

MTAP Monthly

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

JAYRAH TRAPP

We hope your mid-semester has been productive. As the University swirls around us in a rush toward summer, we also hope you can relax. Is it just me who gets breakouts over other people's stress? I'm not the one who has to grade 100 papers in a week, yet it shows on my face! Anyway, in this issue, you will find recaps of what has been going on along with reminders for the month ahead and some fun stuff in the lives of our members. Enjoy!



WHAT DOES SPRING BREAK LOOK LIKE TO YOU?

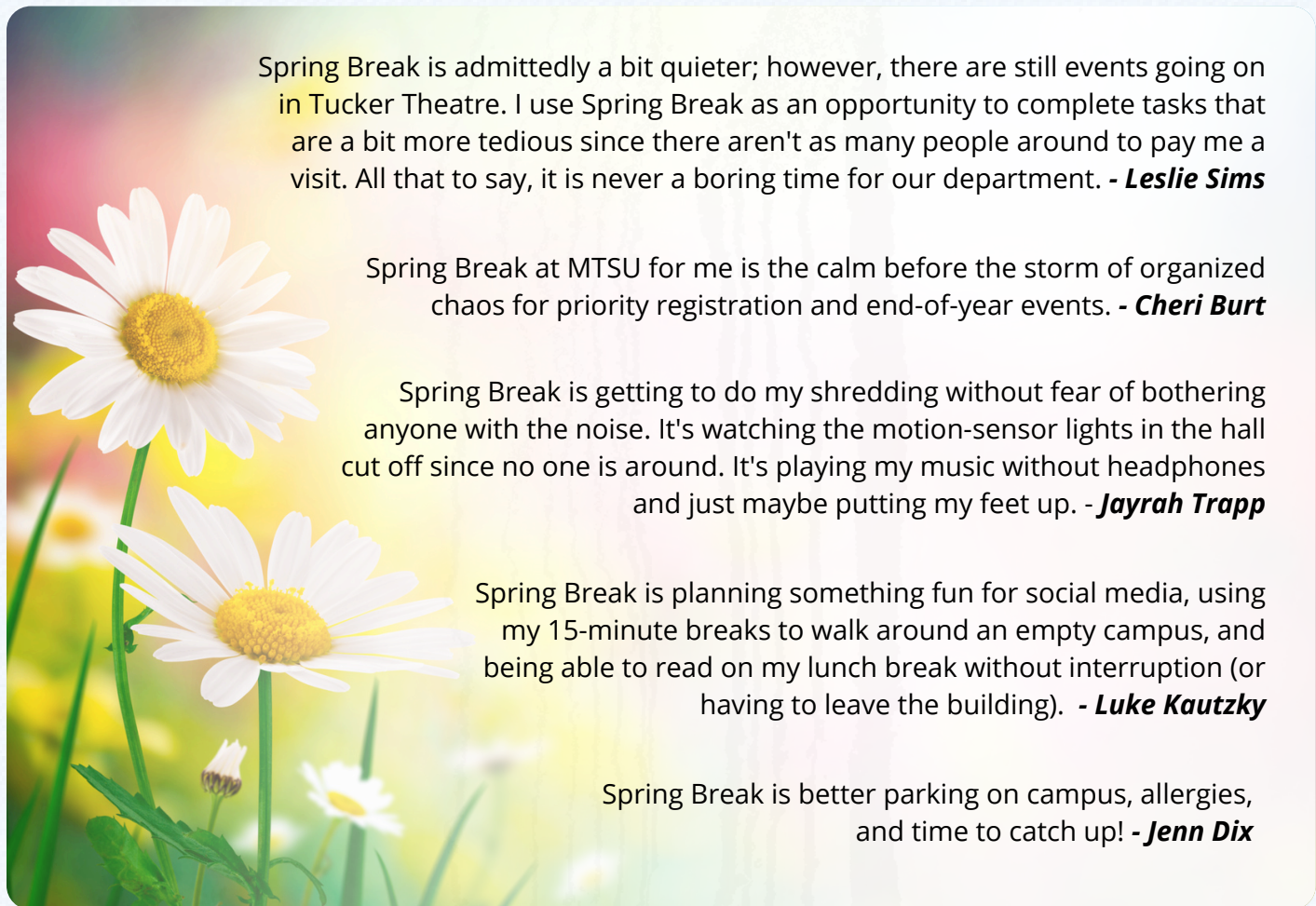
Spring Break is admittedly a bit quieter; however, there are still events going on in Tucker Theatre. I use Spring Break as an opportunity to complete tasks that are a bit more tedious since there aren't as many people around to pay me a visit. All that to say, it is never a boring time for our department. - **Leslie Sims**

