

Commencement

AUGUST 17, 2013



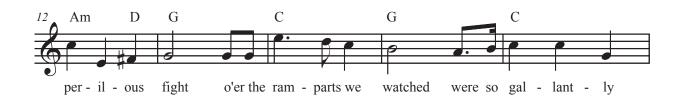
The Star-Spangled Banner

Lyrics by Francis Scott Key

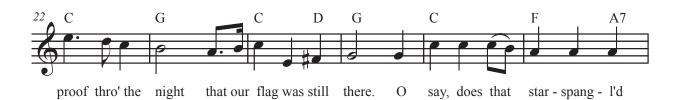
Music by John Stafford Smith













Summer Commencement

102nd ACADEMIC YEAR

Saturday, August 17, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Murphy Athletic Center, Middle Tennessee State University
Murfreesboro, Tennessee



Middle Tennessee State University has graduated 119,481 students since its inception in 1911. These students have received associate, bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees.

Our first Doctor of Arts degrees were conferred on December 22, 1972, the first Educational Specialist degrees on December 20, 1974, and the first Doctor of Philosophy on May 10, 2003.

There have been 399 Doctor of Arts degrees, 1,707 Educational Specialist degrees, and 137 Doctor of Philosophy degrees awarded.



Although degree candidates are listed in this program by academic degree sought, their names are called alphabetically by colleges. The listing of degree candidates and the announced honor distinctions are tentative and subject to final certification of graduation.



Processional: "Rigaudon" by Andre Campra

Audience, please remain standing for the processional, moment of silence, and singing of the National Anthem.

Faculty, please remove hats for the singing of the National Anthem and moment of silence.

Moment of Silence
National Anthem
PresidingDr. Sidney A. McPhe President, Middle Tennessee State Universit
Recognition of Faculty Emeriti
Recognition of Distinguished Alumni
Commencement Address
Presentation of Candidates for Degrees
Conferring of Degrees
Alma MaterMr. H. Stephen Smit

Recessional: "Hornpipe" from Water Music by G. F. Handel Audience, please remain standing until procession has marched out.



Organist	Mr. Windell Little
Announcing the Graduates	Dr. Bertha Clark Professor, Health and Human Performance
	Dr. Kevin Donovar Professor, Department of English
Assisting with Diplomas	Ms. Jaye Kiblinger Executive Aide, Department of Business Communication and Entrepreneurship

Commencement Marshal

Ms. Ann Reaves

Heralds

Ms. Pansey Carter, Ms. Allison McGoffin, Ms. Yvonne Elliott, Ms. Janice Benson, Mr. Philip Smith

Commercial photographers will photograph each diploma presentation.

These pictures will be available to graduates for purchase. For this reason, no additional photography will be allowed on the floor of Murphy Center.

Alumni Association President

On behalf of the Middle Tennessee State University National Alumni Association, I congratulate you on joining a very special group. With today's ceremony, you move from being a student to joining more than 100,000 MTSU alumni. As an alumnus, you are a vital part of the Middle Tennessee State University family. We count on you to represent us to this nation and the world. We hope that your experiences as a student will serve you well in the future.

Always be proud of your alma mater and stay connected to your university. If you would like to be involved in the Alumni Association, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-533-MTSU (6878) or visit mtalumni.com.

Welcome to the future and to your National Alumni Association.

Jim Dunlap, '57 President, MTSU National Alumni Association, 2013–2014

Distinguished Humni



MARIA SALAS Service to the Community

Maria Salas was born in Chattanooga and was the first member of her family to go to college. She attended MTSU on a basketball scholarship and graduated summa cum laude in 1985. While working full time, she took night classes at the Nashville School of Law, graduating in 1992. Today, she runs a successful bankruptcy law practice on Music Row. She is a member of the board of directors of the Nashville Bar Association, and she received the association's 2001 Pro Bono Volunteer of the Year Award. She has been named "Best of the Bar" by *The Nashville Business Journal* several times.

Ms. Salas is known locally and nationally as a tireless volunteer. She is a founding member and current board member of the Stonewall Bar Association of Tennessee,

an organization to support GLBT legal professionals and promote diversity in the legal profession. She is also a founding member of the Tennessee Equality Project and the Nashville GLBT Chamber of Commerce. She received the Human Rights Campaign Equality Award in 2010, and she serves on the board of directors of Nashville CARES. Ms. Salas is also an active PTO member and parent volunteer at her daughter's school, Julia Green Elementary.



