‘Princeton Review’ distinction

McPhee: Alumni can be ‘proud’ MTSU among 146 Best Southeastern Colleges

By Randy Weiler /rweiler@mtsu.edu

For MTSU’s thousands of alumni, The Princeton Review’s January designation of the university as one among 146 Best Southeastern Colleges is “something our alumni should be proud of in terms of what’s happening on this campus as it relates to academic quality,” President Sidney A. McPhee said.

He said the distinction is something that alumni “can hang their hats on and know that their institution, particularly by current students, has been recognized. It ought to be somewhat of a rallying cry for our alumni to get more involved — if they haven’t been back to campus, they ought to get excited about coming back to see the progress that the institution has made over the last several years. They ought to come back and get involved with our university. And they ought to use this as a conversation piece with their neighbors and friends, and parents of high-school seniors and upcoming graduates and say, ‘Maybe you ought to take a look at MTSU.’ There’s something special that’s going on.”

The Princeton Review designation came as the result of a survey of MTSU students by the publication, which conducts surveys with millions of college undergraduates in hopes of identifying the top schools in each region of the country.

Students said MTSU offers “the best bang for your buck in academia, sports and overall experience,” according to survey findings.

“We include schools that we have a high opinion of their academics and overall college experience,” said Jen Adams, Princeton Review student survey manager. “We survey many, many students and guidance counselors before we make our selections. MTSU should be pleased with being part of this group.”

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Entrepreneurial effort by alumna

Wright’s $1.25M pledge endows new professorship

By Tom Tozer /ttozer@mtsu.edu

Scholarships serve individual students, while a professorship in a particular discipline can influence generations of students. That’s one major reason MTSU alumna Pam Wright (‘73) decided to establish an endowed professorship in entrepreneurship in the Jennings A. Jones College of Business at the university she loves and has served for many years.

“I felt it met what I wanted to achieve,” explained Wright, founder of Wright Travel, “which was a broader concept of what will serve as an opportunity to promote growth with entrepreneurship in middle Tennessee and beyond. The middle Tennessee community has been extremely beneficial to me, and the spirit here has greatly contributed toward my company’s success.”

The $1.25 million pledge, paid during a period of five years, will provide funding for the endowed chair and will allow university officials to launch a search for the position and begin chair activities. The first installment has been completed.

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Wright opened her doors for business in 1981. The (See ‘Wright,’ Page 2)

Workers lay bricks and perform other jobs at the new observatory next to Smith Hall.

CAMPUS EXPANSION

State Building Commission gets MTSU master plan

By Tom Tozer /ttozer@mtsu.edu

Communities know that universities bring vitality and economic stability through employment, retail sales, commercial and residential uses and their support of cultural and social events. College towns attract employers and a diverse workforce.

According to a study conducted by the Business and Economic Research Center at MTSU during fiscal year 2002-03, the university's (See ‘Expansion,’ Page 5)
U.S. Army Capt. Bridgette Lee Williams (’89), who is deployed to Kuwait, is shown at her work station. She received her commission from the ROTC and military science programs.

Bob Noblitt (’90), Jeff, Dwayne Duke, Gayle Duke (’65) and Nell Noblitt visit during the annual Signal Society and Heritage Society dinner at the Kennon Sports Hall of Fame in December. They are among a special group of alumni and friends who have supported MTSU 20 years or more.

MTSU Raiders banner sent by Phillips Bookstore was hung at her work station. She received her commission from the ROTC and military science programs.

Fourty-year donors Lynn Greer Jr. (’63) of Nashvillle, Dr. Mary Tom Berry and Martha Turner of Murfreesboro and Paul (’63) and Anne Cantrell of Lascassas were the featured donors recognized during the annual Signal Society and Heritage Society dinner, which was held in December at Kennon Sports Hall of Fame.

"We were very pleased to be able to honor our 40-year donors," said Kippy Todd, assistant director for annual giving. "For these donors to invest year after year, we're very grateful."

As always, alumni make up a large part of Signal Society members who have given annually for 20 to 45 years, as Dr. Ernest Hooper (’42) of Huntsville, Ala., has done.

