

2015

Chancellor's  
**ANNUAL  
REPORT**  
TO THE UC FOUNDATION



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**TENNESSEE**  
CHATTANOOGA





**THANK YOU** for your service to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. This annual report describes some of the impacts The University of Chattanooga Foundation and its board members are having on the students, faculty, and staff of our university. Your support, guidance and financial assistance are making a difference.

Many of you joined us at the opening of our new library in January. It has quickly become a center of student activity. More changes and improvements are coming soon – by the end of this year Chamberlain field will be landscaped and the heart of our campus will be brought to life. During the summer of 2016, Vine and Oak streets will be landscaped. In the near future we will break ground on a new residence hall on Vine Street. With the help of our community partners and the addition of this new residence hall, Vine Street will become animated and act as a physical connector between UTC's campus and downtown Chattanooga. Exciting things are happening at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga – we are truly a university on the move.

The 2014-2015 academic year has also been a time of self-reflection and planning. UTC has been hard at work creating a new strategic plan to guide us into the future. Under the leadership of Provost Jerald Ainsworth, we engaged our campus, alumni, and community to develop a strategic plan that focuses on student excellence and community connections. The plan is on track to be finalized by The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees this coming June. For more information, please see our strategic planning website: [utc.edu/strategic-plan](http://utc.edu/strategic-plan).

None of these changes would be possible without the generous and committed support of our community partners and the UC Foundation. What a difference your support makes to our students and to our university – you provide a margin of excellence that continues to transform our campus for the better.

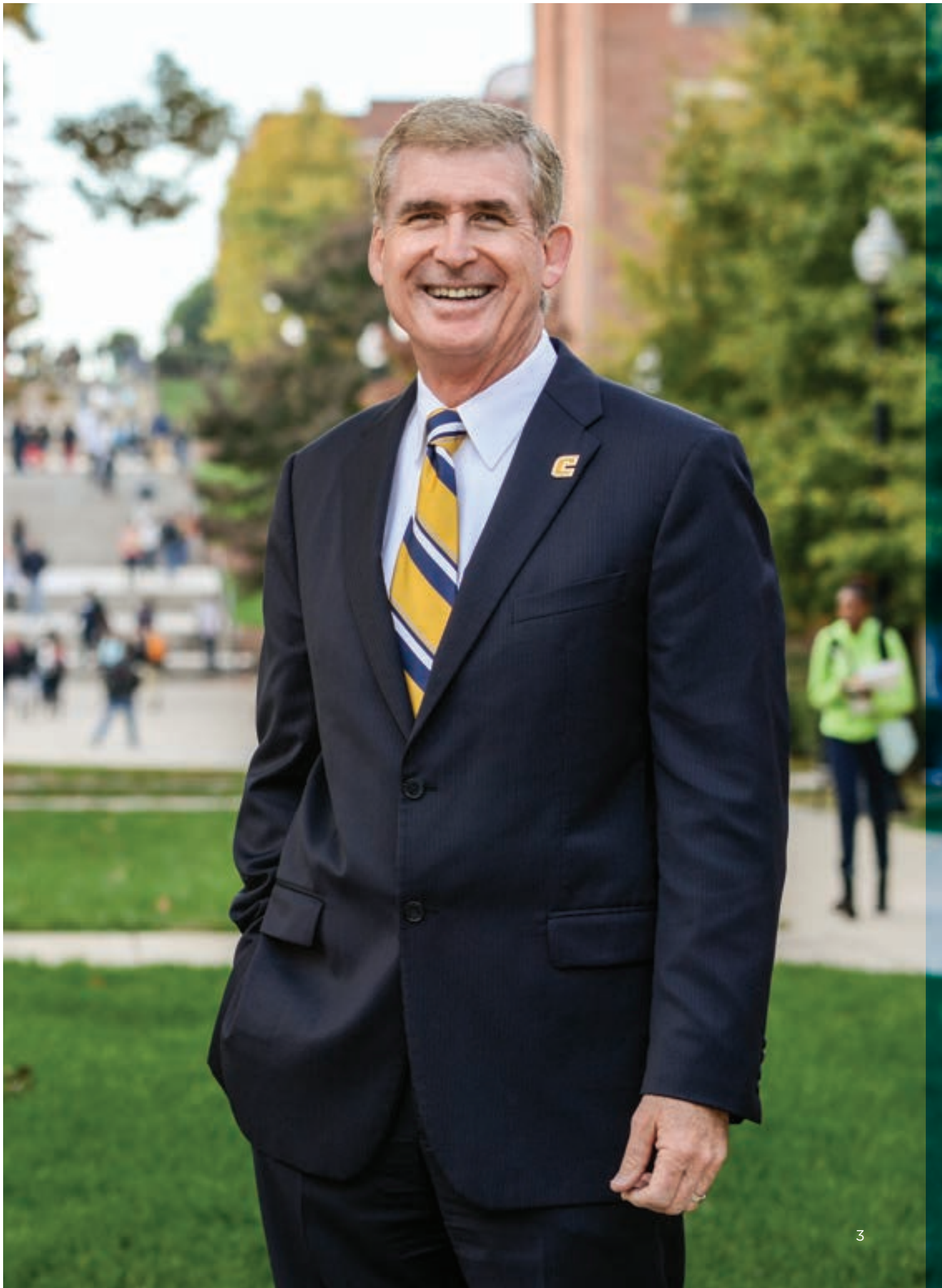
Again, thank you for your service.

Sincerely,



Steven R. Angle  
Chancellor







# STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE



The strategic planning process has been completed and the proposed plan will be presented to the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees at its June 2015 meeting. The planning process, led by Provost Jerald Ainsworth with the assistance of a well-rounded steering committee, started more than a year ago and included feedback and planning meetings with faculty, staff, students and community members. The new strategic plan includes four new university goals, five values statements, and a new mission and vision which will guide UTC for the next five years. More details can be found at UTC's strategic planning website: [utc.edu/strategic-plan](http://utc.edu/strategic-plan).

## ENROLLMENT UPDATE

The Undergraduate Admissions Office recruited 2,162 new freshmen who enrolled for the Fall 2014 semester. Our newest students came prepared to be successful with an average 3.42 GPA and 23.4 ACT score. The Admissions Office also welcomed over 14,000 visitors to campus who were in the college selection process. These future students toured our impressive facilities, residence halls and were able to make connections with outstanding faculty members to help them with their college selection.

UTC sponsored the first annual Summer Bridge Program for 32 students in the highest at-risk retention categories such as Pell Grant eligible, first generation college students, or a high school GPA of less than 3.0. The objective of the program is to help acclimate students to campus early and provide coordinated academic support to ensure early and ongoing college success. This cohort spent five weeks on campus and received eight hours of college credit in English, Math and University Studies before the fall semester even started.

The UTC Financial Wellness Center is a campus-wide financial literacy program that offers money management events, workshops, guest lectures, and one-on-one financial coaching to students. They served 4,684 students during the 2014-2015 academic year. This office also works in partnership with the City of Chattanooga's Department of Youth and Family Development, the Hamilton County School Board and Superintendent, and their newest partnership and financial backing by Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union.

The Financial Aid Office serves prospective, current, and former UTC students. During the 2014 fiscal year, they recorded over 41,000 contacts with students and parents through workshops, office visits, phone calls, and emails. The UTC Financial Aid and Scholarship Offices disbursed over \$100 million in financial assistance to 9,755 UTC students for the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 semesters. This amount exceeds the amount disbursed for the entire 2013-2014 academic year. Eighty percent of UTC students receive financial assistance through the Financial Aid and Scholarship Offices.