LARRY NEEDHAM Professional Achievement

Larry Needham graduated from MTSU in 1968 with a degree in chemistry. He earned a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Georgia and held postdoctoral fellowships there and also at Vanderbilt University. For over 34 years, he held several important positions at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta. Before his death in 2010, he served as chief of the Organic Analytical Toxicology Branch, where he gave technical and administrative direction to a staff of 75, many with doctoral degrees. Dr. Needham was known throughout the world

for his studies involving human exposure to environmental toxicants and was an expert in human exposure assessment. He traveled widely working with governments to eradicate disease and benefit humanity. Colleagues called him someone who "simply transformed public health," largely by leading the CDC's development of an environmental health program that has significantly affected the nation's policy decisions. Dr. Needham and his teams successfully showed that leaded gasoline was a health hazard, identified harmful effects connected to fetal exposure to pesticides, and produced evidence that prompted the FDA to remove the reproductive toxin bisphenol-A from food and beverage containers and baby pacifiers. Dr. Needham responded to hundreds of national and international environmental crises—in which lives were being lost—in efforts to discover the causes. He led research that in turn led to improvements in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of toxicant exposures and their adverse health effects. In so doing, he helped dramatically reshape national environmental health policy. Over the years, he served as a team member or spokesperson explaining environmental health issues before White House committees and to staffs and members of Congress, scientific delegations, peer-review panels, and international officials. He was also a frequent consultant to domestic and international delegations on environmental health concerns.

Dr. Needham was published over 300 times in peer-reviewed journals and received many prestigious awards for his work and service to humanity, the latest being the 2010 Constance L. Mehlman Award from the International Society of Exposure Science, which is given to a person who most helps shape a national or state policy or who develops new ways to reduce or prevent exposures. He also received the Public Health Service-Superior Service Award for outstanding leadership and achievement in the assessment of human exposure to toxic substances.



DEANNA MEADOR Young Alumni Achievement

Deanna Meador was granted Honors admission and an academic service scholarship to MTSU. She graduated in 2004 with a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies (K–8) and earned an M.A. in Educational Psychology and Counseling from Tennessee Technological University in 2006. In graduate school, she was coordinator of the university's telecounseling program and also worked at Vanderbilt on a longitudinal breast cancer study. Her master's project was research studying the skills needed to predict cochlear implant success in prelingual deaf children. In 2009, Ms. Meador

began working as a research assistant at Vanderbilt's Peabody Research Institute (PRI). She was quickly promoted to research coordinator, and she is now shepherding two multimillion-dollar grant-funded projects dealing with self-regulation skills in children. She recently developed a paperless data collection system that promises to be a paper- and money-saving boon to researchers.

Ms. Meador has volunteered for several years to help children in foster care, teaching life skills courses for teenagers and mentoring parents whose children are candidates for cochlear implantation. She has represented MTSU at professional conferences and has often counseled high school students who are preparing for college and at-risk women interested in going to college and getting grants. Her passion is to help first-generation college students realize their dreams (and she most enjoys meeting those who are considering MTSU).

Commencement Speaker

Michael Arndt Professor of Trumpet, MTSU School of Music Faculty Senate President 2012-2013



Dr. Michael Arndt joined the Middle Tennessee State University School of Music as trumpet professor in 2002. He received his bachelor's degree in music from the University of Missouri–Kansas City Conservatory of Music, his master's in music from the University of Minnesota, and his doctorate in music arts from Arizona State University. He was also awarded a Performance Certificate from DePaul University.

Dr. Arndt has an in-depth knowledge of pedagogy and performance and has studied with some of the country's finest teachers and performers. His MTSU studio includes more than twenty music majors, and he coaches and directs the Symphonic Brass Ensemble, the award-winning Trumpet Ensemble, and numerous other brass chamber ensembles. He has also guest-conducted the Wind Ensemble and the Symphonic Band. His students have gone on to study at the Cleveland Institute, Arizona State University, the University of Missouri–

Kansas City, and many other reputable programs. Many of his former students teach in band programs throughout Tennessee and the Southeast, and he also has students performing regularly at the National Trumpet Competition and students who have won recent positions with the Nashville Symphony and the Major Command Army Band at Fort Bragg in North Carolina.

Under his direction, the MTSU Trumpet Ensemble has opened for the Nashville Symphony Orchestra's Day of Music, competed in the National Trumpet Competition in Washington, D.C., and performed at International Trumpet Guild Conferences.