Other longtime alumni members are John and Mary Tom Berry and Martha Turner of Murfreesboro, Dr. Mary Tom Berry and Martha Turner of Murfreesboro, and Paul (’63) and Anne Cantrell of Lascassas were the featured donors recognized during the annual Signal Society and Heritage Society dinner, which was held in December at Kennon Sports Hall of Fame. They are retired educators: He was an MTSU biology professor and she taught in the Murfreesboro City Schools system.

"I wanted not only to be just an alumna but a business connection to this community," she said. "The university has been fabulous in allowing me the opportunity to participate and contribute through board and committee involvement.”

Wright has served on the MTSU Foundation Board and the College of Business Advisory Board. In 2002, she was among the first group to receive the Exemplar Award, which is presented to alumni who have served as models for students of achievement in business and industry.

Wright said she had been thinking for a few years about how she might contribute to the university.

"I met with Jim Burton [business dean] a while back, and he promoted involvement between business and the university," she said. "In addition, whenever I was at a board meeting or an event and heard Dr. [Sidney A.] McPhee talk — he creates a lot of motivation to do something to contribute to the university.”

"There is always a need for scholarships to support our students," Burton said. "But given the shortage of faculty in the business disciplines, one of the issues that we have is attracting and retaining the highest quality faculty. This endowed chair will enable us to do that. This person will hopefully be an outstanding teacher, researcher and publisher, and will provide leadership in entrepreneurship and continue to build that program on the basis of what our excellent faculty is already doing."
Alumni events
For complete details about upcoming alumni events, go to mtalumni.com.

March
9 All Sun Belt Conference Alumni Gathering at The U.S.S. Alabama — Mobile, Ala.
28-April 5 Alumni Travel Program presents Italy
29 Paint the Zoo Raider Blue — Knoxville

April
12 President’s Celebration of Excellence
12 Paint the Zoo Raider Blue — Memphis

May
2 Alumni Accounting Day
3 Paint the Zoo Raider Blue — Atlanta
15 Young Alumni Wine Tasting at Beachhaven Vineyards and Winery — Clarksville
17 Paint the Zoo Raider Blue — Nashville

Campus events

March
1-2 MTSU American Indian Cultural Festival
For more information, go to www.mtsu.edu/powwow.

5-8 TSSAA Girls’ State Basketball Tournament
For more information, go to http://www.tssaa.org.

12 Marcin Bela, piano; Jamey Simmons, trumpet; faculty recital
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

12-15 TSSAA Boys’ State Basketball Tournament
For more information, go to http://www.tssaa.org.

13 Deanna Little, flute; Jerry Reed, piano; faculty recital
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

14 Presidental Concert Series, Aulos Ensemble
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

14 Star Party
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~physics/Star%20Party.htm.

15-18 Tennessee Guitar Festival
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

16 Xiao-Fan Zhang, faculty cello recital
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

24 Christin Schillinger, guest bassoon recital
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

26 World Percussion Ensemble
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

28-29 “Rhythm in You” by Ian Hunt
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~theatre.

31 Stones River Chamber Players
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

April
2-5 “Rhythm in You” by Ian Hunt
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~theatre.

3 MTSU Chamber Winds
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

4 First Friday Star Party
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~physics/Star%20Party.htm.

5 Clavierfest
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

7 MTSU Women’s Chorale
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

9 MTSU Percussion Ensemble
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

10 MTSU Wind Ensemble
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

12 MTSU Jazz Artist Series — legendary saxophonist Lee Konitz
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

13 Dina Cancryn, faculty voice recital
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

14 MTSU Concert Band
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

17-19 Spring Dance Concert by MTSU Dance Theatre
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~theatre.

20 MTSU Symphony Orchestra
For more information, go to, http://www.mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

21 MTSU Commercial Music Ensemble
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

22 MTSU Symphonic Band
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

23 Maya Stone, bassoon; Leo Erice, piano; faculty recital
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~music/calendar.html.

May
2 First Friday Star Party
For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~physics/Star%20Party.htm.

3 May 2008 Commencement
9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Murphy Center. For more information, go to http://www.mtsu.edu/~proffice/gradlist/grad_info.htm to find the respective colleges’ graduation times.

