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## [D2L Sign-in changes](#)

Information Technology Services (ITS) will be performing maintenance on D2L at 8 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 21, 2020 to improve platform security and sign-in experience

Continue to use [elearn.etsu.edu](https://elearn.etsu.edu) to log in, but this update will provide a new look for the sign-in page and the experience will be similar to that of logging into Webmail or Zoom from your computer's internet browser.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the ITS Help Desk at [423-439-4648](tel:423-439-4648), [itshelp@etsu.edu](mailto:itshelp@etsu.edu), or visit [etsu.edu/helpdesk](https://etsu.edu/helpdesk).

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## [Zoom recording storage changes](#)

On Monday, Dec. 21 at 8 a.m., Information Technology Services (ITS) will be turning on [Panopto's](#) integration with Zoom.

This integration will provide additional opportunities for file retention, editing, and detailed analytics. All meetings and webinars that are recorded with Zoom will be automatically added to your Panopto library, checked for accuracy and validity, and then removed from Zoom. This allows the

institution to save money in terms of paying for Zoom recording storage without Zoom users losing access to their files.

Please review the [help document and Frequently Asked Questions](#) for additional information.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact ITS's division of Academic Technology Services at [423-439-8611](tel:423-439-8611) or [zoomhelp@etsu.edu](mailto:zoomhelp@etsu.edu).

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## [ETSU Cultural Competency Grant](#)

Cultural competence is having an awareness of one's own cultural identity and one's views about differences, and the ability to learn and build on the varying cultural and community norms of students and their families. It is the ability to understand the within-group differences that make each student unique, while celebrating the between-group variations that make our country a tapestry. These understandings inform and expand teaching practices in the culturally competent educator's classroom. Cross-cultural competency has been named among the 10 most important skills for the future workforce by the U.S. Department of Education. Employers value culturally competent employees in designing, developing and marketing their products and services to culturally diverse customers. Culturally trained faculty and staff can prepare students with cultural competencies by including inclusive pedagogy techniques in and out of classrooms.

The ETSU Office of Equity and Inclusion invites project proposals for infusing cultural competency learning outcomes in courses. Only tenured and tenure-track faculty are eligible. Faculty can request up to \$1,000 and the project must be implemented in the Spring 2021 semester. Please [click here](#) and complete the application form, which is **due by Dec. 18**. Send questions to Dr. Moin Uddin at [uddinm@etsu.edu](mailto:uddinm@etsu.edu).

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## ["Reading Through the Pandemic" program](#)

Students who need books about language and culture for their spring 2021 courses but who need financial assistance may take advantage of a new program called "Reading Through the Pandemic" offered by ETSU's Language and Culture Resource Center (LCRC).

Through this program, students can apply for assistance in covering the cost of books about language and culture that are required by course syllabi, or other such books that will help them succeed in their courses. To request books not specifically listed on syllabi, students must obtain letters from their instructors explaining how the desired books would help them

After using the books purchased in the “Reading Through the Pandemic” program, students may turn the books in to the LCRC to be made available for other students to use in the future for classes or research through a specialized library established with the materials. Or, they may elect to keep the books.

**[Click here](#)** to read more, and to apply, contact the LCRC at **[423-439-8342](tel:423-439-8342)** or **[lcrc@etsu.edu](mailto:lcrc@etsu.edu)**.

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## **[Office of Equity and Inclusion newsletter](#)**

The Office of Equity and Inclusion invites you to read the latest edition of the Office of Equity and Inclusion Newsletter. **[Click here](#)** to access the December 2020 newsletter.

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## **[Course eval results available soon](#)**

Course Evaluations for the Fall 2020 semester have ended. Results will be available 3 days after final grades are due. To access results, follow the same instructions that you used to track response rates and select the Reports tab on your landing page. **[Click here for instructions](#)**. There are several report options. Go to the help icon in the top right corner of your page to find out more about these options.

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## **Feedback sought for new course evaluation system**

The Office of Effectiveness & Assessment seeks user feedback on EvaluationKIT, the new course evaluation system launched this semester. We recognize that opportunities for improvement exist, as with any new product. Please send comments about your experience to **[assessment@etsu.edu](mailto:assessment@etsu.edu)**. Details shared will help us better communicate with the vendor in our efforts to find and implement solutions. Thank you for your participation in this year’s course evaluation process.

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## **[Call for nominations for the position of Faculty](#)**

## [Trustee](#)

The ETSU Faculty Senate is seeking nominations for the position of Faculty Trustee to the ETSU Board of Trustees. Nominees should be notified of their nomination and be willing to serve if elected. Self-nominations will be accepted. Nominations are accepted from Monday, Nov. 30, 2020, through 5 p.m. on Jan. 31, 2021. For more information, please visit [etsu.edu/senate/facultytrusteenominations.php](https://etsu.edu/senate/facultytrusteenominations.php).

