

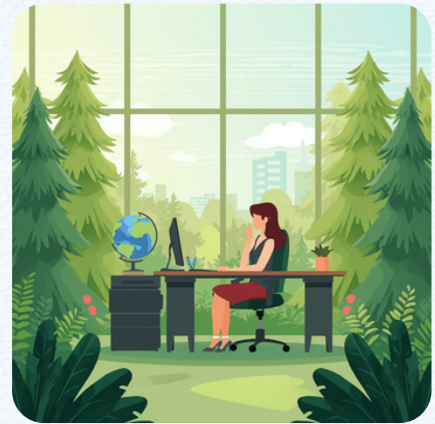
# MTAP Monthly

MAY 2026

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

JAYRAH TRAPP

Spring has sprung! This year, Earth Day and Administrative Professionals Day both fell on April 22. I attended a few sustainability events this month, and I noticed that these two holidays might have more in common than they first appear. Both urge us to appreciate the overlooked. As Dr. Doug Tallamy taught in his talk earlier this month, nature should be preserved not just because it's beautiful, but because it is a vital contributor to life on Earth. In the same way, administrative professionals are vital to the University ecosystem. As you enjoy the spring weather before summer arrives in a cloud of humidity, remember that the trees and you are both irreplaceable.



## CELEBRATING OUR DEPARTMENTS



MTSU Theatre and Dance had *Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812* and *Spring Dance Concert 2026* happen in April. These were great opportunities to see our students shine on stage!

The English department celebrated the work of our students and gave away thousands of dollars all in one afternoon! Each year in April, we host the Celebration of Student Writing and English Department Awards. The Celebration answers the question, "What does research in English look like?" Students showcase their projects science-fair style, with topics ranging from analyzing themes in *The Picture of Dorian Gray* to presenting a case for homeschooling.



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# MTAP TOWN HALL BUSINESS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Members attending the MTAP Town Hall Business Meeting on April 9 received updates from MTAP Committees.

The **Bylaws Committee** has tentative revisions to consider as they continue to review the current bylaws.

The **Election Committee** is seeking nominations for the Vice President and Secretary positions that are up for election this year. The bylaws now allow electronic submissions. Online nominations and voting will be used. This will allow for broader group participation.

The **Fundraising Committee** has several give-back nights scheduled. If you have connections in the area, please share. They would like to build a network of businesses that allow anyone who supports MTAP the ability to use them anytime, with MTAP receiving a percentage of the sales. Amounts from the most recent fundraising events netted more than \$8,000 for MTAP.

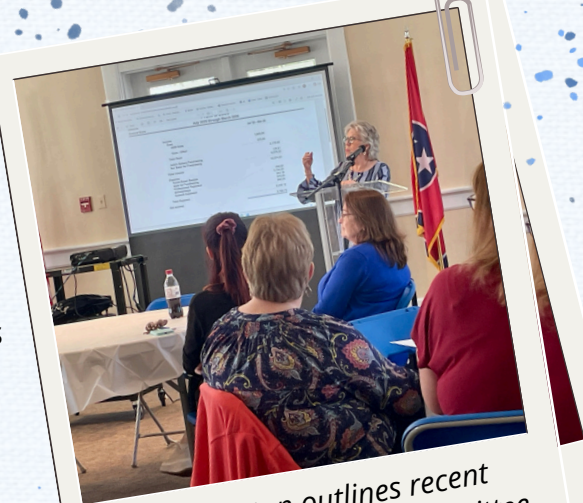
The **Newsletter Committee** has published two newsletters that can be found on the MTAP website. We plan to continue publishing at the beginning of each month. We ask that you contribute with your accomplishments (no accomplishment is too small!). Or if you have any photography, poetry, etc., to share, we welcome that as well.

The **Outreach Committee** is working hard to keep all members connected. Plans are in the works for a fun lunch for members this summer as a way of fellowship and getting to know one another.

**Party with a Purpose** will take place on September 22. This event is a chance for MTAP members to give back to the community. Previous organizations were the MTSU Student Food Pantry and the Career Closet. One suggestion is the MTSU Charlie and Hazel Daniels Veterans and Military Family Center. A suggestion poll will be sent out to the membership.

The **Photography Committee** is excited about the upcoming year and the opportunity to photograph the events for current and future MTAP members.

The **Prize Patrol Committee** is busy gathering door prizes for the Summit in May. They are already collecting items for the Winter Wonderland in December.



*Sherry Preston outlines recent work from the bylaws committee.*



*DeAnne Hathaway shares a scholarship committee update.*

# MTAP TOWN HALL BUSINESS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS *continued*

The **Scholarship Committee** is working on a rubric to present to the board on how MTAP will look at scholarship applications in the future. Currently, only one CAP application has been received for the fall application cycle.

The **Summit Committee** covered the basic agenda of getting commitments for tasks and setting up speakers.

The **Website Committee** is navigating its first year of operation. They are cleaning up and assessing what needs to be done while making sure the website is up to date and tidy. Keep an eye out for a suggestion form as they plan what to add or condense.

MTAP President Jenny Marsh closed the meeting with some requests. Committees are asked to please try to keep committee work on the respective Teams groups instead of email, if possible. This will allow for a centralized location for the information as committee members and chairs change over time. If you need **Teams training**, please consider this LinkedIn Learning course: <https://www.linkedin.com/learning/microsoft-teams-essential-training-23929395?u=36452436>



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- Julie Matheny** (5/10)
- Denise Gonzalez** (5/26)
- Deborah Arnold** (5/29)

## UPCOMING EVENT

### REMINDER

**Wednesday, May 20**

2026 MTAP Summit

MT Center

8 am - 4:30 pm



*Cindy Dinwiddie displays her Slick Pig order. A portion of the proceeds went to MTAP.*

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# MTAP MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

This month's achievements include a personal milestone, being recognized for hard work and dedication, and an MTAP member being published!



Angela Morrell and her husband, Allen, celebrated their 40th anniversary in December!

## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

MTAP President Jenny Marsh spoke at the Employee Recognition Awards Ceremony on April 22.

Congratulations to our MTAP member nominees: Billie Jean Brown, Carmen Bucka, Denise Gonzalez, Diana Hill, Julie Powers, Sarah Pruitt, Victoria Richardson, and Ann-Marie Toombs.



As a part of Engage Week, Laura Loggins' zine was published by MT Open Press in the book, *Engage: A Community Zine*. Laura's zine is titled, *You Are*.

Laura's photography from her Pond and Garden series: Rose of Sharon, Sunflower, Magnolia, Asiatic Lily, and Water Lily, will be published in MTSU's *Off Center Magazine's* newest issue.

