

# Roane State Today

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**Roane State trips send students to Europe**

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# Letter

from the President



Roane State Community College opens doors for students, whether they are taking their initial steps to their first job, to a new career, or to a four-year degree.

We opened many doors during the 2007-08 academic year. Perhaps nowhere was this more evident than in Morgan County, where a new campus began holding its first classes. The \$1.62 million campus was funded almost entirely through community support, and thanks to that support, Morgan County students will have convenient access to higher education. You can read more about the generosity of the community in this issue.

Roane State is also opening doors by developing articulation agreements. Articulation agreements help streamline the transfer process to a four-year university for our students, and in this academic year, a new agreement provided a pathway to one of the country's premier art and design schools: Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD). SCAD has locations in Atlanta, Savannah, Ga., and in Lacoste, France.

Another way we open doors for students is by teaching them about different cultures. We are very proud of our growing international education program, which this year helped send

students to Europe. The leaders of these trips discuss the students' travels in this issue. In addition, Roane State is welcoming 13 visiting international students this year. Their countries of origin include Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Japan, South Korea and Egypt. The interaction between our international students and our East Tennessee students will cultivate rich learning experiences for both.

When we open doors to students, they often dash through them. More than 750 students graduated from Roane State this academic year. After students leave Roane State, our data show that they tend to find a job in their field or make excellent grades at the school where they transfer.

*“When we open doors to students, they often dash through them.”*

Our job placement rate for 2007-08 was 94 percent. Our transfer students perform better in their junior year of college than students who go directly from high school to four-year schools. We are also pleased with excellent results by our students who take licensure exams. During 2008, for example, 95 percent of our nursing students passed their licensure exam on their first try.

None of our students' achievements would be possible without our world-class faculty. This year, we honored Dr. Lauri Sammartano, associate professor of biology, with the college's 2008 Sarah Ellen Benroth Award for Outstanding Teaching.

Roane State also strives to open doors for all who live in our communities. Our children's summer camps, for example, enjoyed another successful season of providing learning experiences for young people across our service area. The college's April Academic Festival gave 2,000 high school students a chance to compete, perform, and share their creativity. We also hosted plays, forums, symposiums and many other activities.

In the new academic year, challenges await us. State appropriations for higher education were reduced, and we have taken measures to control costs. In making these decisions, we put our students and their classroom experience first. As we face these challenges, we will need your help. Roane State is fortunate to have involved alumni, and we look forward to working with you to open more doors for students in the years ahead.

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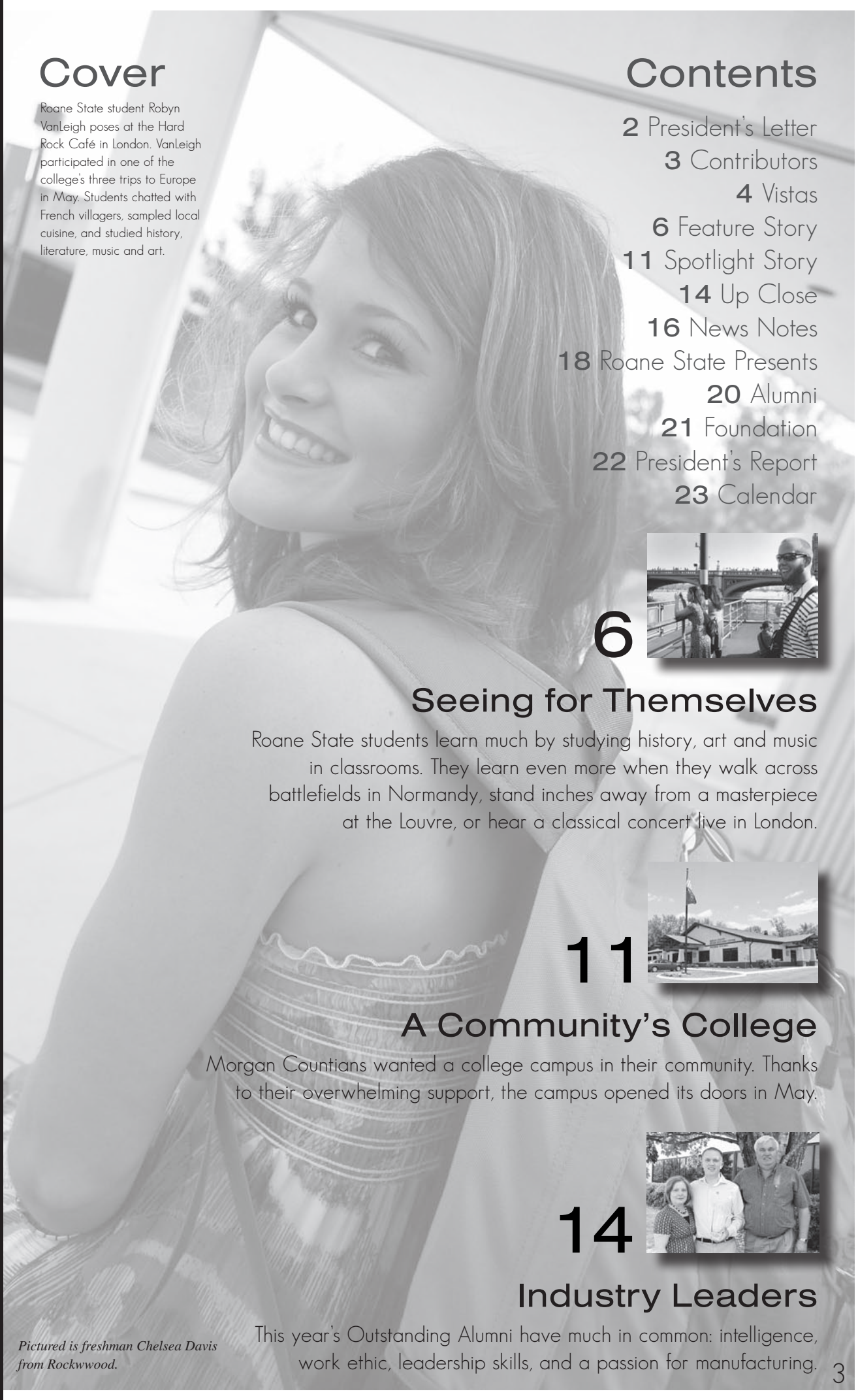
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# Cover

Roane State student Robyn VanLeigh poses at the Hard Rock Café in London. VanLeigh participated in one of the college's three trips to Europe in May. Students chatted with French villagers, sampled local cuisine, and studied history, literature, music and art.



