

MTAP Monthly

It has been a pleasure working on the new MTAP Monthly this semester. We hope it has been informative and enjoyable to all of you. As always, we welcome feedback and suggestions. Happy Holidays from our offices to yours!

- Jayrah Trapp, Allison McGoffin, Sarah Clark

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST ABOUT THE HOLIDAYS?

Leslie Sims is looking forward to taking a family trip to Disney World during Winter Break!

Juvy Burns says, "Aside from my tangible Christmas presents, I am mostly looking forward to writing Christmas cards, wrapping presents, and sending them to family and friends, as well as investing my time and efforts in joining dinners, fellowships, and gatherings with friends and family. I also enjoy watching Christmas concerts and other shows with my husband and immediate family members. The sweet and beautiful memories created through those activities are priceless and can last a lifetime. May everyone enjoy the blessings of the real reason for the Season's celebration!"

Sarah Clark notes, "The holiday season is full of joy, good cheer, and festivities, which can make experiencing feelings of sadness extremely isolating. I lost my father the day after Thanksgiving (his favorite holiday) three years ago, so for my family, this time of year can be a rollercoaster of emotions. No matter what types of emotions the holidays bring to you, you are not alone and what you are feeling is valid and normal. Take care of each other and take care of yourself, too. My holiday wish for each of you is that you may always find peace." [Here4TN](https://m365.cloud.microsoft/chat/) offers resources and services to help you and your family feel, live, and work better.



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MTSU FOUNDATION LUNCH & LEARN RECAP

BY HEATHER TRIMIS



In the **Foundation Lunch and Learn** (*image left*), Mark Clark and Caroline Haynes explained and discussed many aspects of the Development and Foundation Office, including scholarships/funds and giving campaigns. We learned how a scholarship/fund is created, the importance of honoring the donor's wishes by awarding larger scholarship amounts (when the amount is not expressly given), versus many small scholarships, and how the donors appreciate hearing how these awards impacted the recipients' lives. We also discussed the differences between the MTSU Cares and the True Blue Give campaigns, as both are donation campaigns. MTSU Cares supports community programs like the United Way, and True Blue Give supports MTSU programs, departments, and initiatives like the Student Emergency Funds, the Student Food Pantry, and many others.

Achievements, birthdays, life events, etc.

- * As a part of Engage Week, MT Open Press accepted Sandra Campbell's Zine entitled "MTSU – Buildings Named for Women – 1964", to be released in December.
- * Katie Morris-Finch passed the CAP exam.
- * November Birthdays: Sarah Clark (2nd), DeAnne Hathaway (5th), Heather Gibbs (9th), Caroline Gerhart (13th), Lynn Adams (30th), Samantha Jordan (30th)
- * December Birthdays: Kourtney Meredith (5th), Amanda Triplett (11th), Sarita Criswell (17th), Matthew Finch (18th), Sherry Fuller (25th), Patricia Scott (27th), Carol Cuff (31st)

Upcoming events and reminders

- * *Nuts for the Holidays* fundraiser, Oct-Dec
- * Julia's Bakery fundraiser, Nov-Dec (use code MTAP2025 in-store or online: <https://order.toasttab.com/online/julias-bakery>)
- * Winter Wonderland, Friday, Dec. 5, 11:30-1:00, Miller Education Center (bring donations for the Student Food Pantry!)
- * **CAP Scholarship Application** deadline for Spring is January 5th
- * Souper Luncheon, Tuesday, January 27, 11:30 am, Tom Jackson Bldg.