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MTAP Monthly

the Summit special

We won't waste your time with our words, so we'll just say enjoy this special edition of MTAP Monthly! It's all about last month's professional development day, a.k.a. the Summit!

- Allison McGoffin, Sarah Clark, Jayrah Trapp

Summit by the numbers:

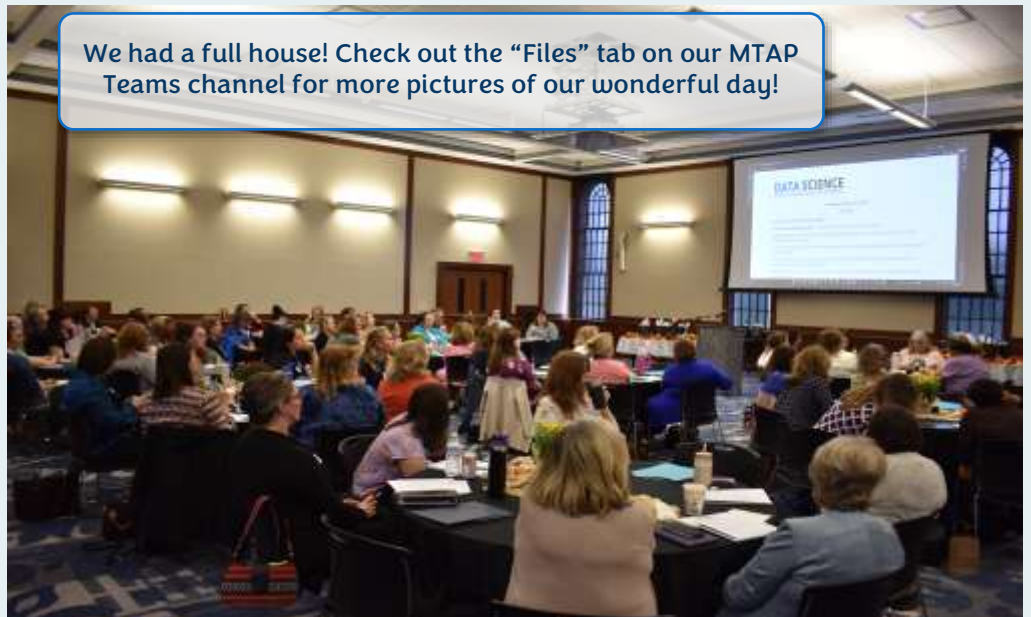
79 total people registered for the 2025 MTAP Summit.

⇒ For the first time this year, leadership decided to invite non-members! The Summit was free for MTAP members, and non-members paid \$20 each to attend.

⇒ **67 MTAP Members**

⇒ **12 non-members**
(That's \$240 raised for MTAP!)

We had a full house! Check out the "Files" tab on our MTAP Teams channel for more pictures of our wonderful day!



Dr. Keith Gamble of the Department of Economics and Finance explained how to make A.I. work for us.



Committees Involved:

- ⇒ Summit (Leslie Sims and Lara Bodary, Chairs)
- ⇒ Outreach (Hope Bryant, Chair)
The outreach committee worked with Denise Gonzalez (MTAP Treasurer) and MARCOM to get a new high-resolution logo and a professional MTAP Outreach Flyer, both for Summit and future use.
- ⇒ Prize Patrol (Melinda Beel, Chair)
- ⇒ Fundraising (Lisa Cherfan, Chair)

Some very special “thank you”s:

Committee members who volunteered time and energy in various ways

Cindy Dinwiddie donated the mums as centerpieces

Lara Bodary designed and brought the super cute fall décor

Aramark gave us a 50% discount on our order as a “thank you” to our daily coordination with them in our departments
(lunch spread pictured right)

Sponsors, which included both MTSU-affiliated and outside organizations

Speakers, who took time out of their days to speak with us

The **Executive Board**, the women behind the curtain who work tirelessly for MTAP!



Testimonials:

“The 2025 MTAP Summit was awesome! I loved everything about it. It was well-organized, beautifully decorated, and the speakers were excellent. Dr. Keith Gamble helped me overcome my fear of using AI. Barbara Scales reminded me that I have a voice and need to STRATEGICALLY use it for my benefit. Carly Escue knocked it out of the park with her presentation about appreciation and its impact in the work environment. Learning more about the 5 love languages in the workplace makes more sense.” —Beverly Ferguson

“This was the best Summit I have attended ([out of] 3). It was very well organized & decorated. I appreciate the effort!” —anonymous from feedback survey

“This was great from start to finish. Everything was beneficial.” —anonymous from feedback survey

Achievements, birthdays, life events, etc.

- * Wendy Gamble and her husband started a candle business (<https://bigdaddycw.com/>). Reach out to see where you can buy in person!
- * Beverly Ferguson and her husband celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary on Oct. 6th. “A lifetime achievement,” she says.
- * October Birthdays: Sandra Longfellow (5th), Billie Jean Brown (12th), Regina Nelson (15th), Laura Gardner (17th), Suzi Richardson (19th), Teresa Umphrey (26th), Miranda Haggerty (27th), Allison McGoffin (31st), Jenny Marsh (31st)
- * November Birthdays (1st-15th): Sarah Clark (2nd), DeAnne Hathaway (5th), Heather Gibbs (9th), Caroline Gerhart (13th)



Upcoming events

- * MTSU Foundation Lunch and Learn: Wednesday, Oct. 22, 12:00-1:00, Wood-Stegall Center
- * *Nuts and Chocolate for the Holidays* fundraiser, Oct-Dec
- * Winter Wonderland, Thursday, Dec. 4, 11:30-12:30, SSAC Tour Room