# RHODES SCHOLAR

**Robert A. Fisher**, a senior and Brock Scholar, was among the 32 American men and women chosen in 2014 as Rhodes Scholars representing the United States. Rhodes Scholarships provide all expenses for two or three years of study at the University of Oxford in England, and may allow funding in some instances for four years. They were created in 1902 by the Will of Cecil Rhodes, British philanthropist and African colonial pioneer, and are provided in partnership with the Second Century Founder, John McCall MacBain, and other generous benefactors. The first class of American Rhodes Scholars entered Oxford in 1904; Fisher, who was among those elected on November 22, 2014, will enter Oxford in October 2015. He majors in Political Science and minors in History and Africana Studies, and graduated from Rossvie High School in Clarksville, Tennessee, in 2011. He has been named a Truman Scholar and is serving his second term as president of the Student Government Association. Fisher becomes the third student from the Chattanooga campus to be named a Rhodes Scholar. He was appointed as student representative to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and is a Presidential Fellow at the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress. Fisher has also served as a member of the UT Advocacy Council (UTAC) Oversight Committee, and as co-chair of Chattanooga Mayor Andy Berke's Chattanooga Forward Initiative for the Downtown Revitalization Taskforce. He was named a student representative on the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee of the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees. Fisher plans to pursue the Master of Philosophy in Comparative Social Policy at Oxford. The 32 Rhodes Scholars chosen from the United States will join an international group of Scholars chosen from fourteen other jurisdictions around the world. In addition to the 32 Americans, Scholars are also selected from Australia, Bermuda, Canada, the nations of the Commonwealth Caribbean, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Kenya, New Zealand, Pakistan, Southern Africa (South Africa, plus Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia and Swaziland), Zambia, and Zimbabwe.



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# GRANTS COMMITTEE FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

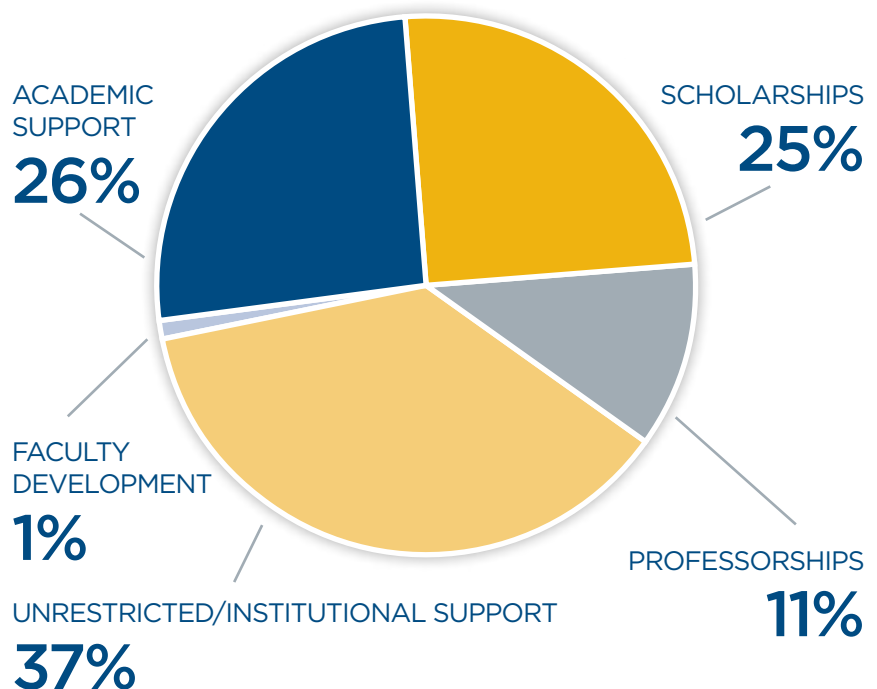
The Chancellor, Provost, and Leadership Scholarships helped 813 students with an average GPA of 3.6 and average ACT score of 28.3. The Music Performance Awards provided assistance to 71 students ranging from the band, orchestra, choral ensembles, piano studio, and stage crew with an average GPA of 3.37. Athletic scholarships supported 16 student athletes in multiple sports. Graduate assistantships provided a stipend for 13 graduate students across the University. The International Studies Scholarships helped 29 students travel to study abroad. The Brock Scholars program was able to support 30 student assistantships for undergraduate students to experience research with a faculty member. The total number of students impacted by the UC Foundation's assistance is 972.

The funding also supported:

- 4 New Faculty Start-ups
- An Office of Undergraduate Research & Activity Research
- A Center for Applied Biomedical, Behavioral and Health Studies
- A Big Data & Analytics Research Center
- An Education Advisory Board Student Success Collaborative Membership
- Curriculum Redesign

**Philanthropic Giving:** We have received a total of \$11,398,105 in new gifts and pledges for the time period of July 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015.

## UC FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT BREAKDOWN BY TYPE



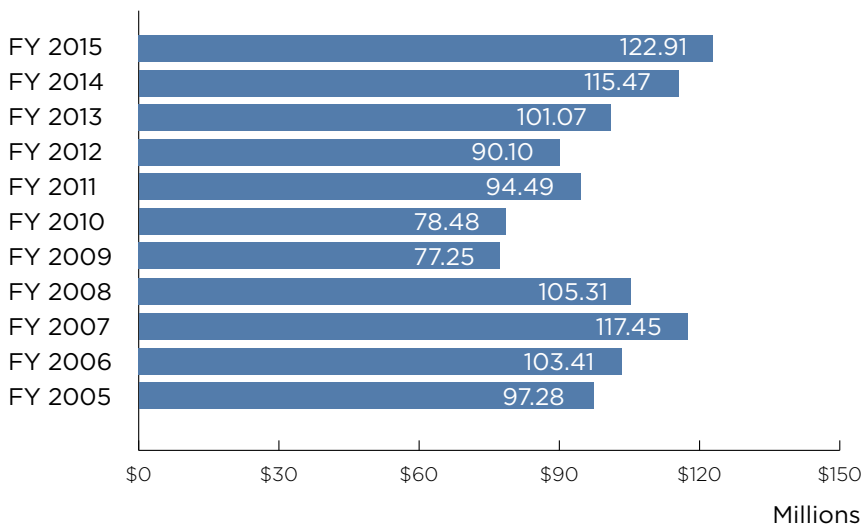
**Endowment Growth:**

**FY 2015 Asset Balance by category as of March 31, 2015**

Scholarships	29,841,290.56
Professorships	13,990,894.51
Unrestricted/Institutional Support	45,590,571.23
Faculty Development	697,931.69
Academic Support	31,398,152.35
	<b>121,518,840.34</b>

ENDOWMENT VALUE	DOLLARS
FY 2005	97,282,484.26
FY 2006	103,408,995.94
FY 2007	117,451,917.39
FY 2008	105,313,520.33
FY 2009	77,245,620.67
FY 2010	78,480,583.40
FY 2011	94,487,400.69
FY 2012	90,095,824.52
FY 2013	101,074,290.86
FY 2014	115,466,529.42
FY 2015 (estimated)	122,905,417.45

