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Freshman Connection

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Is It October Already?

Can you believe that it's the middle of October already? It seems like just yesterday we were opening the school year with our Opening Convocation and other Welcome Week activities. By now I hope that each of our new students has begun to settle in, make some new friends, connect with faculty, and find a niche here at MTSU. With more than 300 clubs and organizations, some affiliated with academic departments and others purely social in nature, there is something for everyone here on the campus. Getting involved is still the surest route to success as a student.

There is no doubt that you are already changing as you progress through this first semester on campus. Now it's you and you alone who are responsible for organizing your time, managing your finances, and asking for help when you need it for your classes. Some of you are already old hands at juggling the multiple and competing priorities you face as a student. For others of you, this is your first opportunity to operate so independently, and you are going to do some of your learning by trial and error. I want to encourage you to remember that there are lots of folks on this campus who would be happy to help direct you to

resources that may be helpful to you as you go into the second half of the semester. Don't forget to visit your professors during their office hours, talk to



Dr. Debra Sells

your RA or Area Coordinator if you live on campus and for heaven's sake, be sure and see your academic advisor before registering in November for your spring semester classes.

Just as you are changing by being on our campus, MTSU is being changed by you, as well. Freshmen students are already working hundreds of service hours in campus offices as a part of their academic service scholarships and through our work study

programs. Many of you are applying to serve as Student Orientation Assistants to help new freshmen who will be visiting us next summer. Freshman are also actively involved in volunteer work for both the campus and the Murfreesboro community. Each of you makes a difference by being active participants in classroom discussions and campus activities. We are a better place because you are here.

So on we go to the second half of the semester. Don't forget that we have more home football coming up in November, along with the Jason Aldean concert and lots of other campus events! Before you know it, we'll all be saying, "Is it December already?" Have a great fall season—it's my favorite time of year.

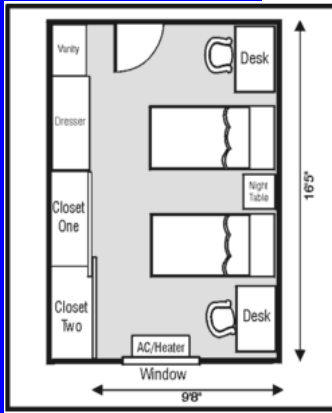
Best,

Debra Sells

Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Academic and Enrollment Services



Housing Reapplications 2009-2010



Typical layout of room in Corlew

Fall 2009-Spring 2010 reapplications are currently being accepted from Fall 2008 on-campus residents. Current residents have the opportunity to receive Preferred Resident Status. To receive this status you must reapply for the Fall 2009-Spring 2010 academic year by February 13, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Remember reapplying early increases the probability of assignment to prime locations. Students may reapply on-line by going to www.mtsu.edu/~housing and

following the instructions or students may also reapply by submitting the applications and appropriate prepayment by mail to MTSU Box 6, Murfreesboro, TN 37132-0001 or in person at the Housing and Residential Life Office in KUC 300.

Just a reminder that the student housing license agreement is for the full academic year. Students living on-campus for Fall 2008 who will be taking classes for Spring 2009 semester have signed the

agreement to live on-campus for Fall 2008 and Spring 2009. If you are not returning to take classes at MTSU for the Spring 2009 semester, please remember that you are to cancel your Spring 09 housing agreement reservation in writing with the Housing and Residential Life Office in KUC 300.

If you have questions concerning on-campus housing, you may contact us at www.mtsu.edu/~housing or call 615-898-2971.

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Regular ticket prices are \$29.75.”

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Country Artist Jason Aldean - Nov. 13

Country artist Jason Aldean along with special guest Lady Antellbum and Eric Durrance will be appearing at MTSU on November 13 in the Murphy Center at 7:30pm.

There are a limited number of \$15 student reserve tickets. Regular ticket price for the nonstudents/public is \$29.75 and are only available at Floyd Stadium Box Office, Ticket

Master locations and www.ticketmaster.com. You may also charge them by phone at 1-888-937-6878.

For more information, please call 615-898-2551. This concert is sponsored by MTSU Student Programming,, Outback Concerts, Cici's Pizza, Comfort Inn & Wrangler.



Judicial Affairs & Mediation

You are now officially a Blue Raider, and we want to take this opportunity to welcome you to MTSU. This is an exciting time in your life, and we hope you will take advantage of all that campus life has to offer. We also want you to be aware of the rights and responsibilities that you have as a

student at our university. As you will discover, there are numerous privileges to being a student at MTSU. With these privileges comes a responsibility to abide by all the university rules and policies. We encourage you to visit our website at www.mtsu.edu/~judaff to learn more. We have high

expectations for all our students and want to empower you to be the best Blue Raider that you can be!

