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Ready to Launch

**Advanced Materials
Training and Education
Center (AMTEC) offers
path to high-tech jobs**

Letter |

from the President



General Dwight Eisenhower wrote that leaders should always reflect the “cheerful certainty of victory,” especially in tough times. I think the same principle applies to higher education.

No matter the challenges we face, Roane State must reflect the “cheerful certainty of victory” for the communities and the students that we serve. We have learned to “dance in the rain” of statewide budget cuts and still accommodate the double-digit growth we have experienced. We had more than 6,800 students this fall.

During the past 12-18 months, we have faced shrinking state appropriations, uncertainty, worry and change. Staff members have taken on new responsibilities as we redesigned the college, and faculty members have shouldered extra coarse loads. Through it all, faculty and staff have maintained the “cheerful certainty of victory” and achieved remarkable accomplishments.

- Roane State had 818 graduates in 2010, and enrollment continues to set records.
- We received a \$2.86 million federal grant that will support educating workers in advanced materials technician-level training, a high-demand field. The \$2.86 million grant is one of 29 grants totaling \$5.64 million that we have received since January 2007.
- The college broke ground on the Cumberland Business Incubator (CBI), a new facility on the Cumberland County campus that will help promote economic growth in the region.
- Federal stimulus funds have allowed us to move forward with several projects such as renovating labs, upgrading the college’s phone system and purchasing needed equipment.
- The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has reaffirmed RSCC’s accreditation. Reaffirmation of accreditation is a major accomplishment that requires collaboration and contributions from every department.
- This year, students from 16 foreign countries are studying at Roane State thanks to our growing International Education Program.
- Our SAILS project (Students Achieving Improved Learning Strategies) is helping students become better learners.

There are many other areas where Roane State faculty and staff have shown creativity, excitement and passion for students. The cheerful certainty of victory lives at Roane State, and it will guide us as we face new challenges. As we move forward, you will see more changes. For example, the next alumni magazine will be a special electronic edition rather than a print edition in an effort to reduce printing costs.

What has not changed is our profound commitment to student success, and we welcome and need the support of our alumni to fulfill that commitment. You play a major role in contributing to the “cheerful certainty of victory” at Roane State, and your dedication to the college is greatly appreciated.

Freshmen Missy Munsey and Madison Smythe, both Roane County High School graduates, lit up the campus this fall with their smiles.

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Roane County Campus

Roane State received three Access and Diversity Grants totaling more than \$90,000. A \$67,313 grant is supporting an initiative called PLAN (Prepare, Learn and Navigate). The PLAN project involves sophomores, juniors and seniors at Harriman High School in a preparation program for postsecondary education. Roane State received \$12,815 for a project called “Closing the Gap.” The project’s goal is to provide teachers with specific strategies for working with different generations and with minority populations. A \$10,000 grant supported an international film festival “Movies Without Borders,” organized by assistant professor Saeed Rahmanian. The Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) awards the grants.



Oak Ridge Campus

Waldek Kaczocha, owner of Razzleberry’s ice cream shop in Oak Ridge, shared his experience growing up in communist Poland and his immigration to the United States during a lecture at the Oak Ridge campus. The event was held in commemoration of Constitution Day, which is observed on Sept. 17, the day the U.S. Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution in 1787. “It was always fear, living in communism,” he said. “Always a fear of what’s going to happen the next day. Are you going to be arrested or not arrested?”



Campbell County Campus

Roane State was named one of America’s top “military-friendly” colleges by Military Advanced Education. Craig Bolton, who took classes at the Campbell County campus last spring, agrees with the journal’s description of Roane State. “You couldn’t ask for a better staff as far as dealing with veterans,” he said. Bolton served with the U.S. Marines in Iraq.



Cumberland County Campus

Roane State broke ground on the Cumberland Business Incubator (CBI), a new facility on the Cumberland County campus that will help promote economic growth in the region. Financing for the incubator was supported with federal, state and local resources. The Cumberland County Commission and Crossville City Council each committed \$250,000 for construction. In addition, RSCC received an \$880,000 grant from the U.S. Commerce Department’s Economic Development Administration (EDA). The CBI will be a 10,000-square-foot, energy efficient business facility with nine office areas and three bays suitable for light manufacturing operations.



