A Message from Dr. Whorton

As we move into the Fall semester, change is happening all around us. From the renovation of our auditorium and continued evolution of The Mason Commons to the new colleagues and students we welcome to the UTSI family, we are moving forward and preparing for our future. Our aim is be known as a national leader in aerospace & defense research and postgraduate education, and each member of our staff, faculty, and student body is important to help move us in that direction. It won’t be long until our annual fall family picnic, and this fall we will also be celebrating our 55th anniversary. So welcome back and let’s make this a great year.

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Pictured above are 10 of 35 UTSoI graduates from summer 2018 to spring 2019. There was a total of 26 MS students and 9 PhDs.

Left to Right; Kevin Holst, Kapila Dissanayaka, Lynn Reed, Julie King, Charles Bond, Matthew Schwartz, Christopher Mears, Benjamin Gassman, Alicia Sherrod, and Gaoqiang Yang.

Congratulations!!
Service Award Recipients

5 years
Dr. Steve Brooks
Jonathan Kolutyck
Jeff Marsh
Dr. Andrew Yu

10 Years
Tonya Battles
Dana Hale
Natalia Kaptur
Jack LeGeune

15 years
Larry Ledford
Rebecca Layman

20 Years
Rebecca Layman

30 Years
Brenda Brooks
Clara Ferguson
Patricia Burks-Jelks
Dr. Peter Solies
Carole Thomas

40 Years
Joe Hane

Congratulations and thank you all for your service at UTSI!!!
Capitol Maintenance and upgrades on campus

Auditorium Renovations includes new seating, new flooring, painting, acoustic panels, and audio/visual equipment. Expected to be complete in August 2019.
Other Projects in Progress

Replacement of fiber optics on campus
New telephone system
Ceiling & light fixture replacement in Main Building B through E wings

Installation of vertical lift in the main academic building

Replacement of HVAC units on Main Building, dining room/kitchen area of Student Center, Machine Shop, Vacuum Chamber and Advanced Tech Lab
SGA Officers as of May 1st, 2019
President: Kate Stamper
Vice President: Samuel Smith
Secretary/Treasurer: Jack Cobourn

Senators:
 Mechanical: Justin Jones
 Aerospace: Autumn Douthitt
 Physics: Brittany Jenio
 Industrial: Zefeng Lyu
 Biomedical: Chad Bond
 Incoming Student: James Chism

GRAs; Summer 2019

Giang Huynh PhD/ME
Advisor; Dr. Abedi

Derek Burkhart PhD/ME
Advisor; Dr. Moeller

Brandon Roberts MA/AE
Advisor; Dr. Moeller
Chris Crumbly, a native of Rome, Ga., holds a BS and MS degree in aerospace engineering from Auburn University and is a graduate of the Program for Management Development at the Harvard Business School. He speaks on the space program frequently with audiences ranging from TEDx to school groups and professional societies. Chris serves on several professional and civic boards including the Huntsville Space Club, the American Astronautical Society, and the Greater Huntsville Section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) where he serves as the Region II Deputy Director for Public Policy. He is an Associate Fellow of AIAA. Prior to accepting the UTSI appointment he served as Executive Director of the technical nonprofit Von Braun Center for Science and Innovation (VCSI). After a 25-year career at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Mr. Crumbly retired and entered the business community as the Vice President for Business Development, Civil and Commercial Space at Teledyne Brown Engineering. His hobbies include, sailing, ...........

Chris is the Senior Director for Space and Defense Programs here at UTSI, welcome to the fam!

Ryan Winton is originally from Manchester, TN, then moved to Tulalahoma at the age of 20 after getting married. He and his wife have three children together; their daughter Sydney is 4, their oldest son Galen is 3, and youngest son Avery is 1. Ryan had years of experience in managing businesses before he decided to go back to school at Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) where he earned his CompTIA A+ and CompTIA Network+ certifications, graduating of March of 2019. Ryan enjoys spending time with his family, kayaking, playing basketball, and is a huge Lord of the Rings fan.

Ryan is working in the IT department as an IT Technologist, welcome to the fam!

Misty Brown grew up in Lynchburg, TN then moved to Murfreesboro to attend Middle Tennessee State University after high school and earned her Bachelor’s degree in Mass Communications/Photography with minors in Psychology and Business Management. She worked for Beaman Collision Center in Nashville for eighteen years as the Collision Center Office Manager. Two years ago, she and her husband Michael decided to move the family back home to Lynchburg to live a calmer and less stressful life. Together they have three kids; Elam, who is 14, Eli who is 13, and Reason, who is 9. They keep her busy with sports and extra circular activities. She enjoys working in her yard, cooking, photography, watching her kids play sports, and spending time with family and friends.

