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A monthly newsletter from the Office of Community Engagement & Outreach, a unit of the [Office of Research and Engagement](#)



From The Director

A review of 2018 was exciting as the Office of Community Engagement and Outreach (OCEO) rolled out a new strategic plan. What should you expect from the office? UT strives to be an engaged campus that creates and sustains a culture of scholarship, community building, and reciprocal partnerships. We look forward to continuing to provide the best resources to our campus and community partners.

[Read the full message.](#)

OCEO Launching Imagine Tennessee Program

Imagine Tennessee, an interdisciplinary research and engagement program will launch this spring. The program will connect university and community partners to address pressing state challenges through curricular, co-curricular, and faculty-only programs. Stay tuned for more information on the program and how you can get involved.

OCEO Faculty Fellow Opportunity

A Faculty Fellow opportunity is available in the Office of Community Engagement and Outreach for spring 2019 and possibly summer 2020. The Faculty Fellow will provide leadership related to the Imagine Tennessee pilot program.

[Learn more about this opportunity.](#)



[Tyvi Small](#) was announced interim vice chancellor for diversity and engagement, effective January 2, 2019. Small has been serving as executive director of talent management, diversity, and community relations in UT's Haslam College of Business. Small will lead efforts to coordinate existing student success programs and diversity initiatives across the university.



After more than nine years of construction [the new student union opened January 2](#). The Office of the Dean of Students, Center for Leadership and Service, Center for Student Engagement, SGA, and Admissions are just a few of the offices and services in the new building. The building will serve as the community center of campus for students, faculty, and staff.



The [Center for Leadership and Service](#) will hold its annual MLK Day of Service on January 19. The event connects students with organizations in Knoxville to foster community growth and servant leadership while remembering the great civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Faculty and staff can serve alongside students. [Register here.](#)

ENGAGE!

Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis has launched a new journal called [ENGAGE!](#) Its emphasis is on co-created knowledge and community-engaged research.

[Click here for submission requirements.](#)

Non-Credit Winter Courses

UT's [non-credit programs](#) offer a myriad of classes that enhance quality of life and career opportunities for Knoxville residents and beyond.

Funding Opportunities

- **2019-20 Community Engagement Incentive Grant RFP**
 - Grant max: \$2,000
[Proposals due by 5:00 PM Friday, March 1, 2019](#)
- **BTtoP Innovation Grants**
 - Grant max: \$7,000
[Proposals due by February 4, 2019](#)
- **Million Dollar Community Investment Grant**
 - Grant max: variable
[Proposals reviewed monthly](#)

New Opportunities

- **Tennessee Conference on Volunteerism and Service-Learning**
[February 10-12 in Franklin, TN](#)

Closing Soon

- **2019 Hillman Prize Nominations**
[Deadline is January 30, 2019](#)
- **International Communication Association Applied Research Award**
[Deadline is January 31, 2019](#)
- **National Association for Multicultural Education Call for Proposals**
[Deadline is January 31, 2019](#)

Community News & Events



Change Center Opens

On December 20, 2018 the [Change Center opened officially](#). The multi-purpose space was inspired by young people in the inner city that wanted a 'change' from the violence that they were experiencing. The facility has a roller skating rink, rock climbing wall, arcade games, and cafe.

All Males Youth Conference

[UUNIK Academy](#) is hosting the 13th Annual Calling All Males Youth Conference, January 26 from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Beck Cultural Exchange Center.

The purpose of the conference is to connect participants with local professional men around such topics as fitness, self-empowerment, cultural heritage, self-development/discovery, and defining success.

[Learn more and register here.](#)



United Way Campaign Celebration

The United Way of Greater Knoxville is celebrating the completion of their 2018 campaign. [Everyone is invited to celebrate with them on January 31](#). Jimmy Cheek, chancellor emeritus, is the Annual Campaign Chair.

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