Fentress County Campus

Dual studies courses allow high school students to earn college credit and high school credit at the same time. The Tennessee dual enrollment grant, funded by the state lottery, gives students \$300 for one dual studies class per semester. In Fentress County, the Pinckley Foundation pays any costs not covered by the state grant, and Community Bank of the Cumberslands purchases textbooks for the students. The results of this support are phenomenal. For example, these students from Clarkrange High School and York Institute will, combined, complete 243 hours of college credit by the time they all finish high school. If you would like to help Roane State dual studies students in your community, contact the Roane State Foundation at (865) 882-4507.



Knox County Campus

Roane State has upgraded the polysomnography lab at the Knox County campus. The renovated lab now features new state-of-the-art digital equipment that records data needed for sleep studies. "The new equipment better prepares students for the workplace because they are using the same equipment that they will use when they enter the profession," said Donna Plumlee, director of the polysomnography program.



Loudon County Campus

The Loudon County Relay for Life Team kicked off its fundraising efforts by holding a baked goods, ornament and stocking stuffer sale in December at the Loudon County campus. The team also sold homemade angel ornaments and had a drawing for an MP3 player. The team raised more than \$120 and has many other exciting events planned to reach its goal of \$1,000 by May.



Morgan County Campus

Fluor Corporation donated \$2,000 to support dual studies students at Central High School of Wartburg. The donation will assist Central High students with the costs of taking dual studies classes offered by Roane State. "Thanks to Fluor, these students have an opportunity to get a great head start on college," said Michelle Adkisson, campus director.



Scott County Campus

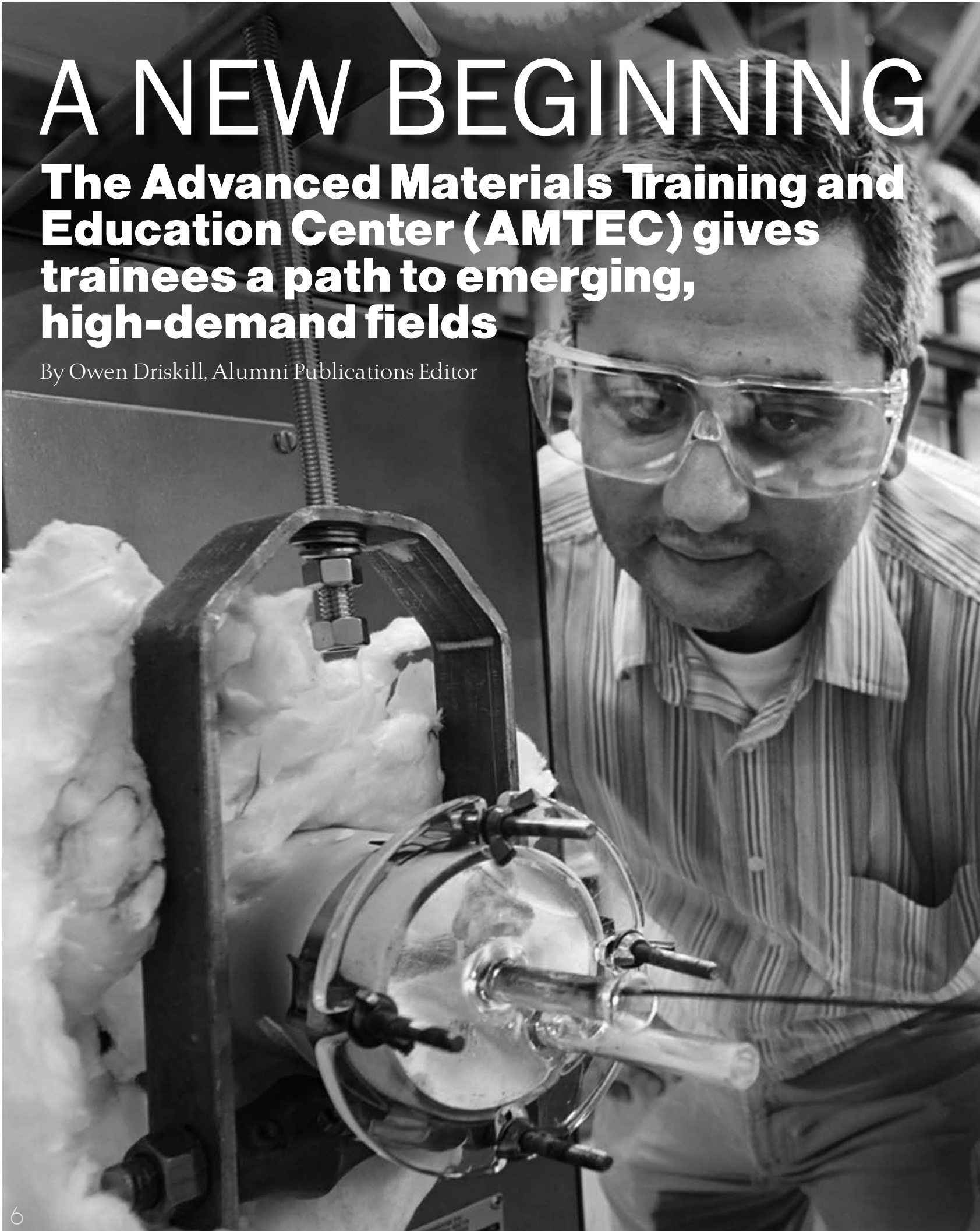
The campus hosted a weeklong CSI Camp for kids this past summer. The camp only cost \$30 per child thanks to the Scott County Sheriff's Department and deputy Troy Hull. Then-interim Sheriff Bobby Ellis allowed Hull to teach the camp, which reduced the cost. Camp participants learned about fingerprinting, the judicial process, crime scene preservation and other crime-solving techniques. The kids had a chance to inspect a LifeStar helicopter and talk to the crew. PACA of Campbell County donated 20 special vests for the campers to wear, and the STAND program also donated supplies.



