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NEWSLETTER

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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- MAY 2ND - COMMUNICATION STUDIES GRADUATION CELEBRATION @ 6PM-8PM
- MAY 3RD - COMMENCEMENT - COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS @ 3PM

CONGRATULATIONS STEVE DECKER ON YOUR RETIREMENT!!

Working with such a talented and dedicated faculty in our department ranks as one of the most pleasurable experiences of my time at MTSU. Your awards, achievements, scholarly articles and commitment to serve our students encourages and inspires me. Thank you for your kindness and friendship.

What will retirement change for our lives?

Spending time with my sweet wife and family motivates my stepping out of the teaching arena. Having moved well into my seventh decade on the planet, I realized I am somewhere on the back nine of life's golf tournament. In fact, on February 20th, I thought I had hit a hole in one on the 18th and I would have been the one in the hole. Retirement will let me focus on the family. When I get to the 18th I am sure I won't say I wish I had spent more time working.

We plan to travel some. Bell Buckle will be our first adventure and then maybe branch out a bit further. We like, actually I enjoy, visiting Civil War battle fields. Something stirs the imagination while standing in the spot where Chamberlain, who was defending the left flank of the union army at Gettysburg, ordered his outnumbered men to fix bayonets and charge the advancing Confederates when his troops had run out of ammunition. Their bravery saved the battle that day.



As you know our granddaughter's thirty-one year old husband went in for, what was supposed to be a simple hernia surgery, but because of an error he passed away leaving a wife, and two sons, two and four years old. We cannot replace Trevor but we are actively involved with the care and upbringing of Liam and Brooks. Retirement will allow time for this.

Speaking at college and career retreats and youth camps will occupy some of my time.

A labor of love I have been involved in for over 40 years. Speaking to the 8-12 year old age groups for years has been the focus of my youth ministry. My dummy, Randy, and I have been communicating the truth of God's grace to this age group for decades.

And yes, that means I do stand around talking to myself. In addition, I speak at apologetic retreats for young adults and intend to expand that ministry.

Occasionally pastors call and ask me to fill in for them on Sundays, which I thoroughly enjoy.

MTSU has been such a wonderful blessing, my wife served as secretary for the Governors school of the Arts for 12 years as well as my 15 years here as well. I love the students, all shapes, sizes, races, beliefs, and cultures. And I pray that the Lord our God will place His good favor upon each of you and give you great success as you continue your teaching careers.

Congratulations Steve Decker! Thank you for your commitment to teaching and to MTSU! The Communication Studies Department wishes you a wonderful and joyous retirement!

INTERNSHIP CORNER



Nurture the Next is seeking an UNPAID Communications Intern to work up to 30 hours a week hybrid this summer. Nurture the Next is a nonprofit organization that has worked for 40 years to create safe, stable, and nurturing families and communities across Tennessee.

Firestone Direct is seeking a motivated and passionate intern to join our team as a Training and Development Intern. This internship will provide an excellent opportunity to gain practical experience in the field of training and development while working with a dynamic and dedicated team. The intern will play a vital role in assisting with various training initiatives and contribute to the overall growth and success of our organization. This is an unpaid internship; however, we offer the opportunity to earn credit hours



The office of First Lady Maria Lee, wife of Governor Bill Lee, is hiring two PAID interns for either summer or fall semesters. See the attached job description and information sheet for more information. Hours are flexible 20-30 hours per week, usually 3-4 days with some remote work. Paid \$10/hour for 20 hours OR for credit. Summer: May 27 - August 2, Fall: August 15-December 20.

INTERNSHIP CORNER

Two Sisters Maid to Clean is offering a PAID Marketing & Sales Internship at this location for 10 hours a week to assist with their in-house marketing initiatives. This role will involve working closely with our marketing team to create engaging content, manage social media platforms, and develop email campaigns. The ideal candidate will be enthusiastic about learning and contributing to various marketing tasks while gaining hands-on experience in a fast-paced environment. Send resume, cover letter, and email of interest to Samahria Richie, Samahria@twosistersmaidtoclean.com.



Project Transformation TN is seeking PAID Summer Staff. Work full-time with a set schedule late May to late July from Sunday-Friday (40 hours/week). See posting for more information about responsibilities and pay. Send email of interest to Ellen Crain at crain@pttennessee.org.

MTSU Career Development Center is seeking PAID Peer Career Ambassadors (PCA) to assist fellow students on a drop-in and email basis with their resumes and cover letter development and job search skills for the 2024-25 academic year, and maybe beyond (must be student). Apply on Handshake before April 14. For more information see their website or Handshake.



