

VISION

The Tennessee Alliance for Continuing Higher Education (TACHE) will be the premier professional organization for advancing continuing education and lifelong learning in Tennessee.

MISSION

The Tennessee Alliance for Continuing Higher Education is an organization of continuing higher education professionals that:

1. Provides professional development and networking opportunities for its members;
2. Advocates better lives for Tennesseans through greater access to higher education and workforce development; and
3. Serves as a resource to policy makers, educational leaders, and the general public.

GOALS

In support of the Vision and Mission, the Alliance holds the following goals:

1. Support the professional and career development of members and provide networking opportunities.
2. Demonstrate the value of continuing higher education and promote access to lifelong learning.
3. Encourage the use of partnerships and collaborative efforts to meet the changing needs of continuing higher education.
4. Attract new and retain current TACHE professional membership.
5. Operate in accordance with policies and procedures that ensure the fiscally sound stewardship of Alliance resources.

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President's Message

Greetings Everyone!

Fall has finally arrived in all its splendor! The cooler temperatures and the clear blue skies are a welcome reprieve from the extreme heat of the past summer. This time of year always brings back great memories of friends, family, holidays, and of course the annual TACHE conference. The annual conference is a great time to reconnect with friends and colleagues and to continue to build on the great work that is representative of the colleges and schools making up the Alliance. The Conference Planning Committee has been hard at work, and the 48th Annual TACHE Conference in Murfreesboro is set to go! The conference theme, "Academics, Business, Collaboration: The Building Blocks of Success," clearly emphasizes where continuing higher education must go to "fit" into today's changing educational marketplace. Conference sessions will focus on topics related to non-credit and credit, marketing, assessment, adult education, resource development, team building, partnerships, and workforce development. In addition to these informative sessions, the conference will offer many opportunities for you to network with colleagues, attend vendor presentations, and enjoy the companionship of friends.

The Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro is a fabulous venue for our conference. If you have not yet registered for the conference, I encourage you do so. The annual conference is a great opportunity for personal and professional growth, as well as an opportunity for you to take an active role in the Alliance and in changing the face of higher education in our state.

This has been a challenging year for TACHE. With budget reductions occurring at the state level, the Focus Act, and the future of continuing higher education in question, it is imperative that we as members of the Alliance come together to support the mission of TACHE and work to increase membership and continued collaboration between all the constituents that make up our great organization. As we approach our 50th Anniversary in 2018, I hope that we will endeavor to build on all the successes we have seen in the past and plan together for the continued growth of OUR Alliance. Our survival

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Alliance News from East, Middle, and West Tennessee



Northeast State at Johnson City

Northeast State's Johnson City campus celebrated its first full year of operation this fall with an enrollment of 487 students – a 77 percent increase over fall 2015.

The campus offers day and evening block schedules designed for the convenience of students. Block schedule students typically enroll for two classes in the first half, and two or more in the second half, which translates into 12 or more credit hours per semester.

Instead of having to juggle four courses, four sets of books, and four course calendars for 15 weeks, a student will only need to attend to one, two, or at most, three courses in seven-week sessions - thus simplifying their workloads.

Similarly, the full-time evening block offers one course a month, one night a week, which also works out to 12 credit hours. This semester the campus added Thursdays to its evening schedule.

Part-time schedules are also available for those students who need to pay out-of-pocket or only need one or two courses to complete a program.

The campus also saw the completion of its science labs - the final piece of the Johnson City campus project, which has more than 39,000 square feet of instructional and administrative space. The labs now allow the College to offer block schedules for Biology, Anatomy and Physiology, and General Chemistry.

"In most courses our students are finding the one course at a time approach is working very well," said Dr. Keith Young, dean of Off Campus Programs and Services. "Having to go to only one class per evening per week allows them to take care of the rest of their lives as well."

The Johnson City campus was recently received CenturyLink's 7th annual Faith in the Future Educa-



tion Award for 2016. CenturyLink recognizes businesses and individuals that demonstrate a commitment to the future of their business, their employees, their community, and the region.

