funding of \$150,000, the Expo Center will put in a covered walkway that connects the barn with the arena. “That is a long-anticipated improvement.”**

**Also, the facility has recently undergone a \$50,000 renovation to upgrade the concession facilities and restrooms. In the concessions area, the center added a hood/exhaust in the kitchen, a fryer and a commercial grade refrigerator.**

**“This brought us up to commercial grade,” Starkey says. “Since we do over \$100,000 in concession sales each year, we thought it was time to renovate the facility into a real-life commercial grade kitchen.”**

**Recently, Starkey directed the excavation of some dirt in the corners of the arena to allow capacity for some pull-out bleachers when seating is needed or flat exhibitioner space is appropriate.**

**Starkey says it could even serve as a picnic area.**

**“Anything would be more functional than what we used to have.”**

**The original phase, Phase I, was completed in 1990 and included the 72,000-square-foot main building with all of the amenities as well as the 120 x 240 indoor arena.**

**The \$3.5 million Phase I also included 47 camper hook-ups.**

**Phase II, which was completed in 2000, included a 300-stall barn with a barn office as well as an outdoor arena and lighted outdoor warm-up area. This phase also cost more than \$3.5 million.**

**Phase III is yet to come.**

### **Bits and Bytes**

**Starkey, who could pass for Kenny Rogers’ nephew, traded bytes for bits a few years back when he assumed the directorship of the facility. He said he was simply tired of the “IT rat race.”**

**But, with a management background and experience with horses, he felt the opportunity to come to Roane State as director of the Expo Center presented a great opportunity.**

**“It seemed like an ideal fit, so I just couldn’t resist. And I’m enjoying it every day. There’s always something different. We’ve got a lot of work to do. Basically, after 20 years, the building is aging a bit. But, little by little, slowly but surely, we’re getting there.”**



# Reaching Out, Beyond the Classroom

*By Owen Driskill, Alumni Publications Editor*

For Roane State Community College, community service is a year-round commitment.

**Rained poured down as about a dozen Roane State staff members pulled weeds and cleaned out flower beds at David Webb Waterfront Park in Harriman. They were cold, drenched, muddy—and smiling. Their efforts were part of the United Way of Roane County’s Day of Caring activities on Sept. 11. For Roane State, the caring does not stop on one rainy day in September. Instead, serving the community is a constant commitment.**

*More than 20 Roane State staff members pulled weeds and cleaned out flower beds at David Webb Waterfront Park in Harriman. R. Drake is chair.*





*State Community College employees participated in Day of Caring volunteer activities on Tuesday, Sept. 11. Shown from left, person for Business & Management, and Denise Cloyd, administrative secretary, work in the rain at David Webb Waterfront. Roane State volunteers also worked on a project at the Michael Dunn Center.*



Throughout the year, in ways big and small, Roane State gives back to the community. Accounting for every service activity would produce a lengthy list, but here are a few examples of Roane State's compassion.

**Once a week during the fall, Roane State baseball players read to students at Kingston Elementary School and helped them work on skills such as letter recognition.**

Nancy Holloway, the school's literacy leader, said Roane State assistant baseball coach David Lane heard about the need for volunteers at a school open house.

"I asked for help, and he answered," Holloway said. "It's fascinating for the kids to have a baseball player helping them."

Kingston Elementary principal Shelia Sitzlar said "this has been wonderful."

"You see how the kids soak it up," she said. "They really become readers as opposed to just knowing letters."

**Roane State softball coach Susan Niemi volunteered the softball team to work at October's Kingston Autumn Country Fair after receiving a request for help from Kingston Parks and Recreation Director Rick Ross.**

The players supervised the children's games, played with children and handed out flyers and parking directions. Some members of the baseball team also volunteered.

"The players thoroughly enjoyed helping the young kids with the games and are ready to volunteer for next year's fair," Niemi said. "We hope to help in future events held by the Kingston Parks and Recreation Department. It is a great way to help young children in our community and be role models as athletes."

**In August, Roane State hosted a two-day clinic that provided nearly \$100,000 of free care to 528 patients.**

Roane State, with Roane County Health Council and Remote Area Medical (RAM), hosted the dental and vision clinic Aug. 11-12 at the Roane County campus. Two hundred fifty-one people volunteered at the clinic, which was designed to help people without health insurance or with limited health insurance.

**Roane State and Remote Area Medical also held the first of a series of free monthly dental clinics on Sept. 1 at the college's Oak Ridge campus.**

Area dentists and dental hygienists, along with students in Roane State's dental hygiene technology program, volunteered to provide services.

Dr. Adolf King, Roane State's vice president for academic services, said, "Our faculty and staff see the volunteering of time and expertise as simply the currency with which we repay our debt to our communities.

"But we do not stop there. We encourage our students to participate in these volunteer projects. We are developing civic responsibility and community pride in our students."

**About 400 people visited the annual Time Out for Health & Wellness Fair on Sept. 27 in the gymnasium at the Roane County campus.**

Roane State and Roane Medical Center co-sponsored the fair, which featured approximately 65 vendors.

About 210 people took advantage of blood-work services provided by Roane Medical Center.



Twenty-two patients received dental care, and five of those patients opted to receive instruction on how to maintain healthy teeth and gums.

"I feel great when I help people, when I do something and don't expect anything in return," said Iryna Pasco, a first-year dental hygiene student at Roane State.

**The annual Teachers Supply Closet on Sept. 18 at the Roane County campus served about 167 area educators.**

The event, spearheaded by the Roane County Chamber of Commerce and Roane State, is an effort by area businesses and concerned individuals to help

Roane County teachers acquire necessary supplies and equipment for their classrooms. Instructors "shop" for an array of free items to round out their classroom needs.



