

# Roane State | Today





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Roane State graduate Allison Taylor is Vice President and General Manager of the Volvo Construction Equipment (VCE) plant in Skyland, N.C. She is the first woman to reach such a position at a VCE manufacturing facility. Taylor is standing with a wheel loader manufactured at the plant.

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Roane State Community College is designated by the State of Tennessee to serve Anderson, Campbell, Cumberland, Fentress, Loudon, Morgan, Roane and Scott counties. The college also provides health-science education to Blount and Knox counties.

A trip to The Lost Sea was just one of many excursions held as part of Roane State's "Road Warriors" spring break camps. The trips provided a fun and educational way to keep young students active during Roane County Schools' spring break March 24-28. Roane State's Community Services Department organized the trips.



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# Letter | from the President

Have you ever stood in awe of Mayan ruins in Guatemala? Or seen the smile of a little girl as she got a drink of clean water in Haiti? Have you ever had lunch in the main plaza of Mexico City? Or sang in Leeds Castle in England? Spent the day in the Louvre marveling at the world's most famous paintings and sculptures? Have you ever stood on the bluffs overlooking Omaha Beach in Normandy? Or ridden to the top of the Eiffel Tower to see the panoramic view of Paris below? Or have a chance to practice your Spanish while visiting an art gallery in Spain? Have you ever enjoyed fish 'n' chips at an outdoor café in London? Well, Roane State students have had the opportunity to do just that and many other great experiences.

Our new initiative to offer one- to two-week study abroad as part of our international education program allows our students to learn about other cultures and languages. We have opened the global world to their learning. Our study abroad program allows our students to take academic courses in pursuit of their degrees that include learning about other cultures.

Roane State also has international students studying at our many campuses. This issue of Roane State Today will highlight one of these students, Ms. Ines Wiedemann. Ines is an exchange student from Germany. We are very proud of Ines; she has really embraced learning about America and has advanced a greater understanding about Germany with her college classmates.



We have recently entered into a new partnership with Youth For Understanding (YFU), a program sponsored by the U.S. State Department. This partnership will provide the College with additional opportunities to have foreign students from 35 countries studying on our campuses as well as our students and faculty having additional opportunities to study abroad. The college can increase access and opportunity for cultural enrichment and cross-cultural understanding on campus and within the community. The YFU Community College Program provides international students the choice of up to four semesters of exchange experience at Roane State.

Additionally, the college can increase the options for our students and faculty, who are interested in pursuing personal and professional interests abroad. Youth For Understanding presents the college the opportunity to expand upon the international experiences the college currently offers to its students and members of the campus community. Youth For Understanding currently provides short-term study programs in agriculture and renewable energy in Denmark. YFU also provides a variety of semester and year-long study abroad opportunities to Chile, Latvia, Ukraine, and many other countries.

*Gary Soff*

# Vistas | of Roane State

## Roane County Campus

The Roane County Campus hosted a forum on cultivating Tennessee's youth. Business and government leaders, educators, students and community members met on Feb. 7 to discuss issues that affect youth. The Southern Growth Policies Board (SGPB) organized the forum in partnership with the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service, UT Extension, and state, regional and community partners.



## Oak Ridge Campus

The Oak Ridge Campus hosted a "texting contest" through a sponsorship with Star 102.1 FM and U.S. Cellular. Eight area high school seniors competed by dancing text messages on two large U.S. Cellular "Text, Text Revolution" phones. Oneida High School senior Jamie Harris was the fastest "texter" and won a \$1,000 scholarship to Roane State. The scholarship, given away annually, was made possible by the Roane State Foundation.



## Campbell County Campus

The second floor of the Campbell County campus is now complete. When the campus opened in August 2006, the upstairs was not finished. Work on the much-needed second floor began in September 2007 and was completed by December. The upstairs includes two new classrooms, five faculty offices, a large reception area for faculty, a kitchen, and a conference room.



## Cumberland County Campus

The campus had a ground-breaking ceremony in February for a community garden and a one-mile public walking trail. Garden plots (10 feet x 30 feet) will be available to the public for growing food or flowers. Robert Giebitz, president of Cumberland County's Master Gardeners Association, is providing professional guidance for the garden project. Another key leader is Jerdena Dixon, a Roane State student who owns a farm and greenhouse in Monterey. Anyone who is interested in being part of this program as a gardener, volunteer, or financial supporter is invited to contact Charlene Hall, director of the Cumberland County campus, at (931) 456-9880.



# Vistas **continued**

## Fentress County Campus

This fall, an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) class will be offered at the Fentress County campus for the first time. The instructor will be Len Ross, a Navy veteran who has taught first-responder and EMT-IV courses for Roane State, along with continuing education classes. A licensed paramedic, Ross has worked full time for Roane County Emergency Medical Services and part time for EMS in Morgan and Scott counties. He and his wife, Lorain, reside in Deer Lodge. Lorain is a registered nurse for Jamestown Regional Medical Center.



## Knox County Campus

The student lounge has been refurbished to make it a more relaxing place. The money for the project came from several semesters of having residual campus activity fee funds that had not been completely spent. The renovations included purchasing furniture for a seating area and purchasing new cafe tables. The tables that were formerly in the student lounge were sent to the Campbell County campus to help furnish its second floor. Students and faculty held a contest to choose an educational saying for display on the main wall. The saying, from Oliver Wendell Holmes, is, "Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions."



## Loudon County Campus

Student activities have been the attraction at the Loudon County campus. In February, students sold carnations on Valentine's Day to raise money for the Loudon County Animal Shelter. They raised \$151. Students also welcomed spring by throwing a luau for their Spring Fling Celebration in March. Games, food, prizes and a festive Hawaiian décor were the topic of conversation.



## Morgan County Campus

Michelle Adkisson has been named the director for the Morgan County campus. Adkisson, a Morgan County native and Roane State graduate, has worked for the college for 15 years. She most recently served as the college's adult education supervisor, overseeing Roane State's adult education program in Morgan, Roane and Scott counties. Before becoming adult education supervisor in 2000, Adkisson served for seven years as an adult education instructor and training specialist.



## Scott County Campus

Approximately 150 children enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt on March 18 at the Scott County campus' soccer field. An Easter Bunny invited by the Kiwanis Club made a special trip to visit the youngsters and pose for pictures with them.





# Feeling Right at Home

By Ines Wiedemann



MARCH 2008

TODAY IS DAY 200!!! 😊

I'M THINKING ABOUT THE  
LAST THREE YEARS, & I'M  
@ THE POINT WHEN  
EVERYTHING BEGAN.