Misty is working in the Business Office as an accounting specialist, welcome to the family!!!
Cathy Thompson of Franklin County joined us at UTSI on July 10th. Earning her Bachelor’s degree from MTSU in Biology and went on to teach Biology and Earth Science at Webb School in Bell Buckle. Later she worked in Business Development and Marketing at Jacobs Technology. Before coming to UTSI, she was the Contracts Administrator and Executive Assistant at Tenova Healthcare at Harton Regional Medical Center. She and her husband Don have one daughter, Katie who live in Tullahoma, one dog, and 2 cats. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

Cathy is working in the Grants & Contracts office as Administrative Specialist, welcome to the UTSI family!

Shannon Burks of Winchester, TN joined us at UTSI this June after moving back home from Murfreesboro, TN. After graduating High school in 1992, she worked in the UTSI library during a summer work program before attending college at Motlow then MTSU. Later, Shannon moved to Murfreesboro and worked as a senior billing Account Representative. Before coming back to UTSI, she worked for the Tullahoma Utilities Board as a Customer Service Representative. She has two children, a twenty-two year old daughter and a fourteen year old son. She enjoys going to the movies and watching her son play basketball. She really enjoys the diverse environment here and hopes to have a career here one day. Shannon has a heart for people and enjoys helping others, and lives by “treat others the way you want to be treated.”

Shannon is also working in the Grants & Contracts Office as an Administrative Specialist, welcome to UTSI!!

Dylon Smith is originally from Lynchburg, TN but now lives in Manchester, TN. He enjoys playing different types of competitive sports, is a Florida Gators fan, and lives on a cattle farm. He graduated from Moore County High School in 2014 and then went on to Shelbyville Tech where he earned his degree in Industrial Maintenance. Dylon is one of the labors for the physical plant, welcome Dylon!!

Jeanette Bowdoin (Jen), lives in Huntland, TN with her four kids, ages 18, 15, 10, and 8. They have a dog Maggie and horses. Her kids keep her busy with band, 4-H, and gymnastics. Her favorite hobbies include riding her horses, competitive archery, hunting, mountain riding, and boating and kayaking. She wants to pursue a degree in engineering and is happy to be a part of the UTSI team. She is working in the Dining Hall, welcome Jen!
UTSI Running Club Poker Run
June 8, 2019

L to R: Dr. Jackie Johnson ran the most laps overall, Dr. Lee Leonard accompanied by his daughter Katie, completed the most laps in the male/female category, and GRA Zefeng Lyu won the poker hand.

The UTSI Running Club tries to meet every Wednesday at 5pm and holds two campus races a year for UTSI students, faculty, and staff; The Poker Run in Spring or Summer and the One Mile Fun Run in the Fall.

For run times or questions contact Adam Croft at kcroft@utsi.edu

Boat House clean-up was May 30th to prepare it for summer activities. Contact Lauren Lester at illes-ter@utsi.edu if you would like to become a member of the boat club.

The UTSI Book Worm Club

This is a read and return reading program that we are starting from donated books. The books are located on the two small book cases on the back wall of the Commons and anyone can donate. The books have a card in the back, just write your name and date on the card and drop it in the box on the case when you check one out but please return them when finished. When you bring the book back just put the check-out card back in it and return it to the shelf. A few titles include; “The Jungle,” by Clive Cussler, “The Day of the Dead,” by J.A. Jance, and “The Shards of Heaven,” by Michael Livingston. Contact Dana Hale if you would like to donate books to the Book Worm Club or have any other questions. dhale@utsi.edu; extension; 37312.
Scheduled Closings Fall & Winter 2019

Monday, September 2—Labor Day
Thursday and Friday, November 28,29—Thanksgiving
Monday—Friday December 23—27th—Winter Holiday

Fall Semester 2019

Classes begin—August 21
Thesis/Diss. Review Deadline—October 2
Fall Break—October 17—18
Last day to schedule final exam—October 29
Last day to take final exam—November 5
Thesis/Diss. Deadline 5pmEST—November 19
Thanksgiving Holiday—November 28—29
Classes End—December 4

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