19-24 TSSAA Spring Fling
For more information, go to tssaa.org or call 615-889-6740.

For MT athletic events, visit goblueraiders.com.
For Tennessee Miller Coliseum events, visit mtssu.edu/~tmc/schedule.htm.
For Tennessee Livestock Center events, visit http://www.mtsu.edu/~tlc/.
MTSU alumni Zoo Tour will include Knoxville, Memphis, Atlanta, Nashville

From staff reports

D o you like monkeys and tigers, lizards and bears, or maybe elephants and giraffes? If so, the MTSU Alumni Relations office has a treat for you.

We are painting the zoo Blue! In fact, we are traveling to Knoxville (March 29), Memphis (April 12), Atlanta (May 3) and Nashville (May 17) to meet up with alumni, reconnect and enjoy a fun day at the zoo.

“This is a great chance for our alumni to bring their families to the zoo at a discount-ed ticket price, where lunch is included, and meet up with old MTSU friends in their areas,” said Paul Wydra, assistant director of alumni relations. “We hosted this event at the Nashville Zoo last year and it was a huge success. We had more than 500 alumni, family and friends join us. We wanted to give our alumni in other areas an opportunity for the same fun, so this year we are taking the show on the road.”

Registration at each site will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets including lunch are $12 for adults and $8 for children 12 and under and must be purchased in advance. To RSVP please call 1-800-533-6878, e-mail alumni@mtsu.edu or go to the alumni Web site, mtalumni.com.

Bring your family, friends and fellow MTSU alumni together and help us paint the zoo blue in your area.

“This is a great afternoon for families young and old. The animals provide plenty of excitement and entertainment, while everyone has a chance to reconnect and make new friends,” said Wydra.

Tickets must be purchased in advance, so be sure and get yours today.

Honors College Board of Visitors includes 9 alumni

By Randy Weiler jweiler@mtsu.edu

The inaugural meeting of the University Honors College Board of Visitors was held on Dec. 7, 2007, in the Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building, and brought together a “distinguished” group whose mission “is to provide leadership in promoting sustained program quality and positive change in the University Honors College,” said alumnus Dr. Phil Mathis (’67), interim Honors College dean.

Nine of 17 board members are MTSU alumni, added Mathis. The alumni agreeing to serve include:

• Don Ash (’77) of Murfreesboro, circuit court judge for the 16th Judicial District and a former Distinguished Alumnus;
• Emily P. Ellis (’72) of Clarksville, vice president for STAR Culture with Gaylord Entertainment in Nashville;
• Mark A. Hall (’77) of Winston-Salem, N.C., Turnage Professor of Law at Wake Forest University;
• Debra H. Hopkins (’80) of Murfreesboro, Southeast regional director for National Geographic School Publishing and Hampton-Brown;
• Paul W. Martin Jr. (’75) of Knoxville, chief managing member of Clarity Resources LLC, 2003 Distinguished Alumnus, first graduate from the honors program and, along with his brother Lee, provider of more than half the money to build the 21,000 square foot Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building;
• Chasity Wilson Nicoll (’95) of Manchester, partner in the law office of Nicoll & Nicoll;
• Byron Smith (’84) of Murfreesboro, retired chief marketing officer with Asurion Corp. in Nashville;
• Holly Thompson (’94) of Hendersonville, morning news co-anchor for WSMV-TV in Nashville; and
• Vincent Windrow (’94) of Antioch, vice president of Zycron Computers, with offices in Nashville, Memphis, Chattanooga and Dallas.

James Buchanan (’40) of Blacksburg, Va., and Dr. June Hall McCash, founding director of the Honors College program in 1973 and retired professor in foreign languages and literatures, are distinguished members.

Buchanan, recipient of the 1986 Nobel Prize in Economics, is professor emeritus and advisory general member of the 21st Century Center.

Inaugural Sun Belt Classic is a success in Nashville

O n Dec. 15, 2007, the MTSU men’s basketball team served as the host in the inaugural Sun Belt Classic doubleheader at the Sommet Center in Nashville. A sold-out crowd watched the Blue Raiders take on the top-10 ranked Memphis Tigers before Western Kentucky met Tennessee in the second game.