AROUND MARCH 2005, MY  
MUM FOUND A LITTLE  
ARTICLE IN OUR LOCAL  
NEWSPAPER ABOUT A  
ONE-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP  
IN THE U.S. CALLED  
CONGRESS BUNDESTAG  
YOUTH EXCHANGE  
(CBYX)...

**German exchange student Ines Wiedemann left behind all that was familiar when she came to Roane State. When she goes back to Germany, she'll leave behind many new friends.**

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*Top to bottom: Ines Wiedemann visited the U.S. through the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals, a 12-month program primarily for young adults in business, technical, vocational and agricultural fields. She studied and worked at Roane State; Ines, at left, and Roane State sophomore Kristy Lehmann dressed in period costume for the annual Rockwood 2000 Christmas Homes Tour; Ines, at left, and her host Denise Gehrke cheer on the Lady Vols basketball team.*



**Editor's note: Ines Wiedemann of Guenzburg, Germany came to the United States in August 2007 through the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals, a 12-month program primarily for young adults in business, technical, vocational and agricultural fields. She studied and worked at Roane State Community College, and greatly enriched both the college and the lives of students and staff members. She wrote this piece in March of this year.**

Since I can remember, I told my parents every now and then, that if I could have the chance, I would spend one year in a foreign country. My first choice was the U.S. So there was my chance. My mum gave me the article, and I started my application.

First, I had to get more information from a department of the German Bundestag (similar to the U.S. Congress).

Then, I had to write an application. It was more a little book than an application.

Everything had to be done by September 2005. Then, I waited. In early November, I got a letter saying I was invited to a get-to-know-you meeting combined with some tests: German and U.S. history, geography and language. The meeting was in Cologne. After that day in November, I had to wait until February 2006, when I received a denial letter.

That was kind of hard for me to accept, because all my hope was on this application. I had no other plans. My internship ended in July 2006, and I was unemployed. It was a rough time for me.

But, I received a few letters from the German organization that organizes the CBYX. The letters said that I could apply again. Because I qualified once, I could apply a second time.

All I had to do was to send my actual transcripts and the qualifications I gained since the last application. At this time, I was employed again and thought "OK, the worst thing would be that I will stay in Germany and work." There was no pressure.

This time, I got the letter on Feb. 7, 2007. I was afraid to open it, and I asked my sister to come over to be with me. I had moved out of my parents' house, and I was alone in my new home. My sister came and opened the letter, and I got the scholarship for the CBYX.

I was so happy on one side and very sad on the other hand. I had a good job. I had a boyfriend. I had everything I wanted. One year is a long time.

But my family, friends and my boyfriend supported me in every way and told me again and again that I shouldn't be stupid and that I should be happy.

My adventure began Aug. 6, 2007 when I flew to New York. There were 74 other participants with me, and we still could speak German in a world where we felt a little bit lost.

All of us had good English training in school, because every German student has to learn English.

In Germany, everybody told me that I speak English well. When I, and all the other "good English speakers," were in New York, we felt like the first human beings on Earth. The easiest words and phrases were gone.

After four days in New York, I traveled to Cincinnati, Ohio. After four days, I finally arrived in Rockwood, Tennessee.

My hosts and the college helped me so much to feel at home, but it was hard the first weeks. I was completely lost. Foreign people, a different language, everything is just so much different, and the most important people in my life were so far away.

My hosts helped me a lot. I needed to buy a car, and my hosts helped me find the right vehicle and fill out the paperwork. They helped me get all the official things: a Social Security card, a bank account, the semester schedule, just everything. The college helped me find a job on campus, so that I could earn money and keep my weekends free for traveling. I was so glad that I could work for the Roane State Foundation and the Office of Alumni Relations.

In mid-September, I got a letter from my organization. There was a misunderstanding, and they thought I wanted to move for the second part of my year to North Carolina. That wasn't my plan. I didn't want to leave Rockwood.

I had my friends here, I knew everything. I had to find a job and a new place to stay. It took three months, and then everything happened quickly.

Within one week, Tamsin Miller (director of alumni relations) offered me the opportunity to continue working for the Foundation and the Office of Alumni Relations. A friend of my hosts offered me a place to stay. Five days later, my parents arrived. They visited me over Christmas and New Year's.

For my parents, coming here was also a very interesting experience. They were visiting the U.S. for the first time. For my entire life, my

parents had taught me. In the United States, the roles were reversed; I was teaching them. They told me that they were proud of me and proud of how I found my way in a foreign country far away from everything we knew.

But when I think of what I did the last six months, it feels like six years of experiences.

I've been to New York, Cincinnati, Colorado, Arizona and Las Vegas (one night longer than expected, because I missed my flight). I visited the Grand Canyon and, of course, the Smoky Mountains. I traveled to Nashville and Chattanooga. I helped at the RSCC theater. I decorated the Alumni Relations office door for Christmas (winning second place in the school contest). I helped Rockwood 2000 with its annual Christmas Homes Tour, and I helped with organizing the April Thunder Road Festival.

I don't want to overlook my experiences at the Lady Vols games. Sure, we have basketball in Germany, but it's not so big like it is here. The sport the Germans live for is soccer, but to me, that's as interesting as an old shoe. Basketball is such a fast game and very enthusiastic.

I had a little trouble with my iPod. So I asked one of my American friends to help me with that on my German laptop. I had to translate all the German commands, and as he tried to type in a Web address in the browser, it took him a few seconds to realize that the German keyboard is different from the American version. Most of the keys are the same, but, for example, the "y" and the "z" are reversed.

For me, it's funny to watch myself type. Now, I have problems writing on my German keyboard because I've spent so much time working on the American keyboard.

Today is my 200th day in the U.S., and there are just a few months to go until I have to leave again. I don't want to go back, because I really feel at home here. Thanks and a big hug to everybody who helped me to get this feeling so quickly.

I know that many of you were worried about me in the first few weeks when I was sad and homesick. But I'm doing really well.

Anybody who's interested in experiencing living in a foreign country should contact CDS International in New York ([www.cdsintl.org](http://www.cdsintl.org)).

Committing to this year, this experience and this challenge was the best decision I ever made.





*Clockwise from top: Ines' parents visited during the holidays, making their first trip to the United States. They are shown at the Rockwood home of Denise Gehrke, who hosted Ines during the second half of her stay. From left are Ines' mom, Manuela; Ines; and Ines' dad, Helmut; Ines traveled to many destinations in Tennessee, and across the country, during her stay in the United States. This photo shows Ines enjoying the Butterfly Garden at the Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga; Ines, center, worked in the Office of Alumni Relations during her stay at Roane State. She is shown with Grants Coordinator Deb Miller, left, and Tamsin Miller, Director of Alumni Relations.*



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# Top of the Line

**Roane State graduate Allison Taylor leads  
the way at Volvo's plant in Skyland, N.C.**

*By Owen Driskill  
Alumni Publications Editor*



Back in November, Bob and Gayle Taylor visited their daughter, Allison, at the Skyland, N.C. Volvo plant where she works.

