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Tennessee Technological University

Since 1915, more than 45,000 students from all walks of life have chosen Tennessee Technological University as their university—with good reason. Tennessee Tech blends quality academic programs, technology-enhanced curricula, lively campus life and exciting sports action with all the cost-advantages of a state university. It's an unbeatable value. Beyond that, there is commitment—commitment on the part of Tennessee Tech to see that students, who are the very heart of the university, achieve their goals. As proof of that commitment, Tennessee Tech consistently posts the highest student graduation rate among Tennessee Board of Regents universities. It also ranks highest in student satisfaction, alumni satisfaction, academic peer program reviews and financial aid awards.

Best known for its engineering- and science-related disciplines, Tennessee Tech offers 40 bachelor's degree programs, 13 of them in science and engineering. Students also can earn graduate-level degrees in 15 programs, including the Ph.D. in engineering, education and in environmental sciences. But students in all programs have opportunities to use what they learn in the classroom with career-related experiences. Through participation in undergraduate research projects, internships, team projects and simulations, conference presentations, and clubs and organizations, Tennessee Tech students can make a natural transition to a position of responsibility in their chosen fields.

Tennessee Tech also is proud to be the only university in the state to house three multi-million dollar "Accomplished Centers of Excellence" in engineering: the Center for Electric Power; Center for the Management, Utilization and Protection of Water Resources; and Center for Manufacturing Research. Each center supports the work of faculty members and researchers who have earned national and international reputations in their fields. Working in state-of-the-art facilities, they offer valuable assistance to area industry, to government, and to professional organizations. They also benefit students by providing excellent opportunities for research and upper-level study.

The campus also is home to two Chairs of Excellence, Information Systems and Quality and Productivity Management, both of which are in the College of Business Administration. Nationally renowned faculty members teach in all six academic colleges or schools: Agriculture and Human Ecology, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, and Nursing.

Tennessee Tech's community outreach efforts include symphony performances and other concerts, art gallery showings throughout the year, the region's only Black Cultural Center to encourage diversity and cultural understanding, an extensive library featuring over one million titles, an agricultural pavilion that serves the entire state, an athletic program that ranks among the best in the Ohio Valley Conference, and much more.