

# Building **Connections.** Inspiring **Generosity.**

Advancement Annual Report | Fiscal Year 2021-2022







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**UT** UTC is a comprehensive, community-engaged campus of the UT System.  
UTC is an EEO/AA/Titles VI and IX Section 504/ADA/ADEA institution.







# A NOTE FROM CAMPUS

Four key statements summarize a University of Tennessee at Chattanooga education.

- 1. We are community-engaged problem solvers.**
- 2. We graduate students with real-world skills valued by employers.**
- 3. We are a welcoming place for all.**
- 4. We are Chattanooga's university.**

These words are a commitment to students, parents, our community and to all who invest in UTC. **These four short phrases reflect everything we do** and are the foundation of why your support of UTC is essential to the lives of our students, faculty and staff.

From our School of Nursing to our graphic design program, our academic units continue to be ranked and recognized as the top programs not only in the state but also in the country. Over 21% of UTC students are first-generation college students, and our campus was officially designated as a military-friendly school in 2022.

Built in 1957, the renovation of Hunter Hall is complete, and work is underway on the \$30 million dollar Wolford Family Athletics Complex and McKenzie Arena renovation. With future projects on the horizon including a new Nursing Building, renovations to Brock Hall, a \$40 million dollar upgrade at 540 McCallie - the former state office building - and an expansion of the Gary W. Rollins College of Business, it is an exciting time to be at UTC.

Last fiscal year, the UC Foundation with the support of stakeholders and the endowment provided over **\$2.7 million dollars of private scholarship support to 1,410 students.** In addition, our endowment holds nearly 350 fully endowed funds that support professors, academic programs and scholarship opportunities across our campus.

In this annual report featuring highlights from students, faculty and campus, we hope you will join us in celebrating the impact of philanthropy and the life changing work happening at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Go Mocs!

**Kim White**  
*Vice Chancellor of Advancement,  
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# UTC AT A **GLANCE**

# 11,283

Students

**9,884** Undergraduate Students  
**1,399** Graduate Students

# 6

Colleges

**88** Undergraduate Programs  
**52** Graduate Programs



First Generation  
College Students

# 18:1

Student to Professor  
Ratio

## UTC **ATHLETICS**

# 15

Division 1 Sports  
Teams

# 20

SoCon Honor Roll  
Student-Athletes



## CURRENT **FRESHMAN PROFILE**

**2,057**  
Students Enrolled

**82%**  
of TN Counties  
Represented

**3.61**  
High School  
GPA Mean

**23.1**  
ACT Composite  
Mean





# UC FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT NUMBERS

The UC Foundation's mission is to provide resources that support distinctive programs and promote bold initiatives that enrich the educational experience at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. The Foundation's endowment, an invested fund that spends a portion of the generated interest annually, is a perpetual and highly impactful tool that allows donors to have a long-lasting impact on UTC students, faculty and staff.