**UC FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT VALUE**



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# CAMPUS UPDATE

## COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECTS:

- Aquatics & Recreation Center
- Heritage Plaza
- Chamberlain Pavilion
- Metro Building
- New Library
- Bretske Hall

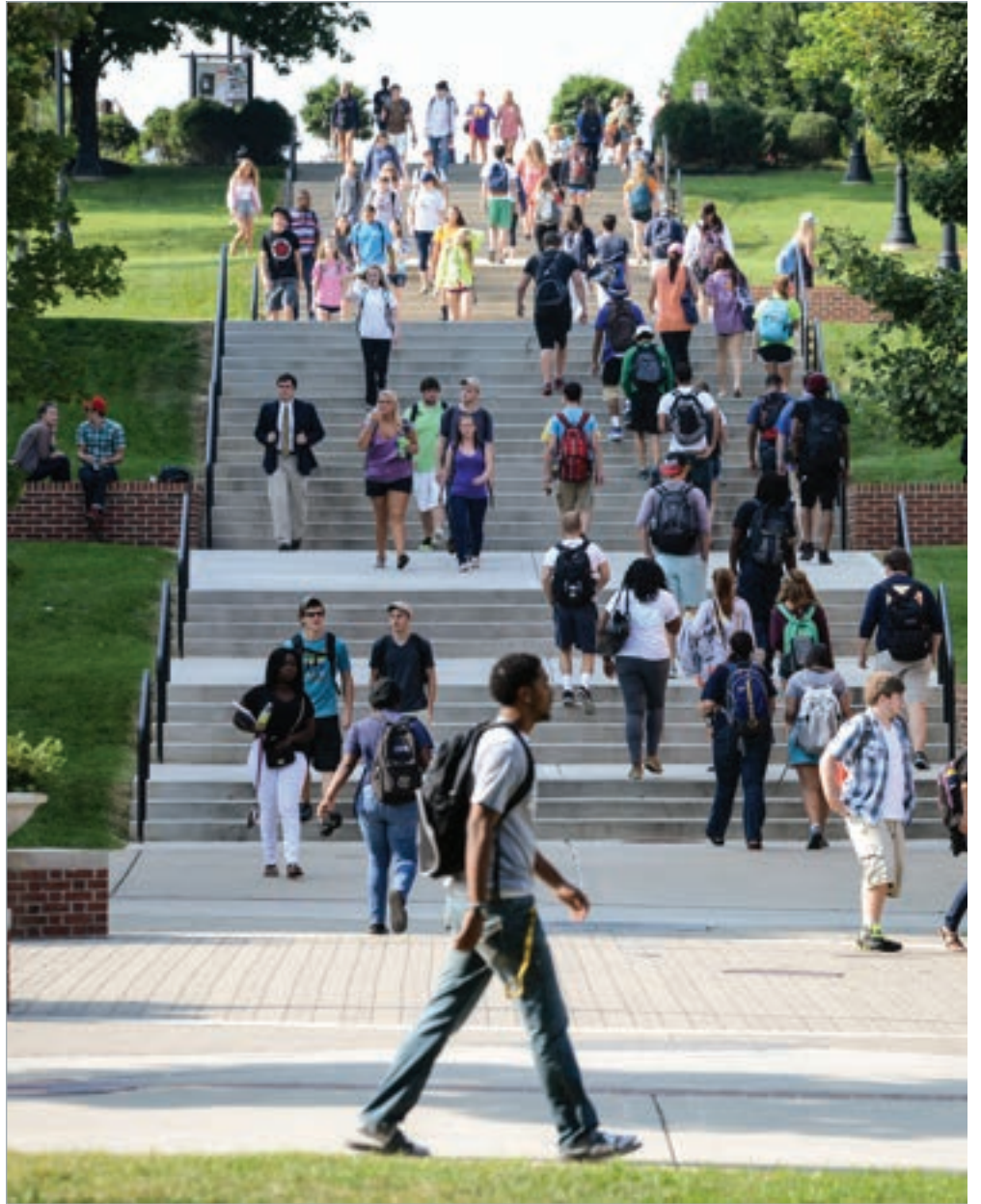


## CURRENT Capital Plan:

- McKenzie Arena Expansion
- Maclellan Remodel
- Holt Remodel
- Health Sciences Building
- Engel Intramural Complex
- Guerry Remodel
- State Building
- Vine Street Housing & Parking Garage









# UTC DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



**Ann Yoachim**, nationally recognized in urbanism and community planning, has been named Director of Community Partnerships and a Clinical Professor at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Yoachim comes to UTC from the Phyllis M. Taylor Center for Social Innovation and Design Thinking at Tulane University as a visiting professor of practice. She is also a principal at AY Projects, a consulting practice that supports projects at the intersection of people, health, and environment.

In this position, Yoachim will work closely with University administration in developing the strategy and protocols for working with community, agency and business partners and will serve as the primary liaison for community and business initiatives at the University. As part of this effort, this position will facilitate, supervise and manage connections to and among partnerships and community initiatives.

Yoachim previously served as program manager for the Tulane Institute on Water Resources Law and Policy where she designed and managed urban and rural pilot projects aimed at long-term community resilience. She also served as assistant director at the Center for Environmental Communications at Loyola University of New Orleans.

She served as program coordinator for Practical Action in Nairobi, Kenya, a unique position to support operations and water sector departments through public health research, grant writing, and program monitoring and evaluation.

Yoachim holds a bachelor's degree from Dickinson College and a master's degree from Tulane University. She was named a Loeb Fellow at the Harvard Graduate School of Design in 2012-2013.

Yoachim will assume her responsibilities at UTC effective July 1, 2015.





# ALUMNI

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Office of Alumni Affairs now has six regional chapters. In July of 2014, The University of Tennessee Alumni Association handed the role of regional chapters' administration to the campuses. At UTC, there are now five active regional chapters in Tennessee, and one in Atlanta, Georgia. Alumni volunteers have formed boards, and the UTC alumni office facilitates events and programs in each of the locations. Alumni in Atlanta, Chattanooga, Cleveland, Knoxville, Memphis, and Nashville are now gathering in those locations on a regular basis to share their passion for their alma mater. Each year, Chancellor Angle will visit each of these cities to give an update on the campus, and at another time during the year, representatives from academics and athletics will visit with the chapters to share all of the achievements in these areas. The newly established UTC chapter program has identified new volunteers and has offered exciting opportunities to engage our alumni.

The annual Legends & Leaders Awards Dinner was held on May 1, 2015. Bill Landry, Class of 1972, was recognized as the 2015 Distinguished Alumnus, and Kim White, Class of 1982, received the Outstanding Service Award by UTC Chancellor Steve Angle.

Distinguished Alumnus **Bill Landry** is the host/narrator and co-producer of "The Heartland Series." This series is now in its 30th year, and was created to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Since the show began in 1984, more than 1900 short features have been shot about the people and lands of Southern Appalachia, as well as 150 half hour specials. Bill has received two Emmy Awards for directing episodes of the Heartland Series, as well as the Education in Appalachia Award from Carson Newman College. For over 30 years, he has performed the one-man play that he wrote and produced, "Einstein the Man," more than 100 times in 38 states and Canada. Mr. Landry has served on the boards of the Princess Theatre Foundation in Harriman, Tennessee, and the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Venore. He recently was the guest speaker for a meeting of the UTC Knoxville Alumni chapter.