As Allison guided her mom and dad through the factory, Bob said, workers stopped them to say how much they enjoyed working with Allison.

“One said, ‘I work hard to make her proud,’”  
Gayle remembered.

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“She can work with employees at all levels in the plant and work with the top leaders in the company. I think that’s a real asset.”

*Shown with Allison Taylor (center) are Volvo Construction Equipment associates Tommy Ballard (kneeling) and then clockwise—Jeff Penley, Jeremy Cox, Ryan McDonald and Vickie Wise.*







For the Volvo Construction Equipment (VCE) plant near Asheville, Allison Taylor, 37, is the top person. The 1992 Roane State graduate was recently appointed Vice President and General Manager of the plant, becoming the first woman to reach such a position at a VCE manufacturing facility.

VCE is a division of the Sweden-based Volvo Group, which employs about 97,000 people worldwide.

“I grew up when females didn’t get jobs like that,” Gayle said. **“Anything she’s set out to do, she’s done.”**

Allison grew up with three older brothers who never let the words “I’m a girl” work as an excuse. She learned about teamwork on hot spring afternoons crouched behind home plate. And she studied late into the night, trying to master the math concepts she needed to reach her dreams.

*The only daughter*

Allison is the youngest of the Taylor children, and the only girl. Her three older brothers—Brad, Alan and Matt—lured Allison away from frilly dresses and steered her into scraped knees.

“We didn’t cut her any slack at all because she was a girl,” said Brad, the oldest of the three brothers.

Gayle said Allison’s brothers, behind their mother’s back, snuck Allison off to sign up for youth baseball and softball.

Brad explained why they smuggled Allison into sports.

“We wanted her to learn what teamwork was,” Brad said. “It’s very hard to learn how to become a leader if you are not part of a team.

“I think it helped her understand what a leader is required to do. Part of teamwork is understanding that everyone is a contributor, and she has a great ability to do that. She has that ability to make sure everybody feels like they are part of the team.”

Allison played catcher on Roane County High School’s softball team. In one game, Brad said, a linebacker-sized player on the opposing team barreled toward home plate. Allison, ball in hand and ready to make the tag, blocked the plate.

“Allison basically sidestepped her and pounded her,” Brad said.

**Allison’s father said his daughter “can be as tough as nails when she needs to be.”**

*Top to bottom: Allison Taylor, right, shares a smile with Volvo Construction Equipment associate Phyllis Rogers.; Bob and Gayle Taylor, the proud parents of Allison Taylor, relax on the porch swing at their Kingston home.; Allison and her brother Brad graduated from Roane State in 1992. The Taylor family has many ties to the college. Allison’s brother Alan attended Roane State, and her brother Matt also is a RSCC graduate. Allison’s mother, Gayle, earned her degree at Roane State and spent the last 10 years of her career as a secretary at the college. Allison Taylor, fifth from bottom, served as a counselor at Roane State’s Summer Youth Leadership Academy.*



"I instilled in her a long time ago, 'don't let anybody run over you,'" Bob said.

#### *Late nights learning math*

A hulking player speeding toward home plate could not bowl over Allison. Math, however, almost knocked the wind out of her.

Allison's father worked in manufacturing for years. Allison fell in love with manufacturing, and she knew early that she wanted to be an engineer.

"I always loved to build things, even when I was a kid," Allison said.

But, Allison said, she struggled with the advanced math a career in engineering demands.

Becky Howard, a retired associate professor of math who worked at Roane State for more than 30 years, taught pre-engineering students.

Howard stayed in her office late to work one-on-one with students. She met with students at night to help them with problems.

"Sometimes it was one-on-one. Sometimes it was three or four of them. Sometimes it was 10 of them in the student lounge," Howard said.

Allison was one of those students.

"I said 'you just need to hang in there,'" Howard remembered. "And we hung in there together. She had a lot of perseverance."

The perseverance worked. Eventually, Allison said, the concepts started making sense. She never had problems with math again, and she earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in industrial engineering from Tennessee Tech.

**"Had it not been for Roane State, I would not be an engineer today," Allison said. "I'm not sure I would have gotten here without the personal attention I received at Roane State."**

#### *Seeing the world*

Roane State also influenced Allison outside the classroom.

Allison traveled to Europe as part of a trip organized by Stella Gomezdelcampo, associate professor of history and now also director of international education.

"She had a wonderful time," Gayle said. "I think that made the difference in her feeling good about traveling abroad."

Gomezdelcampo remembered Allison as "curious, brave and fun."

Allison has traveled widely: England, Belgium, France, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, China, South Korea, Japan, Germany, Luxembourg, Sweden, Norway and Ireland.

"I clearly believe that Roane State opened up international doors for me," Taylor said.

While at Roane State, Allison served as a counselor for the Summer Youth Leadership Academy, a program that brought 14-to 15-year-olds to Roane State for a week of activities.

Director of Alumni Relations Tamsin Miller, who ran the academy, said Taylor was "fun-loving, very outgoing, very smart."

"She was a great leader," Miller said. "The kids really looked up to her. She could be tough when she needed to be, but that was never her first choice. She always took the high road."

The role of mentor is still part of Allison's life. Her nephew Lance Taylor is a senior at the University of Tennessee (double major: marketing and logistics).

Lance said his aunt is more like a big sister. They talk at least once a week—sometimes about careers, sometimes about life.

"Growing up, she taught me about being respectful," Lance said. "She'll call when I may have done something out of line. She'll discipline you, but it's always for love and for growth. She just wants you to be a better person."

#### *'A stellar week'*

Allison landed the new job in the middle of a busy week. She accepted a marriage proposal on Sunday, got the job on Tuesday and earned her black belt in karate on Saturday.

"It was a stellar week," said Allison, making clear her favorite part was the engagement to her fiancé, Bill Moses (below).

Life has not slowed down much. Allison only had a few minutes to chat on a Friday afternoon. She was finishing another hectic week—managing plant operations, developing a video about why Volvo hires graduates from an Asheville-area community college, and getting ready to fly to Sweden.

You get the feeling that the phrase "taking it easy" never really enters Allison's mind.

"We set the expectations for her that we had for ourselves," Brad said of his sister's work ethic. "Our father taught you a work ethic that said 'You need to learn how to dig a ditch, because you never know at what point in your life you will have to go do that to support yourself or your family.' We all held her to that same high standard. Work was looked at as a requirement, and no matter what it was, you should do it to the best of your ability.