*Pictured is freshman Chelsea Davis from Rockwood.*

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# Vistas

of Roane State

## Roane County Campus

The campus hosted an entertainment-filled event in May to support restoration of Harriman's historic Princess Theater. The event, called "Share the Vision," was hosted by entertainers Bill Landry and Muse Watson and included Marshal Andy, Archie Bell from Archie Bell and The Drells, and many others. A capacity crowd filled the Roane State theater to listen to music, stories about The Princess, and how they could help in the restoration project.



## Oak Ridge Campus

Hundreds of children spent their summer learning and having fun at Roane State campuses thanks to the "Kids at College" summer camp series. Camps offered in Oak Ridge included a June "CSI Camp." Based on the popular TV show "Crime Scene Investigation," the camp gave participants a chance to investigate a mock crime scene and solve a mystery. Area emergency and law enforcement personnel helped instruct the youngsters. Air Evac Lifeteam, operated by Crossville-based Air Evac EMS Inc., worked with the Oak Ridge participants.



## Campbell County Campus

The Campbell County Campus now has its own library. The library holds about 500 books and has the capacity for about 1,000. Magazines and newspapers are available, including Consumer Reports, Discover, National Geographic, USA Today, Newsweek, Psychology Today, Reader's Digest, Rolling Stone, Sports Illustrated, Time, The Knoxville News-Sentinel, and The LaFollette Press. Five computers are available for student use, and the space has become a popular place to study. Campus staff members Vannessa Overton and Sonya Thomas, with the help of student workers, staff the library.



## Cumberland County Campus

The campus's Community Garden is growing quickly. The project provides community members with a place to garden, offers volunteer opportunities, and yields produce that is donated to those in need. Volunteers recently delivered donated produce to Fair Park Senior Center. Robert Giebitz, member of Cumberland County's Master Gardeners Association, is providing professional guidance for the garden project. Joye Gowan, RSCC math professor, is providing vision, enthusiasm and sweat equity for the garden. For more information about the project, contact Stephanie Howard at (931) 456-9880.



## Fentress County Campus

High school students are taking full advantage of the dual studies courses offered through the Fentress County Campus. During the spring semester, 125 class slots were filled by high school students taking college-level classes. That total is more, by far, than any other county in Roane State's eight-county service area. In Fentress County, the Pinckley Foundation pays any course costs not covered by a state grant, allowing students to take as many dual studies classes as they want, free of charge. Community Bank of the Cumberlandds also helps by raising money to assist dual studies students.

## Knox County Campus

A dogwood tree was planted outside the Center for Health Sciences in memory of Bryan Cox, a paramedic instructor who died in 2007. Friends and family of Cox attended a dedication ceremony in April. Cox, a Knoxville firefighter, began teaching at Roane State in 1985. The plaque in front of the tree reads: In memory of Bryan K. Cox, EMT Firefighter Friend, 1942-2007.

## Loudon County Campus

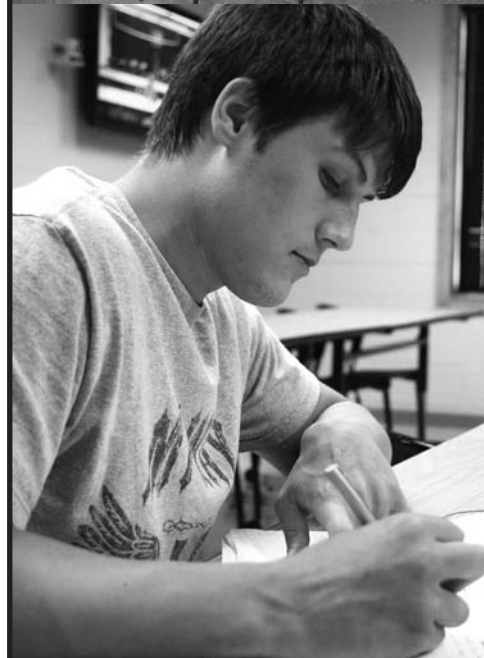
The Loudon County Campus hosted a Welcome Festival designed to reach out to the area's Spanish-speaking community. The May event was held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Lenoir City. The festival included food, entertainment, and information about community and education services. Festivals were also held in Roane County, Crossville and Oak Ridge. Combined, the events attracted hundreds of visitors.

## Morgan County Campus

Student Jeremy Shannon has a place in campus history. He was the first student to register for fall classes at Roane State's newest location. "I think the campus is awesome," said Shannon, who lives just a few minutes from campus. "It's a big help because gas is so high. It's a lot harder to travel to different campuses." The 7,200-square-foot campus includes two classrooms, an interactive classroom for distance education courses, a mobile computer lab, offices for faculty and administration, and a student lounge.

## Scott County Campus

Scott County Emergency Medical Technology students performed well on national licensing exams this past spring. Eight of instructor Jim Reed's nine students passed the national exams to become licensed EMTs. The ninth student passed the skills exam and planned to retake the written exam. "It's enjoyable to work with these students," said Reed, a part-time instructor and the full-time director of Scott County Ambulance Service. "Students hang on to every word that you say. Anything you want to do, they're willing to jump right into it."







Roane State is providing students with more study-abroad opportunities than ever before.

This summer, students traveled to several destinations in Europe. They walked the beaches of Normandy, saw great works of art, listened to concerts, and tasted exotic dishes.

The trips gave the students a lifetime of memories. Here, leaders of these trips share some of the students' experiences. (continued on next page)



**Normandy**  
by Charlie Cobb, assistant professor of history

In May, Roane State sponsored its first Normandy Living History Tour led by myself and by faculty member Robert Alfonso and administrator Maria Gonzales.

The fourteen-day tour included London, Normandy and Paris. The personal nature of this tour made it unique among the many similar programs offered by colleges and universities across the U.S.

Covering 1,500 miles in a six-day period, students visited the beaches of Normandy, the American Cemetery, and other oft-visited sites. Students explored the tiny towns and back roads of Normandy, discovering churches built as early as the year 585 A.D. and another established on a Celtic religious site dating back over a thousand years. Each town had a monument to the sons and daughters France lost during the World Wars.