A NEW BEGINNING

The Advanced Materials Training and Education Center (AMTEC) gives trainees a path to emerging, high-demand fields

By Owen Driskill, Alumni Publications Editor





The work of advanced materials technicians is illustrated in this photo, which shows carbon fiber tow exiting a high temperature carbonization furnace. Photo courtesy of Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Jim Kron of Maryville decided that instead of laying brick and block until his body broke down, he'd rather use his "brain a little bit more instead of my back."

Jerry Denson of Murfreesboro, married and father of four, worked in industrial construction, but the economy hit his profession hard.

Ben Graves of Athens was a business manager for 25 years in the wood industry. He was laid off and faced rejection after rejection in the job market.

Their lives are connected now through Roane State Community College's AMTEC in Oak Ridge. The AMTEC has given Kron, Denson and Graves, and other students, a chance to learn new, high-value skills—for free. (continued)

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“You try to keep busy, keep moving forward, and that’s what’s good about this program,” Graves said. “It gives us something to look forward to—a good potential array of jobs.”

Roane State received a \$2.86 million federal grant to launch the AMTEC, which initially will train individuals for entry-level materials technician jobs in two high-growth industries: the carbon fiber and solar energy areas. Plans are for the AMTEC to eventually offer programs in additional areas. The grant covers tuition and supplies for participants who are unemployed and underemployed, and employers receive a significant discount on training costs for their current employees.

The first class of 25 participants started in November, and a new class of 25 is added approximately every month. The goal of the project is for more than 600 individuals to complete the training. Roane State was one of 41 community colleges and organizations nationally, and the only one in Tennessee, to receive a Community Based Job Training Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. The college will receive the \$2.86 million over the next three years.

“I’d like to thank Roane State for making it possible to do this,” said Kron, the bricklayer from Maryville. “I didn’t know where I was going in life. This will open a lot of better doors for me.”