**Kim White**, UTC's Outstanding Service Award recipient, is the president & CEO of River City Company. Prior to that, she was the president and chief executive officer of The Corker Group and of Luken Holdings. She is a member of the Chancellor's Roundtable, is real estate chairperson for the UC Foundation, is a trustee for the UT Foundation, and is a past president of the UTC Alumni Board. She is an active speaker and mentor for various units on the UTC campus, including the College of Business, Engineering, and Women's Studies. While a student, Kim served as President of Chi Omega Fraternity



**BILL LANDRY**



**KIM WHITE**

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where she stays active and engaged today, including funding an annual Leadership Scholarship given to a rising Junior or Senior active in community or campus activities. In the community, Kim is a board member of the Enterprise Center, Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce, and an active member of the Chattanooga Rotary Club and Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church.

The Office of Alumni Affairs held many events in the 2014-2015 year, in a continued effort to engage alumni of all ages in a variety of programs. In the fall, a legacy dinner was held for current students and their families. Tailgates were held at all home football

games, and Homecoming brought back hundreds of alumni as we celebrated our winning football season. The UC Class of 1964 celebrated with a 50-year reunion weekend and was joined by former football players from the fall of '64. Several gatherings focused on specific colleges or organizations were also held, as well as out-of-town receptions in partnership with athletics. The Alumni Board continues to be an engaged constituency, sponsoring the annual golf tournament and Breakfasts with the Chancellor at corporations across the city. Members served on various committees across campus, including the Grand Opening Celebration of the new UTC Library and scholarship and awards selection committees.

# Alumni Board

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The GOLD Council, Graduates of the Last Decade, worked with the development office on a solicitation to young alumni, as well as sponsored various gatherings including their annual BBQ & Blues event.



# Alumni Board

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The University of Tennessee  
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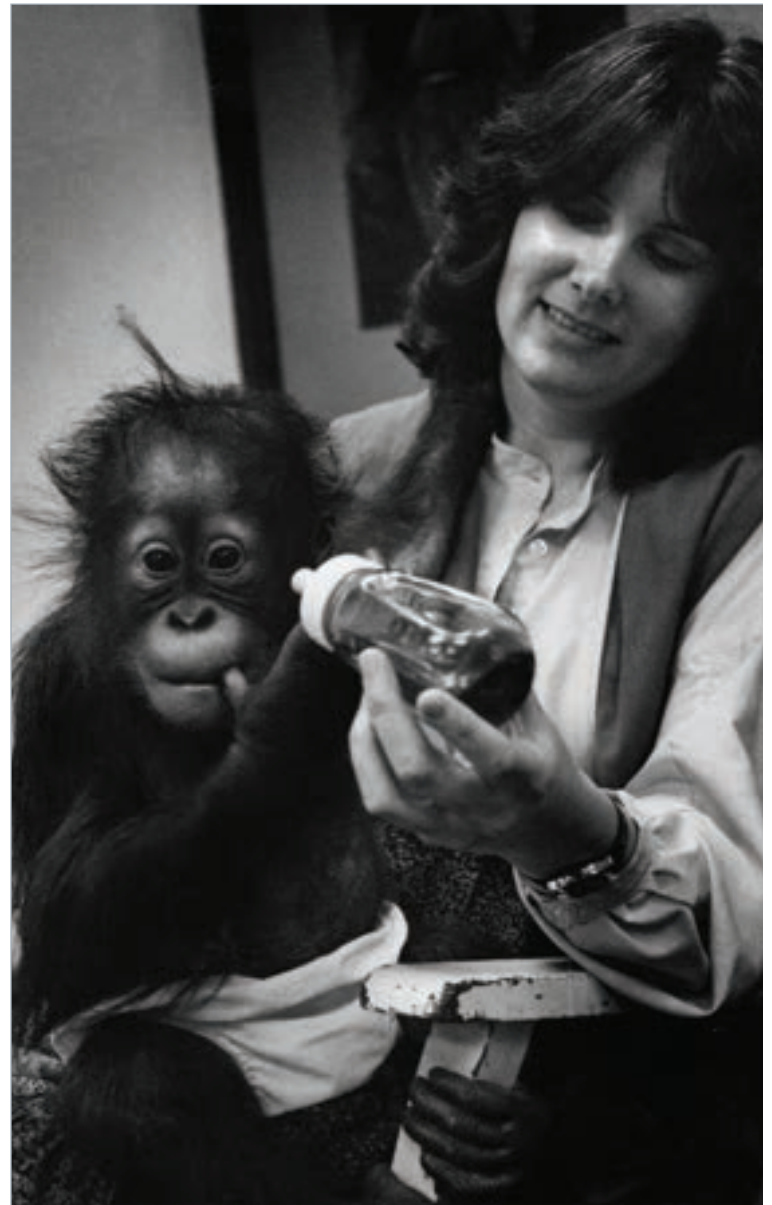
**Susie L. Thompson,**  
Physical Therapist

# College of ARTS & SCIENCES

Kerry Howley, who teaches creative writing in our English department, has achieved national attention for her book, *Thrown*, which ranked number two on Time magazine's "Top 10 Nonfiction Books of 2014." It was also named a New York Times "Notable Book, 2014."

Dr. Jennifer Boyd, Associate Professor of Biological and Environmental Sciences, is leading a team of students currently researching the possible migration of a select group of plants found in the Appalachian region. The team has traveled to collect plants, seeds, and other material in Black Rock Research Forest in upstate New York, Shenandoah National Park in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, and Cherokee National Forest in East Tennessee. They want to see if certain plants could have the ability to migrate as the climate changes.

form relationships with convicted serial killers. The documentary premiered on the UTC campus to receptive audiences.



**Dr. Diane Grob Schmidt**, a member of the Class of 1967 and a retired chemist from Procter & Gamble, is leading the American Chemical Society as president in 2015. She was also the 1995 UTC Distinguished Alumni Award winner and now serves as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Cincinnati.

In a new ranking by Affordable Colleges Online, UTC has one of the top 30 Best Online Criminal Justice Programs for 2015. The UTC Online Degree Completion Program in Criminal Justice is offered to students who have a two-year degree or the equivalent and have completed 60 hours of college work. This must include completion of introductory courses in criminal justice, sociology, and psychology, and completion of all general education requirements.

Communications student Joy Krause has created a new documentary called "Serial Killer Groupies: A Love Story," which explores the lives of those who

**Chantek**, an orangutan who was raised at UTC and taught sign language, was featured in "The Ape Who Went to College," a story that aired on TV nationally last fall as part of the PBS series, "My Wild Affair."

**Dr. H. Lyn Miles**, UC Foundation Professor of Anthropology, scientific researcher, and biocultural anthropologist, along with UTC students, taught Chantek hundreds of signs, how to make up his own words, tell lies, and how to make arts, crafts, and even play tic tac toe.



The Cress Gallery of Art and the Diane Marek Visiting Artist Series presented last year at the 9/50 Southeast Arts Presenters Summit at the Atlanta Contemporary Art Center. UTC was one of 18 invited presenters from the nine state region of the Southeast.

The Department of Physics, Geology and Astronomy has established a student chapter of the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG). UTC's chapter is only one of two in the state and one of 24 nationwide. It already has 20 members and a team of elected officers.

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures is currently placing majors in a

range of internships, with such organizations as the Hamilton County Courthouse and the Promesa School in Peru. This summer, Dr. Lynn Purkey will take 25 students to Spain, where they will have the chance to study at the Universidad de Alcalá.