No trip to France would be complete without the culinary experience of small-town brasseries and creperies that no American visits. Students were welcomed with warmth at every turn with staff and customers of eateries waving and saying "au revoir" upon leaving. I think we became an amusing oddity to small-town Normans who rarely encounter an American.

In a mountaintop brasserie in Mont Ormel, we were ushered into a private room with a view overlooking what had been a bloody battlefield in August 1944. The family that runs the brasserie made us a special meal and treated us like family. At a seaside seafood bistro, the owner, an amateur historian, was very excited to make our acquaintance and was genuinely sad when we left. We hope to renew our acquaintance on next year's trip.

Roane State's program is unique because we interviewed dozens of French people as they went about their daily lives. We asked them about their culture and historical remembrances of World War II. It was through this process of engaging the French in personal conversation that our students came to see them as a vibrant people deserving of our respect. Moreover, the reflections of historical participants made the Normandy invasion seem like a fresh event to our students.

We met a cider and apple brandy distiller who has worked the same farm for 50 years. His ancestors have brewed cider for as long as he can remember, and his sons are taking over the business. During the war, his brother escaped from a German prisoner of war camp and fled across France from the German border, keeping to forests and enduring a snowy winter to return home. The distiller remembered the arrival of American troops in 1944 fondly. They drove out the Germans and gave him chocolate and chewing gum. He was ten at the time.

On the train from Paris to Versailles, a woman who married an American soldier in 1959 and immigrated to North Carolina opened up about her experience with the war in the Loire Valley. Her father was a police officer forced to work for the Germans, but he refused to cooperate.

When the captain of police for the town ordered him to deport Jews, he refused, stole the deportation list and buried it in his backyard. Her mother also worked for the French Resistance, running messages by bicycle, using her beauty to flirt her way past German guards, all the while risking the lives of her entire family.



*This page, top to bottom: Buck Herren, a combat medic in the National Guard, on Omaha Beach.; RSCC instructor, Charlie Cobb (left) with two British veterans in a bunker on the landing beaches.; A grave marker listing a volunteer who never came home.; An apple cider and brandy distiller still remembers when American soldiers liberated Vimoutiers.*





**London**

**By Brenda Luggie, associate professor of music/choral director**

**The Celebration Singers toured London for 10 days. The trip included a performance and other musical opportunities.**

**Celebration Singers performed an a cappella concert of American music on the Leeds Castle grounds in Kent. They also performed a signature piece in impromptu performances for a choral conductor of a local church and on a tour bus!**

**The main focus of the tour was the exposure to live performances by various instrumental and vocal ensembles. Much of the repertoire was baroque and performed on period instruments, a rare occurrence in this part of the U.S.**

**Students heard solo and ensemble singing, including recitals and orders of worship with all male choirs, and even happened upon a rehearsal conducted by the great Sir Neville Marriner at St. Martin-in-the-fields. Another highlight of the tour was a performance of the musical Les Misérables.**

**Essential to any musical tour of London were guided tours in musically significant buildings, such as the Handel House Museum, the Royal Opera House, Westminster Abbey, and St. Paul's Cathedral. A feast for the eyes!**

**The students highly recommend this kind of tour to future groups!**

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*This page, clockwise from top left corner: The Celebration Singers; Big Ben, London; RSCC instructors Geol Greenlee and Brenda Luggie; admiring the architecture of London; Nikoah Crowe with "real" statuary at Covent Garden; Brenda Luggie poses in front of Buckingham Palace; Streets of London*



## London and Paris

By Stacy Jacobs, assistant professor of art, director of computer art and design

Fourteen students and instructors participated in the flagship Tour d'Art put on by the Department of Computer Art and Design this May. Professor Curtis Currie and I led the tour.

The ten-day trip began in London and featured stops at world famous art museums and galleries. Contemporary gallery spaces visited included the Serpentine Gallery, Whitechapel Gallery, White Cube Gallery, and a visit to Kinetica, a contemporary kinetic art exhibition housed at the Canadian Embassy in Trafalgar Square.

London museums visited by the group were the incredible National Gallery and the Tate Modern Art Museum.

We tried to keep the focus of the London visit on contemporary art. Of course, there were a few spots that we couldn't resist, such as the monumental Duchamp exhibit hosted at the Tate Modern, and taking a peek at the Virgin of the Rocks as well as Leonardo's famous cartoon of The Virgin and Child with Saint Anne and Saint John the Baptist at the National Gallery.

At dinner, each member of the group would talk about something that he or she saw that day that would influence his or her creative work, or that had already begun to impact his or her life. It was easy, with so much incredible historic and contemporary art at every turn.

The focus of the Paris trip was more historic. We visited the amazing Sainte Chapelle Chapel, the Louvre, Versailles, and the Notre Dame Cathedral. When we got into Paris, the students seemed to sober a little. Whereas London culture was very similar to our own, Paris truly was foreign. Being surrounded by a foreign language and operating within the municipal confines of the city was a bit overwhelming at first.

Europe is perfect for exposing students to culture, art, social systems, and structures they may have never understood before. The food is different. The money is different. Tipping is different. There's no air-conditioning, yet you are surrounded by all the magnificence you've always heard of or seen only in books and movies. It truly does become a worthwhile adventure.

This trip was monumental for students, the college, and the Department of Computer Art and Design. It was an experience that exposed students to priceless works of art—first hand—and that's important.

Seeing works of art in a museum or gallery setting allows the viewer to get an accurate sense of the work of art. Valuable details can be seen that may not be visible in book reproductions or on computer screens. Also, you get reliable contextual information in these venues and may feel a sense of intimacy that you can only imagine when the work of art is seen otherwise.

A trip like this also allows the viewer to, in many instances, see the location where significant artworks were completed. For example, I've never seen those Impressionist trees in real life until I walked through Marie Antoinette's gardens.

Each student participant registered for an International Visions class that was created as part of the 10-day academic tour. The class allowed students to study some of the world's most priceless art treasures first-hand. Coursework completed beforehand helped prepare students for the tour.

Students helped fund the trip by seeking individual and corporate sponsorship and hosting various fundraisers. Roane State contributed a \$750 scholarship to each student registered for the tour.