Valuable Partners

Grant partners with Roane State were Oak Ridge National Laboratory; Toho Tenax America Inc.; CoorsTek Inc.; Protomet Corporation; USEC Inc.; Confluence Solar Inc.; Knoxville-Oak Ridge Innovation Valley; the Tellico Reservoir Development Agency; the Tennessee Solar Energy Association; Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Local Workforce Investment Areas 3 and 4; the Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee (CROET); Ametek Inc.; and Babcock & Wilcox. Combined, these organizations are committing \$562,955 worth of resources and services to the project. CROET is providing classroom facilities for the AMTEC in the Halcyon Commercialization Center at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

“Our strong partnerships with area businesses and organizations made this grant possible,” Roane State President **Dr. Gary Goff** said. “We greatly appreciate their support.” The grant partners have identified the need to train and hire more than 1,200 new advanced materials technicians during the next three years.

“The AMTEC’s initial focus will be work in carbon fiber and solar energy,” said **Dr. Lou Rabinowitz**, Roane State Director of Workforce Connections. “The project also lays the groundwork for emerging advanced materials workforce needs including nanotechnology, nuclear energy, battery storage and more. For those seeking high-tech, good-paying jobs, the AMTEC will be a tremendous resource for years to come. Entry-level wages in this field are \$20 or more per hour.”

About the Program

Carbon fiber—which can be used to create lightweight, durable materials — has applications in automobile manufacturing, construction and other industries. Solar energy is a high-growth area as more communities and businesses seek greener sources of energy.

Denson, the father of four from Murfreesboro, is interested in solar energy. To take the classes, he stays with a relative in Clinton during the week and returns home on the weekends. “I think solar energy is a good way to go, and I believe in it,” he said. “It’s humbling to lose your job. We all welcome this opportunity and are excited to see where it takes us.”

The AMTEC program includes classroom courses and hands-on training. Classes are primarily held at the Halcyon Commercialization Center, but some sessions are held at the Tennessee Technology Center in Harriman and Pellissippi State Community College’s new Blount County campus.

Duane Largent of Crossville said he is leaning toward the carbon fiber side of the AMTEC program. Largent learned about the AMTEC after being laid off from an engineering company. “Education is the biggest thing,” Largent said. “The low-level jobs are not there. The only way to get your foot in the door is to have some knowledge of different areas. This seemed like a good opportunity. It’s quick and opens doors to good possible jobs.”

Classroom courses include industrial safety, basic computer skills, fundamentals of chemistry and drafting. Hands-on training includes electrical wiring and maintenance, basic plumbing, and basic machinery and measuring.

“For me, the education part of it is more beneficial than any job search,” said **David Howard**, a 54-year-old custom trim carpenter from Wartburg. “I’ve pushed my kids to get their education, and now they are pushing me. This class is fun to come to.”

There are approximately 12 core courses that all trainees are required to complete, as well as two or three additional capstone courses related to the specific industries that interest trainees. The training program takes four to five months to complete.

“You never stop learning all your life,” said **Chris Dollman**, a 66-year-old engineer from Oak Ridge who once worked on the Apollo program for NASA. “The world never stops changing, and it’s up to you to adjust. My career has been a series of adventures, and this is another one.”

8 *Top, from left, AMTEC student Duane Largent is interested in carbon fiber.; AMTEC students take an Excel class.; Student Chris Dollman, 66, once worked for NASA.; David Howard of Wartburg says his children are encouraging him as he goes back to school.*

Meet AMTEC director Nolan Nevels.

Nolan Nevels, director of the AMTEC, understands the hardships of trying to learn new skills as an adult.

A native of Birmingham, Ala., Nevels attended the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) after high school. He worked full-time and took classes. Trying to do both, he said, was difficult.

“At that time, adult education was unheard of,” he said. “It would have taken 10 years to finish a degree.”

Instead of finishing his degree, Nevels joined the workforce and spent the early part of his career in the construction industry. He said constantly moving his family to keep up with the construction job market convinced him to go back to school.

His family settled in Knoxville, and Nevels earned a bachelor’s degree (1990) and master’s degree (1995) in business management from Tusculum College.

Nevels said his experience going back to school will help him connect with participants in the AMTEC’s training.