"She took it to heart."



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# Allison's Career Timeline



January 2008-present  
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General Manager  
Volvo Construction Equipment  
Skyland, N.C.**

November 2003-January 2008  
**Manager, Assembly II  
Volvo Construction Equipment  
Skyland, N.C.**

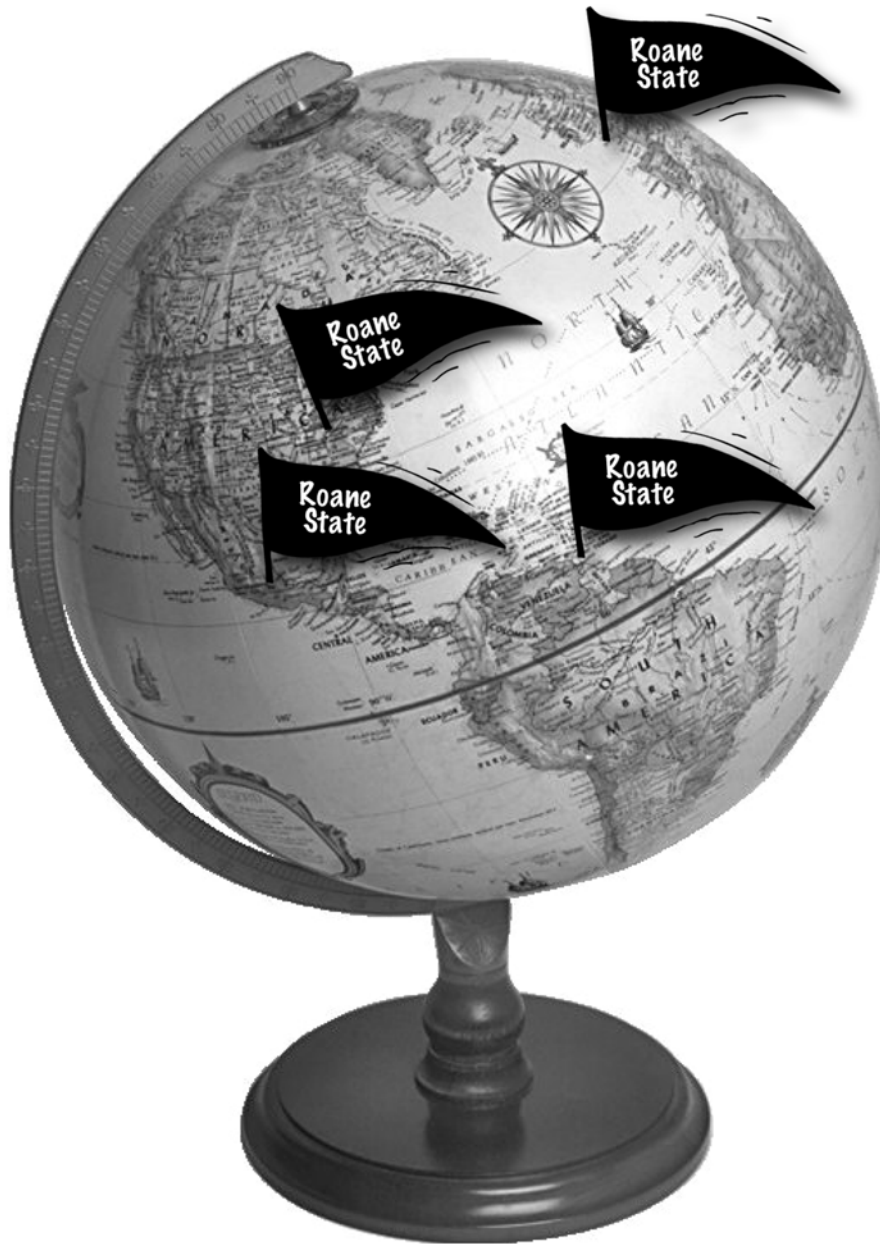
March 2002- November 2003  
**Materials Manager  
Volvo Construction Equipment  
Skyland, N.C.**

April 1999- March 2002  
**Supervisor, Supply Logistics  
John Deere Commercial  
Worksite Products  
Loudon, Tenn.**

November 1997-April 1999  
**Production Supervisor/  
Manufacturing Engineer  
John Deere Commercial  
Worksite Products  
Loudon, Tenn.**

November 1994-November 1997  
**Industrial Engineering Manager/  
Quality Control  
Star Manufacturing  
Smithville, Tenn.**





# *Crossing Borders*

Roane State's growing International Education Program takes students abroad and brings lessons about other countries and cultures to their classrooms.

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*By Owen Driskill  
Alumni Publications Editor*

**O**ne of the missions of Roane State's International Education Program seems beyond the scope of a community college in rural East Tennessee.

*The mission? Bring a little more peace to the world.*

Roane State's program is working toward that goal one student at a time, says associate professor of history Stella Gomezdelcampo, director of international education. Launched in fall 2006, the growing program has sent students to other countries, brought foreign students and speakers on international issues to the college, and weaved international education into the curriculum.

"I want our students to have the experience of living in different societies and cultures," Gomezdelcampo said. "Then, they will have a deeper understanding of their own society and culture."

International education activities must directly benefit students, Gomezdelcampo said, which means the activities must include students and "broaden their horizons."

"We as a country have a great disadvantage when compared to other countries," Gomezdelcampo said. "They know about us, and we don't know about them. They speak our language. We don't speak theirs."

Roane State students' international travels have included trips to Mexico, Haiti, Guatemala and Europe.

The trips are tied to a range of topics. For example, the Guatemala trip follows a semester-long course on globalization, economic development and sustainability in context of Guatemalan history and culture.

"It was amazing. I loved it," said Debra Tuggle, a Roane State sophomore who traveled to Guatemala. "Just the whole experience, getting to know people, learning the history, the whole environment. I loved every bit of it." Tuggle said she had never traveled abroad before. "I have always been really interested in traveling and going places," she said. "I figured I might as well stick my foot in now while I could. It helped that Roane State was able to give me some financial aid. Otherwise, I could not have gone."

In Haiti, students work, alongside Haitians, on a service project. Roane State students can earn college credit in Spanish, education or humanities courses through various study-abroad opportunities in Mexico.

The scope of Roane State study-abroad opportunities continues to expand. Trips planned for May 2008 included.

- A trip to Paris to teach students about American "Lost Generation" writers such as Ernest Hemingway, Gertrude Stein, E.E. Cummings, Henry Miller and Richard Wright. These writers, disillusioned by the mass carnage of World War I, left the U.S. and moved to Paris.
- A trip to World War II battle sites in Europe, including the Normandy beaches where Allied Forces launched the invasion of France in June 1944.
- An 1 1-day trip to Europe for art students.