International economist Eric Kruger has joined UTC as a new adjunct Economics professor. A former consultant at Volkswagen, he is the president of his own consulting firm, and was also formerly the Chief Economist of The Conference Board and has worked as an International Development Economist with the United Nations. Kruger taught at the graduate level for seven years at Columbia University and three years at New York University.



**FROM THE LEFT:** Samantha Johnson; Sabrina Borghesi, an Italian intern; Cricket Glenn; Stephanie Henderson

Last fall, **Stephanie Henderson**, a Costume Designer and lecturer in the Theater department, took two students to Italy to help with costume design and a third to work on set design on three different operas in the Italian countryside.



Fourteen students and two faculty members traveled to Poland and Germany for a **Holocaust study tour** during spring break. Led by Dr. John Swanson, head of the Department of History, the group heard lectures, engaged in discussions, visited Holocaust-related sites, and participated in cultural activities in Berlin and Cracow.



# College of **BUSINESS**

## SMILE FUND

SMILE stands for Student-Managed Investment Learning Experience. This fund was established with funds from the UC Foundation. Twenty-five student positions are available, including five officers and 20 sector analysts. The faculty advisor is Dr. Hunter Holzhauser.

The mission of the SMILE Fund is to provide UTC students with a proficient knowledge of portfolio management, investment strategies and equity valuation techniques while growing the value of the fund. The vision of the fund is to become a nationally recognized fund that enhances the reputation of the University and its members. SMILE fund managers will attain a competitive advantage over their peers in the field of finance through direct experience with real markets and astute analysis.







**FROM THE LEFT:** Cindy Stone, Dr. Steve Anderson, Cynthia Anderson, Cathy Stone, Margaret Finley (*seated*), Bobby Stone, and Meg Lavender

## W. MAX FINLEY CHAIR FOR EXCELLENCE IN AMERICAN BUSINESS

Continuing a legacy of support for UTC, a \$1.1 million gift from the Finley family has created the W. Max Finley Chair for Excellence in American Business to honor the entrepreneurial energy and career of the late W. Max Finley, former Chairman of the RockTenn Corporation. The W. Max Finley Chair will employ or retain a distinguished faculty member for the UTC College of Business who will focus on instruction and research in the areas of capitalism, capital formation and change, the use of data analytics in business decision making, and critical support to entrepreneurship and family-owned businesses. The late W. Max Finley dedicated his life to public service. He was an active supporter

of the University of Tennessee system and a 1931 graduate of the University of Chattanooga. Finley was a staunch backer of both academics and athletics at UTC. His generosity allowed the athletics program to survive when budgets were limited. He funded a professorship and a variety of scholarships. He received both the University of Chattanooga Distinguished Alumni Award and the Outstanding Service Award given by the UTC Alumni Council and was inducted into the University's Hall of Fame. Finley Stadium, home of the UTC football team, is named in his honor and located on the site of a former RockTenn plant.

## DECOSIMO SUCCESS CENTER

The Joseph F. Decosimo Success Center in Fletcher Hall is a comprehensive center for student success focused on career and academic advising to help recruit, retain, and graduate students prepared for their future. The center is fully staffed and has been serving students since the fall of 2013. In June, the college will begin renovating the space and updating technology on the second floor of Fletcher Hall to include offices for advising and career placement specialists, interview rooms, an updated student lounge, a professional conference room, and individual rooms for student team work.

Student success has been a principal goal of Dean Robert Dooley since his return almost three years ago, with the mission of assisting students in their track to a successful graduation and preparing for a rewarding career beyond. According to Dean Dooley, "The Student Success Center is an investment in our students, and reflects our commitment to ensuring that they are academically successful and prepared for professional careers and life-long personal growth and development." The fundraising goal for the renovation is \$1.8 million and the campaign is in its final stages.

# College of **ENGINEERING** & **COMPUTER SCIENCE**



The College of Engineering and Computer Science enrolled approximately 1,300 students with a 65 percent retention rate and a 75 percent pass rate on the national engineer's exam this past year. Nearly 30 companies sent representatives to the UTC



College of Engineering and Computer Science for a day of networking. Students explored career and job opportunities in engineering, computer science, and technology.







Many students participated in projects and competitions locally and nationally such as the Mini Baja Car, Concrete Canoe, Steel Bridge, Chem-E Car, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Robotics, and the Maker Faire event.

Our Civil Engineering Department hosted the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

Southeast Student Conference in Chattanooga on March 19-21, 2015, in which more than 1,000 students and faculty attended from more than 25 universities. UTC ranked 11th for all competitions and overall, beating teams from Vanderbilt University, Tennessee Tech, and the University of Alabama.

**The American Institute of Chemical Engineers** student chapter competed at the Southern Regional Conference, with their newly designed Chem-eleon chemically powered car. They placed second among 15 teams and qualified for the national competition in Salt Lake City, Utah in the fall of 2015.

The Engineering Management graduate program is listed in the top 10 online graduate programs in the nation according to the U.S. News & World Report.