An art exhibit was held this fall featuring work of the student artists made in conjunction with the trip. The show was on display October 1-November 1 in the O'Brien Art Gallery at the main campus.

Editor's note: If you would like to provide financial assistance for Roane State students to travel abroad, please contact the Roane State Foundation at (865) 882-4507.



*This page, top to bottom: View of Paris from Eiffel Tower; Dinner in Paris; Winged Victory of Samothrace, circa 190 BC, Louvre Museum, Paris.*

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by owen driskill  
alumni publications editor

# *dream delivered*



The Morgan County community rallied together to fund construction of Roane State's newest campus.

A few moments into her speech, Becky Ruppe's voice trailed off, and her eyes welled with tears.

She started smoothly as she spoke at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Roane State's new campus in Morgan County. (continued)

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“What Wayne and Margaret Solomon and the Hines family have made possible here in Wartburg will give Morgan County students a chance to improve their education,” said Ruppe, Morgan County Executive.

“You will never, ever know what an impact you made in the lives of the people here.”

Private support provided most of the \$1.62 million cost of the campus. The charitable giving was simply overwhelming, and for a moment, the scope of what had been accomplished overwhelmed Ruppe.

Lawrence and Eva Hines donated the land for the campus (six acres) in honor of their granddaughters, Savannah and Shianne Hines. Margaret and Wayne Solomon have provided major gifts to fund the Morgan County Campus.

Mr. Hines is a retired Morgan County businessman. The Solomons own Schubert Funeral Home, located in Wartburg and Sunbright.

Countless others also contributed to the project.

“This is a celebration of a vision that key members of this community had,” Roane State President Dr. Gary Goff said. “Through hard work, and the graciousness of many, many people, what we have here today is something very spectacular.”

The 7,200-square-foot campus includes two classrooms, an interactive classroom for distance education courses, a mobile computer lab, offices for faculty and administration, and a student lounge.

David Gregory, the Tennessee Board of Regents’ vice chancellor for administration and facilities development, praised the way Morgan County helped itself by generously supporting higher education in the community.

“This is how it’s supposed to work,” Gregory said. “Tennessee does not have the resources to go into all the communities around the state and do what you have decided to do in this community.”

Each speaker at the ribbon-cutting was clearly impressed by what Morgan County had accomplished. One by one, they thanked the many people who contributed to the project, including the Hines family and the Solomon family.

State Rep. John Mark Windle: “Without you, we would not have this. We are lucky to have you in Morgan County.”

State Sen. Tommy Kilby: “Wayne and Margaret Solomon have been steadfast supporters of every worthwhile cause in Morgan County. The Lawrence and Eva Hines family, had it not been for their contribution, this would never have happened.”

Regent Judy Gooch, Tennessee Board of Regents: “I believe it’s a real possibility for every single citizen in this county to benefit from this facility. I want to congratulate you on what you’ve done.”

The Morgan County location is Roane State’s ninth campus. Classes offered there include courses in art, business, contemporary management, early childhood education, economics, English and many others.

For the first time, Morgan County students can go to college near their homes. Ruppe recalled that such an opportunity was not available to her.

That’s why, she said, the generosity of the Hineses, the Solomons, and the community means so much.

“I was one of those students that lived in Oakdale, and I was raised poor, and when I got out of school, I didn’t have the opportunity to go to college,” she said.

“It was not an option. So I went from school to the shirt factory. But if Roane State had been here, maybe I could have come here.”

“You’re going to help a lot of kids in Chestnut Ridge and Deer Lodge and all those places that can’t afford to pay \$4 a gallon for gas to go somewhere else.”

“You have changed history here in Morgan County.”



*Opposite: Morgan County Executive Becky Ruppe was overcome by emotion as she spoke at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Morgan County Campus. This page, top to bottom: Shianne Hines, center, cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of the Morgan County Campus on July 18. From left are Roane State President Dr. Gary Goff; State Rep. John Mark Windle; Eva Hines; Judy Gooch, a board member of the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR); Margaret Solomon; Shianne Hines; Wayne Solomon; David Gregory, TBR’s vice chancellor for administration and facilities development; Morgan County Executive Becky Ruppe; and State Sen. Tommy Kilby. The Solomons have provided major gifts to fund the Morgan County Campus; The Morgan County Campus is shown during the early phases of construction in September 2007.; The IDEA room at the new Morgan County Campus allows students to take classes, via live video, that are taught at other campuses. The main entrance to the new Morgan County Campus is warm and inviting.; Students listen during their first EMT class of the fall 2008 semester at the new Morgan County Campus.*

# Up Close

2008 Outstanding Alumni

## Allison Moses Becomes Top Leader of Volvo Division

Allison Moses, the top leader at Volvo Construction Equipment's plant in North Carolina, is Roane State Community College's 2008 Outstanding Alumna.

Moses, formerly Allison Taylor, is Vice President and General Manager of Volvo Construction Equipment in Skyland, N.C. She is the first woman in VCE history to reach such a position. VCE is a division of Sweden-based Volvo Group, which employs about 100,000 people worldwide.

A 1989 graduate of Roane County High School, Moses completed her A.S. from Roane State in 1992. She earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in industrial engineering from Tennessee Tech.

Moses is the daughter of Bob and Gayle Taylor of Kingston. The family has many ties to Roane State. Allison's brother Alan attended Roane State, and brothers Brad and Matt are Roane State graduates. Gayle Taylor earned her degree at Roane State and spent the last 10 years of her career as a secretary at the college.

Allison began her professional career in 1994 as an Industrial Engineering Manager/Quality Control at Star Manufacturing, in Smithville, Tenn.

In 1997, she went to work for John Deere Commercial Worksite Products, Loudon, Tenn., as the company's Production Supervisor/Manufacturing Engineer. In 1999, she was promoted to supervisor for Supply Logistics.

In March 2002, Volvo Construction Equipment hired Moses as its Materials Manager. In 2003, she moved up to Manager, Assembly II, where she remained until her promotion in 2008 to Vice President and General Manager.

Moses credits Roane State and her family with helping her become an engineer. Her father worked in manufacturing for years, so Allison knew early on that she wanted to be an engineer.