The MTSU Office of Alumni Relations, along with the Blue Raider Athletic Association, sponsored a pregame send-off event for the team at the Renaissance Hotel. The team was introduced, and Coach Kermit Davis made a few remarks about the team and season. The Band of Blue played the fight song while the MTSU dance team, cheerleaders, alumni and friends cheered as the team boarded the bus for the game.

MTSU Office of Alumni Relations photo

Judy Smith (’60), left, retired associate dean of students, and Eleanor Teasley receive a visit from Lightning while enjoying some appetizers before the game.
Work continues at a brisk pace on the addition to the Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Facility to the existing Campus Rec Center. The project should be finished by June, a campus planning official said.

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Editor’s note: This is an edited version of a story that appeared in the Feb. 11 edition of The Record, a publication for the MTSU community. That story helped inform the campus and its neighbors of the university’s plans for future growth and expansion.

MTSU has significantly less space per student than all other institutions in the Tennessee Board of Regents system. There currently are 84.54 net square feet per student at MTSU; other TBR schools average 114.53 net square feet per student. With a target total headcount of 27,000 students, MTSU will still need to construct 1.6 million gross square feet of nonresidential space to accommodate the educational needs of our students so that they will graduate and become contributing, successful citizens.

MTSU, which has the largest undergraduate enrollment in the state, continues to attract many of the best and brightest students from Tennessee and around the nation. We must provide them with the finest learning environment and facilities possible.
### 1960s

- **Robert Wilson** (’65), Crossville, Tenn., retired after 35 years of teaching in the Cumberland County school system.
- **Betsy Child** (’75, ’76), Knoxville, Tenn., is the owner of Goethal Utilities LLC.
- **Brian Ayers** (’87), Ten Mile, Tenn., works for Abilith Paper in Calhoun, Tenn.
- **Russ Burns** (’82), St. Louis, Mo., is the president of Clayton Inc.
- **Dana Brazy** (’89, ’92), St. Louis, Mo., is the director of alumni relations and special events for Upstate Alliance.
- **JoJo Green** (’97), Rockvale, Tenn., is an administrative assistant for the center for civic engagement.
- **Cheris Kizer** (’01), Nashville, Tenn., is the director of alumni relations and special events for The Webb School in Bell Buckle, Tenn.
- **Adam G. Smith** (’03), Antioch, Tenn., joined the law firm of Miller and Martin.
- **Rachel Smith** (’03), Madison, Tenn., is an administrative assistant for the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities.
- **Allison Payne West** (’03), McCalla, Ala., is the assistant director of athletic marketing and tradename licensing at the University of Alabama.

### 1970s

- **Robert Chambless** (’73), Scottsboro, Ala., is teaching English in Daegu, South Korea.
- **Samantha Nathaniel Harding** (’78), Murfreesboro, is the GIS Manager for Anderson Environment and Conservation/Office of Developmental Disabilities.
- **Marie Waters** (’81), Wichitia Falls, Texas, along with their sons, were involved in fundraising for the renovation of her east Nashville home.
- **Nancy Tenille** (’87), Ten Mile, Tenn., is teaching English in Daegu, South Korea.
- **Lola Turner Williams** (’81), Lakeland, Fla., died Nov. 1, 2007.
- **Collin Brant Sutherland** (’86), Buckle, Tenn., is the director of alumni relations and special events for Upstate Alliance.

### 1980s

- **Lee Butler** (’86), Benton, Tenn., is the director of communications for BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee.
- **Jimmie Sanders Jr.** (’82), Nashville, Tenn., received his master of law degree in taxation from the University of Tennessee College of Law.
- **Chaplain Major Jimmie Sanders Jr.** (’81) and **Lisa Sanders** (’81), Wichita Falls, Texas, along with their sons, were named 2007 Military Family of the Year for Shippard Air Force Base.
- **Roy Vaughn** (’82), Brentwood, Tenn., is the director of communications for MTSU and the Office of Alumni Relations.
- **Brian Ayers** (’87), Ten Mile, Tenn., is teaching English in Daegu, South Korea.
- **Jesus Dimsdale** (’97), Mt. Juliet, Tenn., is teaching English in Daegu, South Korea.
- **Jennie Sue** (’97) and **Glen** (’97) of Killeen, Texas.
- **Kevin Burns** (’98), Murfreesboro, is the director of alumni relations and special events for Upstate Alliance.
- **Allison Payne West** (’03), McCalla, Ala., is the assistant director of athletic marketing and tradename licensing at the University of Alabama.