Other Northeast State news:

- The College's iNortheast Initiative entered its second year of implementation as all students were required to either purchase or lease an iPad as part of their classroom learning experience.
- The College initiated the iOPTiN program, which delivers digital course materials to participating students. According to the College's bookstore, the program saved students \$900,000 in textbook costs during fall 2016 semester.
- Northeast State will wrap up its year-long 50th anniversary celebration on December 2 with a time capsule ceremony. This year's events included Back-to-Classroom lectures by former faculty and staff, several fund-raising concerts for student scholarships, a Country Music Television concert for veterans, an alumni golf tournament, and a homecoming event in September that featured a concert by the Grammy-nominated band Fastball. Northeast State began in 1966 as a vocational school with two buildings, six programs, and 35 students. Since that time, the College has evolved into a comprehensive community college with five campuses and 150 programs, serving more than 7,500 students annually.

■ **Keith Young**
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Dr. Gammell Announces Retirement

Dr. Gloria Gammell, Program Director for Statewide Initiatives at the University of Tennessee, is retiring January 31, 2017.

Gloria began her career in higher education at the University of Kentucky nearly 40 years ago and has held positions at the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, Siena Heights University (MI), East Tennessee State University, and Virginia Intermont College.

She is looking forward to volunteer work, traveling, catching up on “reading for fun and puttering around in the yard.”

“Time to ride into the sunrise of new adventures!”

■ **Gloria Gammell**
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President's Message Continued

depends on you: advocate for TACHE on your campus and support the goals and leadership of our organization.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Acting President; it has been a privilege to work with a great leadership team and members of the Alliance. We were all saddened by the announcement of President Missy LaBonte's untimely passing; she will be sorely missed and long remembered. I am blessed that I (we) had the privilege and honor of working with her.

Finally, this fall conference will mark my 22nd anniversary as a member of TACHE. It seems like just yesterday that I attended my first annual conference in 1994. The friendships I have developed are a cherished part of my life. I am proud to say I am a member of the Tennessee Alliance of Continuing Higher Education.

I hope to see you at the conference! If I can assist you in any way, please feel free to contact me. I wish each of you a blessed holiday season with friends and family.

■ **James C. Lefler**
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Osborn Receives ACHE Leadership Award

The ACHE Leadership Award is the highest award presented by ACHE and recognizes an individual who has made extraordinary contributions in leadership, theory, and practice in continuing higher education on a national or international level. The focus of this recognition is on the contributions of a general nature that extend beyond Association activities. The recipient of the 2016 Leadership Award is Rick Osborn.

Dr. Rick Osborn completed his PhD at the University of Iowa and his master's and bachelor's at Western Illinois University. He is dean of the School of Continuing Studies and Academic Outreach at East Tennessee State University, where he has worked for more than 25

years. A well-known leader in continuing education and lifelong learning, he has served as president for both the Association for Continuing Higher Education (2008-09) and the Tennessee Alliance for Continuing Higher Education (1995-96). Along the way he was elected Chair of ACHE Region VII, now ACHE South. Currently, he is the Executive Secretary/Treasurer for TACHE, a position he's held for five years. Osborn continues to assist with the ACHE Annual Conference and Meeting, most recently co-chairing the Call for Proposals Committee for this conference.

Rick is married to Kathy, has three sons, two grandchildren, and two more on the way.

■ **Amy D. Johnson**
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Many thanks to all who contributed to
this newsletter.

■ **Hilary B. Marabeti**
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Manufacturing Day



Roane State, Anderson County Chamber and CNS Y-12 hosted a Manufacturing Day celebration and “Dream It/Do It Manufacturing Showcase: Think, Create, Build” kickoff on October 21.

The event included the official “kick-off” of the 2017 Dream It/Do It East Tennessee program with tours and equipment demonstrations of the Roane State Clinton Higher Education and Workforce Training Facility. Area middle school students learned about creative, high-tech careers in manufacturing as part of the Manufacturing Day celebration at Roane State Community College’s training facility in Clinton.

Anderson County Chamber’s Dream It/Do It campaign is a concentrated effort to change the perception of manufacturing and inspire next-generation workers to pursue manufacturing careers.

Manufacturing is an integral part of Tennessee’s economy. According to the National Association of Manufacturers, the industry accounts for nearly 15 percent of the state’s total output and employs 11.4 percent of its workforce.

