

NEWSLETTER

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MTSU Speech & Debate

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Past Events

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MTSU Speech & Debate Team at USM's Hub City Swing Tournament

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IPDA Debate

Novice
4Th place Speaker Award
Sage Robinson

Varsity

1st place Speaker Award
Elliot Certain
Quarter Finalist
Joey Mego
Semi Finalist
Elliot Certain

Professional

1st place Speaker Award
Dr. Patrick Richey
3rd place Speaker Award
Nic Ged
6th place Speaker Award
Jonny Locke
Semi Finalists
Dr. Patrick Richey
Nic Ged

Team Sweepstakes
2nd Place

TIPDA Debate

1Th place Speaker Award
Elliot Certain
4Th place Speaker Award
Nicodemus Gabel
5Th place Speaker Award
John Aduroja

Individual Events

Speech Events

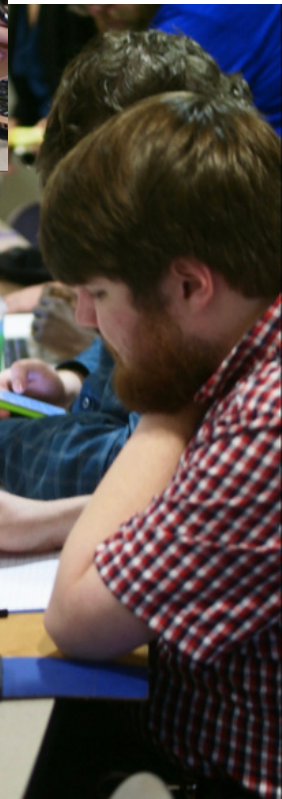
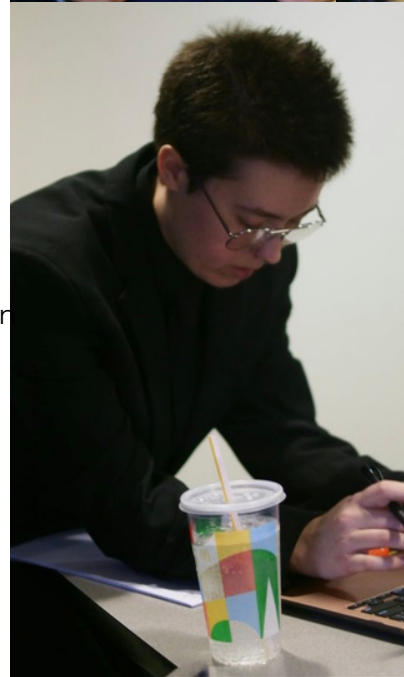
Sweep 1

Communication Analysis
4th place - Jessica Rogers
Editorial Impromptu
4th place - Ethan Schmidt
Persuasion
5th place - Ethan Schmidt
4th place - Jessica Rogers
Poetry
6th place - Jessica Rogers
Program Oral Interpretation
2nd place - Jessica Rogers
Pentathlon
3rd place - Jessica Rogers

Sweep 2

Communication Analysis
4th place - Jessica Rogers
Editorial Impromptu
4th place - Ethan Schmidt
Persuasion
4th place - Jessica Rogers
3rd place - Ethan Schmidt
Poetry
6th place - Jessica Rogers
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Pentathlon
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Overall Team Sweepstakes
5th Place

