Office of Community Engagement and Outreach

Welcome to the Office of Community Engagement and Outreach (OCEO) at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. OCEO engages students, faculty, staff, and community partners in reciprocal partnerships that advance the university’s mission to serve its citizens and to contribute to their quality of life, housing, and development.

The OCEO dashboard is an interactive tool that provides an overview of the campus’s engagement and outreach activities. It includes a map of the community, a list of research grants, and several datasets on the community, economic conditions, and trends. The dashboard allows users to explore these data and understand the impact of OCEO’s work on the community.

The OCEO dashboard is updated regularly to reflect the latest engagement and outreach activities. Users can access the dashboard through the OCEO website or by downloading the OCEO mobile app.

Contact Us
The OCEO team is available to answer any questions or comments you may have. You can contact us by phone at 865-974-4863 or by email at utceo@utk.edu.

Chancellor's Live Updates Resume
The Chancellor’s Live Updates will resume on January 26. The updates will provide an opportunity for Chancellor Donde Plowman to share the latest campus data, discuss recent developments, and answer questions from the community. The updates will be livestreamed on the Chancellor’s Live Updates website and broadcast on local TV stations.

You can also receive updates by signing up for the Chancellor’s Live Updates email list. To sign up, visit the Chancellor’s Live Updates website and follow the instructions.

Volunteerism and Service-Learning
The Volunteer Tennessee Conference will be held on February 7-9. The conference is an opportunity for service leaders, volunteer managers, and community partners to network, learn about best practices, and discuss ways to increase volunteerism and service-learning at the 2021 Volunteer Tennessee Conference.

The conference will feature keynote speakers, workshops, and panel discussions. The conference is open to all interested individuals, including students, faculty, staff, and community partners.

You can register for the Volunteer Tennessee Conference online. The registration deadline is January 25.

Superconductor Study
The Department of Physics and Astronomy Head and Professor Hanno Weitering, Associate Professor Steve Johnston, and PhD candidate Tyler Smith collaborated with researchers at the Southern University of Science and Technology and Sun Yat-sen University in China to successfully develop a superconductor.

The superconductor is a material that conducts electricity with zero resistance and can be used in devices such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machines. The researchers used a method called the oxide superconductor family growth technique to create the superconductor.

The development of the superconductor is significant because it has the potential to improve the performance and efficiency of MRI machines and other medical and scientific equipment. The researchers are currently working to optimize the superconductor’s properties and reduce its cost.

Community Updates
New Opportunities and Funding
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The proposals should be submitted by April 1 to be considered for funding. More information is available on the OCEO website.

OCEO Announces Spring Events
On Thursday, January 21 at 2:00 p.m. the Office of Community Engagement and Outreach will host a virtual OCEO Seminar. The seminar will feature a panel of experts discussing various topics related to community engagement and outreach.

The seminar is open to all students, faculty, and staff. The panelists will share their experiences and insights on topics such as public engagement, community partnerships, and best practices for building effective collaborations.

You can register for the OCEO Seminar online. The registration deadline is January 20.

UTPD Wins Top Statewide Award for Traffic Safety
The UT Police Department has placed first in the university's Traffic Safety Challenge. The Challenge is an annual competition that encourages units across the university to promote traffic safety and educate attendees about the dangers of speeding, wearing seatbelts, and pedestrian awareness.

The UT Police Department received the award for its innovative and engaging traffic safety campaign. The campaign included a series of posters, a video, and a live demonstration of the dangers of distracted driving.

The UT Police Department is proud of its traffic safety efforts and is committed to promoting safe driving habits on campus.

Tennessee Showing Signs of Economic Recovery
The Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research has released a report that explores the state's economic recovery. The report outlines the progress made in the state's economy and provides projections for the future.

The report details the state's economic indicators, including employment, income, and consumer spending. It also highlights the state's strengths and challenges and provides recommendations for future actions.

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