**1,410 students**  
received a total  
of **\$2,733,697** in  
awards from the  
endowment.



## ENDOWMENT VALUE



## ENDOWMENT BALANCE BY CATEGORY

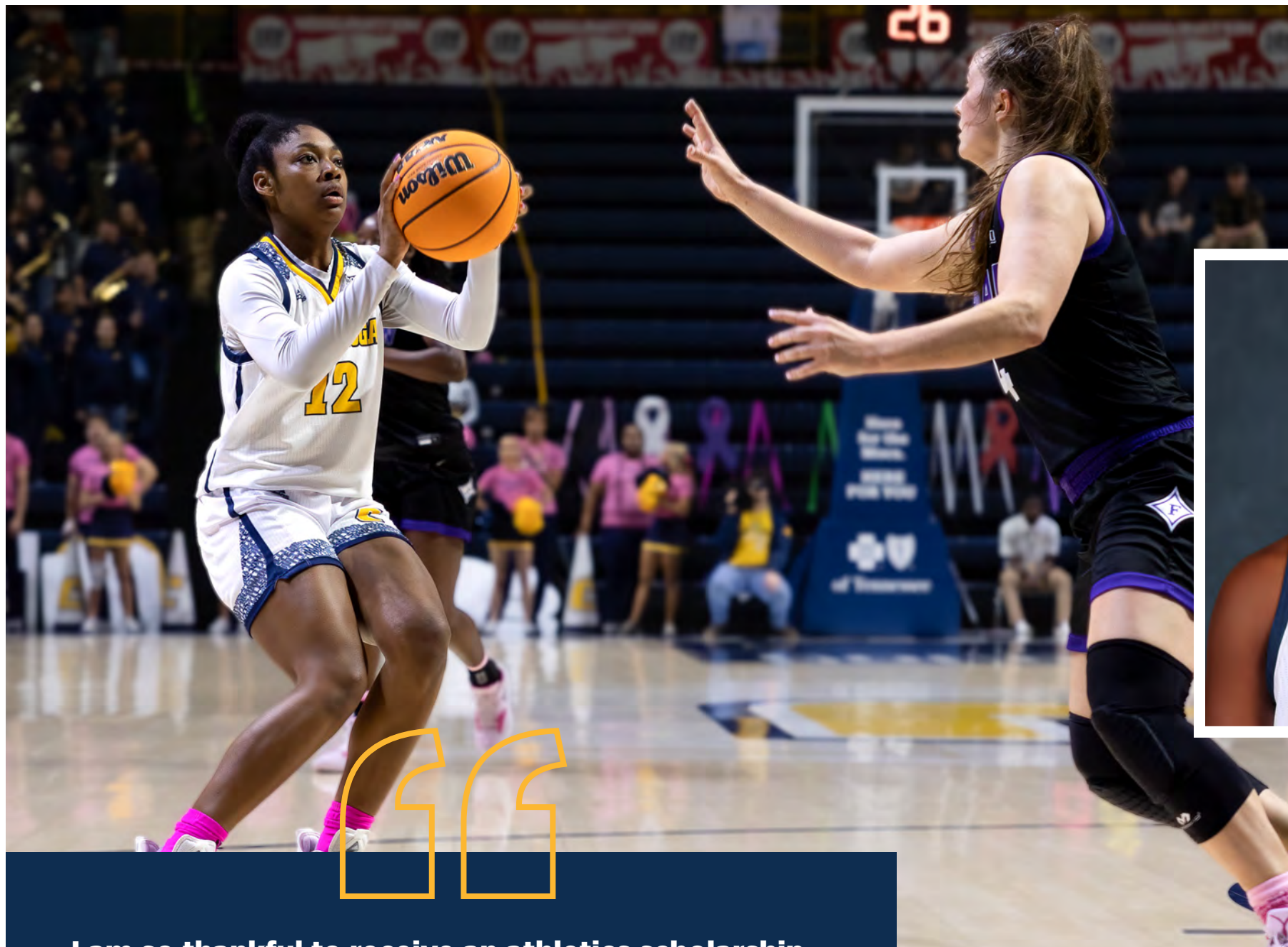


## ENDOWED FUNDS PROVIDED AWARDS FOR:





UC FOUNDATION  
**SCHOLARSHIP  
SPOTLIGHT**



## **Destiny McClendon**

Student-Athlete

**Major:** Communications

**Anticipated Graduation Year:** 2025

**Hometown:** Greensboro, GA

**I am so thankful to receive an athletics scholarship from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Having a scholarship put me in an environment that has given me the tools and opportunities to succeed in the classroom, on the court and in life. I am so grateful for my scholarship, and the amazing possibilities that UTC has to offer.**

Making the Dean's List and Athletics Director's Honor Roll, Destiny played in all 30 games in her rookie campaign. Shooting over 36% from the field and second on the team for 3-pointers made, Destiny currently maintains an A average, was the recipient of the 2021 Georgia Youth of the Year award from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and studies communication.





## Dr. Kristi Wick

Vicky B. Gregg Chair in Gerontology

With a focus to advance nursing science and leadership, along with shaping policy related to the care of older adults and their caregivers, Dr. Kristi Wick's strategic approach to the field of gerontology empowers older adults to age with dignity. Dr. Wick focuses on curriculum, workforce development, research and best practices to improve older adult health and quality of care outcomes across all health care sectors.

Along with her colleagues, Dr. Wick has received over \$1.5 million in grant funding to support the development of Dementia Friendly Communities in Tennessee, leading to the establishment of the EngAGING Communities Tennessee initiative which serves as a broad umbrella for case management, workforce support, interprofessional collaboration and research statewide.

Recognizing that innovative change requires strong collaborative relationships between health professionals and the community, Dr. Wick leverages community resources to implement programs which address health disparities in our most vulnerable populations. For instance, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Wick arranged pop-up onsite COVID-19 testing and vaccine clinics for older adults in congregate housing across Hamilton County with help from UTC faculty, students, local organizations and volunteers.



**UTC School of Nursing  
ranked Best Nursing  
School in Tennessee -  
RegisteredNursing.org**



# UTC AT OUR BEST

## OUR PEOPLE

- Trevor Elliott, UC Foundation assistant professor in mechanical engineering, won a \$542,000 funding award from the National Science Foundation
- Ralph Hood, professor of psychology, as a part of an international team received a three-year grant totaling almost \$9.5 million from the John Templeton Foundation
- Lola Oke, Emma Sprayberry and Christine Rukeyser, three undergraduate students, were accepted into the Fulbright Canada Mitacs Globalink program
- Jennifer Ellis, associate professor and director of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education, was selected to serve as a program director for the National Science Foundation
- Cole Strange, Mocs offensive lineman, was selected by the New England Patriots as the 29th pick in the first round of the 2022 NFL Draft

## OUR PROGRAMS

- The School of Nursing ranked as the Best Nursing School in Tennessee - RegisteredNursing.org
- The Graphic Design program ranked in the top 50 of 700 programs for U.S. public schools by Animation Career Review
- The College of Engineering and Computer Science and the Center for Professional Education launched a U.S. National Security Agency sponsored Cybersecurity Workforce Certificate Training Program
- The Master of Public Health program earned accreditation from the Council on Education for Public Health
- The SMILE, Student Managed Investment Learning Experience, Fund team won the Chartered Financial Analyst Institute Greater Tennessee Research Challenge for the 6th straight year

