

# Statement of Mission

Middle Tennessee State University unites the closeness of a small college with the opportunities of a large dynamic public university where students explore their intellectual potential and realize the promise in their futures. Grounding students in the arts and sciences, the University offers an integrated, technological, innovative education that prepares leaders for the economic, political, civic, and social life of the region and beyond.

The University is dedicated to promoting openness and educating a diverse student body from across the nation and around the world through comprehensive undergraduate and select master's and doctoral programs. MTSU prepares students to live productively and to become lifelong learners; to employ scientific knowledge and an understanding of culture and history; to think logically, critically, and creatively; to communicate clearly; to make sound judgments; to acquire working knowledge of a discipline or group of related disciplines; and to participate as citizens in the global community. The MTSU community creates knowledge through research and uses scholarship to enhance teaching and public service.

The University fosters an environment conducive to learning and personal development; recruits exceptional faculty and maintains support services to assist instruction; provides re-

sources to encourage research, creative activity, and service; develops individual, corporate, and public support; encourages excellence in athletics and recreational activities; establishes academic partnerships that support student-centered learning; works continually to strengthen and enhance the academic core; and supplies resources to accomplish its mission.

A major public institution of higher learning, MTSU is a member of the State University and Community College System of Tennessee.

## Vision

The Academic Master Plan creates a strategic blueprint that defines the University's vision, underscoring MTSU's commitment to leadership in higher education and to building Tennessee's future. It commits the University to achieving excellence in academics and to advancing student-centered learning. To this end, the University employs emerging technologies while honoring a sense of community, history, and tradition. Selective new academic programs strengthen partnerships with appropriate constituencies.

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