But Moses struggled with the advanced math a career in engineering demands. Her Roane State math professor, Becky Howard, encouraged Moses and mentored her and other students after hours.

The perseverance worked. Eventually, the concepts started making sense, and Moses never had problems with math again.

"Had it not been for Roane State, I would not be an engineer today," Moses said. "I'm not sure I would have gotten here without the personal attention I received at Roane State."

Moses' career has taken her all over the world. She has traveled to England, Belgium, France, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, China, South Korea, Japan, Germany, Luxembourg, Sweden, Norway and Ireland.

Allison and her husband, Bill, live in Horse Shoe, N.C.



## **Eric Barger Follows his Family's Tradition of Excellence**

Business leader Eric Barger is Roane State Community College's 2008 Outstanding Alumnus.

Barger, 31, is president of precast operations at C.R. Barger & Sons Inc., a Roane County company founded in 1967 by Eric's grandparents, C.R. and Mary Barger.

The 1994 Harriman High School graduate completed his A.S. degree at Roane State in 1997. He then earned a degree in civil engineering from Tennessee Technological University.

"There is no doubt in my mind that if I had not come to Roane State Community College, I would never have made it through civil engineering," Barger said. "I think Roane State is a great school made up of great people. All of my best college memories stem from this school."

Eric's parents, Mickey and Patricia Barger of Harriman, graduated from Roane State in 1974. His brother, Wesley, is also a Roane State alumnus, class of 1999.

Barger & Sons has one of the funniest slogans in the community: "We're No. 1 in the No. 2 business." The company's services, though, are serious business. Barger & Sons, for example, provides installation of gas, water, and sewer lines; manufacturing of concrete precast tanks; personal water line installations; and multimillion dollar gas, water, and sewer installations for new subdivisions or municipal improvements.

Products include watertight tanks — some small (40 gallons), some large (6,800 gallons) — storm shelters, pump vaults, meter pits, valve pits, catch basins, parking curbs, stepping stones, and many more items.

The company's work helps ensure that people have clean drinking water, and that the environment is protected.

Barger & Sons has grown a phenomenal 400 percent in the last few years, competing with the big guns in the industry. Plans are under way to triple the size of the plant.

The company is well-known for the quality of its work. In February 2008, Barger & Sons was awarded one of three "Salute to Excellence" awards by the National Precast Concrete Association (NPCA). The NPCA honors the three top-scoring plants in its certification program as the precast industry's leaders in quality control.

Barger is a member of the NPCA, the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (NOWRA), Tennessee Onsite Wastewater Association (TOWA), and the Tennessee Septic Tank Association (TSTA). He is also a board member on both the NPCA Board of Directors and the NPCA Educational Foundation Board of Directors.

He frequently mentors Roane State pre-engineering students, and he has written a number of articles in trade publications.

Barger lives in Kingston with his wife, Kelly, and they are expecting their first child.



# News Notes

from the headlines



Roane State awarded honorary associate of arts degrees to **Roy A. Stone** and **Maurice Greif**. Stone is the former publisher of TAP Publishing Company in Crossville. He and his late wife, Joanne, donated 40.16 acres for the Cumberland County Campus. Greif is very active in his community. He has been the voice for Rockwood Tigers football games, and has announced games for Rockwood High School basketball and softball, Rockwood Middle School basketball, and for Roane State basketball.

**Summer Niles** of Rockwood received Roane State's highest student honor, the President's Award. Niles graduated in May with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average and is attending East Tennessee State University. She wants to go to medical school and become an anesthesiologist.

**Sarah Walls** of Coalfield won Roane State's outstanding freshman award. Faculty and staff nominate students for the award, which recognizes academic achievement and school and community involvement. Walls is a radiologic technology major.

**Barbara Nugent**, who taught for many years at the Cumberland County campus, wrote a book titled "Winter's Eden." The novel tells the story of a woman whose vacation becomes a nightmare as she finds herself caught up in political intrigue. The book is available through [www.xlibris.com](http://www.xlibris.com).

The softball team posted its best conference record in school history. The **Lady Raiders** went 8-12 in TJCCAA/NJCAA Region VII and 18-32 overall in the regular season.

Approximately 2,000 high school students competed in the annual **Academic Festival**. Categories included poetry interpretation, solo acting, chemistry essay, foreign language dictation, music and dance. The festival has continued to grow since the first 200-student event in 1978.



**Ines Wiedemann**, an exchange student from Bavaria, finished her year-long visit to the United States in July. Wiedemann studied and worked at Roane State, becoming involved in many aspects of student and community life. Wiedemann came to the U.S. through the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals.

“Ines was our first international student who chose us as a part of a country-to-country exchange program,” said Dr. Adolf King, vice president for academic services. “Ines was a joy to work with, and all Roane State personnel who came in touch with her complimented her work ethic and her friendliness.”

Roane State is hosting 13 exchange students this fall.

The following people retired in 2007-08. **Gary Baker**, utility worker, started October 1982; **Marilynn Brown**, secretary III, started July 1978; **Lucille Crudup**, custodian, started August 1999; **Bobby Monday**, custodian/grounds worker, started March 2002; **Jean Robinson**, program director of radiologic technology, started June 2002; and **Samuel Ruple**, associate professor of computer science, started August 2000.

**Lauri Sammartano**, associate professor of biology, received Roane State’s 2008 Sarah Ellen Benroth Award for Outstanding Teaching. **Dale Kendrick**, security supervisor, was named the college’s 2008 outstanding support staff member. **Brenda Rector**, registrar and director of records and registration, was named the 2008 administrative staff member of the year.



*Opposite top to bottom: Roy A. Stone, left, with Dr. Gary Goff; Maurice Greif, right, with Dr. Gary Goff; Summer Niles, left, with Roane State’s Tracey Watson; Sarah Walls; Barbara Nugent; this page top to bottom: 2008 Softball Team; Austin-East High School students at Academic Festival; Ines Wiedemann; Lauri Sammartano; Dale Kendrick; Brenda Rector.*

# Roane State

presents



Oct. 25, 2008

## **All That Jazz Festival**

Local jazz bands perform with the Roane State Jazz Band as featured ensemble. Presented by RSCC Music Department. RSCC Theatre, Oct. 25, 2-6 p.m., \$5 general admission. For information: (865) 882-4580 or [greenleega@roanestate.edu](mailto:greenleega@roanestate.edu).