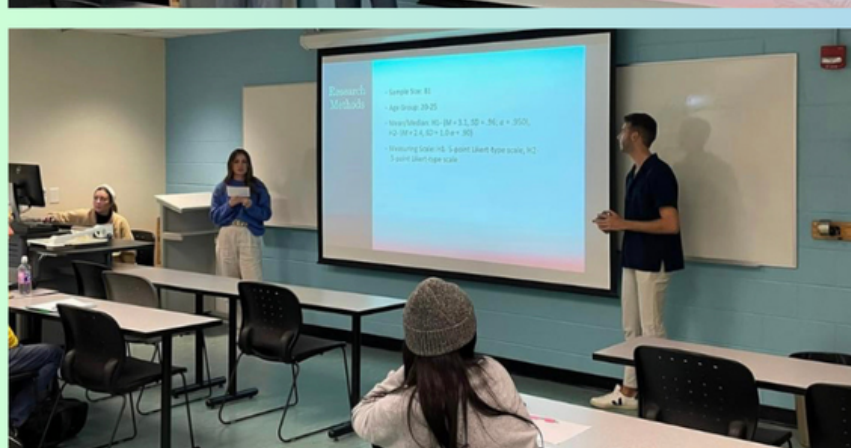
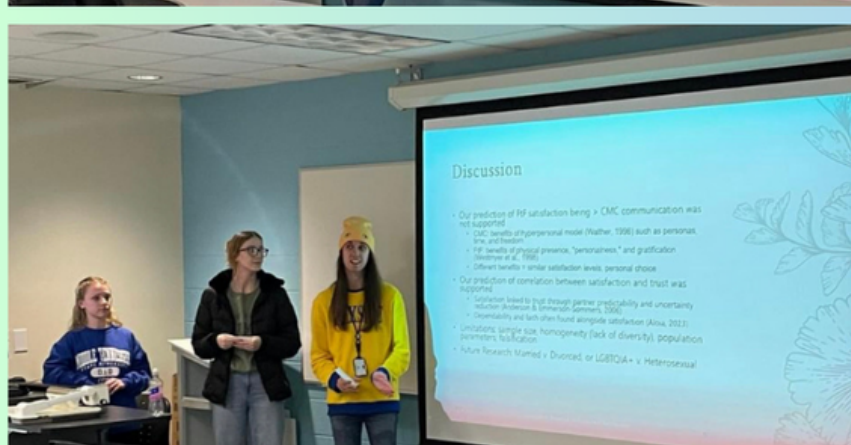
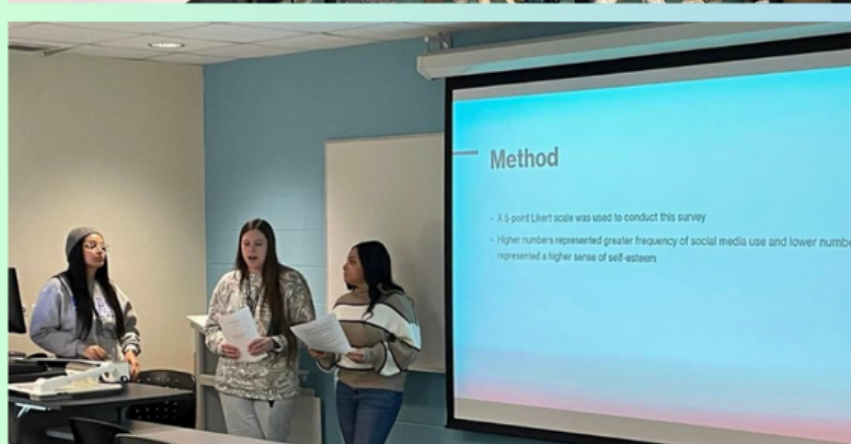


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On November 28th, Pi Kappa Delta and the MTSU Speech & Debate team raised about \$100 for hosting the Irish National Debate Winners in the Spring semester. So be on the look out for the event as it will be open to everyone!

On December 10th, the MTSU Speech & Debate team had their annual Holiday Party at the Discovery Center in Murfreesboro which was arranged by the Treasurer Elliot Certain. The party included a tour of the facility and an interaction with some of the animals within the facility. The team ended their semester of hard work and dedication with a heart warming celebration to remember!





Dr. Hoskins' COMM 3750, Quantitative Research in Communication

Research Presentations

DR. MARY BETH ASBURY
DEAN OF THE COMMUNICATION STUDIES DEPARTMENT

"Our students in Dr. Hoskins' COMM 3750, Quantitative Research in Comm, did outstanding jobs on their final research presentations! Congratulations on a job well done and for all of your hard work! We are proud of you!!"



