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Not All Coaches
are on the Field

**Roane State's Success Coach program
provides expert mentors for students**

We are asking big questions at Roane State.

This fall, I asked faculty, staff and students to ask “what if?” How can we improve? How can we change? If there were no obstacles—time, money, space—what would we do differently?

From these discussions, we have started coming up with ideas—without consideration for practicality—on how to move the college forward. Next, we will evaluate the feasibility of our ideas and determine which ones we will implement. My goal is to put innovation front and center at Roane State.

The college has a long history of innovation. We were among the first community colleges to offer online classes and interactive video classes. We have invested in mobile technology and created unique partnerships with industries and with other colleges.

We built one of the most energy efficient and technology-rich buildings in the state when we completed our Goff Center for Health Sciences in Oak Ridge. We developed Middle College, a program that enables students to earn a college degree before they leave high school.



In this issue, you will learn about our high-tech GIS program, recognized nationally as a center of excellence. You will also learn about our unique Success Coach program, which is helping students navigate the challenging transition to college.

Our outstanding alumni, Lisa M. Chadwick and Dr. Whitney Emch, are experts in their fields and examples of how Roane State educates future innovators.

I look forward to sharing the results of our innovation efforts in the coming months. Roane State is always an exciting place, full of creativity and energy.

As our alumni, you are part of our tradition of innovation, and I welcome you to visit campus and learn more about how your college is putting innovation into action.

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Roane County Campus

Twenty students became the first graduates of Roane State’s Middle College program during May commencement. The students earned college degrees two weeks before their high school graduations. The unique program allows high school students to take college classes in their junior and senior years and then graduate with their associate degrees and their diplomas. When they started at Roane State in fall 2014, the students in the first Middle College class were high school juniors in the Roane County School System. “This has just flown by for me, but I have really loved it,” Middle College graduate Brianna Casaus said.



Campbell County Campus

Plans are underway to add nearly 4,000 square feet to the Campbell County campus for much-needed laboratories and classrooms. The additional space will allow students to complete required science courses in Campbell County including general biology and anatomy and physiology. The project will be completed by fall 2018. State Sen. Ken Yager and State Rep. Dennis Powers played key roles in securing funding for the project.



Cumberland County Campus

Holly Hanson is the new director of the Cumberland County campus. Hanson, who has led the college’s Cumberland Business Incubator (CBI) since 2013, will continue to direct the CBI. Hanson succeeded Dr. Janice Poole, who retired in January. Under Hanson’s leadership, the CBI staff and volunteers have organized hundreds of training programs and established a Maker Space and annual youth Make Camp. Hanson has provided coaching to over 250 entrepreneurs in the Upper Cumberland region resulting in over 250 jobs being created.



Fentress County Campus

Working with local partners, Roane State has completed its relocation to the York Institute campus. The new facility includes two classrooms, an office, restrooms, and a small student lounge with computers. “We have worked closely with York Institute for many years as part of our dual enrollment program,” said Dr. Diane Ward, Roane State vice president for student learning. “Being located on the York campus is a natural fit and will provide a better learning environment for students.”

Knox County Campus

Kirk Harris, director of Continuing Healthcare and Safety Education, won the prestigious Lige Turman Lifetime Achievement Award, while Roger Badger, an EMT/paramedic instructor, received the Full-Time Excellence in Teaching Award from the Tennessee EMS Education Association. “Both are the highest honors,” said David Blevins, Roane State Director of EMS Education.



Loudon County Campus

Maria Juarez of Lenoir City and Amanda Wilson of Loudon were among five recipients of a scholarship provided by AT&T. AT&T gave a \$65,000 gift to the Tennessee Board of Regents. Each of the state's 13 community colleges received \$5,000 to award scholarships to encourage students to participate in programs designed to help students succeed in the classroom and be better prepared to enter the workforce. In addition to Juarez and Wilson, Roane State's recipients were Kristina Berry of Harriman, Paula Sammons of Oneida and Nikolaos Tsiamis of Oak Ridge.



Morgan County Campus

Chelsea Smith, a 2016 Sunbright High School graduate, completed all nursing prerequisite courses while in high school through the college's dual enrollment program. Smith used state grants to help pay for dual enrollment classes. She will use Tennessee Promise to help pay for her nursing degree. If she stays on track, Smith will be a registered nurse by about age 20 without having paid much out of pocket for her college education. Smith enjoyed the friendly atmosphere at the Morgan County campus, which is only 15 minutes from her home. Campus director Michelle Adkisson and campus secretary Melanie Stanley were supportive, Smith said. "Michelle and Mel really care about your education. I met a lot of people here I now consider friends. I like the family feeling here," Smith said.



Oak Ridge Campus

Centrus Energy of Oak Ridge donated a precision surface plate for use in Roane State's planned welding certificate program. The granite surface plate is needed for taking precise measurements. It is valued at approximately \$10,000 and weighs about 3,000 pounds. "Centrus assisted us in many ways as we planned our welding certificate program," said Dr. Markus Pomper, dean of Roane State's Mathematics and Sciences Division. "They have helped us design the curriculum and provided us with resources such as the surface plate. We are incredibly appreciative of their efforts to help us create a high-quality welding certificate program." The training is needed in Oak Ridge, Dr. Pomper said, where work on projects such as the Uranium Processing Facility (UPF) requires welders with advanced skills.