The International Education Program also has brought awareness of foreign cultures, subjects and issues directly into the classrooms of Roane State campuses.

German exchange student Ines Wiedemann studied and worked at Roane State in the 2007-08 academic year through the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals.

A group of Roane State students traveled to Mexico City in the spring of 2007, and in the following fall, high school students from the Thomas Jefferson Institute in Mexico City visited Roane State.

The college recently entered into a partnership with Youth For Understanding (YFU), a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. This partnership will provide Roane State with more opportunities to host foreign students and to send Roane State faculty and students abroad.

The Oak Ridge Campus hosted a forum on the relationship between the U.S. and Iran, and the International Education program continues to bring international speakers to campuses.

While travel and special events are major components of the initiative, the program also seeks to blend international components into all classes.

For example, a math course might include lessons on how the subject is taught in other nations or how other cultures have contributed to the field.

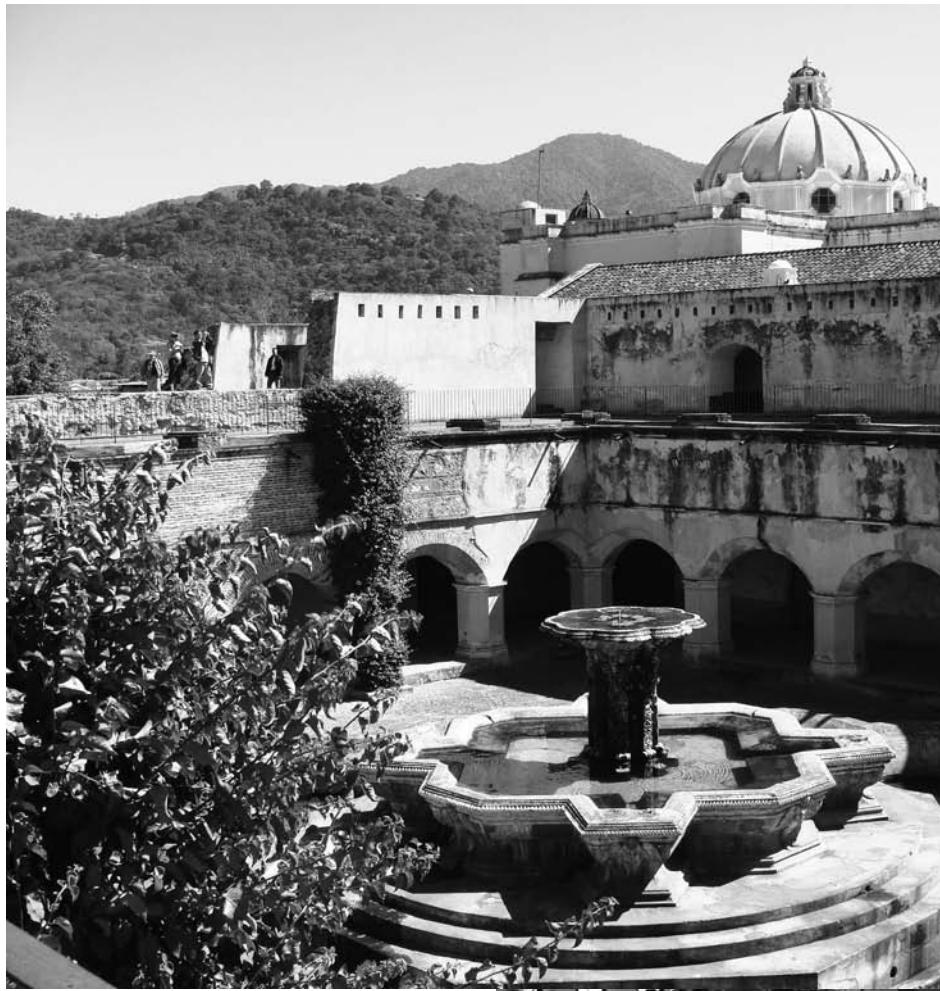
Students in assistant professor Diane Ward's introductory education course visited Walnut Hill Elementary School periodically during the fall 2007 semester. They gained hands-on classroom experience by teaching the elementary school students about the culture, history and geography of six countries.

The Roane State students arranged for guests from the college to speak to Walnut Hill students. The guests were either natives of a country studied or experts in the country's culture. The college students also participated in a Multicultural Day at Walnut Hill.



Roane State students pose for a group photo at the Pyramids of Teotihuacan near Mexico City.





**Day-to-day efforts to connect college students in Tennessee to the global community are especially important since Roane State's student body includes foreign students. Eighteen international students attended Roane State in fall 2007, representing 14 countries.**

**Is it possible that these efforts could come close to contributing to such a lofty goal of advancing peace across the globe?**

**Gomezdelcampo recalls the words of students who have spoken at conferences on international education. She said the students relay stories of befriending young people from other countries, and they wonder "if we can be friends, why can't different countries?"**

**What would happen, Gomezdelcampo wonders, if enough students made friends across the geographical borders and ideological boundaries that separate nations?**

*"Maybe," she says, "one day we would have peace in the world."*



*Clockwise from top left: Students who travel to Guatemala see sites such as this, La Merced Courtyard. The photo shows a courtyard adjoining the Church of La Merced in Antigua, Guatemala [the former capital of Central America]. This fountain, called the Fuente de Pescados, is almost 90 feet in diameter and is in the shape of a water lily. Water lilies are common in Maya mythology, where they are associated with creation.; Roane State freshman Kari Hensley teaches Walnut Hill Elementary School students about Mexico during a Multicultural Fair at the school. The students, from left, are Ananda Bertram, Kimberly Smith, Hayden Gouge and Isaiah Griffiths. The project was part of an effort to weave international elements into Roane State courses.; Roane State students who participate in the college's Haiti trip learn about the country's culture, and they work, alongside Haitians, on a service project. From left in the foreground are Eileen Shea and Betsey Hill. They are testing water for bacterial contamination. In the background, Jorge Gomezdelcampo repairs an electrical system. From left, Roane State students Jessica Tanner, Kari Qualls, Andrea Nafziger, and Megan Lamance stand in front of the Mexico City's Catedral Metropolitana, one of the oldest cathedrals in the Americas. ; Roane State education students visit and study at the Thomas Jefferson Institute in Mexico City as part of the college's Spanish immersion program. Shown above is Roane State student Megan Lamance with students at the Thomas Jefferson Institute.*

# Spirit |

**women's basketball team achieved national ranking**



The Roane State  
women's  
basketball  
team, for the first  
time in many years,  
achieved a  
national ranking!