On Jan. 12 (3:30 p.m.) via Zoom, Dr. Virginia Foley, current Faculty Trustee, will provide an information session related to Trustee duties, expectations, and workload, and will answer questions related to the position. For additional information, or to request the Zoom link to attend, contact Dr. Foley at [foleyv@etsu.edu](mailto:foleyv@etsu.edu).

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## [2021 Appalachian Student Research Forum \(ASRF\) is going virtual](#)

The ASRF is a regional competition in which participants from universities and colleges across the Southern Appalachian region present their original research in a formal, juried setting. Dual enrollment, undergraduate, graduate and medical students, as well as post-doctoral fellows and medical residents are eligible to participate.

Unlike past years' forums, ASRF 2021 will take place completely online utilizing the Digital Commons platform. Presenters will record and upload their presentations after registration opens in February 2021 for viewing and judging after registration closes in March 2021 (actual dates to be determined).

As it becomes available, additional information on ASRF 2021 will be posted on the [ASRF website](#) and in the Weekly Update.

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## [Deadline approaching for Summer 2022 Faculty Course Proposals](#)

Interested in teaching a course abroad in Summer 2022? There are two programs to choose from: ETSU Faculty-Led Programs and Tennessee Consortium for International Studies (TnCIS) programs. Learn about both programs on the [Bucs Abroad Faculty Information Page](#) (Click "Step 1" and access our informational webinar). ETSU Faculty-Led proposals will be reviewed by the International Advisory Council in April 2021.

- March 21, 2021: Deadline for ETSU Faculty Course Proposal
- Feb. 1, 2021: Deadline for TnCIS Course Proposal

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## Summer internship opportunities available for undergraduate veterans and students from diverse backgrounds

Attention, undergraduate veterans and students from diverse backgrounds: Please contact Karla Leybold, Student & Alumni Programs Manager for the Honors College, at [leybold@etsu.edu](mailto:leybold@etsu.edu) if you are interested (or know a student who might be) in a summer internship opportunity in Washington, D.C. These are competitive, funded internship opportunities that could potentially lead to a career with the federal government (students from Diverse Backgrounds) or prepare students for civilian employment in a variety of careers (Veterans).

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## [Applications accepted for veteran entrepreneurship program - STRIVE](#)

STRIVE (Startup Training Resources Inspiring Veteran Entrepreneurship) is an eight-week cohort led by faculty members in the College of Business and Technology. Participants will engage in online learning, meet one evening per week and be connected with mentors in the community. STRIVE students will receive personalized instruction and assistance relevant to the growth of each business concept.

ETSU's STRIVE cohort will begin in March 2021. Applications are accepted through Dec. 31 and spots are limited. There is no cost to attend.

Please share this opportunity with friends, family members and colleagues. To learn more about STRIVE, including an outline of the course schedule, or to submit an application, visit [etsu.edu/strive](https://etsu.edu/strive). Send questions to [STRIVE@etsu.edu](mailto:STRIVE@etsu.edu) or call [423-439-5395](tel:423-439-5395).

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## [Bucky's Food Pantry Holiday Closures](#)

Bucky's Food Pantry has announced its ETSU holiday closure dates:

**Dec. 24–Jan. 1, 2021 (Winter and New Year's Break);** the last day to request food is Dec. 16 and the final pickup date is Dec. 17.

**January 18, 2021 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)**

In addition to the closures, the pantry will have limited and by-appointment-only hours from Dec. 14–Jan. 18, 2021, as students will be on break during this timeframe. Hours of operation will be posted on the Bucky's Food Pantry [website](#).

For additional information, please contact Kristi Smith at [423-439-8587](tel:423-439-8587) or Chuck Patton at [423-439-5243](tel:423-439-5243) or visit [www.etsu.edu/foodpantry](http://www.etsu.edu/foodpantry).

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## [Upcoming employee training opportunities](#)

Leadership tip of the week: "[Trust Is the Ultimate Tool to Unleash Your Team's Potential](#)"

**[Micro-Learning Sessions](#)**: Micro-Learning Sessions are for any ETSU Employee. We will look at a short video or two from LinkedIn Learning and discuss the implications in your work environment via a **short 30-minute Zoom session**. Please register by clicking the title and join us for one of two Micro-Learning sessions on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Learn some basics of how to access LinkedIn Learning and the thousands of topics you can use to create your own Individual Development Plan. Topics will vary based upon attendees.

**[A Trauma Informed Approach](#)**: This is a link to the training session recorded from the State of Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth in which **[Strong BRAIN Institute](#)** member Becky Haas presented this insightful training on the Trauma Informed Approach that is just great information for anyone to have. Please check it out.

Visit the **[Human Resources Home Page](#)** to find out more information on Supervisor COVID-19 Guidance and much more.

Please note: Be sure to check the **[Event Calendar](#)** and the **[Scheduled Classes](#)** websites for the latest training information. Check out the employee learning opportunities online at **[Percipio](#)**. Also check out **[LinkedIn Learning](#)**. As always, please contact us at [gloverke@etsu.edu](mailto:gloverke@etsu.edu) or [423-439-6133](tel:423-439-6133) if we can help in any way with your learning for you and/or your functional unit.

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