The Office of Judicial Affairs & Mediation Services, KUC 128, 615-898-2750.

Center for Student Involvement & Leadership

The Center for Student Involvement and Leadership believe that participating in extra-curricular activities, while performing well academically, positions students to enjoy well rounded college experiences. Research indicates that involved students graduate at higher rates, are more satisfied with college life, and are more appealing to potential employers in comparison to their uninvolved counterparts.

The Center for Student Involvement and Leadership is home to various offices that offer specialized services and involvement opportunities for individual students and student groups. The Leadership and Service

Office, Off Campus Student Services, Intercultural and Diversity Affairs, Greek Affairs, and the June Anderson Women's Center are a few of the departments that can help students supplement their in-classroom experiences with valuable co-curricular opportunities.

For more information on involvement opportunities, please stop by the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership (KUC 326), visit our website at www.mtsu.edu/~involve, or contact a staff member from the list below:

Danny Kelley, Ph.D. - Associate Dean for Student Involvement and Leadership
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Carol Ann Baily, Ph.D. - Director, Off Campus Student Services
cabaily@mtsu.edu

Terri Johnson - Director, June Anderson Women's Center
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Bryon Lightsey - Coordinator, Greek Affairs
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Jackie Victory - Director, Leadership and Service
jvictory@mtsu.edu

Vincent Windrow - Director, Intercultural and Diversity Affairs
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Academic Support Center Has MOVED!!!

The Academic Support Center, advisors for undeclared students and students with a prescribed course, has relocated to McFarland Building. McFarland is located on MTSU Blvd Across from Jim Cummings Hall and the Business and Aerospace Building.

We are open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

The advisors in the Academic Support Center are here to help our students have a satisfying academic experience. Please come by our new location to meet your advisor or to just say hello. To make an appointment with your advisor or for directions, please call 615-898-2339.



Need a Rewarding Summer Experience? Are You a Leader? Want to be an SOA?

Do you want to be involved on campus and show your excitement for MTSU at the same time? Do you want to be part of an elite group of students? If so you should apply to be a Student Orientation Assistant (SOA) for CUSTOMS, MTSU's new student orientation program.

Applications for the 2009 SOA staff

are now available. You must complete the application and provide three professional references. Applications and references are due November 10. They should be turned in to KUC 326, where you should then sign up for an interview time.

Training will take place once a week throughout the spring semes-

ter and you will be working with all the new students during the summer of 2009. Please visit our website for the application <http://www.mtsu.edu/~customs> and click on Staff (on the left).

For questions or more info give us a call at 898-2454.



Summer orientation program for first year students

Priority Registration Information - November 10-21



“Students are notified via email that a mandatory advising hold has been placed on their account.”

One of the most important times a student should meet with their advisor is prior to registration. This time is known as “priority registration” and occurs one month before you can register for the upcoming semester. Some advising offices on campus set holds which prevent a student from registering until they have met with their advisor. The hold is not punitive; it is set as a reminder of the importance of advising. It should not be looked upon as a negative but rather a positive experience that keeps the student in control of their academic pro-

gress. Students are notified via email that a mandatory advising hold has been placed on their account. Students are encouraged to schedule appointments as promptly as possible so they can take advantage of their registration time. The Academic Support Center serves all undeclared students and students with any ACT prescribed course and is a good example of a department that facilitates advising with a mandatory advising hold.

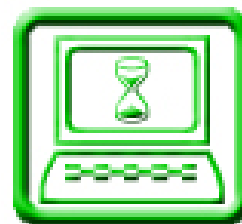
Both students and advisors have responsibilities in order to make for a successful academic career. Students should

be proactive and remember to meet with an advisor throughout the course of the semester, not just when they have a registration hold. Advisors are responsible for providing accurate information regarding general education and major requirements, academic policies and procedures, and course selection. Advisors are a resource for academic success. They are always available, and students should be encouraged to utilize their services frequently.

WHO IS MY ADVISOR?

If you are a current student and have a PipelineMT username and password you can find your advisor’s name, office location, and phone number by selecting the following tabs once you are logged into PipelineMT.

Click on the **RaiderNet** tab, then click on the **Student** subtab, click on the **Registration** link, and click on **Assigned Advisor(s)**. Also see the list below to of advisors for the Academic Support Center and all colleges.