**A Middle Tennessee State University professor portrayed James Madison during the annual Constitution Day celebration Sept. 17 on the Roane County campus.**

The free event featured Dr. John R. Vile, professor and chair of the Department of Political Science at MTSU.



**Roane State's Oak Ridge Campus hosted the Oak Ridge Rotary Club's eighth annual Street Painting Festival Oct. 20-21. The festival raises money for Roane State student scholarships, but it also gives artists of all ages and skill levels a chance to display their work.**

Artists are not charged a fee to participate.

**Roane State hosted more than 40 "Kids Camps" on five of eight campuses this past summer. Over 475 kids participated in educational camps that covered topics from cooking to aviation.**

**The annual Merit Badge College, scheduled for Feb. 16, 2008, gives area Scouts a chance to earn merit badges that are often not offered at the Troop level.**



**Dr. Bill Bass, the author and world-famous forensic scientist who founded the "Body Farm" at the University of Tennessee, spoke on the Roane County campus on Sept. 27.**

The free event, co-sponsored by Kingston Public Library and Roane State, packed the theater.



**Roane State's Academic Festival has become a community showcase for students' talents.**

In 1978, Roane State Community College hosted the first festival to promote the arts and sciences for area high school students.

Two hundred students from five high schools attended.

Last spring, more than 1,800 students from over 35 high schools across East Tennessee competed in the Academic Festival. The 2008 festival will be April 9-10.

**A free Oct. 18 seminar at the Roane County campus provided the public with information about identity theft, a crime the FBI estimates claims more than 10 million victims a year.**

Guests included representatives from law enforcement and area financial institutions.

**The Standards, a quintet that has performed with groups such as Lonestar, The Manhattan Transfer and The Oak Ridge Boys, performed a free concert at Roane State on Oct. 25 as part of Red Ribbon Week.**

Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 23-31, is an annual nationwide drug prevention campaign.

The Standards often perform at schools for educational fundraisers and programs that speak about drug awareness.

Roane State and the Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition sponsored the concert.

**Jazz flutist Galen gave a free performance on Oct. 18 in the City Room at the Oak Ridge Campus.**

Vocal group Moment's Notice joined Galen in a show presented by Roane State's Arts and Lectures Committee.

*Clockwise from top left: Roane State's annual Academic Festival is a community showcase of student talent.; Volunteers treat dental patients during a two-day clinic at the college. Roane State, with Roane County Health Council and Remote Area Medical (RAM), hosted the event at Roane State's main campus.; The annual Street Painting Festival at the Oak Ridge campus gives artists of all ages a chance to shine.; Roane State baseball player Chase Fallin, right, helps Kingston Elementary School student Michael Parker with letter recognition.; Roane State softball player Kelsie Watts of Powell helps with one of the games at the Kingston Autumn Country Fair in October. She was one of several players who volunteered at the event.; Tya Gallina, a second-year student in Roane State's opticianry program, helps Anna Grace Skippers of Harriman read an eye chart at the Time Out for Health & Wellness Fair. Anna Grace's brother, Isaac, is at left.; Children participate in the Amazing Race Challenge Camp, one of more than 40 "Kids Camps" held on Roane State campuses last summer.*

# You Must Remember This

## a play that set the stage

By Owen Driskill, Alumni Publications Editor

The Roane State Community College Playmakers entertained audiences and rekindled fond memories with their November production of “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown.”

The history of Roane State’s theatre program is closely connected to the play.

Sammie Mowery, student activities coordinator, was a cast member in Roane State’s first staging of “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” in the spring of 1972. The production was the first for the late Bill Yates, who founded Roane State’s theatre program.

The 1972 play was performed at the Kingston Community Center, Mowery said. She said Roane State also staged the show again in 1976 and in 1986, holding performances in the student lounge. Mowery was involved in all three productions. She was a Roane State student when she participated in the 1972 show.

“I enjoyed it, and Bill Yates had a way of bringing out the best in people,” Mowery said.

Other members of that first cast who currently work at Roane State are Dr. Larry Bouldin, dean of math/science, and Ken Yager, dean of business and technology.

Dr. Bouldin was a member of the faculty in 1972.

“I was a very shy math teacher, and Bill got me out there and encouraged me,” Dr. Bouldin said. “There was a camaraderie. There was a spirit of adventure for us.”

“We were all the rankest of amateurs,” Dr. Bouldin said. “These kids now have more experience and are more professional than we ever hoped to be. We were just rank amateurs helping out a friend. We did our best to lay a foundation for a quality theatre program.”

Yager was a community member and middle school teacher when he participated in the 1972 show.

“When we did the play in 1972, we didn’t have a theater,” Yager said. “I see how far the college has come.

“We now have a theater that is a regional showpiece. We’ve just come full circle. One thing that hasn’t change is that Roane State is a very important part of our community life.”

The musical comedy by Clark Gesner is based on the comic strip “Peanuts” by Charles M. Schulz.

“It just seems that this play is, in particular, a benchmark of our abilities to connect with the community,” said Michael Golebiewski, associate professor of speech and theatre and producer/director for the Roane State Playmakers. “It’s broad and kind and exciting, and that’s what we have been trying to offer with Roane State Community College theatre.”







*Clockwise from top: Original cast from 1976 production "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown": Schroeder-Art Miller, Charlie Brown-Larry Bouldin, Lucy-Ann Powers, Peppermint Patty-Sammie Mowery, Linus-Neil Mowery, Snoopy-Fred Martin; Abby Austin as Sally, 2007; Snoopy-Brady Skinner from 1986; Cast from 1986; Cast from 2007.*



Groundbreaking filmmaker Keith McDaniel is Roane State Community College's 2007 Outstanding Alumnus.

McDaniel grew up in Kingston and graduated from Roane County High School in 1975.