Nov. 6-9, 13-16, 2008

## **Pippin**

by Roger O. Hirson, music & lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

This theatrical fantasy of Pippin centers upon a young man's search for total fulfillment. When his attempts fail, he turns to the one place he's forgotten to look ... his heart. Score by Stephen Schwartz, award-winning composer of "Godspell" and Disney films "Pocahontas" and "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." Presented by RSCC Playmakers. RSCC Theatre, Nov. 6-8, 13-15, 7 p.m.; Nov. 9 & 16, matinee only at 2 p.m. (Sunday). \$10 general admission, \$7 students. Dinner & a Play: Thursday, Nov. 13, 5 p.m.

Nov. 8, 2008

## **Give My Regards to Broadway**

The Roane State Concert Choir and Celebration Singers join the Oak Ridge Symphony Chorus to perform musical theatre selections from Gilbert and Sullivan to Stephen Schwartz. The concert features the Celebration Singers, soloists from the Oak Ridge ensemble, and conductors Brenda Luggie and Cornelia Kodkani-Laemmli. Presented by RSCC Music Department and the Oak Ridge Civic Music Association. Oak Ridge High School, 8 p.m., general admission \$22 (adults), \$20 (seniors), \$8 (students over 18). Tickets available through Oak Ridge Civic Music Association at (865) 483-5569 or [office@orcma.org](mailto:office@orcma.org).

Nov. 21 & 23, 2008

## **Fall Concert**

Roane State's Celebration Singers, Jazz Band, and faculty perform a variety of pieces for the fall and holiday seasons. Presented by RSCC Music Department. RSCC Theatre, Friday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. or Sunday, Nov. 23 at 3 p.m. Donations accepted at door. For information: (865) 354-3000 ext. 4236 or [luggieb@roanestate.edu](mailto:luggieb@roanestate.edu).

Nov. 30, 2008

## **Madrigal Dinner**

The Roane State Celebration Singers join other local musicians and actors for a Renaissance feast complete with period entertainment. Presented by RSCC Music Department & Crossville Arts Council. Sunday, Nov. 30, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m., CD's Steakhouse, Crossville. For tickets: (931) 456-2006 or [hepatica7@frontiernet.net](mailto:hepatica7@frontiernet.net).

Dec. 4 & 6-7, 2008

## **Nutcracker**

by E.T.A Hoffman, music by Peter Tchaikovsky

Christmas' most beloved ballet completely narrated and primarily performed by children with Arts in Motion Dance Studio. The Nutcracker is Roane County's favorite Christmas tradition. RSCC Theatre. Tickets are \$15 and available in advance and at the door (when available). For best seating, buy tickets in advance. Tickets go on sale on Oct. 25, 10 a.m., at Kingston Arts in Motion. For tickets, call (865) 376-0295. Performances: Dec. 4 & 6, 7 p.m.; Dec. 7, 2 p.m.

Jan. 24, 2009

## **Faculty Recital**

Enjoy an afternoon of musical delight when Roane State Community College's faculty perform some of your favorite instrumental and vocal selections. RSCC Theatre, Saturday, Jan. 24, 3 p.m. Donations at door only. Information: (865) 882-4580 or [greenleega@roanestate.edu](mailto:greenleega@roanestate.edu).



Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2009

### **Dance Peace**

A collection of dance pieces performed by local dance companies from the East Tennessee Area that share an uplifting and positive message for the world. RSCC Theatre, Saturday, Jan. 31, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 1 at 3 p.m. Tickets available at door, \$10 for adults, \$8 for children and seniors. Groups of 10 or more will be discounted. For information to attend or an application to perform, contact Jennifer Austin: (865) 591-5425 or [jaustin@artsinmotiontn.com](mailto:jaustin@artsinmotiontn.com).

Feb. 7, 2009

### **Roane County's Got Talent**

Local performers showcase their talents for the community and the title as Roane County's most talented. Open to community members of all ages and talents. Open auditions Saturday, Jan. 17 for first-round eliminations. Local judges to be announced at a later date. RSCC Theatre, Saturday, Feb. 7, 1-6 p.m., \$10 general admission. For information: Michael Golebiewski, (865) 882-4589 or [golebiewskim@roanestate.edu](mailto:golebiewskim@roanestate.edu).

Feb. 19-22, Feb. 26-March 1, 2009

### **A Streetcar Named Desire**

by Tennessee Williams

This Pulitzer Prize-winning play ranks as one of the greatest in American theatre. A woman whose life, undermined by her romantic illusions, rejects the realities of life with which she must now face. Join us as we present what many consider to be Mr. Williams' masterpiece. Presented by RSCC Playmakers. RSCC Theatre, Feb. 19-21, Feb. 26-28, 7 p.m.; Feb. 22 & March 1, matinee only at 2 p.m. (Sunday). \$10 general admission, \$7 students. Dinner & a Play: Thursday, Feb. 19, 9 p.m.

March 27 & 29, 2009

### **For the Beauty of the Earth**

The RSCC Music Department presents a concert of songs about the beauty of the earth and its creatures. RSCC Theatre, donations at the door. Friday, March 27, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 29, 3 p.m. Information: (865) 354-3000 ext. 4236 or [luggieb@roanestate.edu](mailto:luggieb@roanestate.edu).

April 3 & 4, 2009

### **Sophomore Recitals**

RSCC sophomore music majors perform vocal and instrumental recitals as part of the degree requirement. Presented by the RSCC Music Department. RSCC Theatre. Specific performers TBA. Free to the public. Specific performance times will be posted to the Web by March 27, keyword: recital. Information: (865) 354-3000 ext. 4236 or [luggieb@roanestate.edu](mailto:luggieb@roanestate.edu).

April 16-19, 22-25, 2009

### **Seussical**

music by Stephen Flaherty, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

The tales of Dr. Seuss come to our stage in a musical adventure for all ages. Hilarity ensues as the much-loved characters of Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, and many more combine in a toe-tapping story that spans a wide spectrum of musical styles. Based on the works of Dr. Seuss. Presented by RSCC Playmakers. RSCC Theatre, April 16-18, 22-24, 7 p.m.; April 19 & 25, matinee only at 2 p.m. (Sunday). \$10 general admission, \$7 students. Dinner & a Play: Thursday, April 16, 5 p.m.