## OUR CAMPUS

- UTC remains the UT System's most affordable campus
- The Debbie and Michael Bell Library was dedicated in the Guerry Center
- UTC was designated as a military-friendly school
- Tri-Alpha, an honor society for first-generation college students, launched its first Tennessee university society at UTC
- The groundbreaking was held for the Divine Nine Heritage Park





UC FOUNDATION  
**PLANNED GIVING**  
SPOTLIGHT

To say that Glenn and MiDori Allen have a love affair with the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga basketball and football teams is a bit of an understatement. To say the Allens have a love affair that started during their time as UTC undergraduates—and includes Mocs athletics—gets to the heart of the matter.

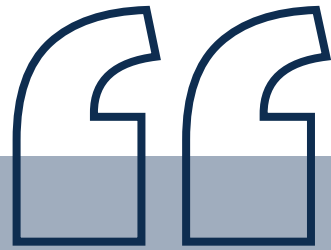
Shortly after graduating from UTC in 1979, Glenn made a financial contribution to the University's Department of Athletics. Every year since then, he has donated to the Mocs—a span that has reached 43 years. And with a recent estate gift to UTC, Glenn and MiDori have ensured that annual streak will continue indefinitely with the Glenn and MiDori Allen Endowed Athletics Scholarship. As an endowed gift, contributions will continue to be made on the couple's behalf indefinitely, serving as a permanent tribute to the Allens and extending the scholarship's value for future generations.



**It is hard to put into words the selflessness and generosity of Glenn and MiDori, who have had a lifelong connection and impact to UTC. Their act of ensuring UTC Athletics continues to move forward for generations to come is a humbling gesture and one that will help shape the future of our student-athletes through their successes at UTC.**

- Mark Wharton, Vice Chancellor and Director of Athletics





For me, being a Rollins Scholar has been about more than a scholarship. From the classroom to the workforce, this program has helped me develop academically and professionally, and I am thankful to have been a member of the inaugural Rollins Scholars class.



## Harrison Davis

Rollins Scholar

**Major:** Management  
Gary W. Rollins College of Business  
**Anticipated Graduation Year:** 2023  
**Hometown:** Chattanooga, TN



Gary W. Rollins with three Rollins Scholars



## ABOUT THE ROLLINS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Made possible as part of a generous \$40 million gift from UTC College of Business alumnus Mr. Gary W. Rollins and his wife, Kathleen Rollins, in July 2018, the Rollins Scholars program provides up to 20 outstanding incoming freshmen students with a \$4,000 annual scholarship for up to four consecutive years of study. In addition to scholarship support, Rollins Scholars attend core classes together, live in the same residence hall and participate in hands-on, educational experiences outside the classroom.



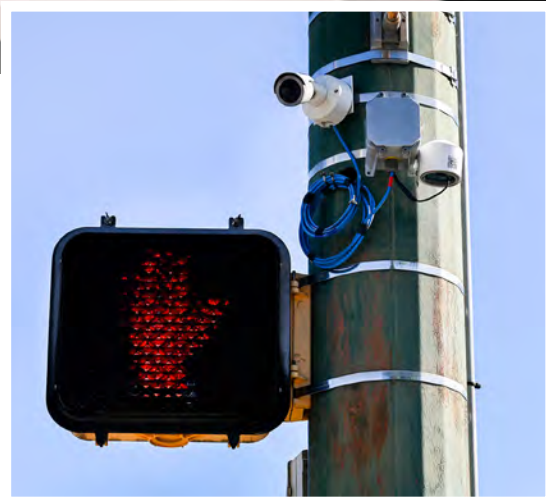


## Dr. Mina Sartipi

Guerry Professor, Computer Science and Engineering



**I'm making sure that I reach out to all colleges coming up with multi-disciplinary projects, to connect them, if they need to be, with the community.**



UC FOUNDATION  
**PROFESSORSHIP**  
SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Mina Sartipi is the Founding Director of the Center for Urban Informatics and Progress while also a Guerry Professor in the Computer Science and Engineering Department. Awarded the Guerry Professorship in 2020, Dr. Sartipi was able to expand her research activities, especially those related to community engagement and collaboration with municipalities.

The Guerry Professorship enables Dr. Sartipi to focus on the urban testbed project – a 1.2 mile stretch of MLK Boulevard in downtown Chattanooga outfitted with a variety of sensors, cameras and networking capabilities that gather unprecedented real-time data from vehicles, pedestrians and other modes of transportation through the corridor. This testbed resulted in Chattanooga receiving a \$4.5 million federal grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to expand the testbed's footprint and number of projects including establishing the largest electric vehicle living testbed in the nation.

In addition to advising more students and overseeing the largest federal DOT grant in UTC history, the Guerry Professorship has increased Dr. Sartipi and her team's ability to conduct, publish and present original research including five papers at the Transportation Research Board, which is the largest transportation conference in the country.



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