Earn Experience and College Credit with an Internship!

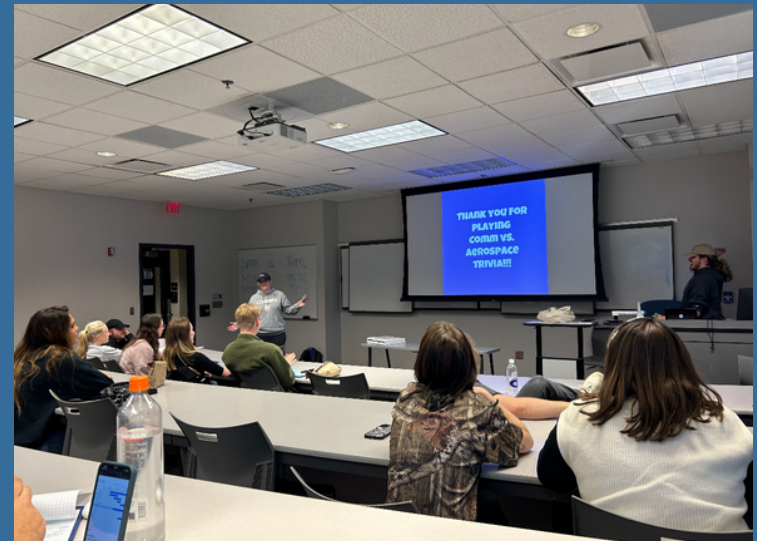
Communication Studies offers a 3-credit internship class to students as an elective COMM class that you can take either this summer or during the regular school semester. Students interested in an internship are required to have 2.5 GPA and junior status to enroll in COMM4900 with permissions. The student is responsible for getting hired at an internship, sign up for the class before it begins, and they must work a minimum of 120 hours during the semester and complete the internship assignments to earn the three credits. There are several summer internships posted on our Facebook and LinkedIn groups, and they posted regularly. You can take up to six credits (2 internships) towards your COMM credits. Please reach out to Dr. Priddis if you have questions.

WHAT'S NEW WITH COMM?

Communication honor society Lambda Pi Eta (LPH) and Communication Studies Club, hosted COMM vs. Aerospace Trivia on March 18th.

During this event, communication's clubs Lambda Pi Eta and Communication Studies Club worked together against Gay Pilots Association and Women in Aviation.

Communication Studies Club president Savannah Brewer stated "thank you for Lambda Pi Eta, Gay Pilots Association, and Women in Aviation for coming out and competing! We had a fantastic turnout. I hope that this event can become a yearly event to strengthen our relationship with the Aerospace department!"

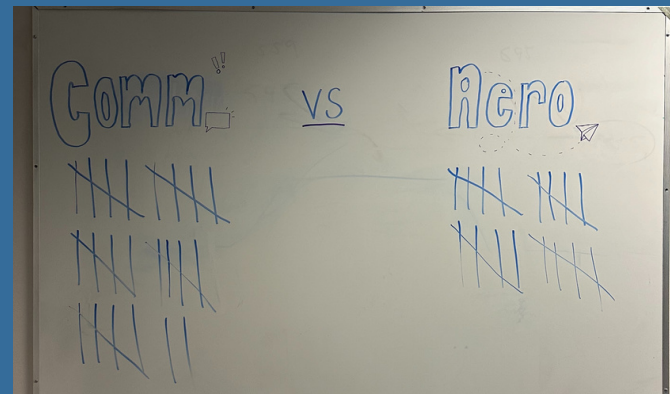


WHAT'S NEW WITH COMM?

COMM vs. Aerospace Trivia!!



Communication students



COMM flew past Aerospace on the scoreboard!!!



Aerospace students

LET'S TACO 'BOUT COMMUNICATION

MARCH 26TH, 2024



LAMBDA PI ETA

Lambda Pi Eta (LPH) is the **National Communication Association's** official honor society at four-year colleges and universities nationwide. The honor society recognizes outstanding student scholars in Communication. LPH has more than 500 active chapters in 47 states!