Academic Support Center Advisors, McFarland Building, 898-2339

LaTonda Knight	A-B	Tyler Henson	P-R
Horace Stogner	C-D	Hillary Robson	S
John Scarlett	E-G	Mark Templeton	T-U
Erin Conroy	H-I	Heather Arrington	V-Z
Luther Buie	J-L		
Rebecca Suel	M-O		

Students beyond 30 credit hours should meet with the following advisors

Barbara Hensley	A-G
Carla Hatfield	H-N
Joe Tucibat	O-Z



Are You Signed Up for Emergency Text Messaging

What is Rave Alert?

Rave Alert is a system for campus communications. Rave Alert provides Middle Tennessee State University emergency alerts via text message

and email.

How do I sign up for the emergency alerts?

To sign up, type in the Alert4U link on the MTSU webpage or go to <https://www.getrave.com/login/mtsu> and type in your complete MTSU

email address (username@mtsu.edu) and email password to login and complete your sign up. You will begin receiving emergency alerts via text message and email. These text messages will only be used in extreme situations.

From previous events we have recently encountered on campus should be reason enough to sign up. You can opt out at anytime. Please take a few moments to complete the registration. **Your life could depend on it.**



Advisors Within Each College

Once you declare a major, you will be assigned a faculty advisor. This faculty member will work with you in your major to make sure you are on track with course selection, specific major requirements, and additional opportunities. Be sure to utilize your advisor to the fullest; they can help you make the most of your time at MTSU. Please see the following list for advisors in each of the academic colleges. You should contact the advisor directly to make an appointment for advising.

Basic & Applied Sciences

Karen Case 898-5087
Jennifer Danylo 494-7874

Pre-Professional:

Jennifer Braswell 898-5465

Aerospace:

Andrew Symonds 898-2055

Nursing:

Helen Gleason 494-8791

Business - N219

Paula Calahan 898-2764
Amanda Chambers 898-2764

Gretchen Leming 898-2764

Education & Behavioral Sciences

June Adams 898-5153

Sandie Norton 898-5086

Liberal Arts

Judy Albakry 898-5089

Lucy Langworthy 494-7785

Mass Communication

EMC & JOUR:

Hattie Traylor 898-5668

RIM:

Sarah Jackson 898-5945

Continuing Education & Distance Learning

A-C:

Tammy Bryant 898-2121

D-L:

Sonja Burk 898-5200

M-Z:

Sumer Patterson 904-8398

Honors College

Laura Clippard 898-5464

Personal Safety Tips - Taken from <http://police.mtsu.edu>

- Never walk alone or at night. Walk in Groups of 2 or more and if you are stranded call 898-2424 for Student Patrol Escort.
- Stay away from dark, poorly lighted areas and walk away from bushes and hedges.
- Use lighted sidewalks that run north and south and east and west on campus
- Avoiding talking to strangers and don't accept rides from people you don't know.
- Maintain a tight grip on your purse or belongings.
- If you think you are being followed try to get to a lighted public area and notify police immediately.
- Do not walk with your head down. Pay attention to your surroundings at all times.
- Use the emergency call boxes if you are need of assistance.



Never say it won't happen to you.

Don't Forget: Daylight Saving Time Ends -

New Student and Family Programs

1301 E. Main St
Box 61
Murfreesboro, TN 37132

Keathley University Center Room 326
Phone: 615-898-2454
Fax: 615-904-8047
E-mail: customs@mtsu.edu

**November 2 at 2:00 a.m. - Set
your clock back an hour before
you go to bed November 1, 2008**



New to campus? So are we!

The MTSU Career Development Center has a new name, a new mission and a new focus to help you set and achieve your career goals.

You might think it's too soon to start planning for your career after college, but it's not! There are six steps to career success and the first two should begin your freshman year.

In brief, the six steps to career success are:

- **Assessing** your skills, abilities, personality and interests
- **Exploring** career options that match your assessment
- **Building** your job search skills
- **Experimenting** by gaining practical experience and insight
- **Implementing** your plan

- **Practicing** life-long career management

To begin your career planning journey, set up a free account with our online job recruitment system, Lightning JobSource. Lightning JobSource is your one-stop-shop to take a career assessment, view upcoming career events and search for all kinds of jobs. With your account, you will be able to upload your resume, search for career opportunities and apply for job postings through the site. For additional information about the Career Development Center, please visit <http://www.mtsu.edu/~career>.