Manufacturing Day is an annual national event designed to showcase modern manufacturing technology and careers. Six employer team sponsors attended the event to find out which middle school team they would host for the 2017 video competition. Those employers included: Aisin, Clayton Homes, Magna/Eagle Bend Mft, Protomet, SL Tennessee and Techmer PM.

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Have YOU registered yet?

48th Annual TACHE Conference

November 29-

December 1, 2016



Embassy Suites, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Registration Link

To register, go to
<http://etsuaw.etsu.edu/CourseStatus.awp?&course=163-9000A-6>

Keynote Speakers

Kim Weitkamp



Dr. Paula Hogard



Dr. Thomas Moore

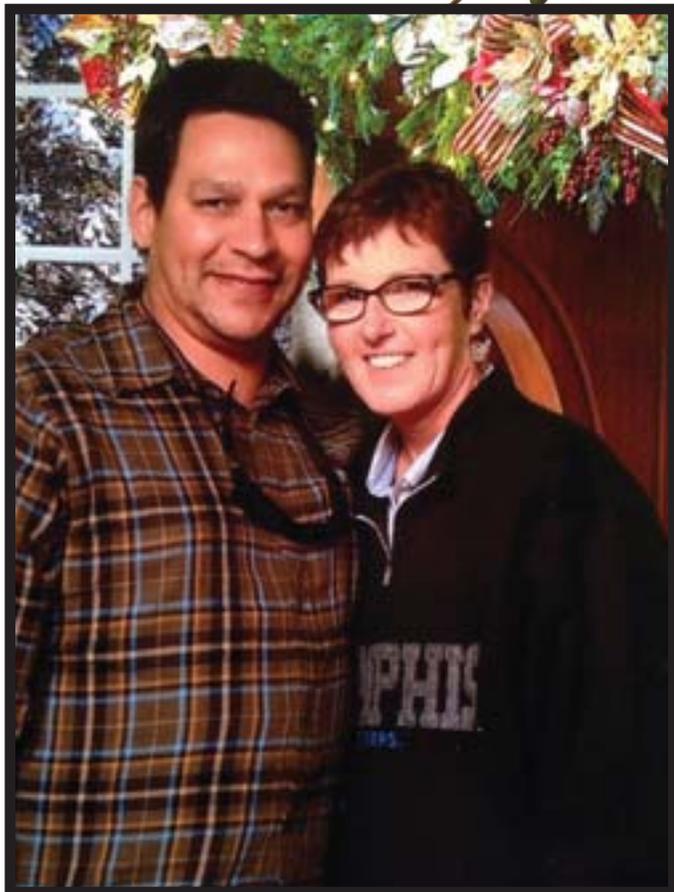


Dr. Russ Deaton



Remembering Missy LaBonte

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our 2015-2016 Alliance President, Missy LaBonte in April of this year. Missy served as an Admissions Counselor and Site Coordinator for The University of Memphis. Missy was a strong energy within our organization, bringing the “fun” into the fellowship, smiling and courageous throughout her illness. If Missy was involved in the planning, you could be sure she included a fun game, adventure, tour, or entertainment. She was an inspiration, an encouragement to all of us. Missy was a dear friend and a beloved and respected colleague admired by all who knew her. She will be missed.



Melissa “Missy” Dykes LaBonte, 50, of Dyersburg, died Thursday, April 14, 2016 at her residence.

Born June 5, 1965 in Dyersburg, she is the daughter of the late Dearl Dykes and Mary Sue Brock Dykes.

She was actively involved with the Dyer County/ Dyersburg Humane Society, Community Cancer Fund and the Chamber.

Missy was a member of the Noon Rotary Club of Dyersburg.

She is survived by her husband, Al LaBonte; her Mother, Sue Dykes of Dyersburg; three brothers, Bobby Dykes (Donna), Jeff Dykes (Kate), both of Dyersburg, Bryan Dykes (Tina) of Chapel Hill; two nieces, Emily Dykes and Becky Dykes, both of Dyersburg and one nephew, Bruce Dykes of Kuwait.

Excerpts from the published obituary.