Faculty Spotlight Meet Jason Lukawitz

Hello, my name is Jason J Lukawitz, and this is my first year as faculty here at MTSU, teaching COMM 2100 and COMM 2200. I am a MTSU Graduate, having completed the Master of Arts in Liberal Arts program, and originally serving as a Graduate Teaching Assistant for Dr. Asbury and Dr. Chevrette. I am married to the love of my life, Geta (pronounced Jetta like the car), and together we have 2 children who we homeschool, my 14-year old daughter Ellie, and my 17-year old son Ethan, who is a senior in high school, but is taking dual enrollment classes here at MTSU as he only has one credit hour left to graduate from high school.

Aside from teaching, I own two companies, LF Components, Inc., which is a broad line electronic component distribution company focused primarily on the medical and music manufacturing industries, and Etron Circuit Labs, Inc., a STEM-based education company. Under the Etron Circuit Labs umbrella, I have authored several textbooks that teach electronics, those textbooks in use in Middle and High schools, as well as multiple colleges and trade schools across the country, and around the world.

As a family, we attend World Outreach Church in Murfreesboro where I am often called upon to cook for different events that are held there, I find cooking to be a great outlet to relax, and having the opportunity to plan and prepare for large events allows me to “pretend” to be a restaurateur without any of the risk associated with actually owning a restaurant. Although like most, free time is a commodity that is hard to come by, when we do find it, we enjoy visiting antique stores, and exploring the countryside.

I am so incredibly grateful to be a part of the Communications Department, teaching is such a great way to impact the hearts and minds of this generation, and honestly, each day I am on campus I marvel at the fact that I get to be a part of this process, and a colleague to so many talented individuals.

THE UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER

The University Writing Center supports all levels of writers in all disciplines at any stage of the writing process for any kind of written project or assignment including multimedia projects. We offer 45-minute sessions face-to-face or online as well as group sessions and long-term writing partnerships. UWC tutors are trained peer undergrad and graduate tutors who represent a variety of majors from across MTSU.

TYPES OF APPOINTMENTS

Face-to-Face Session: A 45-minute session where writers work on any kind of writing with a tutor in LIB 362.

Online Live Chat Session: A 45-minute session where writers work with a tutor in real time using audio-visual technology through WCONLINE. Writers without audio-visual capabilities can use the chatbox.

Document Drop Session: A 45-minute, asynchronous session where writers fill out an appointment form and attach their writing with an assignment sheet. During the 45-minute timeframe, a tutor reviews the writer's concerns, reads the writing, and provides feedback on the document. At the end of the session, the tutor sends the feedback via email through a Client Report Form.

MESSAGE TO THE COMM STUDIES DEPARTMENT

For communication professors and comm students, please know that UWC tutors can work with students on their oral presentations; oral presentation scripts; multimodal components of presentations, such as PPTs; and research/seminar papers on communication and rhetorical theories. We are also happy to provide a digital class visit for folks who teach online classes and conduct in person [class visits](#).



DR. ERICA CIRILLO-MCCARTHY

Director of MTSU's Margaret H. Ordoubadian University Writing Center,

Dr. Erica Cirillo-McCarthy has worked in writing centers since 2003 when she first began tutoring as a MA student at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, FL. She sees the one-on-one session that is at the heart of writing center work as transformational for all writers. Dr. Cirillo-McCarthy takes a growth mindset approach to writing tutoring, understanding that every writer always has more room to improve their craft, and feedback from an interested reader is foundational to that growth. Her research theorizes writing center administration and writing center pedagogy and has been published in *Praxis: A Writing Center Journal*, the *WPA Writing Program Administration journal*, and other edited collections. She earned her PhD in Rhetoric, Composition, and the teaching of English from the University of Arizona.