Scott County Campus

The campus has been renamed the W.H. Swain Scott County Center for Higher Education in honor of the late Bill Swain. The Swains have been longtime supporters of the campus. Their contributions have benefited all Roane State students in Scott County. "Without question, Bill Swain was the driving force behind bringing higher education and Roane State Community College to Scott County," Roane State President Dr. Chris Whaley said. "He challenged us, pushed us and drove us forward." In addition, the campus student center is now named for Paul and Iva Phillips, also longtime supporters of the campus.



Feature

A New Direction

Nationally recognized GIS Program Offers Path to Fascinating Careers

By Bob Fowler and Owen Driskill, Staff Writers

At age 53, Roane State graduate William "Rusty" Dryman has a new job in Geographic Information Systems, but he can't talk about it too much.

It is classified work at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, he says, that involves a "big project for population density." It's the location of that population that he said.

Dryman, a Roane County resident, had worked at carbon fiber manufacturer Toray America for 15 years, but that came to an end in October 2013 when he and other workers were laid off. "My job went overseas," he said.





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Rusty shares his happy graduation day with wife Kathy, daughter and son-in-law Amanda and Chris Torgler and grandchildren Evan and Abby.



Rusty Dryman now works on GIS projects for Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Because the job was outsourced to another country, free training for a new skill was available through the state because of his displaced worker status, Dryman said.

Dryman said he received invaluable advice from a Roane State advisor at the Harriman campus.

“She and I looked at different things,” he said. “She asked if I liked computers, and I said yes.”

What followed was his enrollment in Roane State’s program leading to an Associate of Applied Science in Geographic Information Systems. Roane State’s program includes a technical certificate and an AAS degree, and the college’s program is now recognized nationwide.

Working in partnership with Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Roane State was selected in 2015 as a Center for Academic Excellence (CAE) in Geospatial Sciences. Organized by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the CAE GS program is designed to cultivate centers of academic excellence in geospatial sciences such as GIS.

Roane State was the only community college chosen for the program. In addition to Roane State, institutions selected were: Alabama A&M University, Arizona State University, Delta State University, Fayetteville State University, George Mason University, Mississippi State University, Northeastern University, The Ohio State University, Pennsylvania State University, United States Air Force Academy, United States Military Academy, University of Alabama, University of Maine, University of South Florida, University of Texas (Dallas) and the University of Utah.

CAE colleges share best practices, participate in professional development activities, evaluate and update curriculum, and benefit from the expertise of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and the U.S. Geological Survey. **Dr. Whitney Emch, a Roane State graduate and expert from the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency**, is working with the college as part of the college’s designation as a center of excellence.



Top to bottom: Dr. Whitney Emch, Roane State graduate who now works for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, speaks to Roane State students during a GIS Day event.; President Barack Obama joins recipients of the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) for a group photo in the East Room of the White House in May 2016. Roane State alumna Whitney Emch is in the second row, fifth from left. Dr. Emch is advising Roane State's GIS program. (Official White House Photo by Lawrence Jackson)

"I am pleased to have Dr. Emch working with us," **Roane State program director Pat Wurth** said. "She has visited Roane State several times and participated in our GIS Day event and attended GIS and geography classes. She interacts and connects with each individual student, and is a tremendous role model for our students of what is possible in a career."

Wurth said the CAE program also provides opportunities for Roane State students to intern and find employment in the field of geospatial intelligence.

"To have an opportunity to learn from leading universities in geospatial sciences and to bring that knowledge into our classrooms is exciting for our program," Wurth said.

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What is GIS?

Roane State's program involves exciting work inside and outside the classroom. GIS students have traveled to Haiti, Jamaica and Belize to complete service-learning projects, and graduates work in a variety of industries. GIS is one of Roane State's most high-tech programs.

GIS is an academic discipline that integrates, stores, edits, analyzes, shares and displays spatial/geographic information. **Graduate Joe Pyle**, for example, created an award-winning map while a student in the program. The map predicted cell phone coverage along the Cumberland Trail. Pyle's map showed the Cumberland Trail from Frozen Head State Park to LaFollette overlaid with markers predicting cell phone signal strength at points along the trail.

"I have always been good at making things with my hands," Pyle said. "GIS is like blacksmithing or woodworking, except that I use data as the raw material."

Wurth noted that the program covers a broad demographic: traditional students, displaced workers, veterans and working professionals.