May 1-3, 2009

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

Annual spring concert by area dancers and 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 1 & 2, 7 p.m.; May 3, 2 p.m.

## Visual Arts

**Sponsored by Roane State  
Community College Art Department**

O'Brien Art Gallery Schedule

Bryan Wilkerson, Assistant Professor  
of Art and Design, (865) 882-4649 or  
[wilkersonbs@roanestate.edu](mailto:wilkersonbs@roanestate.edu)

Check out our Web site frequently  
for updates and additional exhibits,  
shows and performances at:  
[www.roanestate.edu/art/gallery/](http://www.roanestate.edu/art/gallery/)

Oct. 1-Nov. 1

### **Tour D' Art**

Works inspired by the Roane State Art  
Department's 2008 Europe Trip

Nov. 18-Dec. 8

### **Paintings by Rocky McNamara**

Jan. 20-Feb. 13

### **Paintings by Ralph Monday**

March 2-March 27

### **Photography by Kenneth Malveaux**

April 14-April 29

### **Annual Student Art Show Reception and Awards Ceremony, April 16**

*Opposites from top to bottom:  
Photograph from the "Tour D'Art"  
collection; Dancers backstage at Arts  
in Motion Dance Studio's 2008 Spring  
Dance Concert; 2008 Student Art Show  
in the O'Brien Art Gallery. Roane State's  
Rocky McNamara, a security guard at  
the Oak Ridge Campus, will show his  
paintings in the O'Brien Art Gallery  
Nov. 18-Dec. 8. McNamara is shown  
at the 2007 Street Painting Festival in  
Oak Ridge.*

## Outstanding Alumni Sought

Roane State Community College is seeking nominations for the 2009 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 30, 2009

Call (865) 882-4640 or e-mail a request for application (alumni@roanestate.edu) or you may print the Nominee Information Form directly from the Web at: www.roanestate.edu keyword: alumni

**We've missed you! Let us know where you have been by filling out the coupon below and sending it to:**

**Alumni Relations  
Roane State Community College  
276 Patton Lane  
Harriman, TN 37748-5011  
e-mail: alumni@roanestate.edu  
www.roanestate.edu/alumni**

## 1983

### Emily (Clark) McEvoy

(A.S. Pre-medicine) is the owner of Home Surety Title & Escrow. She is married to attorney Jeffrey McEvoy, and they reside in Memphis, TN.

## 1989

### Dale Davis

(A.S. Business) is a special education teacher with the Scott County Board of Education. He has just published a humor-fiction book titled "Telling Tales Out of School." He resides in Oneida, TN.

## 1998

### Cherie (Chesser) Gaines

(A.S. Education) is an instructor of developmental studies, Roane State Community College. She has a B.S. in Multidisciplinary Studies and an M.S. and EdS. in Leadership Studies & Administration. She began her PhD program at the University of Tennessee in fall 2008. She is married to Keith Gaines and resides in Clinton with her children Ed, Dillon and Alexis. She also has a married daughter, Natasha.

## 2006

### Connie L. Hutchens

(A.S.) will graduate from TTU in the spring of 2009. She resides in Heiskell, TN.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(First) (Middle Initial or Maiden) (Last)

RSCC Degree(s) and/or Year(s) Attended/Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to add to online directory? Yes No

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Names/Ages of Children \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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# Foundation

financial summary  
(internally prepared)  
June 20, 2008

## Balance Sheet

### Assets

Cash	\$	384,050
Short-Term Investments		268,469
Long-Term Investments		5,299,395
Real Estate		153,500
Pledges Receivable (Net of Discounts of \$37,226)		617,996
Other Receivables		72,140
Other Assets		70,189
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,865,739</b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts Payable	\$	3,864
Other Payables		7,743
Net Assets		6,854,132
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,865,739</b>

## Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Net Assets

### Revenue and Other Additions

Gifts (Net of Pledge Write-offs of \$1,974)	\$	1,003,141
Investment Income		245,897
In-Kind Receipts		73,905
Net Realized/Unrealized Gain (Loss)		(584,869)
<b>Total Revenue and Other Additions</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>738,074</b>

### Expenditures and Other Deductions

Scholarships	\$	257,187
Campus Projects and Activities		692,104
Administrative Expenses		41,207
In-Kind Expenses		73,905
Trust Payments		1,265
<b>Total Expenditures and Other Deductions</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,065,668</b>

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$	(327,594)
Net Assets June 30, 2007	\$	7,181,726
Net Assets June 30, 2008	\$	6,854,132

# President's Report

## Summary of Student Financial Aid Awards 2007-2008

### Federal Programs

Pell Grants	\$ 5,460,570
FSEOG	147,974
FWS	109,640
FFELP	4,362,594
Other: GEARUP, ACG, BYRD	202,475
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$10,283,253</b>

### State Programs

TSAC Awards	\$ 605,937
Lottery Scholarships	
Hope	1,920,717
Supplement-Aspire	481,059
Merit	5,000
Access	8,750
Foster Care Grant	0
Other: Waivers	116,238
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 3,137,701</b>

### Institutional Programs

Total Disability Fee Waivers and Over Age 60 Fee Waivers	\$ 94,401
Employee Fee Waivers	105,496
Departmental Scholarships (music, art, athletics, SGA, cheerleading)	128,908
Academic Scholarships	291,765
Minority Scholarships	61,238
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 681,808</b>

### Private Programs

Foundation Scholarships	\$ 257,187
Private Scholarships	227,759
Loans (alternative)	90,036
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 574,982</b>

**Total All Programs \$ 14,677,744**

Duplicate awards may be reflected in this total program summary

## Revenues and Expenditures 2007-2008

### Revenues

Tuition and Fees	\$ 13,260,851
State Appropriations	19,231,900
Federal Grants and Contracts	6,396,012
State Grants and Contracts	4,347,544
Local Grants and Contracts	27,185
Private Grants and Contracts	44,172
Private Gifts	450,969
Sales and Services of Educational Departments	3,415
Other Sources**	917,842
Auxiliary Enterprises	291,201
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 44,971,091</b>