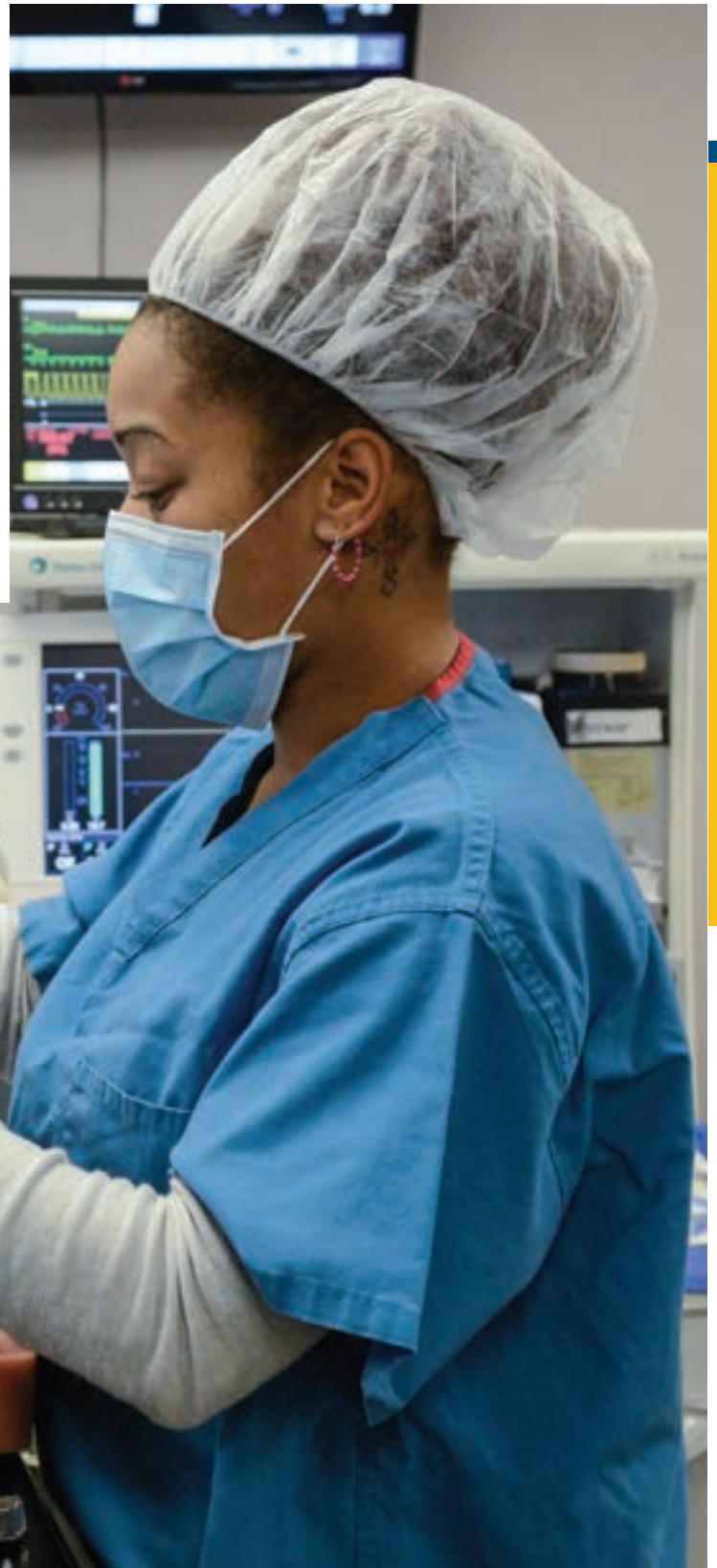


The Department of Computer Science's Information Security Center has earned the National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance/Cybersecurity designation from the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security.

Both undergraduate and graduate students learn to meet the challenges of rapidly emerging technologies and corresponding threats and attacks on critical information infrastructure.

# College of **HEALTH, EDUCATION, & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES**

**UTC's School of Nursing** is ranked among the top 10 in Best Online RN to BSN Programs by RN to BSN.org. UTC received the highest ranking of all Tennessee institutions. The school is also recognized as a top 20 nursing school in CollegeAtlas.org's Top Nursing Schools 2014 rankings. The School has received more than \$9 million in grants to focus on geriatrics, the underserved population, and nursing education. In April, the new holder of the Vicky Gregg Chair in Geriatrics, Dr. Brittany Cusack, was welcomed to the faculty. This was made possible through a \$1.5 million gift from the BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Health Foundation, beginning an inclusive concentration in geriatrics across the College's disciplines.





Accreditation is on track for **Interior Design** and Social Work to offer Master's degrees beginning in the fall of 2016. Pending approval by the UT Board of Trustees and THEC, a new Master of Social Work (MSW) and Master of Interior Design (MID) and Master of Science in Interior Design (MSID) will begin in the fall of 2016. Currently, Interior Design is CIDA (Council for Interior Design Accreditation) and NASAD (National Association of Schools of Art and Design) accredited and the Social Work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.



**Christine Hagemeyer, Brianna Mullins, and Megan Ware**, three UTC Health and Human Performance majors, have taken top honors in the Southeast American College of Sports Medicine Regional Quiz Bowl in Jacksonville, Florida. In a “Jeopardy style” format, the students responded to questions about anatomy, neuromuscular physiology, statistics, physics, cardiovascular physiology and metabolism. The UTC team was one of 11 regional teams to also compete in the National SCSM Quiz Bowl in San Diego in May.

# GRADUATE SCHOOL



Joanne Romagni-Colvin has accepted the position of Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of the Graduate School at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Romagni-Colvin currently serves as Associate Vice President of Research at DePaul University. In her new position at UTC, she will help establish and develop an aggressive, productive, and integrated research program, including cultivating broader partnerships with the business, industrial, and governmental communities in the region, and expanding collaborations with federal agencies. She will also implement new recruitment and enrollment strategies for graduate programs. Prior to joining DePaul University in her current position in 2011, Romagni-Colvin served as Executive Director of the Office of Sponsored Research and Associate Professor of Biology at Bucknell University. She has also held research and faculty positions at St. Edward's University and St. Thomas University. She earned a Ph.D. from Arizona State University and holds bachelor's degrees from Purdue University and Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She has made several research trips to Antarctica to study lichens and what might be learned from them about how ecosystems establish themselves to support more complicated life forms. In addition to earning several National Science Foundation grants, Romagni-Colvin has served on numerous NSF review panels. She has served as research professor at the University of Cádiz, Spain. She holds memberships in several professional organizations, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Chemical Society, the American Society of Plant Biologists, and the National Council of University Research Administrators.

# HONORS COLLEGE

Twenty-four Brock Scholars graduated in the 2014-2015 academic year. Of those graduates, several will continue to further their education and impact the world. These plans include graduate school, medical school, law school, post-graduate research, Ph.D.

programs and teaching English in France just to name a few. Fifty more Brock Scholars will join the Honors College in the fall of 2015 – 20 more than in previous years!





This spring, 13 students were admitted to the new Innovations in Honors Program. These students had the opportunity to take the inaugural Innovation Lab taught by Dr. Rebecca Jones. These pioneering students developed ways in which UTC could be more involved in the Chattanooga community and worked in conjunction with partners such as the Benwood Foundation and Causeway. Two key ideas to emerge from the class were the development of a community service program called “UTC Impact” and a proposed MLK Block Party. There are 40 students enrolled in this program for the fall of 2015.

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity opened earlier this year. In preparation for the creation of this office, four Brock Scholars had the opportunity to attend the National Conference of Undergraduate Research (URCA) in Lexington, Kentucky last year with faculty member Brian Ennis. This year, the URCA Office, under the direction of Dr. Salvatore Musumeci, took 15 students, including six Brock Scholars, to the conference hosted by Eastern Washington University. Students presented their research at the conference and spent time exploring Spokane, Washington. Plans are already under way for next year’s conference in Asheville, North Carolina in hopes to take even more students.

The Honors College is teaming up with the Walker Center for Teaching and Learning to co-host this year’s Instructional Excellence Workshop. Dr. Doris Pierce, Chair of Occupational Therapy at Eastern Kentucky University, will be presenting on “Beyond Brainstorming: Teaching Effective Design and Creativity.”

Also in conjunction with the Walker Center for Teaching and Learning among other offices, the Honors College is planning to host a year-long conversation about undergraduate research. The

Honors College will be co-hosting Dr. John Mattea as a guest speaker for the Instructional Excellence Workshop in 2016 as well as a series of Professional Learning Committees focused on the question of the obstacles to, and benefits of, developing a more robust undergraduate research culture on the campus.



**Adrianna Eder**, a senior pursuing a Bachelor of Integrated Studies degree, was awarded an Honorable Mention by the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship Foundation for her honors thesis research on how skin bacteria utilize oils found in beauty products. A recipient of the Wright Bentley Scholarship and the Accounting and Financial Women’s Alliance Scholarship, Adrianna has served as the President of the Brock Scholars Council, Vice President and President of the Mortar Board Honor Society, and Co-Captain of UTC’s Mock Trial team. She studied at Ostfalia University of Applied Sciences in Wolfsburg, Germany, and last fall became the first UTC student to intern in the Internal Auditing Department at Volkswagen’s international headquarters in Wolfsburg.

# NEW LIBRARY

Live performances from student music groups, building tours, a scavenger hunt, and a ceremonial ribbon cutting were just a few of the activities during the official grand opening of the new library. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, city officials, and community members turned out in droves to celebrate the University's newest building.

Envisioned as the academic and intellectual center of campus, the new 180,000 square-foot space is dedicated to learning and research with a 24/5 study space, computer lounge, classrooms, and a grand reading room. The Starbucks located adjacent to the library has already proven to be a popular spot for students to meet and study.

