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May 6, 2020

## Celebrating the Class of 2020!

Graduation begins every day on the campus of East Tennessee State University, and on Saturday, May 9, we will celebrate members of the Class of 2020 as one transformative journey ends and another journey begins. Despite the unprecedented circumstances we find ourselves in, our graduates, as well as our faculty and staff, never allowed the dream of earning a degree to be disrupted. Although we will not physically gather in the Mini-Dome Saturday, the ETSU family will come together to celebrate these milestones virtually.

I encourage you to take part in the Virtual Commencement Ceremony. Please know that our University has worked tirelessly to ensure this is a unique and exciting event for our graduates. Click [here](#) for more information and details on forthcoming graduation and hooding ceremonies for the Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy and the Quillen College of Medicine on Friday, May 8.



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President Brian Noland  
cordially invites you  
to the

*Virtual Commencement Ceremony  
for the Class of 2020*

Saturday, May 9, 2020

*For more information, visit  
[etsu.edu/classof2020](https://etsu.edu/classof2020)*

### How to watch ETSU's Virtual Commencement Ceremony

- Visit the Class of 2020 website at [www.etsu.edu/classof2020](https://www.etsu.edu/classof2020)
- Video stream links of the ceremony will be available on the Class of 2020 website at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 9
- The ceremony will also premiere on [ETSU's Facebook page](#) at 10 a.m.
- [WJHL News Channel 11](#) will broadcast the ceremony at 12:30 p.m.



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*Congratulations*

TO OUR

1911 SOCIETY

MEMBERS!

# Announcing The 1911 Society

This spring, we begin a new tradition of recognizing a group of graduates who have achieved significant milestones in their academic endeavors, leadership and work experience, and service activities. Ten members of the Class of 2020 are being inducted into The 1911 Society.

Our inaugural members, who were chosen through a competitive review process, are:

**Sarah Hamilton**

**Alexis Harvey**

**Gabrielle Johnson**

**Shannon Ketchem**

**Brianna McCoy**

**Margaret Jean Miller**

**Taylor Osborne**

**Aamir Shaikh**

**John Sterrett**

**Raina Wiseman**

You can learn more about The 1911 Society and read about our new members by visiting our [ETSU News Site](#).

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## Share Your ETSU Story!

I greatly appreciate those of you who have already participated in the prospective student Alumni Writing Campaign to date. Today I am reaching out to invite all faculty and staff to assist our Office of Undergraduate Admissions in sharing your ETSU story with future students. During your quieter moments, I hope you will reflect on your relationship with East Tennessee State University when it first began and how it has grown and developed over the years. What initially brought you here? What has kept you here? What are some of the defining moments and relationships that stand out in your memories of ETSU? What are you most proud of here at ETSU?

Those memories are powerful. We want you to share them with prospective ETSU students. Compelling stories are often turning points in a student's decision to choose an institution of higher education. If you are interested in writing a notecard to prospective or admitted students, please [click here](#) to participate. We will contact you soon with additional details. Thank you in advance for taking part in this new and meaningful recruiting effort to expand our Buccaneer family.

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# Reaching the Milestone of Tenure and Promotion

A watershed moment in the life of a faculty member is being awarded tenure and receiving promotion. During our April Board of Trustees meeting, I had the distinct honor of presenting the names of the ETSU faculty and staff who this year met the requirements for tenure and promotion and underwent a comprehensive review process at the department, college and university levels. The Board unanimously approved these recommendations. For a listing of the ETSU faculty who were awarded tenure and promotion this year, you can read more [here](#). Thank you for all you do to support our students and to advance the teaching, research and service mission of ETSU.

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## ROTC Virtual Commissioning Ceremony

I had the honor and privilege of recording the keynote address for the Virtual Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony, which premieres Thursday. While I regret that I was unable to address the new officers and their families in person, I hope you will join me in congratulating the nine

cadets who will graduate this Saturday. The accomplishments of these newly commissioned second lieutenants are truly extraordinary. These officers join the ranks of more than 1,500 cadets to be commissioned at ETSU since our program began in 1953. We thank you for your commitment and dedication to military service. Godspeed.

[Click here](#) to learn how to watch the ceremony.

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