Dr. Arndt has presented and performed at conferences in the U.S. and in Bangkok. His performing schedule at the University includes solo recitals and regular appearances with the Stones River Chamber Players. With the MTSU Faculty Brass Quintet he has performed many concerts in middle Tennessee featuring some of the most exciting and difficult music for brass quintet.

Since moving to middle Tennessee, Dr. Arndt has been very active in Nashville's dynamic music community. He is a regular addition to the Nashville Symphony Orchestra trumpet section and is principal trumpet with Orchestra Kentucky. Recent performances with Orchestra Kentucky include Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No. 2*, Barber's *Capricorn Concerto*, Mahler's Symphony No. 1, and Gershwin's Concerto in F and *American in Paris*. He also shares the principal trumpet chair in the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra with Chris Coletti of the Canadian Brass. He has been principal trumpet in recent performances of Strauss's *Ein Heldenleben* and *Also Sprach Zarathustra*, Bartok's *Concerto for Orchestra*, Berlioz's *Symphony Fantastique*, and many others. He has performed with Orchestra Nashville, the Nashville Opera Orchestra, the Chattanooga Symphony, and the Cincinnati Symphony. He is also active in Nashville recording studios and has performed with many of Nashville's best-known performers at Fourth of July celebrations and benefit concerts and even at Tennessee's Bonnaroo Music Festival.

Clatform Carty

Dr. Sidney A. McPhee *President*

Dr. Brad Bartel
University Provost

Dr. Michael Arndt Faculty Senate President

Mr. John W. Cothern
Senior Vice President

Mr. William J. Bales
Vice President for University
Advancement

Mr. Bruce Petryshak
Vice President for Information
Technology and Chief
Information Officer

Dr. Debra K. Sells

Vice President for Student Affairs

and Vice Provost for Enrollment

and Academic Services

Mr. Andrew Oppmann
Vice President for Marketing and
Communications

Dr. John Omachonu

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

Dr. Michael D. Allen
Vice Provost for Research and
Dean of the College of Graduate Studies

Dr. Robert Fischer

Dean, College of Basic

and Applied Sciences

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Interim Assoc. Dean, College of
Behavioral and Health Sciences

Dr. David J. Urban
Dean, Jennings A. Jones College
of Business

Dr. Lana Seivers

Dean, College of Education

Dr. Mark E. Byrnes

Dean, College of Liberal Arts

Mr. Kenneth A. Paulson
Dean, College of Mass Communication

Dr. John R. Vile

Dean, University Honors College

Dr. Mike A. Boyle

Dean, University College

Ms. Bonnie Allen

Dean, Walker Library

Faculty Emeriti

College of Basic and Applied Sciences

Dr. Alfred Cripps

Jennings A. Jones College of Business

Mr. Daniel Reynolds

College of Education

Dr. Robert Eaker

College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Martha Foster Dr. Lorne McWatters Dr. Albert Ogden Dr. George Riordan

College of Mass Communication

Dr. Robert Spires

James E. Walker Library

Mr. William Black

Mace and Chain of Office

Originally a medieval knight's weapon, the mace evolved into a symbol of royal scepters in various crown jewel collections. Large versions of the scepter have come to represent the power and authority of institutions such as our University. The mace measures 50 inches in length and is made of Tennessee cherry wood embellished with solid sterling silver and lapis lazuli. The Tennessee flower, the iris, denotes the public the University serves who, by their loyalty, give it strength and power. The leaves form a crown to symbolize the ennobling achievements of our graduates. Tennessee freshwater pearls, the official state gem, suggest the inestimable value of inquiring young minds. The streamer on the wood shaft carries the names by which the University has been known since its founding. The finial at the base of the mace is a stylized nut, representing the core, the seed from which springs the mighty tree of those committed to lifelong learning.

The chain of office worn by the president is made of solid sterling silver. The lapis lazuli gems, mounted on scroll shapes, represent the colleges within the University. The knotted components depict the interdependence of knowledge and the various academic programs of MTSU. The sterling and lapis lazuli represent the University colors of blue and white. The Great Seal of the State of Tennessee embellishes the medallion suspended from the chain, representing the University as part of the Tennessee Board of Regents system.

These unique emblems of authority were designed and crafted by Professor Klaus Kallenberger, formerly of the Art Department. The mace and chain of office are a generous gift to the University from the MTSU Foundation.