He attended Belmont College in Nashville before transferring to Roane State in 1976. After Roane State, McDaniel transferred to Carson-Newman and earned a bachelor's degree in communications.

"As with many young people trying to find their way, Roane State opened some windows of opportunity for me which really took me in a direction for the rest of my life," McDaniel said. "Getting to know faculty and staff that were really concerned about me helped me find some direction based on my interests and abilities."

McDaniel worked as an editor/writer for several newspapers, including The Roane County News. He also has worked as a radio announcer, a graphic designer and video producer.

In the 1990s, McDaniel found his true passion—writing and producing documentaries.

His works include a two-installment, award-winning documentary about Oak Ridge.

In 2006, McDaniel completed "The Clinton 12," which tells the story of the first desegregation of a public high school in the South after the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education.

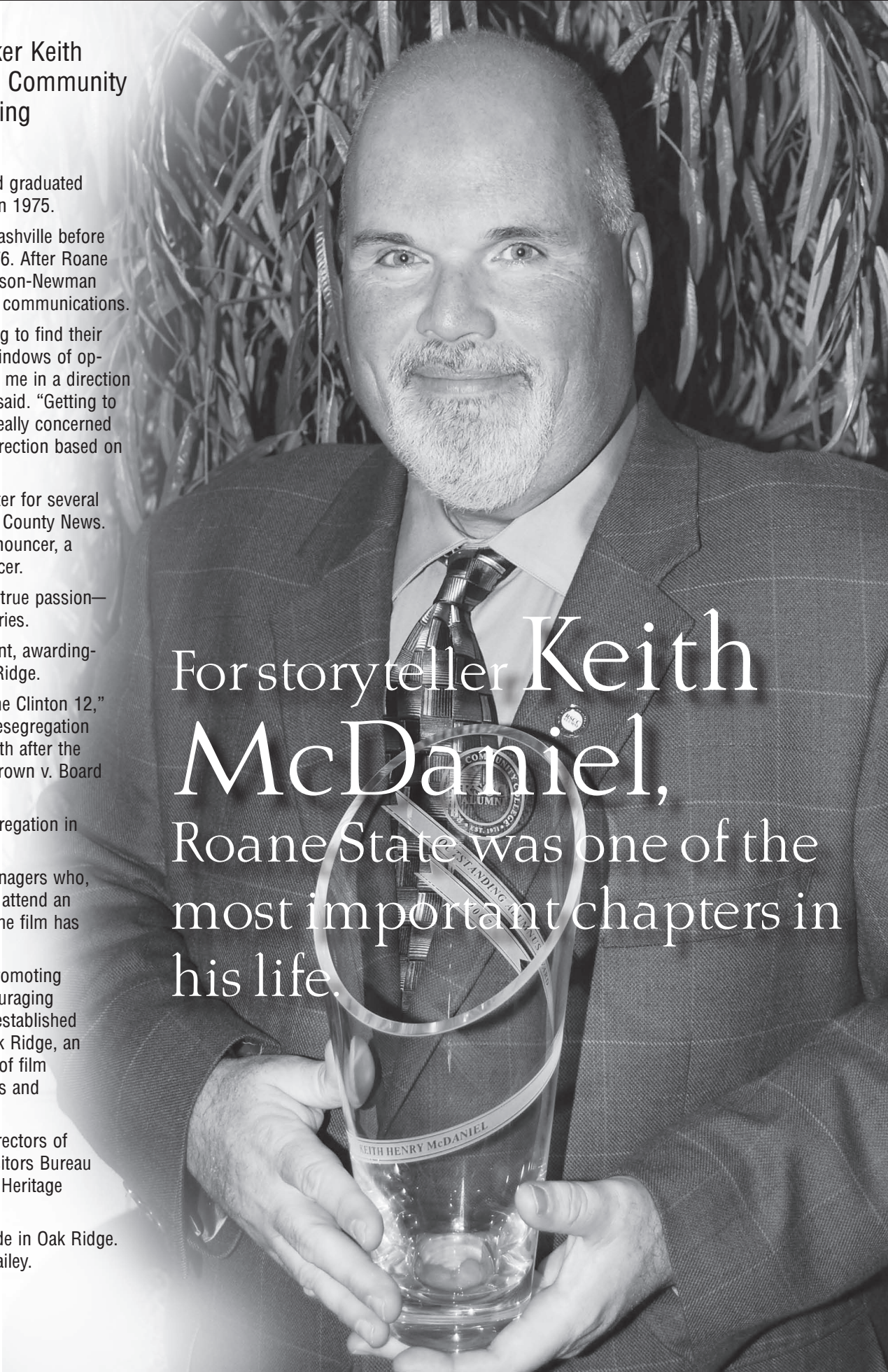
The court's ruling ended legal segregation in public schools.

The title refers to the 12 black teenagers who, in the fall of 1956, were forced to attend an all-white high school in Clinton. The film has garnered numerous awards.

McDaniel is actively involved in promoting independent filmmaking and encouraging aspiring filmmakers. In 2003, he established the Secret City Film Festival in Oak Ridge, an annual, four-day event consisting of film screenings, educational workshops and networking opportunities.

He also serves on the board of directors of the Oak Ridge Convention and Visitors Bureau and is president of the Oak Ridge Heritage and Preservation Association.