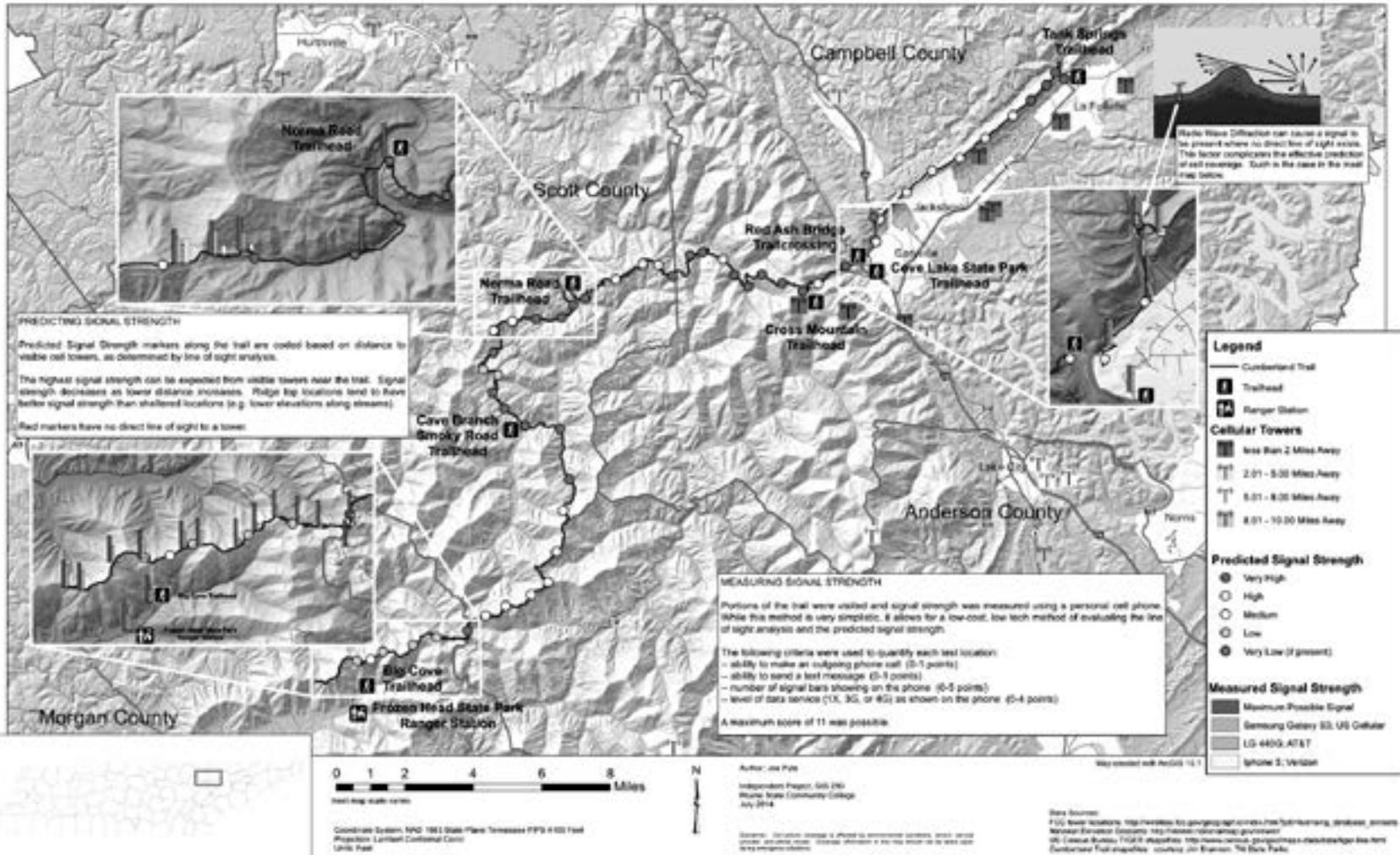
"She (Wurth) does a great job, and I think it's a great program," Dryman said. "I recommend it to anyone looking to get into something different."

"I appreciate the outstanding education I received through the GIS program. I thought I could make a change in my life, and I'm glad I did thanks to Roane State."



Roane State's GIS program, led by Pat Wurth, includes classroom instruction and hands-on fieldwork.

Predicting Cell Phone Coverage along the Cumberland Trail: Frozen Head State Park to LaFollette, TN



This map is an example of how GIS technology is used. Created by then-student Joe Pyle, the map won in the Best Analysis category at the 2014 East Tennessee Geographic Information Council Forum.

Courses are offered on Roane State's Oak Ridge campus and online. For more information about Roane State's GIS program, contact Pat Wurth at wurthpa@roanestate.edu, (865) 354-3000 ext. 2275 or visit roanestate.edu/GIS.

Success Coaches Offer E Mentorship for Students

*By Bob Fowler
Staff Writer*



Extensive

A new initiative helps first-time, degree-seeking freshmen through the often challenging transition to college.

It's the Roane State Success Coach program, created to assist students in everything from admissions to academics, from career counseling to financial aid.

Success Coach Karry Garcia meets regularly with student Seth Long.

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“As with any new program, there are things we’ve had to work through, but so far it’s going very well,” said director Kathryn Baker. “We’ve had students say it’s made all the difference in a potentially terrifying experience. It’s kind of like having a personal mentor for your first year of college.”

Roane State’s Success Coaches are trained in every aspect of college admissions, including financial aid, giving students one point of contact during their first year. Eight Success Coaches began meeting with students in March 2016 and worked with nearly 1,4000 students. The college added five more Success Coaches in fall 2016.

The college’s program is unique because Success Coaches are taught to be experts in all aspects of the student experience. Many colleges provide mentors for students. Roane State Success Coaches, in contrast, provide students with mentorship and in-depth advisement.

“It was like school,” Success Coach Karry Garcia said of the three-month Success Coach training. “We trained every day and had tests where you had to make 100.”

New students are contacted by their Success Coaches and asked to set up a meeting. Coaches actively communicate with students. Rather than waiting for a student to have a problem and ask a question, coaches try to anticipate problems and prevent them from happening.

“We’re proactive,” Baker said. “We reach out to them.”

As fall 2016 semester approached, Garcia said she and her fellow coaches at times were “putting out fires,” from registering students at the last minute to finalizing financial aid applications. “We were super busy in August,” she said.

Coaches schedule sessions throughout the day and during evening hours. At times, Garcia said, “Everyone seemed to need you at the same moment.”

She said much of her advice to new students involved financial aid, from helping correct errors in the multi-page Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form to assisting new students in retrieving W-2 tax statements.