Mace Carrier

Larry Burriss is a professor in the School of Journalism in the College of Mass Communication. He earned a B.A. in broadcast journalism and an M.A. in journalism from Ohio State University, an M.A. in human relations from the University of Oklahoma, and a Ph.D. in communication from Ohio University. He earned a law degree from Concord Law School. Dr. Burriss served in the Air Force for 20 years and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He is a decorated combat veteran, with assignments in Bosnia, Somalia, Mali, Central America, and the Pentagon. Dr. Burriss was instrumental in the planning and installation of computers and software in the then-new Bragg Mass Communication Building. He has served as chair of the former Department of Journalism, director of the School of Journalism, and dean of the College of Mass Communication. He is a former president of the Faculty Senate and was appointed by former Gov. Bredesen to the Tennessee Board of Regents. Dr. Burriss developed the first online course at MTSU, Media Law, which was also one of the first online courses in the United States. He also developed and teaches Mass Media and National Security. His awards and honors include the MTSU Career Achievement Award; the MTSU Distinguished Educator Award in Distance Learning; and the Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Technology Award from the National Conference on College Teaching, Learning, and Technology. Dr. Burriss continues to be active in the media. He has been recognized for his 25 years of writing and airing media commentaries on WMOT, for which he won first place in the Tennessee Associated Press Broadcast Editorial competition nine times. His commentaries regularly run on radio stations across the nation.

Academic Regalia

The black gowns and colorful hoods traditionally worn in Middle Tennessee State University commencement ceremonies have their origins in the Middle Ages.

A statute in England in 1321 required that all "Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors" wear gowns. In the second half of the 14th century, the statutes of certain colleges forbade "excess in apparel" and prescribed the wearing of a long gown. Scholars were often clerics as well, and they adopted costumes similar to those of monastic orders. While the special attire covered rank or social status, thus lending a uniform look to ceremonies, it also served another purpose: warmth in drafty, unheated buildings.

As the universities began to pass from the control of the church, colors often were added to the somber robes and hoods, eventually signifying the degree and specialization.

The cut of the gown, which is usually black, also varies with the degree held—pointed sleeves for the bachelor's degree; long, closed sleeves with a slit in the arm for the master's degree; and round, open sleeves for the doctoral degree. While the bachelor's and master's gowns have no ornamentation, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three velvet bars across the sleeves.

At Middle Tennessee, hoods are worn by holders of the master's and doctor's degrees, with the latter being longer. Hoods are lined with the official colors of the university which confers the degree; thus holders of degrees from MTSU wear hoods lined in blue and white. The velvet edging on the hood, and often the velvet edging on the gown, represents the candidate's major academic field. Often holders of the Doctor of Philosophy degree (Ph.D.) will be seen with regalia in dark blue instead of a color symbolic of their discipline. This is accepted academic dress. Further, the velvet lining on the gown may be the same color as the discipline color of the hood, or may be black. Colors associated with various subjects follow:

Agriculture - Maize
Arts, Letters, Humanities - White
Commerce, Accountancy, Business - Drab
Criminal Justice - Midnight Blue
Economics - Copper
Education - Light Blue
Fine Arts - Brown
Home Economics - Maroon
Journalism - Crimson

Law - Purple
Library Science - Lemon
Music - Pink
Nursing) - Apricot
Oratory (Speech) - Silver Gray
Philosophy - Dark Blue
Physical Education - Sage Green
Science - Golden Yellow
Social Work - Citrine

The black cap, the mortarboard, is customarily worn. There is no general rule for the position of the tassel. In practice at Middle Tennessee State University, the tassel is worn on the right. It may be shifted to the left after the degree is awarded. Men may remove their caps during prayer, the playing of the alma mater, and during the commencement address.

Honor graduates are distinguished by the stoles added to their gowns: gold for those graduating summa cum laude, 3.90 to 4.0 (overall grade point average); silver for magna cum laude, 3.75 to 3.89; and white for cum laude, 3.50 to 3.74. Graduates with University Honors wear blue and white cords and have completed at least 31 hours with a 3.25 average in the Honors program, a curriculum of special classes designed for superior students. Those who have maintained a minimum average of 3.65 in the Honors program are graduating with Distinction in University Honors. Honor graduates and persons graduating with University Honors, along with those who have been commissioned second lieutenant in the United States Army, are listed in this program after the degree recipients.

Some academic honor societies and programs may provide cords, ribbons, medallions, or lapel pins designating the achievement and involvement of their members.