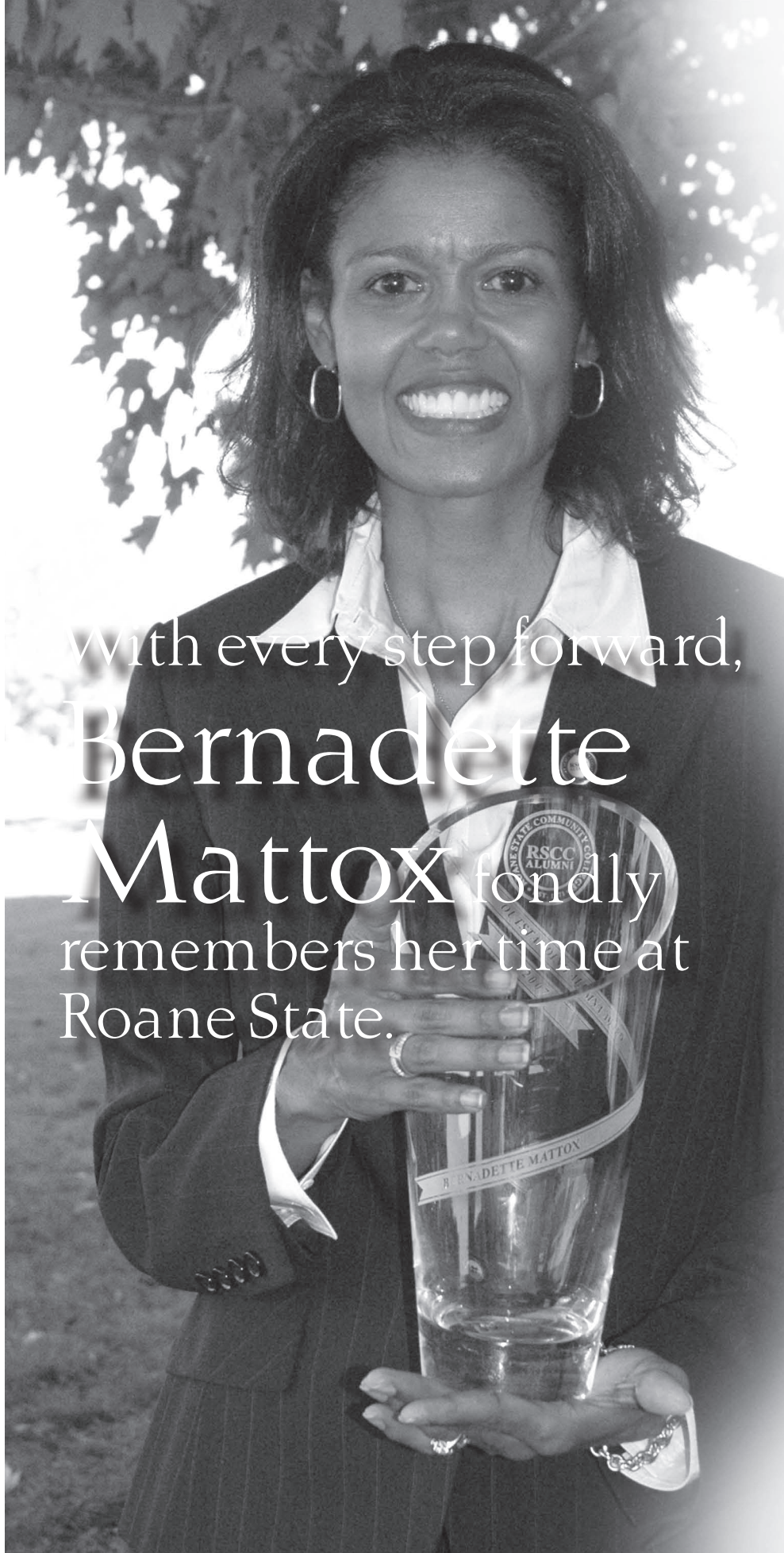
McDaniel and his wife, Dana, reside in Oak Ridge. They have two sons, Ethan and Bailey.



For storyteller Keith  
McDaniel,  
Roane State was one of the  
most important chapters in  
his life.



# anding Alumni



A trailblazing coach is Roane State Community College's 2007 Outstanding Alumna.

Bernadette Mattox is a former star college basketball player who is an assistant coach for the WNBA's Connecticut Sun.

A native of Philadelphia, Tenn., Mattox graduated from Loudon High School in 1977.

She began her college basketball career at Roane State, graduated in 1979, and followed her coach, Andy Landers, to the University of Georgia.

"Roane State was the beginning of me understanding what education would do for me," Mattox said. "The faculty, staff and administration were a family that really emphasized the importance of education. Everyone there was very helpful and inspirational to me.

"Anytime I make a step in my life or career, I reflect back on Roane State. I can't say enough about how much I appreciate Roane State for giving me support and encouragement. All of my success started there."

Mattox (formerly Bernadette Locke) became Georgia's first female athlete to earn All-American and Academic All-American honors.

Although she played just two seasons at Georgia, Mattox still ranks among the program's top 10 in career assists and steals.

Mattox stayed at Georgia, serving as an assistant coach under Landers beginning in 1985.

She made NCAA history when she became the first female to serve as a Division I assistant for a men's team, beginning a four-year stint under coach Rick Pitino at Kentucky in 1990.

Mattox was named an assistant athletics director at Kentucky in 1994.

In 1995, Mattox became the first African-American to coach Kentucky women's basketball.

She led the program for eight seasons, including a 1998-99 campaign when the team recorded its first 20-win season and NCAA Tournament appearance in nearly a decade.

In 2003, Mattox became an assistant coach with the WNBA's Connecticut Sun. The team has reached the playoffs in five consecutive seasons, including two trips to the WNBA Finals.

In addition to her success in the NCAA and WNBA, Mattox has also played an important role in U.S.A. Basketball. She was an assistant coach for the U.S.A. Basketball Women's World Championship team that won a gold medal in 1998.

Mattox received the National Junior College Athletic Association's Achievement Award in 2007.

She lives in Lexington, Ky. with her husband, Vince, and son, Vincent.

With every step forward,  
Bernadette  
Mattox fondly  
remembers her time at  
Roane State.