### In Memoriam

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#### 1930s

- **James Flippin** (’33), Nashville, Tenn., died Nov. 1, 2007.

#### 1940s

- **Lola Turner Williams** (’41), Lakeland, Fla., died Nov. 1, 2007.

#### 1950s

- **De. Joseph Knight** (’56), Murfreesboro, died June 26, 2007.
- **Lisa Sanders** (’81), Wichitia Falls, Texas, along with their sons, were involved in fundraising for the renovation of her east Nashville home.

### Up 'til Dawn reaches $80K for St. Jude

By **Randi Weiler** (randiw@tnstate.edu)

Organizers of the 10th annual Up ‘til Dawn finale said their efforts have raised $80,000 toward a goal of $105,000 for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis.

> “We have raised about $80,000 in sponsorships, donations and funds for the hospital,” said Crystal Griffey, Up ‘til Dawn executive director. “We had tons of sponsors this year who worked to help make our event a success.”

> “We still have a way to go. The goal amount is how much we plan to have raised by the end of the school year. We are fine with our total at this point.”

> The finale was held Feb. 1-2 in the Campus Recreation Center.

> Alumni like Meagan Flippin (’07) were involved either as being part of the organizing committee or supporting the student-led drive with contributions or sponsorships.

> “They’ve been working really, really hard,” said Hppelin, a graduate assistant in student organizations and a three-time committee member from 2005 to 2007.

> Griffey said teams “worked really hard to do fundraising activities and get money in to the hospital. College Ministry Team 3 combined to raise more than $5,350. She added that freshmen from the Lightning Leadership program were involved.”

### Class Notes

- **Robert Edward Lee Ayers** (’65), Murfreesboro, is working on law degree in taxation from the University of Tennessee College of Law.
- **Kate Benton** (’78), to Kandra (’07) and Stephen Benton (’01) of Murfreesboro.
- **Sophia Rilee Compton** (’79), to Misty (’97) and Will Compton of Antioch, Tenn.
- **Cash Dylan Coons** (’81), to Jennifer (’02) and Brian Coons (’03) of Nashville, Tenn.
- **Hunter Robert Crabtree** (’06), to Katherine and Cpt. Philip Crabtree (’97) of Killeen, Texas.
- **Drayden Thomas Dimsdale** (’85), to Rhonda and Jeffrey Dimsdale (’94) of Woodruff, S.C.
- **Robert Clay Dumat** (’80), to Ashley (’97) and Anthony Dumat (’97) of Murfreesboro.
- **Dane Michael Fitzgibbon** (’80), to Heidi (’97) and Patrick Fitzgibbon of Grand Rapids, Mich.
- **Noah Whittaker Francis** (’80), born April 3, 2006, adopted Sept. 9, 2007, by Emily (’93) and Jack Francis II of Murfreesboro.
- **Micah Nathaniel, Kathleen Elizabeth and Patrick Thomas Freeman** (’81), to Amber Golden (’94) of Smithville, Tenn.
- **Laura Foster** (’80), Maumelle, Ark., is a center instructorional coordinator and center courseware developer for FlightSafety International.
- **Robby R. Grubic** (’99), Marina Del Ray, Calif., has received his third Emmy Award in the Best Commercial division.
- **Michael Hall** (’95), Murfreesboro, is an agent with Horace Mann Insurance Company.
- **Christie Holman** (’98), Murfreesboro, is a training and development specialist for Marvich Healthcare Management Business.
- **Tiffany Mayhugh-Rego** (’99), Groveland, Fla., is a high school administrator with Orange County Public Schools.
- **Michael Oliver** (’94), Pelham, Tenn., has published his first novel, “Out of the Darkness.”
- **William Reeves** (’93), Murfreesboro, is the 2008 chairman of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce.
- **Cynthia Rohbach** (’97), Summertown, Tenn., is the statewide manager of the Green Schools Program for the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation/Office of Environmental Assistance.
- **Dinan Pullen Spears** (’98), Johnson City, Tenn., is an administrative and technical assistant for the center for civic advancement at Tusculum College.
- **Ron Spear** (’97, ’01), Johnson City, Tenn., is the GIS Manager for Anderson and Associates.