Intern Spotlight

Celia Abril Gaytan Bernal

Communication Studies Major & Psychology Minor, Summer 2023 Graduate



The journey to graduation day was interesting. I had to experience the pandemic, was accustomed to new regulations on campus and still strived to complete my courses in different areas of Communication Studies. All of which I can add to my list of experiences to prepare for my transition to the workplace. In the summer of 2023, I was given the opportunity to intern for two organizations in the Nashville area. Stars Nashville is a non-profit organization that focuses on helping young people pursue their unlimited potential by providing hope, health and connection. Within the organization, I was a part of the Power Youth program from the Metropolitan Action Commission. Mentoring and teaching adolescent skills for their transition into the workplace. The other internship was with the Nashville Symphony in their Education and Community Engagement department, encouraging musical outlets for everyone across the community. I was able to help with the research and partnership process for their Music in My Neighborhood residency in North Nashville in early February. Music in My Neighborhood focuses on meaningful, long-term partnerships with organizations, schools, local artists, and community members to create programming and collaborations unique to that community. Both internships have allowed me to network and build relationships that I can expand even after it has ended. The internships emphasized that with a Communication Studies degree, one can have many opportunities in different areas. The support from the professors in the department and my experiences have made me eager to transition my education to the “real world”. Going forward I am looking to join organizations that involve community engagement. Where I can give back to my community with the knowledge and skills learned from my degree in Communication Studies.

Rebekah Witemeyer

This summer, I got the opportunity to work as a marketing intern for Franke Coffee Systems. Going into my internship, I wasn't quite sure what to expect since I had never worked in a corporate setting or held a marketing role before. I think I had healthy expectations though in that I had no clue what to expect, haha! I knew that my main project would be planning Franke's annual employee appreciation event, and shadowing a lot of professionals, but I didn't realize just how much I would learn. Although I still have a couple weeks left in my internship, I feel like I've accomplished a lot. Aside from our event which is being held in a couple weeks, I got to lead a successful email campaign, update internal marketing materials, and network with some of our global partners and present at global marketing meetings. My other main project was auditing our company partners to ensure that our pricing and branding were correct, which has been a really interesting project. We realized early on that Franke has way more partners than we had initially realized, so although I wasn't able to do a full audit before my internship ends, I still got to learn a lot about some other companies. Overall, I think this is a great internship for students wanting to gain experience in marketing roles, because even when I wasn't working on my own projects, I could shadow other people and build relationships. Franke is also dedicated to professional development and gives weekly challenges to help you grow. Although I enjoyed my internship, I think it also made me realize how much I have missed working in an education setting, so while I am definitely keeping the company in mind for future roles, I'm planning on spending my last semester on campus working in Career Development again before I start applying to full time positions.



Alumni Connection

Mary E. Hill



“Hey COMM Studies! My name is Mary Hill and I graduated from our program in May of 2018. Once I discovered comm studies at MTSU, I knew that I wanted to work in this field as a career and I made this realization because of the incredible professors in this program that made me fall in love with all that is COMM. I met some of my best friends in this program as well as learned some of the best life lessons.

Once I graduated, I spent the next year working as a communication director for a large church while I researched and prepared to start a graduate program in the field. During my master’s program I was able to discover my love of being an educator and getting to share this field with students year after year and I’ve never been happier. As of August 2023, I accepted the position to return to MTSU after a few years of teaching elsewhere and I now have the honor of educating students at my alma mater in the very department, alongside some of the same faculty, who changed my life!

Being back at MTSU is such a joy and I love getting to watch students learn and grow here the same way that I had the opportunity to do just a few short years ago, and I hope to make an impact in their lives the way that my professors did for me!”

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What's New with You**
MTSU Comm Studies Newsletter
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE NEW OFFICERS!

**THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE WORKING
TOWARDS PLANNING THE NEW YEAR AND
SERVING STUDENTS TO THEIR BEST ABILITY!**

Lambda Pi ETA

President – Leah Kimbro
Vice President – Rook Bain
Secretary – Chloe Wakham
Treasurer – Caitlin Foster



Comm Studies Club

President – Savannah Brewer
Vice President – Leah Kimbro
Secretary – Meg Chamblin
Treasurer – Logan Owens

LAMBDA PI ETA

THE NATIONAL COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION'S OFFICIAL HONOR SOCIETY AT FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES NATIONWIDE



Lambda Pi Eta 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. Lambda Pi Eta 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)

Lambda Pi Eta's EVENTS FOR SPRING '24

January
23

Network with Alumni

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
ACB 110

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

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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
AND
COMMUNICATION STUDIES CLUB

Communication Studies

Mixer with Alumni

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING
EVENT



JAN | TUE | 2024
23

IN ACB 110
AT 4:30-6PM

JOIN LAMBDA PI ETA AND THE COMM STUDIES CLUB FOR A MIXER WITH COMM ALUMNI ON JANUARY 23 FROM 4:30-6PM IN ACB 110. MEET COMM STUDIES ALUMNI, FACULTY, AND OTHER STUDENTS FOR THIS MEET AND GREET NETWORKING EVENT. FIND OUT HOW ALUMNI GOT FROM WHERE YOU ARE NOW – TO WHERE THEY ARE PROFESSIONALLY NOW.

COMMUNICATION STUDIES CLUB



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Logan Owens



Take a Look at Our Website
to See upcoming Events!



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 sb2bx@mtmail.mtsu.edu.



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MTSU SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM



DEBATE TEAM

MTSU Debate Competes in IPDA and Team IPDA. IPDA focuses on creating an argument that can persuade anyone as the judges range from professors, student, other debaters, alumni, or someone right off the street. Members of the Debate team can get involved by competing individually or with a partner, judge, or come to meetings. the team is open to any major.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS TEAM

The IE team competes three different types of speeches Limited prep, Interpretation, and Public Addresses. Each member chooses their own events and topics to compete in and the Director Dr. Natonya Listach will teach the members how to formulate the speeches to be presented.



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.



PI KAPPA DELTA HONOR SOCIETY

Pi Kappa Delta is the Speech & Debate Honor Society which focuses on help the MTSU community. PKD host Food Drives, Outreach Events, and the Irish National Debate winners where they host two to three public debates open to everyone and show them local attractions in Middle Tennessee

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Meetings:

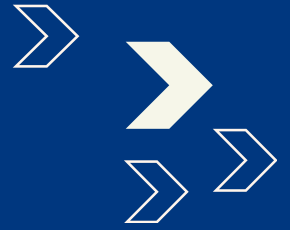
Speech: Monday at 4-6pm on
Zoom

Debate: Wednesday at 4-6pm in
BDA 314

*For Additional Information Contact
Patrick.Richey@mtsu.edu*



JOBS/INTERNSHIPS



Special Kids has a PAID Seasonal Development Internship position available. This internship duties to include planning, organizing, recruiting sponsors and participants, working with volunteer coordinator, volunteers, event platforms, social media posts for events and email marketing. Seasonal position active from December through the end of May.



Camp War Eagle, a nonprofit summer camp in Arkansas is seeking summer Camp Staff.

We have a unique mission that is centered around providing a premier camp experience for over 7,000 students exclusively from our area with a special focus on those who are underserved, overlooked, or undervalued. Due to our very special funding as a non-profit, we can work with kids who might come from families under the poverty line, refuge displacement, and foster care - all of whom only pay \$20 out-of-pocket to attend our summer camp experience!



Greenhouse Ministries has a UNPAID Marketing/Social Media Internship for the Spring Semester. With this internship, individuals would work alongside their marketing and social media departments at their location. 2024 will be the start of their 25th anniversary, so there will be plenty of opportunities to grow your social media abilities with our many upcoming events. Additionally, you will have opportunities to be able to write articles to be published, help design our website, and so much more! Send your resume and an email of interest to Makayla at Makayla.sanford@greenhousemin.org. [www.greenhousemin.org. You can earn three credits in COMM4900 for this internship - see Dr. Priddis for more info.]