Shown above from left in the first row are Casha Foster, Tabitha Jones, Tikedra Jones, Brittany Steen, Whitney Jordan, Aundrea Marshall and Tiffany McCroskey. In the back row, from left, are Head Coach Todd Wright, Katie Butcher, Paige Sevier, Kim Palmer, Danielle Spurlock, Ashley Howard, Ashley Moss, Taylor Oliver and Assistant Coach Monica Boles.

The Raiderettes reached 24th in the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I poll.

At the end of the regular season, sophomore guard Casha Foster ranked 13th in NJCAA Division I in steals, averaging 3.6 a game.

As a team, Roane State ranked 21st in Division I in scoring (78.1 points per game) and 14th in field-goal percentage (45.6 percent).

Roane State finished the season 25-6, reaching the semifinals of the TJCCAA/NJCAA Region VII tournament.





# News Notes |

## from the headlines

**Darren York** has been named coordinator of instructional technology. York previously served as a part-time staff member in the college's Center for Teaching Arts and Technology (CTAT). York has more than 15 years of experience in higher education teaching and administration, including four years as a Roane State instructor.

The Kingston native graduated from Roane County High School in 1986 and from Roane State in 1988. York received a bachelor's degree in English from Tennessee Tech in 1990 and has earned a master's degree in psychology from Austin Peay State University. York's father, Kinch, was one of the first employees at Roane State and worked for the college for many years.

**Sandra Grice** has joined Roane State's Financial Aid Office as coordinator of veterans benefits and auxiliary support. In addition to working with Roane State students who are military veterans, Grice assists with the federal work-study program and the Scholarship for Academic Service (SAS) program. Grice graduated from Harriman High School in 1977 and from Roane State in 1979. She received a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Tennessee Tech in 1981 and graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1984. Grice served as a Judge Advocate General (JAG) officer in the United States Air Force from 1985-1990. She worked for TVA's Office of the Inspector General from 1990-1993 and served as a senior business consultant with TVA River Operations from 1993-2007.

**Roane State entered into a transfer agreement with Savannah College of Art and Design.** The agreement includes these degree programs: bachelor of arts in digital media, game development concentration; bachelor of arts in digital media, interactive design concentration; bachelor of arts in visual communication, sequential art concentration; and bachelor of arts in visual communication, graphic design concentration. The Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with locations in Atlanta, Savannah, Ga., and in Lacoste, France.

**The Big South Fork Regional P-16 Council**, which includes Anderson, Campbell, Cumberland, Fentress, Knox, Loudon, Morgan, Roane and Scott counties, met Feb. 14 at Roane State Community College. The council links all education levels from preschool (P) through the senior year of college (16).

**Nancy Hamilton** has joined Roane State's Counseling, Career and Disability Services as the new retention counselor for at-risk students. Hamilton assists at-risk students with achieving their personal and academic goals. Hamilton, a Roane County native and 1989 graduate of Roane County High School, graduated from Tennessee Tech in 1993 with a bachelor of science degree in early childhood education. She earned a master of divinity with focus on youth education and college ministry concentration in 1998 from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Roane State's "**The Year in Review**" magazine won a bronze medal in the 2007 National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) District 2 Medallion Awards. The awards recognize excellence in community, technical, and junior college marketing and public relations activities. Graphic designer **Sandi Roberts** designed the award-winning magazine. District 2 includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, the Bahamas and Bermuda.

**Roxie (Guettner) McClendon** turned 105 in January. Miss Roxie, as she is known throughout her community, may be the country's oldest working newspaper columnist. Her "Eureka" column in the Rockwood Times has informed and delighted readers for decades. She has been a member of Eureka Baptist Church for 88 years, and she established a mission fund when her husband passed away in 1987. A Roane State Foundation scholarship in her name benefits an adult female student, preferably from Roane County, majoring in English or Education. For information on contributing to this scholarship, contact the Roane State Foundation at (865) 882-4507 or [bradleyjc@roanestate.edu](mailto:bradleyjc@roanestate.edu).

From left: Award-winning *The Year in Review*, Sandra Grice, Darren York, Nancy Hamilton and Roxie (Guettner) McClendon.



# Roane State's Line-Up for Summer Fun



**Sign up your children for one of our fun summer camps!**

**Roane State's "Kids at College" Summer Camp Series, presented by the Department of Community Services, provides children with many fun and educational experiences.**



**To register by phone, please call (865) 882-4607 or (865) 882-4509.**



**For more information, including camp descriptions, visit**

[www.roanestate.edu/summercamps](http://www.roanestate.edu/summercamps).