While tuition help is available through the HOPE Scholarship and the Tennessee Promise programs, there are other expenses, from textbooks to science labs to online course costs. Garcia said she and the other coaches can help students set up short-term payment plans for those expenses.

“We try to deter them from taking on student loans,” she said.

Professors can alert coaches if students are falling behind in their studies, and the coaches in turn can make tutoring referrals, Garcia said.



When Oak Ridge High graduate Grace Reynolds began getting ready for college, “I didn’t know how to work the system,” she said. Garcia provided needed guidance, “and that calmed me down a lot,” Reynolds said.

Roane State student Seth Long, another of Garcia’s students, said he did not have much experience with college processes. He said he visits Garcia three times a week, often just to talk.

That kind of relationship, where students have a one-on-one connection with the college, is the heart of the Success Coach program.

“I knew she would be there, and I could trust her,” Long said of Garcia. “I felt welcome and comfortable. I knew that if I did not have Karry, I would be lost. She emailed me in the middle of the night to let me know a spot in a class had opened up. It’s so personal. I know that if I have a question, I can always go to Karry and get answers.”

Success Coaches work one-on-one with students. Top, Jordan Huettel helps Geevantay Gee with his class choices. Bottom, Karry Garcia meets with Grace Reynolds.

Saturday, April 1, 7 pm

Music Department Alumni Concert

O'Brien Theatre. What began with a celebration of RSCC's 40th anniversary has turned into an annual showcase of Roane State Music Department alumni talent and achievement! Alumni Celebration Singers, Concert Choir, Jazz Band, and soloists perform, the 2017 Virtual project debuts, and Outstanding Music Department Alumni are awarded! Donations accepted at the door.

Sunday, April 9, 3 pm

Sophomore Recital

Princess Theatre. Free to the public. Sophomore music students present a solo program of music studied while at Roane State.

Friday-Saturday, April 21-22, 7 pm

Sunday, April 23, 2017, 2:30 pm

Lionel Bart's Oliver!

Based on the novel by Charles Dickens. Music and lyrics by Lionel Bart. Performed by Roane State Music & Theatre Arts departments. O'Brien Theatre. Join young, orphaned Oliver Twist as he navigates London's underworld of theft and violence, searching for a home, a family and most importantly, for love. Lionel Bart's Oliver! is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI, 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019. www.MTIShows.com.

Thursday, April 27, 5 pm

Solo Class Final Recital

O'Brien Theatre. Sophomore music students Austin Patterson and Josh Spurling will present a solo program of music studied while at Roane State. Free to the public.

Friday, April 28, 7 pm

Music Department Vocal Showcase

O'Brien Theatre. Roane State Celebration Singers and Concert Choir join with Harriman and Rockwood High School choir students and director Justin Jenkins to present a concert of eclectic vocal music! Donations accepted at the door.

Saturday, April 29, 7 pm

Music Department Instrumental Showcase

O'Brien Theatre. Donations accepted at the door. Roane State Jazz Band, Bluegrass Band, Stage Band, and guests present a program of varied instrumental music. Donations accepted at the door.

Theatre

Roane State Presents
events 2017

Tre Pack and Corey Jones take the stage as rival pastors, Dr. Philip Gotschall and Dr. Jeremiah Mears, in Roane State Theatre's Fall 2016 production of God's Man in Texas.



Details for all events are subject to change. Check the website for the most up-to-date information on dates, times and venues at

www.roanestate.edu/theatre

or call
(865) 882-4567.

A healthcare expert and a leading geospatial scientist are Roane State's Outstanding Alumni for 2016.

The recipients are **Lisa Chadwick** of Knoxville, Director of Risk Management for Functional Pathways in Knoxville, and **Dr. Whitney Emch** with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

Chadwick graduated magna cum laude from Roane State in 1991 with an associate degree in nursing. She also holds a bachelor's degree from Berry College and a master's degree in health services administration from the University of St. Francis.

"It wasn't until I had graduated and was working in the ICU that I realized the value of my Roane State education," Chadwick said. "We were better prepared to provide bedside care and use critical thinking skills than any other graduate from any of the other local schools of nursing. When I transitioned into a hiring position I would always look at the Roane State graduates first, knowing the quality of classroom, clinical, and skills lab preparation would yield RNs eager to step into the workforce ready to learn."

After Roane State, Chadwick became a nurse in Intensive Care at Methodist Medical Center. She eventually became manager of Oncology and advanced to positions of increasing responsibility within the Covenant Health System. In her role with rehabilitation and therapy provider Functional Pathways, Chadwick developed the risk management program for 125 national facilities serviced by the company.

Chadwick has helped organize Relay for Life events that benefit the American Cancer Society and been a longtime supporter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. She has participated in several of the society's half-marathons as a runner and by assisting with the water stations.

Chadwick has volunteered for Remote Area Medical, an organization that provides free care to underserved communities, and supported Knox Area Rescue Ministries and annual PBS telethons. Chadwick's greatest joy has come from three medical mission trips to Nicaragua and Honduras.

"This was probably the most rewarding thing I have ever done as a nurse," Chadwick said. "The people there are so very grateful to have someone provide care and show concern."

Chadwick's former nursing instructor and colleague at Methodist Medical Center, Karen Wilken, said of Chadwick, "She is level-headed in emergencies, resourceful, versatile, and considerate of others. Many graduates of the Roane State program have benefited from having had the opportunity to be mentored by Lisa. She has served as a positive role model in the most challenging of situations."



