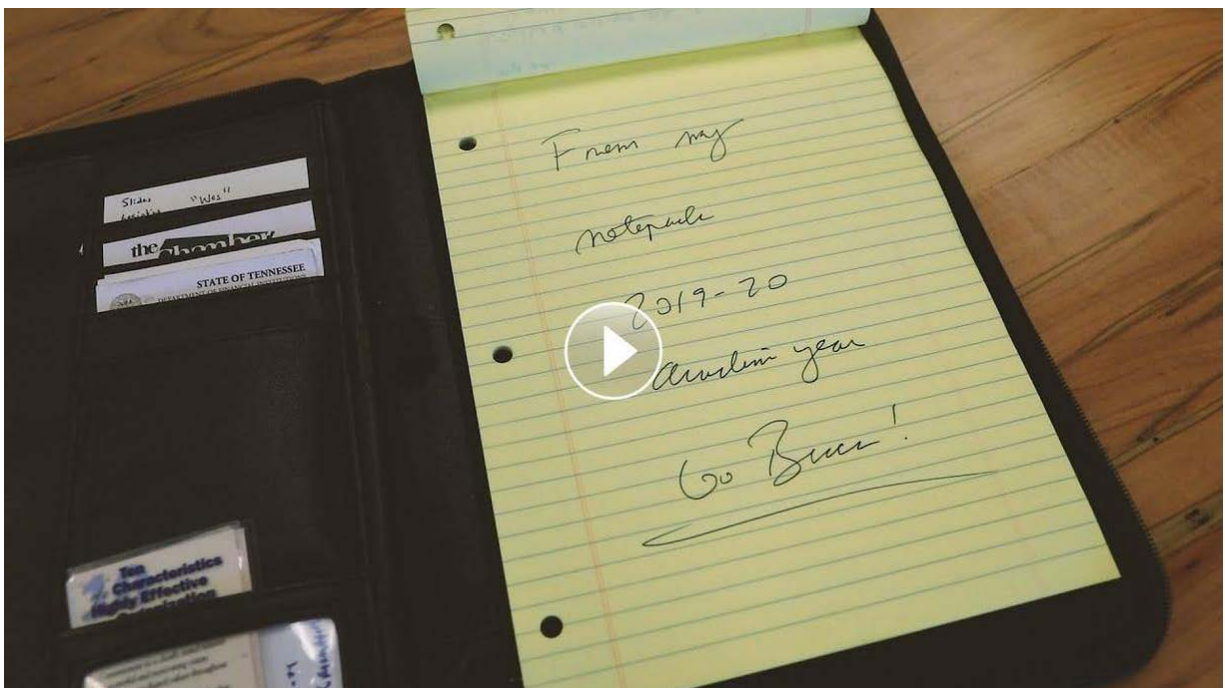




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Video: Pride Month 2020

June is Pride Month and I want to thank members of the ETSU family for all they do to foster and promote an environment that is open, supportive and inclusive to our students, faculty and staff who are part of the LGBTQ+ community. In this video you will also hear from Dr. Bethany Novotny from the Clemmer College about our new Faculty and Staff LGBTQ Association and resources available through the [Dr. Patricia Robertson Pride Center](#).



Additional Announcements Forthcoming Regarding Fall Operations

In the upcoming days major announcements will be made regarding our academic calendar for the fall as well as other engagement opportunities for new and returning students. I encourage you to watch your email closely as this information is shared with the campus. In addition, these announcements will also be available on the Bucs Are Back website: etsu.edu/bucs-are-back. The [announcements page](#) provides a chronological listing of messages shared with the campus community since the onset of the COVID-19 outbreak.

I thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times.

Juneteenth: A time to reflect and grow together

Tomorrow is an important day in our country as we observe the Juneteenth Holiday, also known as Emancipation Day. On June 19, 1865, African-American slaves in Texas learned that the Civil War had come to an end as Union Gen. Gordon Granger publicly read General Order No. 3, announcing the end of slavery in the United States. The Juneteenth Holiday is an opportunity to acknowledge the impact of our nation's history on the injustices observed and experienced today. I recognize that Juneteenth does not have the same meaning for me than it does for other members of our ETSU family and I am offering my support. I hope we can all reflect and connect through efforts to educate ourselves. Let's learn and grow together.

Below is a list of learning resources shared with me by our colleagues that I will be engaging with and I encourage you to do the same:

- 1619 Project from The New York Times:
 - [Magazine](#)
 - [Video](#)
 - [Podcast](#)
 - Mental Floss: [12 Things You Might Not Know About Juneteenth](#)
 - Time Magazine: [A Brief History of Juneteenth](#)
 - History Channel: [What is Juneteenth?](#)
 - Forbes: [What's Juneteenth? A Guide To Celebrating America's Second Independence Day](#)
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White Coats for Black Lives Event

I had the honor of participating in our first White Coats for Black Lives event earlier this week. I want to express my appreciation to Stephanie Alu and Lawrence S. Parawan III, students at the Quillen College of Medicine, for their leadership in organizing this event at ETSU. You can read more about our White Coats for Black Lives march [here](#). Thanks to everyone who stood in solidarity against racial injustice at this event and for all each of you do everyday to affirm and promote the values of this institution.



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