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This Month at ETSU



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Accent: This Month at ETSU arrives in email inboxes each 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 - etsu.edu/etsu-news.

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Top stories

ETSU COVID-19 DASHBOARD

[New COVID-19 Dashboard provides latest data](#)

Last Friday, a new COVID-19 Dashboard was added to our [Bucs Are Back website](#) that includes the number of individuals who have received and reported a positive test result and are currently in isolation. Data is also available on students who are in quarantined housing as well as persons who have recovered. Updated daily, the dashboard makes distinction between cases involving students and those among our faculty and staff. These numbers reflect combined activity on all



Three faculty named recipients of Distinguished Faculty Award

Three ETSU faculty members are the 2020 recipients of the Distinguished Faculty Awards, presented Friday, Aug. 21, at the Virtual Faculty Convocation. This is the highest honor presented to a university faculty member. The 2020 recipients are:

- [Dr. Brooks Pond](#), Gatton College of Pharmacy (Teaching);
- [Dr. Mohamed Elgazzar](#) (Research); and

ETSU campuses.



Advancement, Alumni to relocate to Model Mill Development

The ETSU Foundation announced in August plans to lease space at the Model Mill Development in downtown Johnson City that will become the new home for the Office of University Advancement as well as the ETSU National Alumni Association. The move is expected to take place sometime in October of this year.



First major COVID-19 research grant explores disease's impact on

- Dr. Donna Cherry (Service) Congratulations, winners!

ETSU awarded one of seven Rural Health Research Centers by HRSA

ETSU is the recipient of one of seven Rural Health Research Center grants, awarded by the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, to create the Center for Substance Misuse in Rural America.



Dr. Roslyn Robinson becomes first CNO at ETSU Health

ETSU Health has named Dr. Roslyn Robinson as its first chief nursing officer. Robinson also becomes the new associate dean of practice and community partnerships in the ETSU College of Nursing.

diabetes

Dr. Zhi Q. Yao was recently awarded a \$100,000 grant from the American Diabetes Association (ADA) to explore the impact of diabetes on COVID-19 and the impact of COVID-19 on diabetes and related complications.

ETSU, Virginia Tech awarded \$2.6 million grant for opioids research

The National Institute on Drug Abuse recently awarded a \$2.6 million grant to researchers at ETSU and Virginia Tech to develop studies on how best to provide support services for individuals being treated for opioid use disorder.

ETSU Response website activated to assist those affected by Hurricane Laura

In the wake of Hurricane Laura, the university has activated its ETSU Response website to provide information on support for those affected by the devastating event.



Paulus to lead Undergraduate Research, Creative Activities

The Honors College has named Dr. Trena Paulus as director of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities.



Latimer, Pack appointed to Leadership Tennessee

ETSU Board of Trustees member Dr. Linda Latimer and faculty member Dr. Robert Pack are among 38 leaders from across Tennessee to take part in Leadership Tennessee's class of 2020-2021.



Johnson named to cohort on College Completion

Dr. Keith Johnson, Vice President for Equity and Inclusion, is one of 30 leaders from across the state selected as the newest cohort for the Complete Tennessee Leadership Institute.



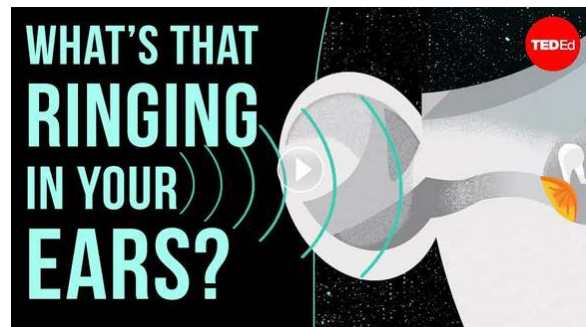
Depelteau serving as Climate Reality Leadership mentor

ETSU Innovation Lab Director Dr. Audrey Depelteau was chosen to be a mentor in the first Climate Reality global virtual training. Five hundred Climate Reality Leaders from around the world served as mentors for more than 10,000 participants.



Dept. of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology welcomes new chair

Prior to joining ETSU's faculty this summer, Dr. Bess Sirmon-Taylor served as associate dean for academic affairs at University of Texas at El Paso, College of Health Sciences.



Fagelson authors TED-Ed lesson on tinnitus

An animated educational video written by Dr. Marc Fagelson, professor of audiology, was viewed over half a million times in just three days since it was posted on the popular TED-Ed YouTube channel.

Gatton College receives \$45,000 grant to support ESL students

Continuing its focus on promoting a diverse and inclusive student culture, the Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy received a grant of over \$45,000 to support mentoring, engagement and retention efforts for pharmacy students whose first or best language is not English (E2 students).

ETSU and VA collecting blood samples for COVID-19 research

ETSU and the James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Mountain Home are seeking patients who have recovered from COVID-19 to donate a sample of their blood to be used for current and future coronavirus research.



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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