Lisa Chadwick

Dr. Emch, a 1995 graduate of Roane County High School, studied at Roane State from 1995-1997 before transferring to Middle Tennessee State University where she earned her bachelor's degree in geology. She went on to earn a Ph.D. in geology from the University of Tennessee. Dr. Emch credits Roane State and her childhood friend's father, Dr. Pete Charton, for sparking her interest in geology.

"My experience at Roane State was really the foundation of my future career," Dr. Emch said. "I had great professors, like Dr. Pete Charton, Dr. Gary Heidinger, and Dr. Don Miller who introduced me to geology and anthropology. The Southwest Field trip was the highlight of my time at Roane State and really pushed me into wanting to major in geology and archaeology at MTSU. I also had a great experience working in the Roane State cafeteria with Berlin and Elma Lea Hood. When I found out Roane State was designated a Center for Academic Excellence in Geospatial Sciences, I knew I had to work with them. I have enjoyed my time engaging with the students and with Pat Wurth, who has done so much for the GIS program and her students. I am so thankful for everything that Roane State has done for me, and I am honored to be recognized by them."

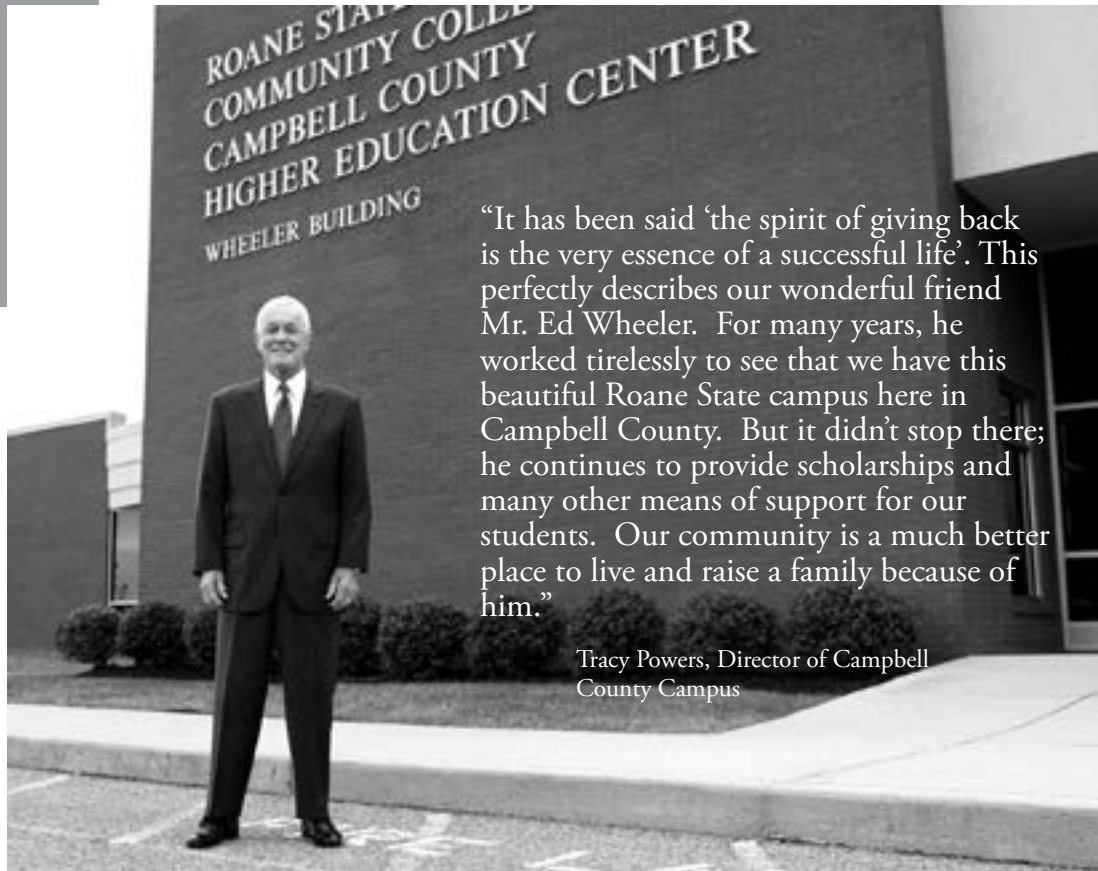
Dr. Emch began working for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) in 2008 as a Visiting Scientist. She served as a Project Scientist and Branch Chief in NGA's Basic and Applied Research Office prior to her current role where she is responsible for test and evaluation of new and emerging GEOINT technology and tradecraft solutions in support of the warfighter.

Dr. Emch is the recipient of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) Meritorious Unit Citation, DNI Science and Technology Team Award, multiple NGA Meritorious Unit Citations, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency Service Chief Fellow, the National System for Geospatial-Intelligence (NSG) Imagery and Geospatial Sciences Team of the Year Award, the NSG Imagery and Geospatial Sciences Project Scientist of the Year Award, and the Civilian Global War on Terrorism Medal.

Dr. Emch was named by President Obama as a recipient of the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. She is currently working with the college as part of the college's designation as a Center for Academic Excellence in Geospatial Sciences.



Dr. Whitney Emch



“It has been said ‘the spirit of giving back is the very essence of a successful life’. This perfectly describes our wonderful friend Mr. Ed Wheeler. For many years, he worked tirelessly to see that we have this beautiful Roane State campus here in Campbell County. But it didn’t stop there; he continues to provide scholarships and many other means of support for our students. Our community is a much better place to live and raise a family because of him.”