# Roane State Presents

## performing and visual arts

### *Schedule of Events*

All information is subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, check our Web site before each performance. [www.roanestate.edu](http://www.roanestate.edu) keyword: Theatre or [www.roanestate.edu/art/gallery](http://www.roanestate.edu/art/gallery) for gallery exhibits

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#### **Music Lovers Cabaret**

The 11th annual "Coffee and Confections Cabaret." This romantic evening is filled with love songs, candlelight, fruit, cheese and delicious desserts. Presented by Roane Choral Society. RSCC Student Lounge, 7 p.m., tickets are \$15 general/ \$12.50 group rate of six or more. Reservations required. Please call 376-6710.

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#### **Broadway Bound**

A tribute to the greatest shows on and off Broadway. Featured guests: Dyllis, Walnut Hill, & Bowers Elementary Schools, Harriman High School and Spring City Middle School. Presented by Roane Choral Society. RSCC Theatre, 3 p.m., tickets are \$7 general/ \$5 students & seniors.

february 14-17, 22-24

#### **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Dale Wasserman**

Exploring the injustice of treatment of the mentally ill in the 1950s, this play remains a classic. Follow the story of Chief and Mac as they go up against Nurse Ratchet and the institution. Presented by RSCC Playmakers. RSCC Theatre, \$7 general admission, \$5 students Public Matinees: Feb. 17 & 24 at 2 p.m. Evenings: Feb. 14-16, 22-23 at 7 p.m., Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. Dinner and a Play: Friday, Feb. 22 at 5:30 p.m. \$25 per person, reservations required, (865) 882-4507.

march 27-30

#### **20th Century Celebration: A Choral Revue, by Greg Gilpin**

The Celebration Singers present a collection of popular songs representing each decade of the 20th century. Join us as we sing and dance our way through 100 years of musical memories! You may even hear a favorite or two from the current millennium! Presented by RSCC Music Department. RSCC Theatre, donations accepted at door. March 27 & 29, 7 p.m.; March 30, 3 p.m. Dinner and a Concert: March 27 at 5:30 p.m. \$25 per person, reservations required, (865) 882-4507.

february 17 (oak ridge)

#### **Quilt of American Song**

For the second time this season, the Concert Choir joins the Oak Ridge Chorus in a program highlighting American songs by composers such as Foster, Gershwin and Bernstein. Presented by the Oak Ridge Civic Music Association. Ticket information is available from (865) 483-5569 or [office@orcma.org](mailto:office@orcma.org). Sunday, Feb. 17 at 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge

april 10-13, 17-20

#### **Sound of Music**

Composed by Richard Rodgers, Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, Libretto by H Ward Lindsay and Russell Crouse. One of the world's favorite musicals chronicles the Von Trapp family just prior to World War II in Austria. Presented by RSCC Playmakers. RSCC Theatre, \$10 general admission, \$7 students. Public Matinees: April 13 & 20 at 2 p.m. Evenings: April 10-12, 17-19 at 7 p.m. Dinner and a Play: April 17 at 5:30 p.m. \$25 per person, reservations required, (865) 882-4507.

february 21

#### **Davis and Dow - Divas of Jazz**

Billie Holiday, Peggy Lee, Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan, Carmen McRae, Betty Carter. If these names mean nothing to you, then you are missing out on a supremely important part of our history, culture, and heritage. Davis and Dow can help you introduce a new generation to this beautiful American art form called Jazz. It is a culturally educational and immensely entertaining musical show about these wonderful ladies of jazz; their lives and music. In addition to the fabulous live music, you will hear actual interviews with the writers, musicians, and the legendary ladies themselves. It's like meeting and singing along with history. Presented by Student Activities and the Campus Activities Board Feb. 21, 7 p.m., RSCC Theatre

may 9-11

#### **Spring Dance Concert, Arts in Motion Dance Studio**

The annual spring concert by area dancers is a delightful concert for the entire family. RSCC Theatre. Tickets are \$15 and available only in advance through Arts in Motion. For tickets call (865) 376-0295. May 9 & 10, 7 p.m. May 11, 2 p.m.

#### **Gallery Exhibitions**

**Annual Student Art Show**  
April 15-25, 2008

**Awards & Reception: Student Art Show**  
April 18 (noon)

**Others TBA**

For detailed information concerning each exhibit, please check: [www.roanestate.edu/art/gallery](http://www.roanestate.edu/art/gallery) or call (865) 882-4649

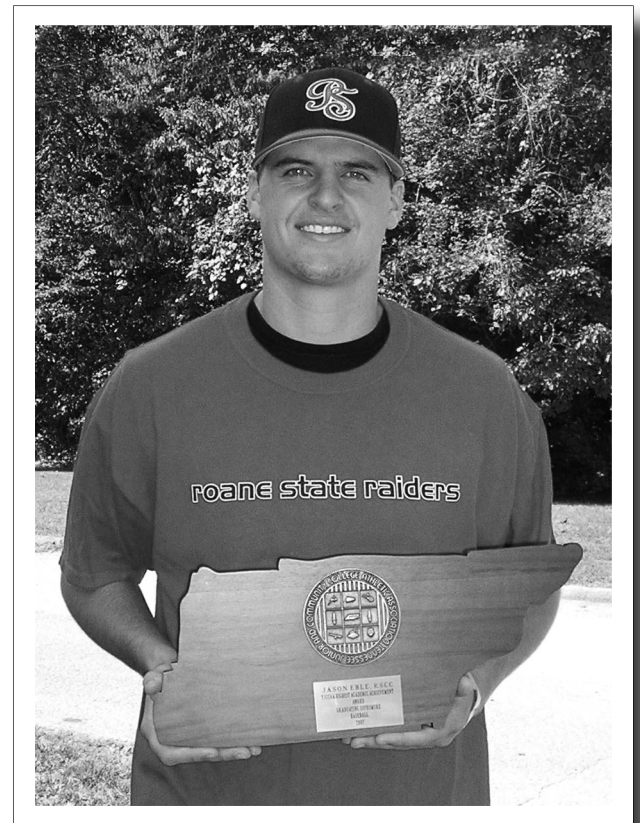


# Spirit |

## roster call

Fourteen Roane State Community College student-athletes were recognized for their academic achievements in the last school year by the Tennessee Junior and Community College Athletic Association (TJCCAA).