To be eligible for admission, students must meet the following criteria:

1. Complete 60 semester credit-hours or more
2. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for all courses taken
3. Complete 12 semester credit-hours or more in communication (COMM/ORCO)
4. Have a minimum GPA of 3.25 for all communication courses (COMM/ORCO)

To join our MTSU chapter:

Every eligible student member must submit the national initiation fee (\$30) and completed **Application Form** to the faculty advisor, Dr. DeAnne Priddis, prior to induction. This one-time fee covers your **Lambda Pi Eta** lifetime membership. If you are interested in joining Lambda Pi Eta contact Dr. DeAnne Priddis



LAMBDA PI ETA

Lambda Pi Eta's EVENTS FOR SPRING '24

January
23

Network with Alumni

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Location TBD

February
20

Intern Panel

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Location TBD

March
18

Aerospace vs. Comm Orgs

Time TBD
Location TBD

April
22

Unwind with Yoga

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Location TBD

Lambda Pi Eta Presents
Unwind with Yoga



Come unwind with yoga before finals!

4:30 - 5:30 pm
Monday April 22nd



Patterson Park
Community Center, 521
Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

COMMUNICATION STUDIES CLUB

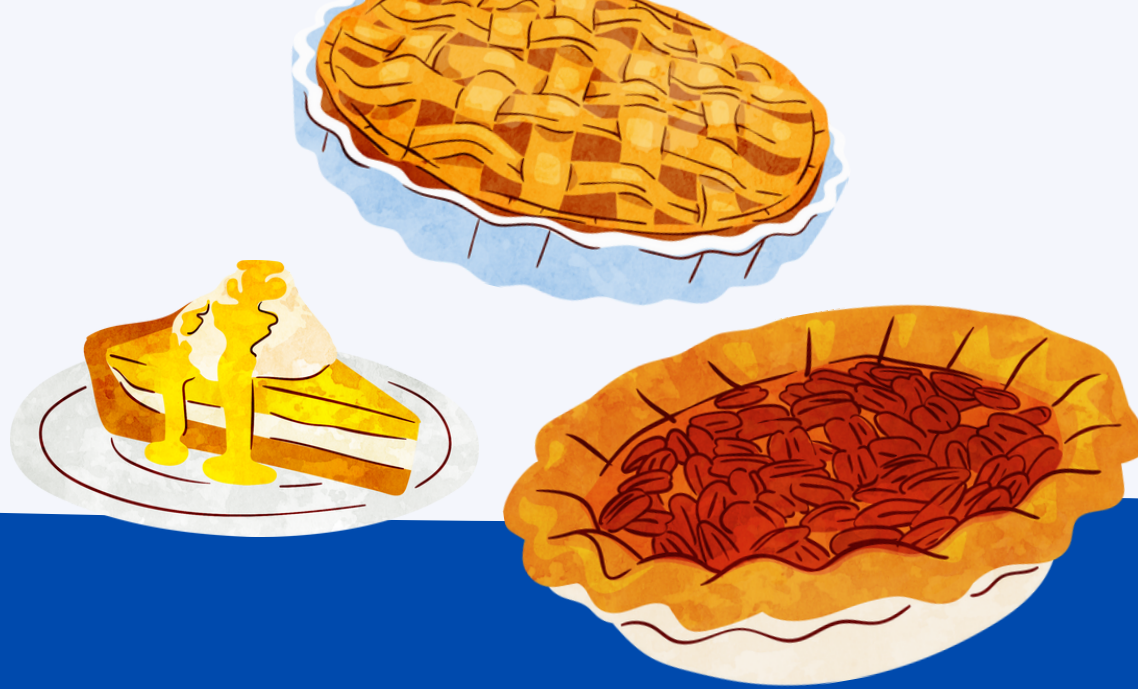


The Communication Studies Club aims to provide students with personal and professional development, networking events, opportunities to attend professional speaker events, and community service projects. The Comm Studies Club is an enriching experience for Communications majors to get involved on campus and in the community while practicing the skills learned in their coursework. There are no G.P.A. or credit hour requirements to apply. If you are interested in becoming a member or attending the next meeting, contact President Savannah Brewer at sb2bx@mtmail.mtsu.edu

COMM STUDIES CLUB

SPRING 2024 EVENTS

JAN 23	NETWORK WITH ALUMNI
TUESDAY	4:30PM - 5:30PM ACB ROOM 110
FEB 21	COMM FEEL THE LOVE
WEDNESDAY	12:30PM - 2:30PM JH ROOM 223
MAR 18	COMM V AEROSPACE TRIVIA
MONDAY	4:00PM - 6:00 PM BAS (ROOM TBD)
APRIL 24	PIE A PROF
WEDNESDAY	12:30PM - 2:30PM STU COMMONS



PIE A COMM PROF!