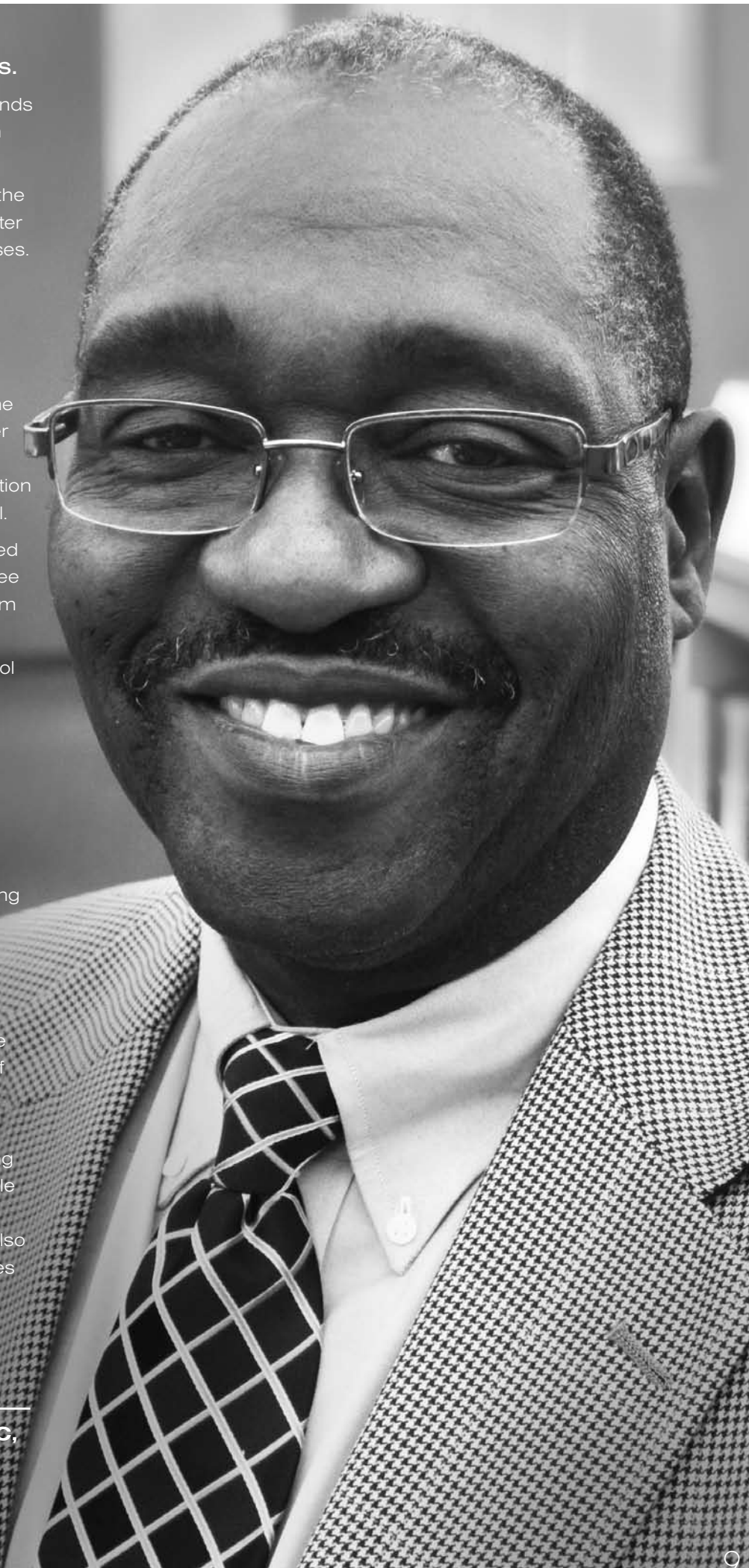
“Adult education enabled me and my family to have a more stable life,” Nevels said. “I can identify with people who want a better quality of life because I’ve done it. I’m sensitive to that need, and I’m passionate about people. It’s a very exciting time. I feel like we are on the cutting edge, and we are going to make a difference.”

Nevels has considerable manufacturing and training experience. He recently retired from a 12-year career at Alcoa where he held various supervisory positions. Becoming director of the AMTEC, he said, represents the “culmination of my education and life experiences.”

“I look at the AMTEC as giving people a better quality of life,” Nevels said. “The AMTEC is going to take unemployed and underemployed people and give them the technical expertise to move into stable, better-paying jobs. The AMTEC is also going to make the area attractive for businesses because we will have a trained workforce that companies can draw from.”