Tracy Powers, Director of Campbell County Campus

Ed,

Campbell County is indebted to you for your leadership in developing the Roane State Campbell County Campus. Since 2005, there have been 4,500 students who attended Roane State here in Campbell County. Each of these students was given an opportunity for education on a local level.

Your unselfish leadership and direction has helped 600 students receive a degree or certificate to help them fulfill their dreams. Doors have been opened for these students that will provide a better quality of life and help change Campbell County.

Your service and dedication for education, youth, and your love of history and genealogy is a legacy that will live on through generations. Your contribution to this county is amazing. Education is the door of opportunity and growth.

Your service as Chairman of the Campbell County Chamber of Commerce and the LaFollette Chamber has helped promote business growth in our community. Your tireless and unselfish dedication to children and those in need is evident through your leadership roles with the Campbell County Children’s Center (CAC) and Community Health of East Tennessee. Your passion for preserving Campbell County’s legacy is reflected through your efforts to protect Cove Lake and your service as a board member of the East Tennessee Historical Society.

Roane State became a reality after you and your wife Carol contributed property and spearheaded a campaign to raise the construction funds. The power of education was opened for Campbell County. You have been instrumental in helping thousands turn their lives around.

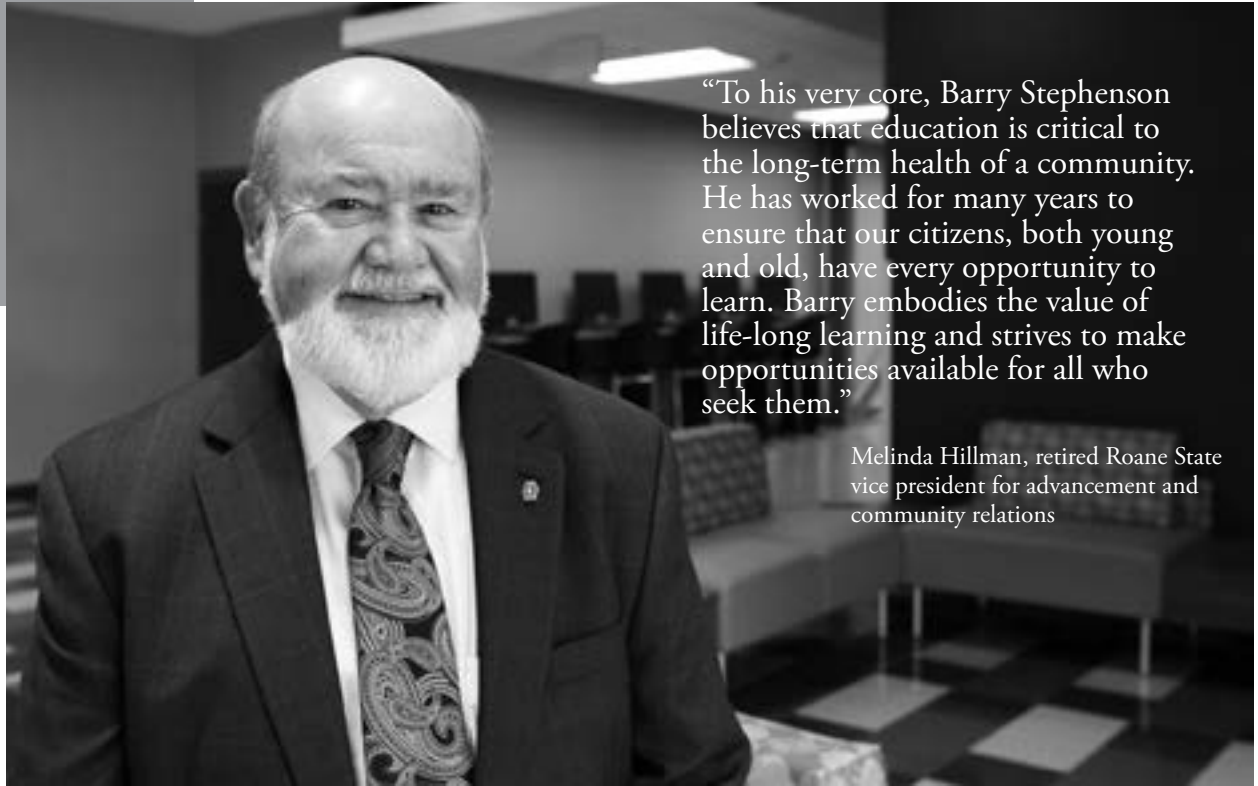
In the fall of 2005, the doors opened on this beautiful 23,000 square foot facility with our mountains as a backdrop. So began a new day for education in Campbell County.

Thank you and Carol for being friends and supporters for Campbell County and Roane State Community College. You have made a difference and changed lives forever.

Dan Clifton
Executive Director
Roane State Foundation



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“To his very core, Barry Stephenson believes that education is critical to the long-term health of a community. He has worked for many years to ensure that our citizens, both young and old, have every opportunity to learn. Barry embodies the value of life-long learning and strives to make opportunities available for all who seek them.”

Melinda Hillman, retired Roane State vice president for advancement and community relations

Barry,

While your formal title is CEO of Materials and Chemistry Laboratory, Inc., you are sometimes called Mr. Lab-in-a-Box for your efforts to provide STEM educational resources in the nine rural counties in the East Tennessee area.