The following students received TJCCAA All-Academic Awards for the 2006-07 school year (listed with 2006-07 class level): women's basketball—sophomore **Krysta Clinard** of Livingston, freshman **Tikedra Jones** of Murfreesboro, freshman **Whitney Jordan** of Red Boiling Springs, sophomore **Ashley Mowery** of Lenoir City and freshman **Brittany Steen** of Murfreesboro; men's basketball—freshman **Kevin Hall** of Cosby, sophomore **Ryan Henry** of North Lauderdale, Fla., and sophomore **Justin Sitzlar** of Kingston; softball—sophomore **Megan Lindsey** of Newport and freshman **Anna Thornton** of Kodak; and baseball—sophomore **Dan Chandler** of Rockwood, sophomore **Jason Eble** of Harriman, sophomore **Taylor Scott** of Franklin and sophomore **Jason Walters** of Dayton.



Former Roane State baseball player Jason Eble (above) of Harriman, now a student majoring in physical therapy at East Tennessee State University, earned the highest grade-point average (3.83) of all baseball players (11 teams) in the Tennessee Junior and Community College Athletic Association (TJCCAA) during the 2006-07 school year. He is shown with an award from the TJCCAA for his achievement.



Former players and friends gather to congratulate 2007 Outstanding Alumna, Bernadette Mattox, at a reception in her honor, Oct. 20, on the Roane County Campus. Bernadette is an assistant coach for the WNBA Connecticut Sun. Left to right: Teresa Cochran, Cindy Rose, Bernadette Mattox, Kim Smith, Denise Frederick, Robert Sherlin.

# News Notes |

## from the headlines

**Danny Sheckles** was appointed as the new EMT/paramedic program director. Sheckles has been affiliated with Roane State and the EMT/paramedic program as an adjunct instructor since fall 2003. He was a teacher and administrator at Campbell County High School for 22 years and spent more than seven years with the Campbell County Ambulance Service. Sheckles is a graduate of the Roane State paramedic program, and he has a bachelor's degree in school health from the University of Tennessee and a master's degree in administration and supervision from Tennessee Tech.

Roane State's own **Rocky McNamara**, a security guard at the Oak Ridge Campus, received third place in the Professional Category in the Oak Ridge Rotary Club's eighth annual Street Painting Festival Oct. 20-21. McNamara's drawing, "Eye Will Never Forget," portrays the destruction of the Twin Towers in the center of an eye. Roane State student Brandon Daniel drew the winner of the People's Choice Award, "Keep Your Cool." This painting, sponsored by Karen Brunner, shows an exhausted soldier sleeping on the ground with fires and smoke from burning oil wells in the distance.

Roane State received a **\$50,000 planning grant** from the National Science Foundation that will allow officials to assess the logistics of developing an advanced technology center in the region. A 12-person steering committee, comprised of representatives from industry and education sectors, will oversee proposals for the new center, which will provide education in the growing field of nanotechnology science.

**Roane State's nursing program** received continuing accreditation from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. The NLNAC board of commissioners reaccredited Roane State's program in July. The program was first accredited in 1985 and will be evaluated again by the NLNAC in 2015. The NLNAC, based in New York, is a nationally recognized accrediting agency for nursing programs.

Roane State Community College presented an honorary associate of arts degree on Sept. 17 to **Bill Swain**, a major benefactor of the college's Scott County Center. Swain was awarded the degree at Roane State's May commencement, and formally presented with the degree on Sept. 17.

**Fifteen high school students** from the Thomas Jefferson Institute in Mexico City visited Roane State Community College Oct. 19-29 as part of an exchange program. During their 10-day stay, the 15 students and their teacher sat in on classes at Roane State's Roane County and Oak Ridge campuses. The Mexican students' activities also included a stargaze at the Tamke-Allan Observatory, a tour of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory facilities, a visit to the aquarium in Gatlinburg and an afternoon at the Appalachian Museum.

Roane State freshman **Howard Dople** of Jellico won a \$2,300 one-year scholarship in a drawing held as part of the college's Freshman Experience event on Aug. 22. The Soren King Memorial Scholarship is given each year to an incoming freshman. The scholarship is in memory of Soren King, son of Adolf and Carol King, who was killed in a 1998 car accident. Adolf King is Roane State's vice president for academic services. Dople is studying wildlife and fisheries at Roane State's Oak Ridge Campus.

**Owen Driskill** has joined the staff of the Marketing and Public Relations Department at Roane State Community College. Driskill, a Maryville native and graduate of Clemson University, had worked the past 10 years for newspapers in Tennessee and South Carolina. In his new role, he serves as Roane State's coordinator of news and is responsible for promoting the college through print publications in the region.

Roane State students **LaDonna Beaty** of Loudon and **David Jenkins** of Powell each received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants for the 2007-08 academic year. Beaty and Jenkins are pursuing associate of applied science degrees in business management technology-accounting option.



From left: Scene from Mexican students' visit; Bill Swain, Tomilee Swain, Dr. Gary Goff; Dr. Adolf King and Howard Dople; Owen Driskill; Danny Sheckles; Rocky McNamara.