The grand opening events culminated in the passing of a copy of *Light Upon a Hill*, the last book remaining in the Lupton Library. Attendees lined up to form a human chain across the former Chamberlain Field to pass the book about UTC's history.

At the end of the chain was Mary Jackson, who started the nursing program and taught for many years at UTC. Her husband was Joseph Jackson, a longtime dean of the library. Jackson passed the book to Theresa Liedtka, the current dean of the library, who then walked it to the stage to Chancellor Steve Angle as the alma mater played.





Later, Chancellor Emeritus Roger Brown cut the ribbon to officially open the building. He was surrounded by Dr. Angle, University of Tennessee System President Dr. Joe Pietro, UTC SGA President Robert Fisher, City of Chattanooga Mayor Andy Berke, Hamilton County Mayor Jim Copping, Tennessee State Senator Bo Watson, and other local community leaders.

The new space honors both the past and present. Historic artifacts like a large University of Chattanooga sign near the main entrance are embedded in its walls and the building serves students' needs with a focus on technology and group study spaces.



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**Ground Floor:** Books, periodicals, and audio-visual materials. Quiet study is also provided on this floor.

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**First Floor:** Circulation Services providing laptops, cameras, calculators. Film collection, magazines and newspapers, and special reading sections, such as new books and children's literature. Reservable small study rooms, a Graduate Student Lounge, open reading areas, a 24/5 study space, and Starbucks.

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**Second Floor:** A 200-seat Information area to assist students with research. Also several practice presentation rooms, classrooms, large study rooms, and offices.

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**Third Floor:** The Studio, a new high-end media center, with audio and video support and a presentation studio. Quiet reading areas and multiple study rooms. The Center for Advisement and Student Success, the Writing Center, and tutoring services.

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**Fourth Floor:** A grand reading room, private study areas, meeting spaces, special collections, and the University's permanent art collection. The Walker Teaching Resource Center and the Center for Academic and Innovative Technologies.

# Features of the New Library

# STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

## UTC PARTNERS WITH HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL

Robert Fisher, a Rhodes Scholar, a Truman Scholar, a Brock Scholar, and the second-term president of the Student Government Association at UTC, began to meet with a core group of students at Howard High School to establish a student government. Fisher led the students through a strategic planning process and they responded with enthusiasm. Students decided the school would focus on marketing and communication, community engagement, internal leadership development, and diversity and inclusion. Students were even invited to watch a UTC SGA meeting in action.

Fisher invited another UTC student, Ronald Elliot, to engage with the Howard students and their advisors. Elliot, who is from Nashville, helped craft the details of student government constitutions at Two Rivers Middle School as well as at McGavock High School, where he served as class president for three years and student body president. Currently, he is an Honors College student majoring in political science with a concentration in public policy and a minor in chemistry as well as served as president of the Freshman Senate at UTC in 2014-15.



## THINK ACHIEVE

ThinkAcheive is a University-wide endeavor instituted by UTC to enhance critical thinking and experiential learning on the campus and community. ThinkAchieve graduates are recognized at graduation and have worked hard to capture the “aha” learning-moments that come from hands-on internships, service-learning, research, international experiences and leadership. Although much of what they have done takes place beyond the traditional classroom, they have reflected through specially designated experiential learning classes and programs at UTC that rigorously work to connect theory and practice. From Archaeology on St. Simon’s Island, Georgia, to shadowing a case worker at Child Protective Services, to 3D prototyping, ThinkAchieve students access the rich variety of experiences available to them and chronicle their learning as they go. The program has grown from 148 participants in the 2013-14 academic year to 290 participants in the 2014-15 academic year.



# ATHLETICS



## NEW MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

**Matt McCall** was named the 19th coach of the Men's Basketball program after spending a total of 10 years learning from Gator's head coach Billy Donovan. McCall helped Florida to the 2013 and 2014 SEC Championships, a 2014 Final Four berth, the 2014 SEC Tournament title and three Elite Eight appearances as an assistant coach. Florida had a 107-39 record (.733) during McCall's tenure as an assistant coach. In total, the Gators earned two national championships, three Final Four appearances, four SEC Tournament titles and two SEC regular season championships during his time at Florida. In each of his three seasons at FAU, the Owls improved dramatically. After a 6-26 record in 2009, FAU jumped to a 14-16 mark in 2009-10, but posted a 10-8 finish in the Sun Belt Conference. In 2010-11, the Owls recorded the school's highest win total at the Division I level with a 21-11 mark, a Sun Belt championship and an appearance in the NIT. It marked just the second postseason berth in program history.



## FOOTBALL QUARTER FINALS

Chattanooga entered the playoffs with a 10-3 overall record — the first 10 win season in 107 years of collegiate football. The Mocs finished the season ranked No. 8 on both The Sports Network Top 25 and the FCS Coaches Poll. This was the highest ranking in program history. The Mocs finished their regular season with a perfect SoCon slate with a school-record 7-0 mark in league games. This was Chattanooga's first appearance in the FCS Playoffs since 1984.

UTC advanced to the quarterfinals with a 35-14 win over Indiana State. The Mocs continued their run in the Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs on national television in December. UTC played the top-seeded New Hampshire for the quarterfinal matchup in Cowell Stadium in Durham, New Hampshire.



## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NCAA TOURNAMENT

The Chattanooga women's basketball team drew a No. 7 seed in the NCAA Tournament. The Lady Mocs took on No. 10 seed, Pittsburgh, in March at Thompson-Boling Arena in Knoxville. This was Chattanooga's 13th trip to the NCAA and its highest seed in school history. This was also their second straight undefeated season in the Southern Conference.





## SOFTBALL

Chattanooga Softball Head Coach **Frank Reed** received his 1,000th career victory on April 11, 2015 when UTC defeated the Furman Paladins. Reed is the 28th coach in the nation to reach 1,000 careers wins. The top-seeded Chattanooga Mocs clinched a victory over the Western Carolina Catamounts at the 2015 SoCon Softball Championship at Frost Stadium on May 7, 2015.



## C CLUB

In August 2014, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Athletics Department, in conjunction with the Mocs Club, introduced an initiative to reconnect with former student-athletes, cheerleaders, managers, trainers and coaches. The purpose of the C Club is to promote lifelong bonds and friendships among its members and UTC Athletics. Initial membership into the C Club was free for all former letterwinners. Benefits of the C Club include everything that comes with a Mocs Club membership at the Starter Level. Other perks include invitations to semiannual events held throughout the year, the opportunity to network with former student-athletes and members of the UTC Athletics family and periodic e-newsletters and updates. In the first year of the organization there were 391 members with graduation years ranging from 1950 – 2014.

## GPA OF TEAMS

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Athletics Department continues to enjoy another outstanding year in the classroom. Student athletes scored a school-record 3.11 cumulative GPA for the 2015 spring semester. This is the third consecutive term the Mocs have combined for a 3.0 GPA across the board. The 3.11 topped the previous benchmark of 3.07 set last spring. UTC also tied a school record with 12 teams recording a 3.0 for the fourth semester in a row. Over the last six years, half of the Mocs have earned a spot on the Athletics Director's Honor Roll with a 3.0 GPA or better. This time, a school record 141 of the 276 student-athletes (51 percent) at UTC made the Dean's List with a 3.2 or higher mark. The women's cross country team led all individual sports with a 3.79 team GPA. The SoCon champion football team upped its previous high of 2.66 in both semesters in 2011, to a 2.77 in the spring. The football team also had a program high with 37 on the A.D. Honor Roll and 26 on the Dean's List. UTC has risen from a 2.51 cumulative score in the spring of 2007, to the current benchmark of 3.11.