**Scholarship funds are available for some camps. Please call for more information.**



**Please note, this information is subject to change. Please call for the latest information.**



<b>Roane County Camps</b>	<b>Grades/Ages</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>					
Cool Contraptions Lego Camp	Grades 1-4	June 2-6	9 am-12	\$55	Dance Dance Mania	Ages 7-10	July 21-25	1-4 pm	\$85
Spanish for Ninos	Grades 1-4	June 2-6	1-4 pm	\$55	Dance Dance Mania	Ages 11-14	June 23-27	1-4 pm	\$85
Kids Fit and Fun for Life	Grades 1-4	June 9-13	1-4 pm	\$55	Teaching With Technology	Area Teachers	July 28-30	12-4 pm	\$250
Totally Awesome Science	Grades 1-4	June 9-13	9 am-12	\$55	<b>Loudon County Campus</b>	<b>Grades/Ages</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Groovy Kids Art Camp	Grades 1-4	June 23-27	1-4 pm	\$55	Spanish for Ninos	Grades 1-4	June 23-27	9 am-12	\$55
Jr. Gardeners-How Things Grow!	Grades 1-4	June 23-27	9 am-12	\$55	Cool Contraptions Lego Camp	Grades 1-4	June 23-27	1-4 pm	\$55
Roane State Jr. Playmakers (2 wks)	Grades 1-8	July 14-25	9 am-4 pm	\$175*	Groovy Kids Art Camp	Grades 1-4	July 21-25	1-4 pm	\$55
Hip-Hop Stomp Camp	Grades 1-8	June 16-20	1-4 pm	\$85	Totally Awesome Science	Grades 1-4	July 21-25	9 am-12	\$55
Performing Arts Camp	Grades 1-8	June 16-20	9 am-12	\$85	Mind Blowing Science	Grades 5-8	June 2-6	1-4 pm	\$55
Challenging Art Projects	Grades 5th & up	July 21-25	9 am-12	\$55	Teen Art Camp	Grades 5-8	June 2-6	9 am-12 pm	\$55
Mind Blowing Science	Grades 5th & up	July 21-25	1-4 pm	\$110	Hip-Hop Stomp Camp	Grades 1-8	July 14-18	1-4 pm	\$85
Adventures in Flight	Grades 5th & up	June 9-13	9 am-4 pm	\$110	Performing Arts	Grades 1-9	July 14-18	9 am-12	\$85
Cartoon Craze (Limit 12)	Grades 5th & up	June 2-6	9 am-4 pm	\$125	CSI Camp	Grades 6 & Up	July 7-11	9 am-4 pm	\$110
Horsemanship Camp	Grades 4th & up	Jun. 30-Jul. 3	9 am-4 pm	\$130	<b>Scott County Campus</b>	<b>Grades/Ages</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Horsemanship Camp	Grades 4th & up	July 7-10	9 am-4 pm	\$130	Spanish for Ninos	Grades 1-4	June 16-20	9 am-12	\$55
(CSI) Crime Scene Investigation	Grades 5th & up	June 23-27	9 am-4 pm	\$110	Cool Contraptions Lego Camp	Grades 1-4	June 16-20	1-4 pm	\$55
Wilderness Camp	Grades 5th & up	July 14-18	9 am-4 pm	\$110	Totally Awesome Science	Grades 1-4	June 23-27	1-4 pm	\$55
Junior Master Gardener	Grades 5th & up	June 16-20	9 am-4 pm	\$110	Kids Culinary Camp	Grades 1-4	June 23-27	9 am-12	\$55
Roane State Road Warriors	Grades 3-8	July 28-Aug 1	9 am-4 pm	\$125	The Art Factory-Art Ventures	Grades 1-4	July 14-18	1-4 pm	\$55
Creatures Great & Small	Grades 1-3	July 21-25	9 am-12	\$55	Creatures Great and Small	Grades 1-4	July 14-18	9 am-12	\$55
My Very First Computer Camp	Grades 1-3	July 21-25	1-4 pm	\$55	Mind Blowing Science	Grades 5 & Up	July 14-18	1-4 pm	\$55
Flash Animation Camp	Grades 5 & Up	June 9-13	9 am-4 pm	\$125	Challenging Art Projects	Grades 5 & Up	July 14-18	9 am-12	\$55
Cheer, Chant & Yell	Grades 1-3	July 21-25	9 am-12	\$55	CSI Camp	Grades 5 & Up	July 21-25	9 am-4 pm	\$110
Cheer, Chant & Yell	Grades 4 & Up	July 21-25	1-4 pm	\$55	Performing Arts Camp	Grades 5 & Up	July 7-11	9 am-4 pm	\$110
**Ultimate Skateboarding	Grades 3-8	June 16-20	9 am-12	\$85	Madden Computer Camp	Ages 11-14	June 2-6	1-4 pm	\$65
**Ultimate Skateboarding	Grades 3-8	July 14-18	9 am-12	\$85	<b>Campbell County Campus</b>	<b>Grades/Ages</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Soccer Camp	U8-U11	July 28-Aug 1	9 am-12	\$125	Spanish for Ninos	Grades 1-4	June 9-13	9 am-12	\$55
Soccer Camp	U12+	July 28-Aug 1	1-4 pm	\$125	Cool Contraptions Lego Camp	Grades 1-4	June 9-13	1-4 pm	\$55
Raiders Softball Camp	Ages 7-10	June 2-6	9 am-12	\$75	Creatures Great and Small	Grades 1-4	June 23-27	9 am-12	\$55
Raiders Softball Camp	Ages 11-13	June 2-6	1-4 pm	\$75	Groovy Kids Art Camp	Grades 1-4	June 23-27	1-4 pm	\$55
*For both weeks.					Totally Awesome Science	Grades 1-4	June 2-6	1-4 pm	\$55
**Ultimate Skateboarding will be held at the Roane County Skate Park in Kingston.					CSI Camp	Grades 5 & Up	July 14-18	9 am-4 pm	\$110
<b>Oak Ridge Campus Camps</b>	<b>Grades/Ages</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>	Teen Art Camp	Grades 5 & Up	June 16-20	9 am-12	\$55
Spanish for Ninos Grades	1-4	June 9-13	1-4 pm	\$55	Mind Blowing Science	Grades 5 & Up	June 16-20	1-4 pm	\$55
Covenant Health Junior MASH	Grades 6 & up	July 21-25	9 am-4 pm	\$110	Cheerleading Camp	Grades 1-4	June 2-6	9 am-12	\$55
Crime Scene Investigation	Grades 5 & up	June 9-13	9 am-4 pm	\$110	Cheerleading Camp	Grades 5-8	June 2-6	1-3 pm	\$55
Groovy Kids Art Camp	Grades 1-4	June 23-27	9 am-12	\$55	ACT Prep Course – Math	High School	June 9-13	1-4 pm	\$55
Guerrilla Filmmaking Camp (Limit 12)	Grades 6 & up	June 23-27	9 am-4 pm	\$150	ACT Prep Course - Language Arts	High School	June 9-13	9 am-12	\$55
Totally Awesome Science	Grades 1-4	June 23-27	1-4 pm	\$55	<b>Morgan County Campus</b>	<b>Grades/Ages</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Hip-Hop Stomp Camp	Grades 1-8	June 2-6	1-4 pm	\$85	Spanish for Ninos	Grades 1-4	June 2-6	9 am-12	\$55
Performing Arts Camp	Grades 1-8	June 2-6	9 am-12	\$85	Creatures Great and Small	Grades 1-4	June 2-6	1-4 pm	\$55
Cool Contraptions Lego Camp	Grades 1-4	June 9-13	9 am-12	\$55	Totally Awesome Science	Grades 1-4	June 9-13	1-4 pm	\$55
Cool Contraptions Lego Camp	Grades 1-4	July 14-18	9 am-12	\$55	The Art Factory-Art Ventures	Grades 1-4	June 9-13	9 am-12	\$55
Cartoon Craze (Limit 12)	Ages 9-13	July 14-18	9 am-4 pm	\$125	Cool Contraptions Lego Camp	Grades 1-4	June 23-27	1-4 pm	\$55
Flash Animation & Web Design	Ages 9-13	July 7-11	9 am-4 pm	\$150	Kids Culinary Camp	Grades 1-4	June 23-27	9 am-12	\$55
<b>Oak Ridge Corp. Trng. Ctr.</b>	<b>Grades/Ages</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>	Amazing Race Challenge	5th & Up	July 7-11	9 am-12	\$55
Creative Kids Computer	Ages 7-10	June 9-13	9 am-12	\$85	Amazing Race Challenge	Grades 1-4	July 14-18	1-4 pm	\$55
Creative Kids Computer	Ages 11-14	July 28-Aug 1	9 am-12	\$85	Mind Blowing Science	5th & Up	July 7-11	1-4 pm	\$55
Online Atomic Chess	Ages 11-14	June 2-6	1-4 pm	\$85	Horsemanship Camp	Grades 5 & Up	TBD	9 am-4 pm	\$250
Online Atomic Chess	Ages 7-10	July 14-18	1-4 pm	\$85	Challenging Art Projects	Grades 5 & Up	June 9-13	1-4 pm	\$55
Digital Photo Editing	Ages 11-14	June 2-6	9 am-12	\$85	Hip Hop Dance Camp	Grades 4-7	June 9-13	9 am-12	\$55
Digital Photo Editing	Ages 7-10	July 14-18	9 am-12	\$85	Hip Hop Dance Camp	Grades 1-3	June 16-20	9 am-12	\$55
Madden Camp	Ages 7-10	June 9-13	9 am-12 pm	\$65	Performing Arts Camp	Grades 1-3	June 16-20	1-4 pm	\$55
Madden Camp	Ages 11-14	June 23-27	9 am-12 pm	\$65	My Very First Computer Camp	Grades 1-4	July 14-18	9 am-12	\$55
Marvel'ous Comic Book Creations	Ages 7-10	June 9-13	1-4 pm	\$85	<b>Cumberland County Campus</b>	<b>Grades/Ages</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Marvel'ous Comic Book Creations	Ages 11-16	June 23-29	1-4 pm	\$85	Young Entrepreneurs	Grades 5 & Up	July 14-18	9 am-4 pm	\$150
Marvel'ous Comic Book Creations	Ages 7-10	July 14-18	1-4 pm	\$85	Golf	Grades 5 & Up	June 23-26	9 am-4 pm	\$110
Guitar Hero	Ages 7-10	June 16-20	9 am-12 pm	\$85	Performing Arts Camp	Grades 5 & Up	July 21-25	9 am-4 pm	\$110
Guitar Hero	Ages 11-14	June 23-27	9 am-12 pm	\$85	CyberCamp for Kids	Grades 5 & Up	June 16-20	9 am-4 pm	\$125
					CyberCamp for Kids	Grades 5 & Up	July 21-25	9 am-4 pm	\$125
					<b>Fentress County Campus</b>	<b>Grades/Ages</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>
					Young Entrepreneurs	Grades 5 & Up	June 23-27	9 am-4 pm	\$150