# Class Notes

**See page 22 for details on how you may submit class notes information to update fellow alumni about what's going on in your life.**

'74

Betsy (Loudermilk) Borum (A.S. Education) is a marketing instructor at Harriman High School.

Christopher Lindsay (A.S. Education) is the assistant principal and athletic director at West High School in Knoxville. In 2006, he was inducted into the East Tennessee Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame and the Knoxville Interscholastic League Basketball Hall of Fame. He received the TSSAA A.F. Bridges Sportsmanship Award in 2004. He is the father of Courtney, 24, Cassidy, 19, and Canaan, 13.

'76

Gwen (Talley) Scudder (A.S. Business) is an administrative assistant at UT-Battelle, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

'78

Teresa (Duncan) Cochran (attended 1978-81) is a quality representative at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Denise (Dunlap) Frederick (attended 1978-79) is a case manager with Case Management Company.

Pamela (Hild) Parisian (A.S. Business) is a senior vice president for AT&T in Alpharetta, Ga. She is married to Dean Parisian, and they have two children, Jordan, 10, and Hunter, 14.

'79

Sandra Grice (A.S. Social Science) graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1983. After five years in the Air Force as a Judge Advocate General (JAG) officer and a stint at TVA, Sandra recently returned to Roane State Community College as coordinator for veterans affairs.

Cindy (Rose) Jones (A.S. Business) is employed at UT-Battelle in Oak Ridge, Tenn. She still enjoys riding horses, traveling, playing basketball and spending time with her family.

Carole (Atkins) Schulman (A.S.) retired from BWXT Y-12 and has three children, Erich, Bruce and Neil. She resides in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

'80

Albert Culbreath (A.S. General) is a professor of plant pathology at the University of Georgia. He is located at the UGA Coastal Plain Experiment Station in Tifton, Ga. and conducts research on diseases of the peanut and tomato. He is the Disease Management Section Chair for the Scientific Programs Board of the American Phytopathological Society and president of the American Peanut Research and Education Society. He is married to Leeann Drabenstott Culbreath, and they have two sons, Zeke, 2, and Abe, 10 months.

'81

Kimberley Diane (Jack) Freeman (A.S. Education) received her master's degree and EdS from Georgia Southern University. She is a middle school counselor and director of tennis programs for Screven County, Ga. She is married with two teenage children.

Larry Mickelson (A.S. Business) is a business banker with Wells Fargo Bank in Minneapolis. He is married with a 21-year-old daughter and 16-year-old stepdaughter.

Susan (Robinson) Purnell (A.S. Business) is a part-time sales representative. She is a graduate of UT with a B.S. in business administration. She currently lives in St. Louis, Mo. and is the mother of three.

'88

Cindy (Blaum) Helton (A.S. Business) is an elementary school teacher for Roane County Schools.

Jamie (Bolinger) Petrie (A.S. Education) is a physical education teacher at Robertsville Middle School, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

'89

Tabitha (Harris) Taylor (A.S. Business) is an accounting manager for an auto insurance company. She is married and has a 13-year-old son.

'91

Cheri (Barger) Duncan (A.S. Business) is teaching at Halls High School in Knoxville where she is the varsity cheerleading coach.

'93

Matthew Wayne Grimes (A.S. Health, PE, & Recreation) is owner and operator of Grimes Painting, specializing in custom homes. He attended the Atlanta Baptist College in Stockbridge, Ga. and retired from the City of Covington Fire Department after 12 years.

Michelle (Strotheide) Jordan (A.A.S. Physical Therapy) works full time as a licensed physical therapist assistant at Methodist Outpatient Physical Therapy in Oak Ridge, Tenn. She lives in Oliver Springs with her husband and three children.

'94

Gayle Taylor (A.S. General) retired from Roane State to manage her home-based consultant business with Nikken Magnetic and Creative Memories Scrapbooking. She resides in Kingston, Tenn., and takes care of her two-year old grandson.

'96

Charity Spradlin (A.A.S. Office Administration) resides in Harriman with her husband, Chris, and children Cody, 14, Ryan, 10, Hope, 4, and Zachary, 2.

'01

David Coffey graduated from Tennessee Tech in 2004 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. A veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, he is now a captain stationed at Fort Riley, Kan. with the 1001st Military Police Battalion. He is married to Sara and has one son, Garrett James, born this past September.

Jackson Sharp (A.A.S. General Technology) is coaching basketball and teaching physical education at Huntsville Middle School in Huntsville, Tenn.

'05

Erica Whittenburg (A.S.) graduated from Tennessee Tech in spring 2007.

'06

Chasity Johnson (A.S.) is a senior at Tennessee Tech, majoring in elementary education.

## **In memoriam**

David Jason Williams, Oak Ridge, Tenn., attended '06-'07, died June 20, 2007.

# Alumni

**alumni news**



## Outstanding Alumni Sought

**Roane State Community College is seeking nominations for the 2008 Outstanding Alumni Award to be given to an RSCC alumna and alumnus in recognition of outstanding service to their profession, to RSCC and to the community.**

Nominations can be made by anyone and must include:

1. the Nominee Information Form
2. a letter of recommendation
3. a resume of the candidate

Nominations should include the nominee's name, address, date of graduation and degree (to be verified by RSCC personnel) and information detailing how the nominee meets each of the three criteria. To be eligible, nominees must have attended Roane State Community College for at least 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours.

#### Criteria for Selection

1. Noteworthy professional contributions
  - a. Contributes to one's profession (beyond normal requirements and expectations)
  - b. Received professional awards or recognition
2. Contributes to the spirit and values of Roane State Community College
3. Contributes to the community through community service or volunteer work

Selections will be made by the RSCC Alumni Recognition Committee.

