Pledge of Allegiance
Recognition of Student Veteran
Middle Tennessee State University Board of Trustees

Roll Call
Middle Tennessee State University Board of Trustees
Approval of the Minutes from March 27, 2018
Regular Session Board Meeting
Middle Tennessee State University Board of Trustees

Academic Affairs, Student Life and Athletics Committee Report
Middle Tennessee State University Board of Trustees

Finance and Personnel Committee Report
Middle Tennessee State University Board of Trustees

President’s Report

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The Honors College provides

• Superior students with our best faculty in small classes

• The setting of a small liberal arts college combined with the resources and varied disciplines of a larger university

• State-of-the-art building with classroom and study spaces

• No special application required. Incoming freshmen need a 3.5 high school GPA and a 25 ACT. Transfer & continuing students need a 3.25 GPA.
• Competitive with a minimum ACT of 29 (1360 SAT) and a 3.5 GPA
• Must apply separately by December 1st directly to the Honors College
• Tuition-based Scholarship: 16 hours per semester and $500 for books

Buchanan Fellows

12th Class of Buchanan Fellows (2018)
Screened 276 applicants.
Average ACT = 33.6 and Average High School GPA = 3.953
Transfer Honors Fellowship

- Transfer Honors Fellowship: $3500 for four semesters – 3.5 GPA required
- Must have already completed 60 hrs. prior to fall enrollment at MTSU
- Separate Scholarship Application Required

Sixth class of **Transfer Fellows (2018)**
Screened: 73 applicants.
Average GPA = 3.88
Representing 18 different transfer institutions
Continued Growth!

- Total Enrollment: 853 h.c./1295 s.c. (F17)
  20.65% Increase since Fall 2014
- 74 Honors sections: 90.7% capacity (F17)
- Thesis Writers: 81
  30% increase since Fall 2014
- Fellowship Office Application Submissions
  115% increase since Fall 2014
- Recruitment Activities
  85.7% increase since Fall 2014
Increased Diversity

Minorities Enrolled

- Fall 2015 = 11.8%
- Fall 2016 = 18.4%
- Fall 2017 = 21.1%

39% of May or August 2018 Honors Graduates are classified in an ethnic minority.
Thesis Writers: 30.6% Increase since 2014/2015

1st Buchanan Class: 2011; 1st Transfer Fellow Class: 2015
Basic & Applied Sciences
• Continental European Beef Breeds: Their Use and Impact on the United States Beef Industry
• Examining the Effects of Manipulating Chaperone-Mediated Autophagy on Stress-Induced Nuclear Granules (SINGs) within the Nuclei of Oocytes of Caenorhabditis Elegans

Behavioral & Health Sciences
• The Mentally Ill Within the Criminal Justice System: An analysis examining techniques developed within Criminal Justice to adapt to the growing mentally ill population
• The Shot College Students Don’t Like: The Flu Vaccine, will Information Persuade Students to Become Vaccinated?

Business
• Academic Tenure and Housing Choice
• Communication and Connection: Helping G.I.R.L.S. Ranch Recruit and Retain Volunteers

Education
• A Study of the Relationship Between General Education Teachers and the Parents of Children with Disabilities in an Inclusive Classroom
Sample 2018 Thesis Topics

Liberal Arts
• *Into the White Cold Again*: A Novel
• “*If God is for Us, Who Can Be Against Us*” An analysis of the Black Church, Political Engagement, and Black College Students
• Immigrant Educational Attainment in the United States: Difference by Age-at-Immigration, Place of Origin and Race

Media & Entertainment
• *Love Makes a Family*: A Collection of Adoption Stories
• An Implementation of the Equipment and Techniques used by The Beatles at Abbey Road during the 1960s
• *Music With A Theme*: An Academic Approach To Building A Concept Album, A Creative Project

University College
• *Emmanuel*: A Creative Interpretation of the Gospels
Signature Programs

Italy, Thailand, and Washington D.C.
University Award Winners

Katiana Nicholson
Instrumental Music Education

Kirsten Cunningham
Biology & Chemistry

Alex Knight
Biology

Samuel Musili
Political Science

Robert Owen
Biology

President’s Award

Provost’s Award

Community Service

Robert C. LaLance

Harold Love
Extraordinary Opportunities

Kirsten Cunningham
2017 Goldwater Scholar

Tandra Martin,
2015 Rhodes Finalist

Destiny Seaton
2018 Udall Scholar
Fellowship Winners

Multiple 2018 Fulbright Award Winners!!

Hermon Phuntling
Global Studies
Fulbright Thailand
Peace Corp: Benin, Africa

Leia Green
Foreign Languages
Fulbright Argentina

Pel Doski
Biology
Fulbright South Korea

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Fulbright Summer Institute

Each year, the Commission supports up to 60 US undergraduate students to undertake a demanding academic and cultural summer programmes at leading institutions in the UK. Only freshmen can apply.

Kelsey Keith
English
University of Bristol, UK

Emily McTyre
Video & Film Production
University of Birmingham, UK
Class of 2018

• **Bassam Aboona**: Texas A&M, Nuclear or Particle Physics Ph.D.

• **Muhammad Fariz Ali**: University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine

• **Hannah Kanyuh**: Registered Nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the University of Kentucky’s Children’s Hospital in Lexington, KY.
• **Kelly Richardson**: University of Florida, Ph.D. Political Science program

• **Cayman Seagraves**: Florida State University, Ph.D. in Finance

• **Kayla Thomas**: Meharry Medical College School of Medicine
Thank you for choosing to honor Michael Martinelli through me this year; I am very grateful.

I will use this generous scholarship in his memory; I will be graduating from the Honors College next year with a Bachelors in Professional Physics, Astrophysics track. Then I will pursue a PhD in Astrophysics with my career goal to conduct research for NASA.

Through your kindness and generosity to me, I remember Michael Martinelli in my thoughts and prayers.

I am also an artist; I love bringing joy to others with my art pieces. I hope this portrait brings joy to you.

Thank you again,
Beverly Warner
Honors College Staff

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Philip E. Phillips, Associate Dean
Kathy Davis, Executive Aide
Karen Demonbreum, Executive Secretary
Laura Clippard, Honors Coordinator
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Thank you and best wishes - Lindsey

Welcome and congratulations - Peyton
Closing Remarks
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