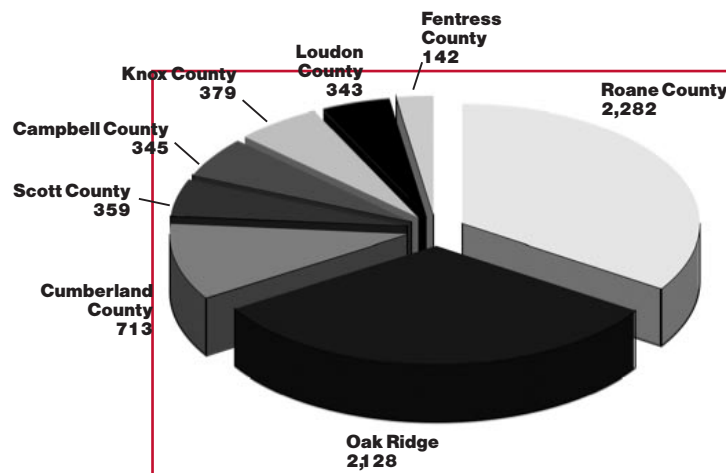
\*\* cash contributions, accounts receivable collections and in-kind gifts

### Expenditures

Instruction	\$ 18,820,182
Public Service	903,979
Academic Support	2,002,621
Student Services	4,246,215
Institutional Support	4,883,527
Operation and Maintenance of Physical Plant	3,860,295
Scholarships and Fellowships	9,771,799
Mandatory Transfers	0
Non-Mandatory Transfers	437,700
Auxiliary Enterprises	182,802
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 45,109,120</b>

### Total Enrollment Headcount

Unduplicated Headcount	5404
Full-time Equivalent	3763



### Headcount per Campus

(Duplicated because some students attend classes at more than one campus)

# Calendar

coming up at your  
community college

oct

- Oct 11 & 12 TNCMSA Cowboy Mounted Shootout
- Oct 17-19 East TN Cutting Horse Association
- Oct 18 & 19 TN P.O.A. Club
- Oct 25 "All That Jazz" Festival, RSCC Music Dept (2 - 6 p.m.) (see page 18)
- Oct 25 ETBRA Barrel Race
- Oct 31-Nov. 2 Ron McLoughlin Horse Handling School

nov

- Nov 1 Raiderettes vs. Spartanburg Methodist (2 p.m.)
- Nov 1 East TN Barrel Racers Association
- Nov 3 Raiders and Raiderettes vs. King JV (6 & 8 p.m.)
- Nov 6-9, 13-16 "Pippin," RSCC Playmakers (see page 18)
- Nov 7 & 8 East Tennessee Youth Rodeo
- Nov 10 Raiderettes vs. U of the Cumberland JV (TBA)
- Nov 12 Raiderettes vs. Bryan College JV (6 p.m.)
- Nov 13 Dinner & a Play: "Pippin" (5 p.m.)
- Nov 21 Raiders and Raiderettes vs. Dyersburg (6 & 8 p.m.)
- Nov 21 & 23 "Fall Concert," RSCC Music Dept (see page 18)
- Nov 22 Raiders and Raiderettes vs. Southwest (2 & 4 p.m.)
- Nov 25 Raiders New Creations Prep (7 p.m.)
- Nov 29 Raiders and Raiderettes vs. Cincinnati St. (2 & 4 p.m.)

dec

- Dec 4 Raiders and Raiderettes vs. Beville State (5 & 7 p.m.)
- Dec 4, 6 & 7 "Nutteracker," Arts in Motion Dance Studio (see page 18)
- Dec 6 East TN Barrel Racers Association
- Dec 12-14 Santa's Carousel Quarter Horse Show
- Dec 20 National Barrel Horse Association
- Dec 27-30 Holiday Circuit Quarter Horse Show

jan

- Jan 9-11 Oak Ridge Kennel Club Agility Trial
- Jan 12 Raiders vs. Maryville JV (6 p.m.)
- Jan 16 & 17 NABA Bull Riding
- Jan 17 Celebration at the Expo
- Jan 18 Raiders and Raiderettes vs. Clinton (2 & 4 p.m.)
- Jan 22-25 Ron McLoughlin Horse Handling School
- Jan 24 "Faculty Recital," RSCC Music Dept (3 p.m.)
- Jan 28 Raiders and Raiderettes vs. Motlow State (6 & 8 p.m.)
- Jan 30-Feb 1 East TN Cutting Horse Association
- Jan 31 "Dance Peace," Arts in Motion Dance Studio (7:30 p.m.) (see page 19)

feb

- Feb 1 "Dance Peace," Arts in Motion Dance Studio (3 pm)
- Feb 3 RSCC Baseball vs. Cleveland State (1 p.m.)
- Feb 4 Raiders and Raiderettes vs. Walters State (6 & 8 p.m.)
- Feb 6 HOSA Competition
- Feb 7 "Roane County's Got Talent," RSCC Playmakers (1-6 p.m.) (see page 19)
- Feb 7 National Barrel Horse Association
- Feb 7 Raiders and Raiderettes vs. Hiwassee (6 & 8 p.m.)
- Feb 10 RSCC Baseball vs. Tusculum JV (1 p.m.)
- Feb 13-15 TN Reining Horse Assoc. Clinic
- Feb 14 Raiders and Raiderettes vs. Chattanooga State (6 & 8 p.m.)
- Feb 16 RSCC Baseball vs. Olney CC, III (1 p.m.)
- Feb 19-22, & Feb 26-Mar 1 "A Streetcar Named Desire," RSCC Playmakers (see page 19)
- Feb 19 Dinner & a Play: "A Streetcar Named Desire" (5 p.m.)
- Feb 20 RSCC Baseball vs. Columbia (2 p.m.)
- Feb 21 RSCC Baseball vs. Columbia (12 p.m.)
- Feb 21 Raiders and Raiderettes vs. Cleveland State (6 & 8 p.m.)
- Feb 21 BSA Merit Badge College
- Feb 21 ET Angus Assoc. Cattle Show/Sale
- Feb 27-Mar 1 East TN Cutting Horse Assoc.



Most have only read about the grand Palace of Versailles in France. These Roane State art students walked its hallways and strolled through its gardens during their trip to Europe in May. The palace was built for Louis XIV, who ruled France from 1643-1715. See pages 6–10 for complete story.



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