Since 1993, graduates of the University Honors College have received the official Honors medallion in recognition of their final thesis defense and completion of special requirements of the college. The medallion itself is a replica of the official seal of the University Honors College and depicts a lighted torch, three Ionic columns, and a lightning bolt. Respectively, these symbolize the search for truth and knowledge, the stability and unwavering commitment to pursuing knowledge, and the flash of enlightenment or creative energy.

Experiential Learning Scholars are distinguished by blue, silver, and white cords. These scholars completed EXL-designated hands-on learning courses, an off-campus service activity, an on-campus service activity, and a portfolio of reflections on their EXL activities. The EXL program provides students with opportunities for hands-on experience, valuable networking, and an opportunity to explore career paths through real-world experience.

International students may wear colorful sashes that are representative of their country of origin. Each sash symbolizes, in color and design, their country's flag.

Most American colleges and universities have adopted a uniform code. However, at any academic gathering, costumes often are worn that are not described by these guidelines. Some of these may be from foreign universities, others from American institutions that have preferred to remain with the European tradition of allowing each school to determine its own costume. Silver medallions worn by faculty denote 15 years of service, and gold medallions represent 25 years.

Academic Banners

The banners carried and displayed at commencement represent the University; its nine colleges (Basic and Applied Sciences, Behavioral and Health Sciences, Business, Education, Liberal Arts, Mass Communication, Graduate Studies, University College, and University Honors); and Walker Library. Design and execution of the banners was a collaborative effort among Professor Janet Higgins, Art Department; her student Kristi Baughman; and Darrell Callis Burks, designer in Creative and Visual Services and 2000 B.F.A. graduate. The colors used in each banner represent disciplines within the colleges. The University seal centers each banner, symbolizing that the whole is greater than any of its parts.

BANNER CARRIERS

College of Basic and Applied Sciences

Hyrum Carroll is a faculty member in the Center for Computational Science and the Department of Computer Science. He received his Ph.D. in computer science from Brigham Young University, where he worked with Dr. Mark J. Clement in the area of multiple sequence alignment. His research is centered on leveraging computational approaches to solve biological problems, specifically in database retrieval metrics, pairwise and multiple sequence alignment, phylogeny search, and biological networks. Before coming to MTSU, he was a postdoctoral fellow in the computational biology branch of the National Center for Biotechnology Information at the National Institutes of Health, where he worked

on algorithms and evaluation criteria for sequence alignment with Dr. John L. Spouge.

College of Behavioral and Health Sciences

Colby B. Jubenville is a professor in the Department of Health and Human Performance. He earned a B.A. from Millsaps College and an M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Southern Mississippi. Dr. Jubenville, who joined MTSU in fall 2001, is on the graduate faculty and teaches in the graduate Leisure and Sport Management program. Over the last decade, Jubenville has forged a partnership with LTS Education Systems, secured private funding, and founded the Center for Sport Policy and Research and The Journal of Sport Administration and Supervision. In 2013, the journal was acquired by Sagamore Publishing and positioned as a peer-reviewed scholarly journal that provides cutting-edge applied research in the field of sport management. Dr. Jubenville has published over 30 peer-reviewed and trade articles in Sport Marketing Quarterly, The International Journal of Sport Management, The Journal of Marketing in Higher Education, The Journal of Sport Administration and Supervision, The International Journal of Sport Management and Marketing, The Journal of Venue and Event Management, and Facility Manager Magazine. In 2010, Dr. Jubenville was selected by The Nashville Business Journal as one of forty under 40 who were dynamic leaders within their field. In 2013, Jubenville coauthored Zebras and Cheetahs: Look Different and Stay Agile to Survive the Business Jungle (Wiley and Sons).

Jennings A. Jones College of Business

Michelle Beauchamp, assistant professor of marketing, joined the MTSU faculty in 2007. She received a Ph.D. in marketing from Mississippi State University and an M.B.A. and B.S. in marketing from Nicholls State University. Dr. Beauchamp's research in the areas of retailing, services, and marketing communications has been published in several journals and presented at national and international conferences. She has been quoted in USA Today and The Tennessean. She serves on the Marketing Management Journal editorial board. Her undergraduate teaching concentrates on marketing research, retailing, and principles of marketing. She has organized efforts to establish a collegiate chapter of the American Marketing Association at MTSU. Chapter operations are scheduled to begin during the fall 2013 semester.

