

## Statement of Mission

Middle Tennessee State University, a comprehensive, innovative institution attracts students to distinctive bachelors, master's, specialists, and doctoral programs that prepare graduates to thrive in their chosen professions and a changing global society. Students and faculty generate, preserve, and disseminate knowledge and promote innovation through teaching, research, creative activity, and public engagement.

*Approved* \_\_\_\_\_, *by the MTSU Board of Trustees.*

## Purpose

To fulfill its mission, Middle Tennessee State University

- fosters a student-centered environment conducive to lifelong learning, personal development, and success;
- educates and challenges students through a broad array of high quality, affordable academic programs grounded in a common core of arts and sciences;
- enhances access through unique programs, distance learning and advising to meet the needs of a diverse student population;
- supports student learning through effective teaching methods, emerging technologies, experiential and integrative learning, research, and co-curricular and extra-curricular activities;
- attracts and retains exceptional faculty and staff and develops resources to support excellence in instruction, research, creative activity, and public and professional service;
- develops and sustains academic partnerships, entrepreneurial activities, and public service to support instruction, research, and communities throughout the region;
- promotes ongoing engagement with its alumni, partners, and friends; and
- serves as an emerging center for international study, understanding, and exchange.

Middle Tennessee State University educates students to

- think logically, critically, and creatively;
- make sound judgments with an awareness of ethical, moral, and aesthetic values;
- acquire a working knowledge of a discipline or a group of related disciplines;
- examine, analyze, and shape the rapidly changing world through scientific knowledge, creative undertakings, and an understanding of culture and history;
- communicate clearly and precisely and understand the proper role of free expression and civic engagement in our society; and
- demonstrate the effective and adaptive use of current and evolving technologies.

## Vision

Middle Tennessee State University is a vibrant hub for educating students who are accomplished, civically engaged and globally responsible s; an engine for research, innovation, and entrepreneurship; and a nexus of cultural, social, and artistic expression.

## Community Standards

MTSU is committed to developing and nurturing a community devoted to learning, growth and service. Each person who joins or affiliates with the community does so freely and accepts and practices the following core values and expectations:

**Honesty and Integrity.** The notions of personal and academic honesty and integrity are central to the existence of the MTSU community. All members of the community will strive to achieve and maintain the highest standards of academic achievement in the classroom and personal and social responsibility on- and off-campus.

**Respect for Diversity.** The MTSU community is composed of individuals representing different races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, cultures, and ways of thinking. We respect individual differences and unique perspectives as we acknowledge our commonalities.

**Engagement in the Community.** All members of the community are encouraged to participate in educationally purposeful activities that support and enhance the MTSU experience. Active involvement and personal investment in the classroom and throughout the community are hallmarks of an engaged citizen.

**Commitment to Non-Violence.** MTSU is committed to the principles of nonviolence and peaceful conflict resolution. Community members will freely express their ideas and resolve differences using reason and persuasion.

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

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- ~~challenges supports students student learning~~ through ~~diverse effective~~ teaching methods, emerging and media including educational technology technologies, experiential and integrative learning, ~~undergraduate and graduate~~ research, and co-curricular and extra-curricular activities;
- ~~recruits attracts and retains~~ exceptional faculty and staff and develops resources to support excellence in instruction, research, creative activity, and public and professional service;
- develops and sustains academic partnerships, entrepreneurial activities, outreach and public service ~~that to~~ support instruction, and research, and that meet the needs of communities throughout the region;
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