## VOLLEYBALL

The Chattanooga Volleyball team hosted its own spring tournament in Maclellan Gym in March. The Mocs welcomed Tennessee, Georgia Tech, Georgia, Dalton State, Ole Miss, Kennesaw State, Georgia State and Belmont to campus. The Mocs opened the tournament with a two-set win over the Lady Vols. Chattanooga followed up with a close loss to Georgia, before concluding the competition with its victory against the Ole Miss Rebels.



# PROBASCO CHAIR OF FREE ENTERPRISE

For citizens to function effectively in their roles as voters, consumers, workers, investors, and managers, they need to understand the principles of free enterprise which form the foundation of the American economic system. As a result of an initial bequest from the estate of Burkett Miller, the Probasco Chair was established to develop and implement policy, programs, and activities to fulfill this need. The mission of the Probasco Chair of Free Enterprise is to develop, through the educational field, that type of political, social, and economic environment which will permit private enterprise to achieve its proper perspective in American economic life.

The Probasco Chair pursues its mission through four functional areas. Specifically, the Chair:

- Organizes Lecture Series for the University
- Presents Lectures to Civic and Professional Groups
- Produces Publications for Professional Audiences and the Lay Public
- Engages in Consulting and Programming with Chair Sponsors

J.R. Clark earned a Ph.D. in Economics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute under the Nobel Laureate James Buchanan. He holds the Probasco Chair at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and is the author of six books and numerous academic articles published in the United States, Austria, Japan, Italy, Canada, France, India and Russia. Prior to coming to UTC, Clark was with the Joint Council on Economic Education in New York, chaired a large economics department in New Jersey, held the Hendrix Chair at UT Martin, and was a research fellow at Princeton University. In 1996, he was inducted into the Mont Pelerin Society and elected to its board of directors in 2006. Currently, he serves as Secretary/Treasurer for both the Southern Economic Association and The Association of Private Enterprise Education.

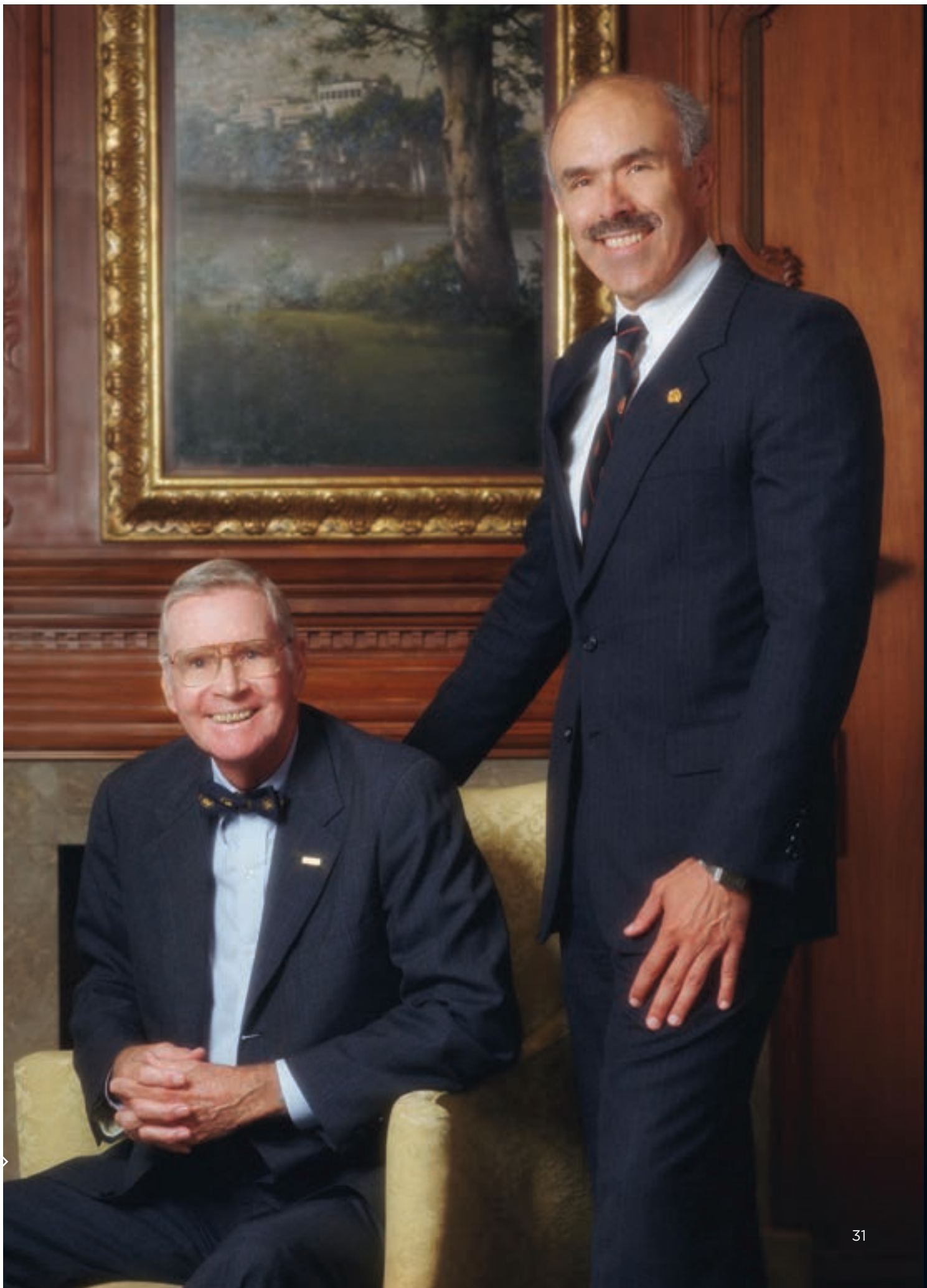
This year, Dr. Clark was elected as Treasurer of The Mont Pelerin Society (MPS) at its 2014 biannual congress in Hong Kong. Membership in the MPS is widely considered to be the top 500 economists in the world and includes many Nobel laureates, heads of state, nobility, and internationally recognized scholars. This election moves the international headquarters of the MPS to The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, contributes substantially to the academic prestige of the university, and will provide significant opportunities for graduate fellowships and research at UTC.

## *In Memoriam*

**Scott Livingston  
"Scotty" Probasco, Jr.**  
1928 – 2015

Scott Livingston Probasco Jr., was a financial and civic leader who personified the splendid type of broad, public-spirited citizen. Scotty, as he was affectionately greeted by most of Chattanooga, was known for his modesty, generosity, dependability, and unswerving loyalty. "Great work" was always on the tip of his tongue, a manifestation of his joyous humility. He was a man of high ideals, of kind heart and noble emotions, and with the interest of Chattanooga always front-and-center, he was a moving spirit in activities that tended toward the growth and betterment of this town. The recipient of many awards, he was most humbled by the Jim and Natalie Haslam Presidential Medal, the University of Tennessee's highest honor for outstanding contributions to philanthropic efforts through giving, volunteer leadership, and service. He had great passion for his Lord, his family and Chattanooga.









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