# Alumni

## alumni news and class notes

'O I Roger W. Paul CA.A.S., Contemporary Management of Andersonville, Tenn., retired from Carlisle Tire & Wheel Company in 2007 and is a Realtor with Weichert Realty. He and his wife Thelma have two sons, Roger and Keith.

### In memoriam

Stephanie Ann (Edwards) Hinds, '04, Rockwood, Tenn.

Helen Brantley, attended '80-'86, Clinton, Tenn.

## Outstanding Alumni Sought



**Roane State Community College is seeking nominations for the 2008 Outstanding Alumni Award to be given to an RSCC alumna and alumnus in recognition of outstanding service to their profession, to RSCC and to the community.**

Nominations can be made by anyone and must include:

1. the Nominee Information Form
2. a letter of recommendation
3. a resume of the candidate

Nominations should include the nominee's name, address, date of graduation and degree (to be verified by RSCC personnel) and information detailing how the nominee meets each of the three criteria. To be eligible, nominees must have attended Roane State Community College for at least 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours.

### Criteria for Selection

1. Noteworthy professional contributions
  - a. Contributes to one's profession (beyond normal requirements and expectations)
  - b. Received professional awards or recognition
2. Contributes to the spirit and values of Roane State Community College
3. Contributes to the community through community service or volunteer work

Selections will be made by the RSCC Alumni Recognition Committee.

Deadline for submission of nomination: May 30, 2008

Call (865) 882-4640 or e-mail a request for application ([alumni@roanestate.edu](mailto:alumni@roanestate.edu)) or you may print the Nominee Information Form directly from the Web at: [www.roanestate.edu](http://www.roanestate.edu) keyword: alumni

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Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Names/Ages of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Other news (marriages, births, promotions, awards, major accomplishments, retirement, other items of interest). Send photos (digital preferred). \_\_\_\_\_

Activities while attending Roane State (Student Government, Sports, . . .) \_\_\_\_\_



# Calendar

## coming up at your community college

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- May 2-3 Graduation
- May 2-4 ■ East Tennessee Cutting Horse Association
- May 2-4 ■ Ron McLoughlin Horse Handling School
- May 9-11 ● Spring Dance Concert with Arts in Motion Dance Studio
- May 10 ■ National Barrel Horse Association
- May 16-17 ■ Smoky Mountain Walking Horse Association
- May 24-25 ■ Oak Ridge Kennel Club
- May 29-June 1 ■ Region III Hillbilly Classic Quarter Horse Show

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- July 4-6 ■ East Tennessee Cutting Horse Association
- July 4-6 ■ Ron McLoughlin Horse Handling School
- July 7-10 ■ RSCC Horse Camp
- July 12-13 ■ Tennessee Reining Horse Association Clinic
- July 12 ■ National Barrel Horse Association
- July 16-20 ■ East Coast Reined Cowhorse Classic
- July 22-27 ■ Country Music Circuit Quarter Horse Show
- July 25 Last day of summer classes

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- June 2 First- and full-term summer classes begin
- June 5-7 ■ Eastern Region 4-H Horse Show
- June 10-15 ■ Dogwood Classic Quarter Horse Show
- June 20-22 ■ ETYRA Youth Rodeo
- June 21-22 ■ Jimmy Driver Horse Training Clinic
- June 2 ■ First- and full-term summer classes begin
- June 30 Second-term summer classes begin
- June 30-July 3 ■ RSCC Horse Camp

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- Aug. 1-3 ■ East Tennessee Cutting Horse Association
- Aug. 2 ■ STAR/Special Olympics
- Aug. 8-10 ■ Tennessee Reining Horse Association
- Aug. 16 ■ Volunteer Riding Association Barrel Race
- Aug. 21 Freshman Experience
- Aug. 23 Fall classes begin
- Aug. 23 ■ National Barrel Horse Association

# A Few Steps Apart



**Oneida High School senior Jamie Harris (right) walks toward his friends after winning a “texting contest” on Jan. 31 at the Oak Ridge Campus. Stone Memorial High School senior Lynsey Nail (left) leaves a little disappointed after giving a terrific effort and finishing second. Contestants competed by dancing text messages on two large replicas of cell phones. Harris out-stepped Nail in the finals and won a \$1,000 scholarship to Roane State.**



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