\$5 a pie (cash and venmo)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 12:30PM
- 2:30PM IN STU COMMONS**

All proceeds go to Greenhouse Ministries!

BLUE RAIDER DEBATE TEAM



The mission of MTSU debate is to make you a better thinker, scholar, and speaker. Through well rounded and balanced argumentation you also will become a better citizen. The ultimate goal of this team is not victory in the round but victory in life. Victory in life will bring many victories in rounds. The team looks to the past for guidance for a better future.

To advance this mission, the MTSU Debate Team will seek to:

- Apply the strictest ethical principles.
- Strive for and competitive excellence at all times.
- Treat each other with respect, kindness, and gentleness in all encounters.
- Conduct ourselves as professionals despite all obstacles.
- Teach those who come after us as those before taught us.

Contact

If you have questions, contact Dr. Patrick Richey at patrick.richey@mtsu.edu or 615-898-2273.

BLUE RAIDER DEBATE TEAM



The Debate team had an outstanding time with the Irish National Debate Team! Their exhibition with our debaters was very informative and very fun! If you are interested in joining the 2024-2025 debate team, email Pat Richey at pat.richey@mtsu.edu

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Becky Richey was nominated for and was selected as the 2024 C.A.R.E. (Concern for Adults Returning to Education) Award winner from the June Anderson Center for Women and Nontraditional Students! She will be honored at the Student Involvement and Leadership Banquet on Monday, 4/22, in the STU Ballroom. Well done and well deserved, Becky!



Suzi Richardson has won the College of Liberal Arts Staff Student Success Award! She will receive an award at the annual CLA Awards Ceremony on April 8. Suzi is MOST deserving of this award! We are so happy for her!



Katie Gruber won the Career Readiness Award from the Career Center. The award acknowledges those who go above and beyond to help students with their goals beyond college. She will be recognized at a luncheon on April 17.



Our Program External Reviewer was on campus on March 18 & 19. Special thanks to everyone that met with the reviewer!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Beth Asbury has been asked to be a contributor to a special issue of Communication Monographs on weight bias and fat identity. The article will be submitted in December for publication in 2025.



Mary Beth Asbury (along with honorary COMM department member Chaminda Preliis :)) was on a special panel on recruiting called, "Saying, 'Yes' to MTSU: Ideas for Undergraduate Recruitment and Yield Activities" on Tuesday, March 25, from 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm in STU 201. It will also be available via zoom.

Pat Richey worked with Dr. McPhee and has now secured \$10,000 extra funding yearly for the debate team! Congratulations, Pat!!! 😊



Jason Lukawitz (and his company, ETron Circuit Labs) was honored as the 2023 Partner of the Year for the Georgia TSA (Technology Student Association) Conference! At this conference, Jason speaks with and conducts multiple sessions working with both teachers and students to help teachers implement STEM training in the classroom.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lori Kissinger has been incredibly busy working with Borderless Arts Student Ambassadors and Borderless Arts participants. They have specifically been working with MTSU Aerospace students to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. They are also working with COMM 2200 and COMM 3250 students for this project as well. Lori will be presenting her "how" and "why" on April 10 for the MT Engage Spring Event and for an EXL Spring Workshop on April 17.



L'Oreal Stephens has been invited to Washington, D.C. to attend the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony in honor of Rosie the Riveter. This is a very special and hard to get invitation, but she was chosen thanks to all her work on behalf of women at MTSU and in the community.



Congratulations to Zoe Naylor (daughter of Kristin Naylor) for completing her degrees in French and journalism here at MTSU as a Buchanan Fellow! Zoe has been accepted to the University of Missouri for a masters in journalism and is looking forward to her next adventure.



Our Public Speaking Contest was a Success! This was one of the best years I have seen with the speeches - all were very well done. It was very hard to judge and pick a top winner. Congratulations to all the finalists! Also, thank you to McGraw Hill for sponsoring us again! We are so grateful to reestablish that relationship. Finally, thanks to Natonya for organizing it, Katie for hosting it, Pierre for emceeing it, Mary for helping with technology, Kristin, Lori K., and Jeri for attending, and Dom and Miura (from Honors) for judging!

1st Place: Hannah Osborne
2nd Place and Viewer's Choice: Lane Stanley
3rd Place: Phoebe Kell
4th Place: Ava Skinner





COMM 2200 Tutoring



Join Us

The COMM 2200 Speaking Center is open for tutoring in Jones Hall #238 this semester!