Deadline for submission of nomination:  
May 2, 2008

Call (865) 882-4640 or e-mail a request for application ([alumni@roanestate.edu](mailto:alumni@roanestate.edu)) or you may print the Nominee Information Form directly from the Web at:  
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Names/Ages of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Other news (marriages, births, promotions, awards, major accomplishments, retirement, other items of interest). Send photos (digital preferred). \_\_\_\_\_

Activities while attending Roane State (Student Government, Sports, . . .) \_\_\_\_\_



# Calendar |

## coming up at your community college

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- Jan. 4-6 ■ Oak Ridge Kennel Club Agility Trial
- Jan. 11-12 ■ NABA Bull Riding
- Jan. 14 Spring semester classes begin
- Jan. 17-20 ■ Ron McLoughlin Horse Handling School
- Jan. 19 ▲ Raiderettes vs. Caldwell (2 p.m.)
- Jan. 21 ▲ Raiderettes vs. Bryan JV (6 p.m.)
- Jan. 21 ▲ Raiders vs. Maryville JV (8 p.m.)
- Jan. 23 ▲ Raiderettes and Raiders vs. Motlow State (6 & 8 p.m.)
- Jan. 30 ▲ Raiderettes and Raiders vs. Walters State (6 & 8 p.m.)

- March 1 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Motlow State (noon, 3 p.m.)
- March 1 ■ East Tennessee Barrel Racers Association
- March 6 ▲ Softball Lady Raiders vs. Truett-McConnell (2 & 4 p.m.)
- March 6-9 ■ Celebration Circuit Quarter Horse Show
- March 9 ● Roane Choral Society presents "Broadway Bound"
- March 11 ■ Softball Lady Raiders vs. Hiwassee (2 & 4 p.m.)
- March 14-15 ■ R.A. Bright Rodeo
- March 14-16 ■ Ron McLoughlin Horse Handling School
- March 15 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Iowa Community College (2 p.m.)
- March 15 ■ Horse Auction
- March 16 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Iowa Community College (1 p.m.)
- March 18 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Tompkins Cortland, N.Y. (2 p.m.)
- March 20 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Chattanooga State (2 p.m.)
- March 21 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Chattanooga State (12 & 3 p.m.)
- March 21-23 ■ Tennessee Valley Kennel Club Agility Trials
- March 22 ■ National Barrel Horse Association
- March 25 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Gadsden State (2 p.m.)
- March 27-30 ● Celebration Singers present "20th Century Celebration: A Choral Revue"
- March 29-30 ■ Tennessee P.O.A. Club

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- Feb. 1-3 ■ East Tennessee Cutting Horse Association
- Feb. 9 ▲ Raiderettes and Raiders vs. Hiwassee (6 & 8 p.m.)
- Feb. 9 ■ Volunteer Riding Association Barrel Race
- Feb. 12 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Tusculum (1 & 4 p.m.)
- Feb. 14-17, 22-24 ● Roane State Playmakers present "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"
- Feb. 15 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Walters State (2 p.m.)
- Feb. 16 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Walters State (12 & 3 p.m.)
- Feb. 16 ■ East Tennessee Angus Association Cattle Show/Sale
- Feb. 20 ▲ Raiderettes and Raiders vs. Cleveland State (6 & 8 p.m.)
- Feb. 20 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Georgia Perimeter (1 & 4 p.m.)
- Feb. 21 ● Davis and Dow-Divas of Jazz (7 p.m.)
- Feb. 23 ▲ Raiderettes and Raiders vs. Chattanooga State (6 & 8 p.m.)
- Feb. 23 ■ National Barrel Horse Association
- Feb. 26 ▲ Softball Lady Raiders vs. U. of Cumberlands JV (2 & 4 p.m.)
- Feb. 29 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Motlow State (2 p.m.)
- Feb. 29-March 2 ■ East Tennessee Cutting Horse Association

- April 1 ▲ Softball Lady Raiders vs. Cleveland State (2 & 4 p.m.)
- April 4 ▲ Softball Lady Raiders vs. Jackson State (2 & 4 p.m.)
- April 4 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Hiwassee (2 p.m.)
- April 4-6 ■ East Tennessee Cutting Horse Association
- April 5 ▲ Softball Lady Raiders vs. Columbia State (12 & 2 p.m.)
- April 5 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Hiwassee (12 & 3 p.m.)
- April 8 ▲ Softball Lady Raiders vs. Motlow State (2 & 4 p.m.)
- April 9-10 ● Academic Festival
- April 10-13, 17-20 ● Roane State Playmakers present "The Sound of Music"
- April 11-13 ■ Circuit By The River Quarter Horse Show
- April 15 ▲ Softball Lady Raiders vs. Walters State (2 & 4 p.m.)
- April 15-25 ● Annual Student Art Show
- April 18 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Cleveland State (2 p.m.)
- April 19 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Cleveland State (12 & 3 p.m.)
- April 19 ■ Roane County 4-H Horse Show
- April 19 ▲ Softball Lady Raiders vs. Volunteer State (1 & 3 p.m.)
- April 21 ▲ Softball Lady Raiders vs. Lindsey Wilson JV (3 & 5 p.m.)
- April 23 ▲ Softball Lady Raiders vs. Tennessee Wesleyan JV (2 & 4 p.m.)
- April 25-27 ■ Tennessee Reining Horse Association

■ Call the Henry/Stafford Agricultural Exposition Center at (865) 882-4590 for details.  
 ● Roane State Presents: All events are in the theatre on the Roane County Campus. Call the numbers listed on page 18 for more information.  
 ▲ Games listed are played on the Roane County Campus.



# Making their Mark



**The annual Street Painting Festival at Roane State's Oak Ridge Campus gave these young artists and many others a chance to spend a warm October afternoon with friends, family and their favorite colors.**



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