Lab-in-a-Box is the signature outreach effort of the Rural Communities STEM Initiative to rural school districts that do not have robust, hands-on experiences in science classes. Starting your career as a science teacher in Roane County, you discovered how important having a strong background in math and science is to overall success. Through Lab-in-a-Box, you have provided students in rural schools with the laboratory resources they need to experiment and get excited about science.

You received the Muddy Boot Award in 2013 from the East Tennessee Economic Council (ETEC) for your work and community activities to make East Tennessee a stronger community. You are known for your passion and for your work in education at all levels. Your involvement in numerous Roane State projects and initiatives is a testament to your passion for education.

You have been on the Board of Directors of the Roane State Foundation since 2006 having served in a number of leadership roles, including Chair. Your community involvement includes work with the Roane Alliance, the Roane County Board of Education, the Board of Family Medicine Associates of Kingston, the Board of Directors of the Oak Ridge Public Schools Education Foundation, as chairman of ETEC and as President of the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge.

When it comes to Roane State, you are all in to help. You have been instrumental in acquiring major gifts to support student scholarships and to improve Roane State facilities.

Barry, you are a great leader and supporter of the Roane State Foundation and Roane State Community College. Thank you for your service to the college and our students.

*Dan Clifton
Executive Director
Roane State Foundation*

Please give to the Roane State Foundation to support scholarships for students.

Visit www.roanestate.edu/donate to see all the ways you can give, or contact our office.

Every contribution makes a difference in the lives of students.

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A story by assistant professor **Elizabeth Genovise** was named a 2016 O. Henry Prize Story, among the nation's most prestigious honors for short fiction. Past winners include literary luminaries such as William Faulkner, John Updike, Flannery O'Connor, Alice Walker and Truman Capote. Genovise's piece, "Irises," was among 20 stories selected from thousands of works published in literary magazines.

Tracey Williams, a 2001 Roane State graduate, is now director of the college's paralegal studies program. Williams completed a bachelor's degree from Tusculum College in 2002 and earned her law degree from Nashville School of Law in 2013.

Longtime Roane State administrator and educator **Darren York** is now manager of the historic Princess Theatre in downtown Harriman and the college's O'Brien Theatre. He also continues to teach.



Dental hygiene students traveled to Costa Rica in May. The students provided dental hygiene preventive services to 101 children, doubling the amount of children treated last year. "I am very proud of our students and their dedication to provide such a valuable and much-needed service to the children of Costa Rica," program director Melinda Gill said. "It truly opens their hearts to learning and experiencing other cultures."



Roane State launched a new program that includes extensive instruction in computer programming and prepares students for valuable tech industry certifications. Classes for the new **Associate of Applied Science in Computer Information Technology** began in the fall. Nearly all of the program's courses can be taken online. Learn more at www.roanestate.edu/citc.



The college Shooting Sports Team was on target for runner-up high overall national champion team, along with two national runner-up wins and a third place finish in the Scholarship Clay Target Program (SCTP) National College Championships. The Raiders placed second nationally in trap shooting and sporting clays and captured a third place in skeet shooting. Team members also won top honors in the collegiate division at the Tennessee Scholastic Clay Target Program Championships. **Lauren Sanders** of Soddy Daisy won first place in sporting clays and second place in skeet. **Andy Carey** of Crossville won first place in sporting clays. **Nathan Hembree** of Crossville won second place in skeet and third place in trap.



Ten Roane County students participating in Roane State's Middle College received \$3,400 annual scholarships thanks to UT-Battelle. First-year recipients were **Trinity Clark** (Harriman), **Reagan Dudley** (Roane County), **Rebecca Michaud** (Midway), **Lindsay Buck** (Oliver Springs) and **Leif Erickson** (Rockwood). Second-year recipients were **Ashlyn Blackburn** (Roane County), **Dakotah Harris** (Harriman), **Juliann Hopper** (Oliver Springs), **Dalton Quigley** (Midway) and **Jonathan Watson** (Rockwood).



Roane State received a \$2 million federal grant to support student success initiatives. The **U.S. Department of Education’s Strengthening Institutions grant** will fund various projects to help students plan their academic goals and achieve them. The grant will be distributed over five years and fund initiatives such as the purchase of class scheduling software and the addition of more Success Coaches to work one-on-one with students.

Adjunct faculty member **Niccole Rowe** was selected for an Emerging Leader Development Program sponsored by the 56,000-member American Occupational Therapy Association. According to the association, the program “recognizes and invests in students and practitioners who have demonstrated dedication and commitment, through service to the profession, at the start of their career.”

Roane State staff member **Melissa Kreis-Stephens’** business, Tomboy Organic Skincare Co., won the national Best Brand award for organic salves and skin care from American Choice Awards. Her all-natural creations were judged as tops in the category.

Roane State’s **Amy Keeling** was awarded the Outstanding Advising Administrator Certificate of Merit from the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA), also known as the Global Community for Academic Advising. Keeling, the college’s Director of Curriculum, Program Planning and Advising, was the only community college official in the United States to receive the recognition.

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam has appointed longtime Roane State educator **Andy Anderson** to the state’s 10-member Board of Examiners of Psychology. “In the thorough, aggressive search for candidates, your individual characteristics and professional qualifications were exceptional among the number of nominees who expressed interest,” Haslam’s letter to Anderson stated.

Gov. Bill Haslam appointed Roane State’s **Joshua Spurling** as the student regent on the Tennessee Board of Regents, the governing body for the state’s community colleges and colleges of applied technology. “I’m very honored to have been selected,” Spurling said.