Spring Break at MTSU for me is the calm before the storm of organized chaos for priority registration and end-of-year events. - **Cheri Burt**

Spring Break is getting to do my shredding without fear of bothering anyone with the noise. It's watching the motion-sensor lights in the hall cut off since no one is around. It's playing my music without headphones and just maybe putting my feet up. - **Jayrah Trapp**

Spring Break is planning something fun for social media, using my 15-minute breaks to walk around an empty campus, and being able to read on my lunch break without interruption (or having to leave the building). - **Luke Kautzky**

Spring Break is better parking on campus, allergies, and time to catch up! - **Jenn Dix**



FROM THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: BUILDING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



The new MTAP Fundraising Committee is preparing materials to begin building community partnerships with various vendors who will donate a percentage of their sales to MTAP to support Professional Development Scholarships for members. Partners will participate by hosting a "spirit" night or lunch. Some will also allow us to use either the coupon book or a code throughout the year to keep track of funds.

The MTAP Funding Committee will continue to update MTAP and the MTSU Community on events. Currently, there is Kitchen Way Gyros on Rutherford Blvd, which serves a range of menu options from breakfast to supper, from Mediterranean to burgers and fries. Check them out and give them a coupon to attach to their receipt. Another is Julia's Bakery – they were able to give us a check of over \$100

dollars since we partnered with them. Easter is just around the corner, and they are a great place to get a special treat for your sweethearts!

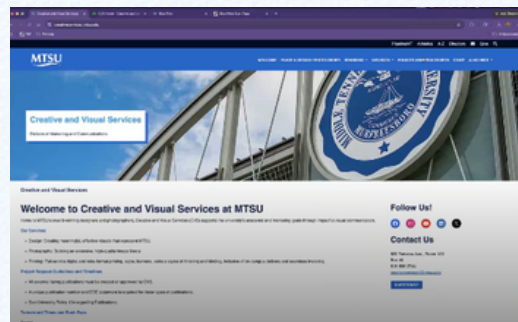
Our goal is long-term: Once we build these relationships and our members and supporters become familiar with the process, it will provide passive income from something we all would do anyway, with the donation coming back to us. A win-win relationship!



MARKETING LUNCH & LEARN RECAP

by Luke Kautzky

Director of Creative and Visual Services Kristy O'Neal hosted a virtual Lunch and Learn on Tuesday, March 24. In her presentation, she educated those in attendance about Creative and Visual Services as well as Blue Print, touching on services offered by both, the difference between the two, and how to ensure a smooth ordering process. New logo and mark options for CVS orders are coming soon, launching alongside new university-wide branding guidelines; the CVS team will help departments adjust promotional materials as needed!



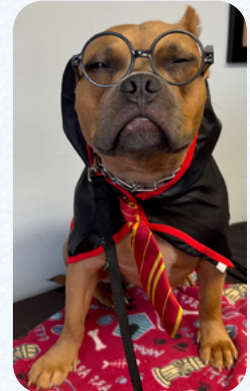
MTAP MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Jayrah Trapp is performing in the MTSU Concert Orchestra on Tuesday, April 28 at 7pm in Hinton Hall. Come see her in the viola section!



Wendy Gamble and her bulldog, Harry Pooper, passed their certification test in early March for Harry to be a therapy dog. They are certified for all your AAA (Animal-Assisted Activity) needs through Therapy Arc. Contact Wendy if you would like more information.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Tracey Lubas (4/2), Lisa Benzinger (4/3), Cheri Burt (4/3), Wendy Gamble (4/9), Virginia Cunningham (4/13), Patti Agnew (4/19), Claudia VanHoute (4/21), Beverly Ferguson (4/22), Lex Frost (4/24), Jennifer Hyde (4/26)



UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

- **Thursday, April 9:** Town Hall Business Meeting | Tom Jackson, 1-2 pm
- **Wednesday, April 29:** Lunch & Learn with Cathy Delametter and Jennifer Hyde | What You Need to Know About What You Already Know | Tom Jackson, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
- **REMINDER!** MTAP has introduced new year-round community fundraising partnerships with local restaurants and businesses, providing passive income to support our professional development scholarships. Keep an eye out for monthly MTAP night-out events and share the printable coupon books to help boost support — it's a win-win for us and our community!