April is Global Volunteer Month

April is recognized as Global Volunteer Month (GVM), an opportunity to celebrate the work and impact made by organizations and volunteers across the world. Points of Light is leading the celebrations and has provided great resources to help celebrate volunteerism all month long. You can also partner with Volunteer Tennessee to celebrate GVM by promoting your volunteer opportunities and celebrating local volunteers.

NEWS

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The Office of Community Engagement and Outreach seeks proposals for its 5th Annual Engagement and Outreach Conference, “Community Engagement: Strategies, Solutions, and Impacts.” This hybrid conference will be held October 3-5, 2022 at the UT Student Union. A limited number of presentations will be available virtually. Proposals are due April 29.

Submit a Proposal Here

Graduate Students: Apply for Summer Community Engagement Academy

The Community Engagement Academy (CEA) is an interdisciplinary professional development program designed for new UTK faculty (0-3 years), postdocs, and graduate students who want to learn

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the foundations of community engagement and engaged scholarship and apply knowledge to research and practice. CEA provides background literature, facilitated discussion, mentoring, and presentations designed to increase their knowledge and enhance their practice of community engaged scholarship throughout Knoxville and East Tennessee by creating new partnerships and/or building upon existing ones.

OCEO is hosting a CEA summer intensive June 6-7 for graduate students only. Graduate students may apply here by Monday, May 9 at noon for full consideration.

*The Office of Community Engagement and Outreach is Hiring*

OCEO is hiring for several positions including a full-time administrative specialist and graduate research assistant for the 2022-2023 academic year. Visit the individual links to learn more and apply.

*Applications for REAP Academy Open Until Monday, May 2*

The REAP (Rights, Equity, Access, and Participation) Academy is a one-week summer program that will be held from July 25-30, 2022. During the academy, rising high schoolers will be introduced to concepts of social issues, social justice, and social change. They will also have field trips and experiential learning opportunities. The deadline to apply is Monday, May 2 at 12 p.m. Students and parents may apply here.

*Celebrating a Research and Education Partnership Between the University of Tennessee and Cherokee Health Systems*
The University of Tennessee and Cherokee Health systems celebrated their research and education partnership on Thursday, April 7. The signing ceremony represented the development of a strategic partnership between Cherokee Health Systems and the University, in which both organizations will work together to develop mutually beneficial goals in the areas of education, research, and service to maximize abilities to improve health outcomes in Tennessee. Learn more here.

**Knox Area Urban League partners with UT College of Law for Expungement Clinic**

Navigating legal policies isn't just time-consuming for many people, it can also be costly. The Knoxville Area Urban League organized a monthly expungement clinic to help people trying to get their lives back on track. Volunteers with the University of Tennessee Legal Clinic helped participants understand how they could restore voting rights, reinstate driver's licenses, and more. Click here to read the full story from WBIR.

**Rachel Stewart Named Truman Scholar**

Rachel Stewart, an environmental sociology major from McMinnville, Tennessee, is a recipient of the 2022 Harry S. Truman Scholarship, the most prestigious award given to undergraduates in the United States who are pursuing a career in public service leadership. Stewart—currently studying in Kyrgyzstan—will receive up to $30,000 for graduate or professional school, participate in leadership development activities, and have special opportunities for internships and employment with the federal government.

**UTSI Huntsville Research Center Announced**

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Senior leadership from UT joined the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce to formally announce the opening of the UT Space Institute Huntsville Research Center in Huntsville, Alabama. The new research center will connect federal agencies and industry with UT talent and infrastructure to solve complex aerospace and defense challenges while focusing on four key areas: research and development, technology translation and transition, undergraduate and graduate education, and workforce development.

**FUNDING AND AWARDS**

**Internal Opportunities**

**Engaged Scholarship Consortium Faculty Travel Funds**

Faculty with presentations accepted into the 2022 Engagement Scholarship Consortium are eligible to apply for travel funds from the Office of Community Engagement and Outreach. Registration is now open for the Engaged Scholarship Consortium [here](#).

**External Opportunities**

[C. Peter Magrath & W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Engagement Scholarship Awards](#)

Both the Magrath Award and the Kellogg Community Engagement Awards recognize universities that have enhanced their learning, discovery, and engagement missions by becoming more integrated with their communities. The application cycle is now open. Applications are due Monday, May 2.

**Engagement Scholarship Consortium Grant Applications Are Now Open**

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Engagement Scholarship Consortium (ESC) is providing financial support that helps facilitate positive outcomes for both scholars and communities. Faculty at ESC Member Institutions may apply for up to $5,000 to fund a one-year project. Collaborative projects among faculty from more than one discipline and/or at more than one university are encouraged. Funds may be used for faculty, graduate, undergraduate, community partner, and administrative stipends; supplies and expenses; and/or project-related travel. Applications are due May 9, 2022.

UPCOMING EVENTS

26th Annual EURēCA

Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement (EURēCA) is an annual event that showcases research and creative activities across all disciplines by currently enrolled undergraduate students in collaboration with a University of Tennessee, Knoxville or UTIA faculty mentor. This year’s exhibition took place on Monday, April 25, 2022, from 4:30-8:00 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

We Can't Wait: Equity and Justice Now

Join the Knoxville YWCA as Dr. Bernice A. King and YWCA USA CEO Margaret Mitchell discuss the deep-seated systemic racism and inequities faced by communities of color —from civic engagement to economic development, from education to health care, and even the way people of color are portrayed in the media. The event will be held on April 28th at 3:00 PM. Register here.

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ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

East TN Freedom Schools are Hiring

College students and graduates can apply to be a servant leader intern this summer with East Tennessee Freedom Schools. This is a paid internship from May 23-July 22. Visit the link to apply.

Internships and Full-time Positions at Thrive

Thrive is currently recruiting college students for a paid internship during the summer semester (June 5-July 22). There are also full-time positions available. They serve K-12th students in Lonsdale and K-5th in Parkridge, New Hopewell, and the Papermill area. Learn more about Thrive and reach out to joinus@helpusthrive.com with any questions.

Commission on Economic and Community Engagement Summer Meeting

The Commission on Economic and Community Engagement is partnering with Association of Public and Land Grant Universities’ Council on Governmental Affairs (CGA) for the in-person 2022 Summer Meeting. The meeting will be held on August 2-5 in Detroit, Michigan. Click the following link to save the date.

CALL FOR ARTICLES AND PHOTOS

We hope you enjoy OCEO's monthly newsletter and learning about the many ways UT faculty, staff, and students positively impact our community. We are seeking news articles, photos and content that you think our readers would enjoy. Email submissions to communityengagement@utk.edu.

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