

# ACCENT

## 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.

In between issues of *Accent*, you can follow the ETSU story daily on the new ETSU News website - [www.etsu.edu/etsu-news](http://www.etsu.edu/etsu-news).

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### Top stories

#### [ETSU makes list of best colleges for students with learning disabilities](#)

College Consensus recognized ETSU for its Learning Support Program, which is offered through the University Advisement Center and provides additional guidance for students whose test scores reflect an academic need.



#### [CARE Women's Health](#)

The new ETSU Center for Applied Research and Evaluation in Women's Health (CARE Women's Health) expands ongoing efforts to improve the health and well-being of women, particularly women from the Southeast and Appalachian regions. This interprofessional team aims to advance women's health by engaging in research that informs policy and practice.



#### [A celebration like no](#)

#### [Region welcomes two](#)

## other

Earlier this month, ETSU celebrated the conferring of over 2,200 degrees virtually. The ceremony featured congratulatory remarks from Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee and pearls of wisdom from country music icon Dolly Parton.

To view the virtual "pomp and circumstance" with words of encouragement from deans and faculty visit [etsu.edu/classof2020](https://etsu.edu/classof2020).

## New Nursing ranking

The College of Nursing's online Doctor of Nursing Practice Program (DNP) is among the top 20 in the nation, according to a new ranking by Learn.org. ETSU ranked 18th, in the "Best Online DNP Programs" listing.



## Students advance to national advertising competition

ETSU's National Student Advertising Competition (NSAC) team competed in the national championship for the second time in three years. The team won in the semi-finals on May 7 after winning first place in district 7 of the American Advertising Federation (AAF) competition sponsored by Adobe. The final round of

## pediatric surgeons

Niswonger Children's Hospital and ETSU announced the successful recruitment of two distinguished pediatric surgeons to the region. This marks the first time the region will benefit from as many as three pediatric surgeons, providing the capability to enhance surgical programs and trauma services for children.



## First general engineering graduates

Hunter Ayers and Chase Carter are the first to obtain general engineering degrees from ETSU and Tennessee Tech University.



## Album produced by Olson wins Independent Music Award

"Tell It to Me: Revisiting the Johnson City Sessions, 1928-1929," an album produced and curated by Dr. Ted Olson, was named Best Compilation Album for 2019 by the Independent Music

competition took place virtually on May 20 and winners will be announced June 8.

## Education graduates achieve 95% pass rate

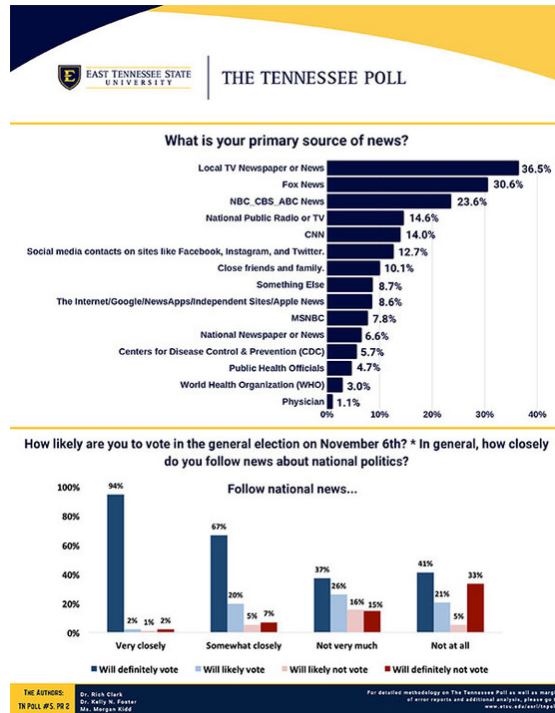
Future teachers who are part of the Class of 2020 moved to the head of the class with their scores on the edTPA assessment. Of the 165 undergraduate and graduate students from across ETSU's educator preparation programs who recently took the edTPA exam, 95% earned a passing score. Some educator preparation programs had a 100% pass rate.



## Regional partnerships make emergency face shield donations possible

Across the Appalachian Highlands resilient makers and volunteers have dedicated their time, equipment and supplies to manufacture and donate over 5,000 emergency face shields for health care professionals. This regional effort brought together partners from ETSU, Eastman, Borla Performance Industries, Northeast Correctional Complex and others.

## Awards.



## Tennessee Poll results

The Tennessee Poll, conducted by the Applied Social Research Lab (ASRL), surveyed 618 Tennesseans from April 22-May 1. Results have been shared in a series of news releases covering topics such as voting by mail, vaccines, satisfaction with government response and greatest concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic.

More information, results and data are available at [etsu.edu/asrl/tnpoll](https://etsu.edu/asrl/tnpoll).

## Esports growing at ETSU

A new esports varsity team was announced last December, and this month it was announced that ETSU will also offer a graduate certificate in esports management through the Clemmer College. Additionally, the ETSU Esports team recruited two highly-skilled



## Quillen offers remote summer research program

The six-week Medical Student Summer Research program has become an integral part of the training of many Quillen College of Medicine students. Initially, the program was cancelled, but, Dr. Aaron Polichnowski, a member of the Center of Excellence in Inflammation, Infectious Disease and Immunity (CIIDI), said the M1 class president contacted him asking if he could help transition the program to an online/remote format.

gamers as **team captains**. Both will be awarded scholarships this fall.



## SGA officers elected

*Pictured from left:*

**Shivam Patel**, President

**Josie Ward**, Vice President for Finance and Administration

**Seth Manning**, Executive Vice President

**Incoming Freshman Students**  
**HOPE + TSAA = Free Tuition**

Academic Year 2020-2021



## Free Freshman Tuition program announced

Free Freshman Tuition is available during the 2020-21 academic year for first-time, full-time freshmen who are Tennessee residents and meet eligibility requirements. Visit [etsu.edu/free](https://etsu.edu/free) for details and complete list of requirements.

## Emergent Inquiry minor starts this fall

Undergraduate students may enroll in a new Emergent Inquiry minor that supports teaching and learning by encouraging teachers to build educational experiences based on their observations of children. The 18-credit hour program will be taught exclusively online.



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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