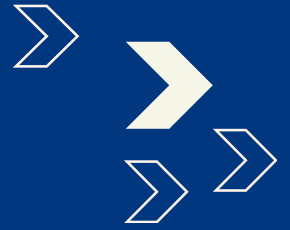
The Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC) at MTSU has PAID internships for the upcoming semester. TSBDC interns will assist in a range of business-oriented functions while working with potential and current business owners in Middle Tennessee under the guidance of a business counselor. Interns will perform activities such as general research, business plan development, business plan review, analysis, creation of training materials, and presentation of recommendations to clients.

Interested students should submit résumés and cover letters to Walter Castillo (wcastillo@tsbdc.org).





JOBS/INTERNSHIPS



Hershey's Summer PAID Leadership Development Internship. Undergraduate college students in any major seeking an enhanced summer employment experience while learning critical skills from industry experts and with a specially designed leadership curriculum. This internship is ideal for students in their sophomore or junior year.



Doors of Hope is looking for a UNPAID Business Development Intern who mainly focuses on developing new sponsors and donors and strengthening existing relationships, as well as assisting with fundraisers and events. See the attached job description and email your resume to Chelsea Sudberry at [csudberry@opendoorsofhope.org] (mailto:csudberry@opendoorsofhope.org) if interested. Check Out the MTSU Comm Studies Facebook Page for the job posting.

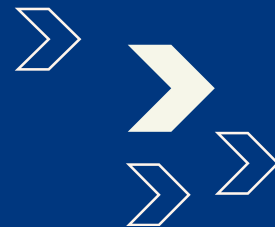


Williamson County Parks and Rec is hiring a PAID part-time Lead Festival Coordinator. The hiring manager is an alumnus who shared this with COMM. See attached posting:





JOBS/INTERNSHIPS



Legal Aid Society (LASMTC) is seeking an UNPAID Communication Intern to assist and support in areas of digital marketing, branding, and design, assist with events, and administrative responsibilities. See attachment for job posting (page 2) and how to apply.

www.las.org.

interested.

Check Out the MTSU Comm Studies Facebook Page for the job posting.



DK Cole Company is seeking a PAID Executive Search Coordinator to work 20 hours a week around your school schedule. You'll support and collaborate with senior recruiting staff, reporting to a Director and assist the President/Founder.

This position is 100% remote except for occasional meetings and training in Mt. Juliet, TN. You'll ultimately handle the email outreach for multiple searches led by senior recruiters, assist with job postings, field calls coming in from candidates returning calls of recruiters, screen resumes, conduct phone screens, and schedule calls and interviews for the senior recruiting team.

You'll handle candidate profile document preparation, client report preparation, participate in client video meetings, take notes, and assist with support for specialized candidate marketing projects, directly or jointly with other Senior level consultants. You'll anticipate recruiters' needs and take initiative to ensure all facets of each client recruiting engagement are being executed in a quality manner. Pay \$15/hour. Send resume to lhardin@dkcole.com.



The Tennessee Department of Treasury's PAID Summer Internship Program is a 10-week educational and experiential learning opportunity from June 3 to Aug. 9, 2024, offering undergraduate and graduate students a chance to witness and participate in the operations of a state constitutional office. The program is both professionally and academically beneficial, providing interns with hands-on, practical experience in state government. This is a mostly virtual internship with the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Occasional travel to our downtown Nashville office may be required. <https://treasury.tn.gov/Internship-Program>.

Treasury's Communications Division is responsible for all media relations, public relations, publications, and communications on behalf of Treasury and its programs. The Communications team supports the work of Treasury's various divisions and programs by maintaining professionalism in all communications and developing new ways to communicate internally and externally.

Eligibility Requirement: Must be enrolled in or a graduate of a degree-seeking program at an accredited college or university, majoring in Communications, Journalism, Marketing, or related field. Pay: \$25/hour. Please email resume to Shelli King & Jamie Page at Treasury.Resumes@tn.gov by March 9, 2024



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