College of Education

Seok Jeng (Jane) Lim, assistant professor in the Department of Elementary and Special Education, earned her bachelor's in social science in the discipline of children and family studies from Edith Cowan University, Perth, Australia. She acquired her master's in educational leadership in early childhood education from Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia. In 2012, she earned her Ph.D. in elementary/early childhood education from the University at Buffalo-State University of New York. Dr. Lim has more than 15 years experience working and teaching preschoolers and adults in early childhood education. She has presented at 25 national, state, and international conferences. Her area of research interest is the issue of bullying among an underrepresented population refugee children. She was on the executive board of the Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) and was nominated this year as president of Tennessee ACEI. Dr. Lim joined MTSU for her first year last fall. She recently led a group of MTSU students to her native Singapore for a study-abroad trip.

College of Graduate Studies

David Alan Otts, professor in the University Studies Department, holds a B.A. and an M.A. in English and an Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction, all from the University of Alabama. He teaches mathematics and has taught both writing and study strategies. He has over 25 years of service with MTSU, and he is active in state and national professional organizations. He is a Fellow of the Kellogg Institute and an officer of the Tennessee Association for Student Success and Retention. He is also communications coordinator for the National Association for Developmental Education.

College of Liberal Arts

Brandon Wallace received a B.A. in religion from Athens State College, an M.S. in sociology from MTSU, and a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Florida. He joined the Department of Sociology and Anthropology in 1990 after a year as director of research programs and services in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Florida Health Sciences Center in Jacksonville. Dr. Wallace regularly teaches introductory-level sociology courses such as Introductory Sociology, Social Problems, and Marriage and Family. He teaches upper-level and graduate courses in aging, family, research methods, and statistics. He has served as both graduate and undergraduate program director in sociology and is director of the Aging Studies program. Dr. Wallace's research focuses on assessing and improving quality of care in nursing homes. His most recent work addresses end-of-life care and rehospitalization rates in skilled nursing facilities. He is also a research analyst and quality-of-care consultant for National Healthcare Corporation.

College of Mass Communication

Matt Foglia was a 14-year veteran of New York City's sound-for-picture industry before joining MTSU as an associate professor in fall 2008. He earned a B.S. in music technology from the University of North Carolina-Ashville and a master's in music technology from New York University. He was a sound engineer for Sony Music Studios in New York and later chief audio engineer for PostWorks New York. Matt has mixed hundreds of hours of television programming for major networks and has worked on many music-based television and DVD projects for artists including Ozzy Osbourne, My Morning Jacket, Phish, and Coldplay. He has had two Emmy nominations (including one for a Paul McCartney TV special) and four Cinema Audio Society Award nominations. He mixed the 2007 Grammy Award-winning Best Long Form Video Wings for Wheels, which documented the making of Bruce Springsteen's Born to Run album. For films, he has recorded many actors including Oscar-winners Harrison Ford, Whoopi Goldberg, Susan Sarandon, and Tim Robbins. He is an active voting member of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, the Cinema Audio Society, and the Recording Academy. He is also coeditor of the Cinema Audio Society's journal, CAS Quarterly.

College of University Honors

Patrick McCarthy is a professor in the Department of Psychology and director of the industrial/organizational (I/O) psychology master's program. He received a Ph.D. in I/O psychology from George Mason University and a J.D. from the Nashville School of Law. Dr. McCarthy joined MTSU in 1999 and was the Psychology Department's 2012 nominee for the University's Outstanding Teacher Award. His research has been published in leading journals, and he has made over 40 national conference presentations. He is a cofounder and past director of MTSU's Center for Organizational and Human Resource Effectiveness (COHRE). His consulting typically involves students and has included over 50 clients across the country, ranging from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to Nissan North America. Dr. McCarthy is also a licensed attorney and a former elected member of the Murfreesboro School Board.

University College

Matt Hannah has been an academic advisor for the University College for two years. He holds a bachelor's in public relations and a master's in educational leadership from MTSU. His primary area of responsibility is working with students who are pursuing online degrees offered by MTSU and students in the University Studies program. Before joining the University College, he spent five years in the Admissions Office focused on transfer student recruitment.