### 2000s

- **Stephen Benton** (’01), Murfreesboro, is the creative manager for the Daily News Journal.
- **Dana Brazy** (’06), Murfreesboro, designs for MainStreet Media, LLC.
- **Keith Broy** (’03), Murfreesboro, is a recruitment specialist contracted by Centennial Hospital in Nashville, Tenn.
- **Meagan Frazier** (’01), Tullahoma, Tenn., is the director of public affairs for Arnold Engineering Development Center.
- **Marjorie Kaup Haines** (’03), Franklin, Tenn., successfully passed the Tennessee Bar Exam in July 2007.
- **Dwanya Haley** (’05), Los Angeles, Calif., has been elected to the board of Women in Cable & Telecommunications.
- **Stacey Kizer** (’13), Woodbridge, Ind., is a research associate on the Quest Alliance project at Indiana University.
- **Jeff Ingram** (’05), Rock Hill, S.C., is a field organizer for the Barack Obama presidential campaign in York County, S.C.
- **Luke Laird** (’01), Nashville, Tenn., is cowriter of Carrie Underwood’s hit song, “So Small.”

**Class Notes**

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**March 2008**

MTALUMNI.COM
Simple message: update, participate, nominate

Dave McClendon is a 1996 graduate living in Brentwood with his wife, Laura, and children, Campbell and Maggie. He is the owner of McClendon Group Marketing.

While you have your attention, I also want to remind you to go online (mtalumni.com) or call your alumni staff (1-800-553-MTSU) and update your information. Getting timely and important information has never been easier than to email and the Web.

Finally, I want to ask each and every one of you (we are more than 90,000 strong these days) to do just two things today: (1) e-mail your classmates and share this important information; and (2) go online to mtalumni.com and nominate someone as a Distinguished Alumnus or for the National Alumni Association Board of Directors. It’s that simple. Go Blue!

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Martha W. Scarbrough ('64, '92) 1976-78 Lebanon, TN
Paschal Shelton ('33) 1936-37 Christiana, TN
Lorraine Singer ('70, '71, '75) 2002-03 Winchester, TN
Rosa Spielman ('75, '66) 1972-73 Murfreesboro, TN
Kenneth H. Summar Jr. ('40) 2001-00 Brentwood, TN
Sandra Y. Trail ('68) 2005-06 Murfreesboro, TN

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Exploring Our Heritage is the theme for this year’s college. A curriculum that combines innovative classes and entertaining tours has been specifically created with Blue Raiders in mind. The college will be a casual, fun-packed two-and-a-half days of learning, where you will take a refresher course on MT history and discover little-known facts and forgotten memories about the university. You will learn how to preserve your own stories through photographs and recordings so future generations can better understand your heritage.

Alumni Summer College will begin with an opening barbeque on Wednesday night to be followed by seven unique dining experiences including dinner at a great Nashville establishment on Friday. The highlight of Alumni Summer College will be our graduation trip to Nashville, where we will study the heritage of country music as we walk in the footsteps of musical legends. You’ll get VIP treatment as you tour backstage at both the Ryman Auditorium and the Grand Ole Opry House. We’ll end the night front and center in the audience of the world-famous Grand Ole Opry. Reminisce about your good old days in college while creating new memories. Imagine how fun college can be with no quizzes!

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Alumni Summer College

By Rhonda Wright

Corporate alumni chapters

Pictured is the Dell corporate alumni tailgate group. To start a corporate alumni chapter, contact alumni relations’ Paul Wydra at 615-904-4199 or pwydra@mtsu.edu.

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