Dates and Times

Monday: 2:30PM-4:30PM (Online Tutoring and In-Person Tutoring)

Tuesday: 11:30AM-3:30PM (In-Person)

Thursday: 11:30AM-3:30PM (In-Person)

SPEAKING CENTER TUTORING



Are you interested in perfecting your speeches for COMM 2200? No appointment is necessary. Allow us to help you!

**Sign Up
Today!!!**



- Go to departments then select Communication Studies and click find tutoring opportunities
- Select Go To Zoom Web Conference then launch meeting and scroll where it says SSO and type in MTSU
- Sign in with your MTSU credentials

2024 SUMMER COMM CLASSES

2100 - INTRO TO HUMAN COMMUNICATION
2140 - INTRO TO ORGANIZATIONAL COMM
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4900 - INTERNSHIP IN COMM STUDIES

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GET CONNECTED

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, AND LINKEDIN!!



Want to know what is happening within the Communications Studies department? Follow us on social media to find out. We will keep you updated on all Communication Studies events and opportunities such as internships and job postings.

- Facebook Public: MTSU Communication Studies
- Facebook Private Group: MTSU Comm Studies
- Instagram: @mtcommstudies
- LinkedIn: MTSU Department of Communication Studies

For related posts, use the hashtags #mtcomm and #mtcommstudies

Ready Reference Resource How Does a Student...

Receive Writing Support?

The University Writing Center, in Walker Library 262, provides writing resources for students via remote learning including one-on-one, 45-minute appointments. Sign up at mtsu.edu/writing-center

Get Tutoring Assistance?

Find tutoring schedules for free remote tutoring in over 180 courses at mtsu.edu/studentsuccess/tutoring.php

Schedule an Academic Advising Appointment?

Find the link on Pipeline MT's Registration and Student Records page at pipeline.mtsu.edu

Receive Food Assistance?

The Student Food Pantry provides access to free food, meal vouchers, and personal items with a student ID and is located with MT One Stop, SSAC second floor. Or make an online request at mtsu.edu/foodpantry.

Receive Medical Care?

The Health Services Building located at the Rec Center is open Monday-Friday during fall and spring semesters. Contact the office at **615-898-2988** and mthealth@mtsu.edu.

Get Counseling Assistance?

Fully committed to the emotional health and wellness of our students, Counseling Services is housed in KUC 326-S. Schedule an appointment by calling **615-898-2670**

Report Sexual Violence, Harassment, and/or Discrimination?

Visit the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance in Cope 116 or at mtsu.edu/iec

Access Free Professional Clothing?

Raiders' Closet in KUC 327 has professional attire for both men and women (suits, jackets, slacks, shirts, ties, skirts, scarves). Email kim.collins@mtsu.edu or call **615-898-5467**

Receive Life Needs Support?

The June Anderson Center, located in Student Union 330, offers housing/utility assistance, legal clinics, child care services, food vouchers, and scholarships. mtsu.edu/jac

Learn about Internships and Employers?

The Career Development Center's services include career advising appointments, professional document review, virtual interview practice, and job search databases. Contact them at **615-898-2500** and career@mtsu.edu.

Apply for an Emergency Grant?

The MTSU Emergency Micro-Grant Program helps students in good standing with short-term financial emergencies to enable them to cope with unexpected hardships and remain in school. Apply on your academic college's home page.

Contact Campus Police?

Reach the University Police 24-7 by calling **615-898-2424** on a cell phone or campus phone or **911** on a campus phone only

Qualify for an Accommodation?

Visit the Disability and Access Center in KUC 107, call **615-898-2783**, or email dacemail@mtsu.edu

Access Training Videos Online?

MTSU students have access to the online training video library, LinkedIn Learning, which has over 3,000 training videos. mtsu.edu/itd/ll.php

Report Misconduct by a Student?

Submit incident to the Office of Student Conduct, located in KUC 208, through the online form at mtsu.edu/student-conduct

Succeed as a First-Generation Student?

Student Support Services, housed in KUC 308, works especially with first-generation and Pell grant-eligible students to ensure they navigate college successfully and graduate. One-on-one help with tutoring, advising, mentoring, and major selection are a few of the services provided. mtsu.edu/ssupport

Learn More about Veterans' Student Benefits?

The Charlie and Hazel Daniels Veterans and Military Family Center, in KUC 124/316, provides transition services for veterans and their families after returning to civilian life. Contact the center staff through mtsu.edu/military