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## This Month at ETSU



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*Accent: This Month at ETSU* arrives in email inboxes the last working day of the month providing links to top ETSU stories as well as faculty/staff news.

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### Top stories

#### [Bucs Calling Bucs: Saying 'hello' to every ETSU student](#)

Calling each ETSU student is an ambitious goal, but Bucs Calling Bucs is close to that achievement.



#### [Strong BRAIN Institute created](#)

A partnership between Ballad Health and ETSU has resulted in the establishment of a first-of-its-kind institute to promote the awareness and empirical study of adverse childhood experiences, otherwise known as ACEs.

#### [Clinics ensure patients have continuity of health care services](#)



## Whitney Goetz returns to ETSU to lead alumni programs

Meet ETSU's New Executive Director of Alumni Programs.

The Johnson City Community Health Center and the Johnson City Downtown Day Center have implemented policies to help ensure that patients continue receiving important medical care throughout the pandemic.

## TN Poll: COVID-19 impacting mental health

Tennesseans are showing increased levels of anxiety and depressive disorder during the COVID-19 pandemic. While a national survey conducted in 2019 found that 8.2% of adults have symptoms of anxiety and 6.6% had symptoms of depressive disorder in the previous seven days (CDC, 2020), these numbers were considerably higher in the most recent Tennessee Poll conducted by the Applied Social Research Lab (ASRL) at ETSU.



## Michael Meit joins Center for Rural Health Research

One of the nation's most respected authorities on rural health has been picked to lead research efforts for ETSU's Center for Rural Health Research.



## BSN ranked in top 50

## White Coats for Black Lives Event at ETSU

More than 100 individuals, including health care professionals, students, community leaders and other supporters, came together for White Coats for Black Lives, a solidarity march and demonstration against racial injustice, on June 15.



## Straight from the tapir's mouth: Life and survival in Ancient Gray

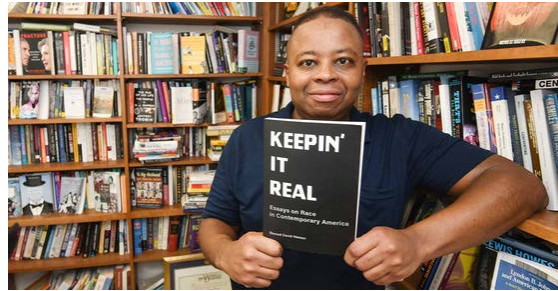
A new study suggests that the area surrounding the Gray Fossil Site was a safe and stable habitat between 4.5 and 4.9 million years ago, based on evidence observed in the site's well-preserved tapirs.



## Clements named winner of Harold Love Award

ETSU psychologist Dr. Andrea Clements

The College of Nursing was ranked in the top 50 best Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) programs in the country according to Study.com.



## Dr. Elwood Watson offers insight on Juneteenth

ETSU professor of history, African American studies and gender studies explains the significance of the Juneteenth holiday, observed June 19.



## New Faculty/Staff LGBTQ+ Association established

ETSU has created its first Faculty and Staff LGBTQ+ Association. The group was launched by the university's Office of Equity and Inclusion and hosted its second meeting during Pride Month.

is a recipient of the 2020 Harold Love Outstanding Community Involvement Award from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.



## Dr. Candace Forbes Bright wins first Zumkehr Prize

Dr. Candace Forbes Bright is a co-author

of a recent article presenting a new method researchers, museums and historic sites could employ to better tell their stories that won the 2020 Zumkehr Prize for Scholarship in Public Memory.



## A place to call home

Inspired by her teaching, research and service in the Department of Social Work, Dr. Donna Cherry is undertaking a project to help homeless young adults in Johnson City.

## ETSU Health receives grant to install fitness equipment in Kingsport

An idea that began in March with the COVID-19 quarantine has evolved into a series of workout videos and a new

## Pharmacy school honors postgraduates

Five postgraduate pharmacy residents and fellows at the Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy celebrated the conclusion of a journey and the beginning of a new one during their virtual graduation ceremony on June 25.



## Moss research could enhance crops, mitigate stress, pain in humans

How are mosses and humans alike and how can moss, plants often trampled underfoot, help humans survive and thrive?

## Fossil reveals a new species of 'horned gopher'

Picture a groundhog-sized animal with horns on its nose like a rhinoceros, and you have a pretty good idea of the new species of extinct rodent described in a recent paper in the *Journal of Systematic Palaeontology*. This research was published by Dr. Josh Samuels, assistant professor in the Department of Geosciences and curator at the Museum

outdoor fitness park that will open later this summer along the Greenbelt at Riverwalk Park in Kingsport.



## Power to caregivers

Dr. Diana Morelen, a researcher in infant and early childhood mental health and the professor overseeing the ARCH (Affect, Regulation, Coping and Health) Lab at ETSU, has found that caring for the caregivers is an effective avenue to help support children.

of Natural History at the Gray Fossil Site



## Revisiting days at ETSU

From the first "Old Hickory" in 1919 to the last "Buccaneer" in 1998, ETSU's historic yearbooks are being preserved in digital form.

## TSBDC offering assistance to small businesses

ETSU's Tennessee Small Business Development Center has announced a partnership with Blackburn, Childers and Steagall, CPAs to provide free assistance with loan forgiveness applications for the Payroll Protection Program.



ETSU welcomes employees who recently joined the university.



ETSU congratulates recent retirees and thanks them for their service to the university and the state.

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