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Outstanding Alumni Sought

Roane State Community College is seeking nominations for the 2017 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

To be eligible, nominees must have attended Roane State for at least 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours.

To nominate someone, print the Nominee Information Form directly from: www.roanestate.edu/alumni or call (865) 882-4640 to have an application mailed to you.

Deadline for submission of nomination: May 31, 2017.



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In Memoriam

Linda (Mayes) Evans ('80), A.S., Health Information Technology

Mary (Davis) Busey ('91), A.S., General, Oak Ridge

Betty (Womble) Benton ('96) A.A.S., Environmental Health Technology, Oak Ridge

Jason Golliher ('97), A.A., Computer Art & Design, Saxapahaw, NC

James Dunigan, ('05), A.A.S., Criminal Justice, professor and Foundation board member, Crossville

Cheryl Anderson ('14), A.A.S., Nursing, Knoxville

Friends of Roane State we have lost

Wayne (Ron) Coleman, instructor and Roane State Foundation board member, Harriman

George Warlick, Foundation board member and board member emeritus, Kingston

John (Johnnie) Rudolph, engineering and math professor since 1976, Knoxville

Submit your class notes!

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Harriman, TN 37748-5011
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Name _____

(First)

(Middle Initial or Maiden)

(Last)

RSCC Degree(s) and/or Year(s) Attended/Graduated _____

Home Phone# _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Occupation/Title _____

Employer _____

Spouse's Name _____

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, . . .) _____

Coming up at your
community college

march

- Mar 1, Apr 2 & 3 Expo: East TN Cutting Horse Association, 8 am
- Mar 3-5 Expo: TQHA Celebration Circuit, 8 am
- Mar 2 Solo Class Midterm Recital, 5-6 pm
- Mar 3 Baseball vs Cleveland State, 2 pm
- Mar 3 Softball vs Cleveland State, 2 & 4 pm
- Mar 4 Baseball vs Cleveland State, 12 pm
- Mar 4 Softball vs Cleveland State, 12 & 2 pm
- Mar 6 Softball vs Kaskaskia, 12 & 2 pm
- Mar 11 & 12 Expo: TQHA All Novice, 8 am
- Mar 15 Softball vs Georgia Highlands, 2 & 4 pm
- Mar 17 & 18 Expo: 4-H Clover Classic, 8 am
- Mar 23-26 Expo: TN Reining Horse Association, 8 am
- Mar 24 Baseball vs Walters State, 2 pm
- Mar 24 Softball vs Walters State, 2 & 4 pm
- Mar 25 Baseball vs Walters State, 12 pm
- Mar 25 Softball vs Walters State, noon & 2 pm
- Mar 29 Softball vs TN Wesleyan, 2 & 4 pm

april

- Apr 1 Music Department Alumni Concert, 7 pm
- Apr 7 Baseball vs Southwest, 2 pm
- Apr 7 Softball vs Southwest, 2 & 4 pm
- Apr 8 Baseball vs Southwest, 12 pm
- Apr 8 Softball vs Southwest, 11 am & 1 pm
- Apr 8 Expo: National Barrel Horse Association, 10 am
- Apr 8-10 Expo: Oak Ridge Kennel Club, 8 am
- Apr 9 Sophomore Recital, 3 pm
- Apr 14-16 Expo: TQHA Country Music, 8 am
- Apr 18-19 Baseball vs Covenant College, 2 pm
- Apr 21 Baseball vs Columbia State, 2 pm
- Apr 21 Softball vs Columbia State, 1 & 3 pm
- Apr 21 Relay For Life Roane County
- Apr 22 Baseball vs Columbia State, 12 pm
- Apr 22 Softball vs Columbia State, 12 & 2 pm
- Apr 22 Expo: TN Paint Horse Show, 8 am
- Apr 21 "Oliver" the Musical, 7 pm
- Apr 22 "Oliver" the Musical, 7 pm
- Apr 23 "Oliver" the Musical, 2:30 pm
- Apr 27 Solo Class Recital, 5 pm
- Apr 28 Baseball vs Volunteer State, 2 pm
- Apr 28 Softball vs Volunteer State, 2 & 4 pm
- Apr 28 Music Department Vocal Showcase, 7 pm
- Apr 29 Baseball vs Volunteer State, 12 pm
- Apr 29 Softball vs Volunteer State, 12 & 2 pm
- Apr 29 Music Department Instrumental Showcase, 7 pm

may

- May 5 & 6 Music Department Scholarship Auditions, 2-5 pm
- May 5-7 Expo: East TN Cutting Horse Association, 8 am
- May 5-7 Expo: TN Australian Shepherd Show, 8 am
- May 12 & 13 Expo: National Barrel Race Association, 10 am
- May 20 Expo: National Team Roping League, 8 am
- May 27 & 28 Expo: TQHA Hillbilly Classic, 8 am

june

- Jun 1-3 Region 4-H 8 am
- Jun 15-18 TQHA Dogwood Classic 8 am
- Jun 30, Jul 1 & 2 East TN Cutting Horse Association 8 am

july

- July 8 National Barrel Horse Association 10 am
- Jul 13-16 TN Reining Horse Association 8 am

august

- Aug 4 - 6 East TN Cutting Horse Association 8 am
- Aug 12 National Barrel Horse Association TBA
- Aug 12 & 13 Volunteer State Pinto 8 am
- Aug 18-20 Ponies of the Americas 8 am
- Aug 26 TN Paint Horse Club 8 am

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