James E. Walker Library

Mary Ellen Pozzebon is an associate professor in James E. Walker Library. She earned a B.A. in philosophy from California State University-Sacramento and an M.L.I.S. from San Jose State University. She has been at MTSU since 2005 and is now user services librarian for basic and applied sciences. She has been active in library collaboration and was awarded the 2010 Resource Sharing Award from Tenn-Share, a statewide library consortium. Her areas of research include library collection development, information resource access, and scholarly communication. Her recent coauthored article "Use of Collection Development Policies in Electronic Resource Management," published in Collection Building, was a 2013 Highly Commended award winner at the Literati Network Awards for Excellence.

THE COLLEGE OF Graduate Studies Doctor of Philosophy

Jonathan Omiya Adongo

B.A., University Botswana M.A., University Botswana (Major in Economics)

Dissertation: "Human Capital and Law in African Venture Capital and Private Equity Markets"

Hooded by: Dr. Bichaka Fayissa

Jonathan M. Bradley

B.A., Concord University M.A., Radford University (Major in English)

Dissertation: "Ideas in the Raw: American Modernist

Fiction as a Source of French Existentialism"

Hooded by: Dr. David Lavery

Christian Brown

B.B.A., Belmont University M.A., Middle Tennessee State University (Major in Economics) Dissertation: "Modern American Incarceration and Labor Economics" Hooded by: Dr. Charles L. Baum

Ian Christopher Hawkins

B.S., East Carolina University

B.S., East Carolina University M.S., Vanderbilt University (Major in Mathematics and Science Education) Dissertation: "Part 1: Virtual Laboratory vs. Traditional Laboratory: Which Is More Effective For Teaching Electrochemistry? Part 2: The Synthesis Of Aurones Using A Deep Eutectic Solvent" Hooded by: Dr. Amy J. Phelps and Dr. Scott Handy

Jennifer L. Hayes

M.A., Tennessee State University (Major in English) Dissertation: "'Will the Circle be Unbroken?': Lynn Nottage's Multicultural Community Plays" Hooded by: Dr. Claudia Barnett

B.A., University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Joshua Michael Hill

B.B.A., Middle Tennessee State University M.A., Middle Tennessee State University (Major in Economics) Dissertation: "Noncognitive Determinants of Economic Outcomes and Behaviors: An Empirical and Experimental Analysis" Hooded by: Dr. Mark Owens

Saori Ishikawa

B.S., University of Tsukuba M.S., Bridgewater State University (Major in Human Performance) Dissertation: "Physical Activity, Sedentary Behavior, and Bone Health in Older Women" Hooded by: Dr. Don W. Morgan

Agapi Theodorou

B.A., Nazareth College of Rochester M.A., SUNY College-Brockport (Major in English) Dissertation: "Jo's Progeny: Tracing the Girl Writer, 1868-1964" Hooded by: Dr. Ellen Donovan

Anca Traian

B.B.A., Dunarea de Jos University M.A., Middle Tennessee State University M.B.A., Eastern New Mexico University (Major in Economics) Dissertation: "Three Essays in Applied Microeconomics" Hooded by: Dr. Charles Baum

Jennifer Yantz

B.S., Middle Tennessee State University M.S., Middle Tennessee State University (Major in Mathematics and Science Education) Dissertation: "Developing Meaning for Algebraic Procedures: An Exploration of the Connections Undergraduate Students Make Between Algebraic Rational Expressions and Basic Number Properties" Hooded by: Dr. Angela Barlow

Education Specialist

Melissa Jean Bunch

B.S.Ed., Augusta State University M.A., Union College (Kentucky) (Major in Curriculum and Instruction)

Paula Louise Chesser

B.B.A., University of Georgia–Athens M.A.T., Georgia College and State University (Major in Curriculum and Instruction)

Perry Louden

B.S., Middle Tennessee State University M.A., Lipscomb University M.Ed., Middle Tennessee State University (Major in Curriculum and Instruction)

Jennifer D. Massey

B.A., Martin Methodist College M.L.I.S., Trevecca Nazarene University (Major in Administration and Supervision)

Master's Degrees

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Meredith B. Barker

B.S., University of Tennessee–Chattanooga (Major in Accounting)

Brittney Morgan Dickens

B.B.A., Middle Tennessee State University (Major in Accounting)

Courtney Elizabeth Durbin

B.S.B.A., University of Tennessee–Knoxville (Major in Accounting)

Kevin N. Greiner

B.S.B.A., University of Tennessee–Knoxville (Major in Accounting)

Shemeka Nekeisa London

B.B.A., Middle Tennessee State University (Major in Accounting)

Paul Northey II

B.B.A., Middle Tennessee State University (Major in Accounting)

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