Nevels is married to Donna and they have two children, Nolan II and Jennifer.

For more information about the AMTEC, visit www.roanestate.edu/amtec. Individuals may also contact Nevels at nevelsnc@roanestate.edu or (865) 481-5433.





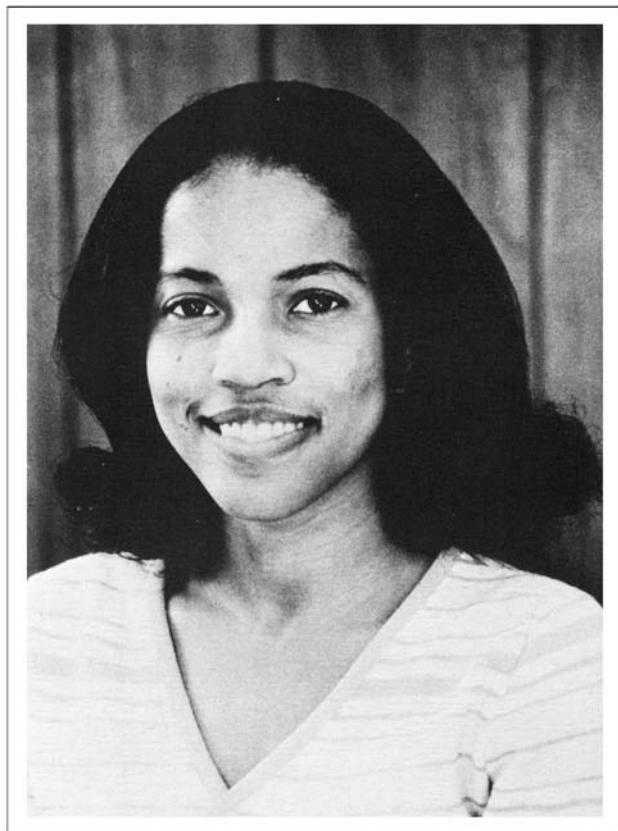
Joy Ingram remembers her mother's voice rising above the crowd noise at graduation . . .

“There’s My Baby.”

Ingram’s mother, sporting a stylish hat like the ones ladies wear to the Kentucky Derby, would shout that call when she saw her daughter, dressed in academic regalia, marching into graduation as a member of Roane State’s faculty. At the time, Ingram rolled her eyes a bit and tried to figure out how to hide in her robes. “I appreciate it more now,” Ingram said. “To her way of thinking, being a teacher was more important than being president.”

By Owen Driskill, Alumni Publications Editor

Miss Mamie, as Ingram's mother was known, would be just as proud of her daughter today. Nearly 40 years after first attending Roane State, Ingram has fulfilled a calling that she and her mother both felt, but did not know they shared.



Joy Ingram, then Liggett, was a top student in Social Sciences at RSCC in 1974.

Early Years

Ingram, the youngest of 12 children, grew up in Kingston. She spent the early years of her education at segregated Greenwood Elementary School. The two classrooms were heated by pot-bellied stoves, and the textbooks, which came from the white schools, were stamped "discarded."

Ingram was among the fifth-graders who desegregated Kingston Elementary School in 1964. Miss Mamie marched Ingram into the school, down a hallway crowded with hushed students, and deposited her in front of her classroom. "It was so quiet," Ingram said. "She said 'here's your classroom, you'll be fine.'"

When Ingram walked into the room, a student, Laura Holbrook, invited her to sit next to her. They are still friends.

Ingram graduated from Roane County High School in 1972 and decided to go to nearby Roane State. "I was 17, had never been away from home and was a first generation college student," Ingram said. "It was the perfect fit."

First Stop at Roane State

Roane State opened in 1971 at the former Fairmont Elementary School in Harriman. Ingram took classes in the Fairmont building and later at the main campus, which first opened in 1973.

She wanted to be a nurse, but math and science requirements made her nervous. Instead, she pursued social sciences and graduated magna cum laude in 1974 as part of the first graduating class at the new campus. Ingram graduated cum laude from the University of Tennessee in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in history, and she stayed at UT to earn her master's degree in history in 1978.

Before Ingram graduated from Roane State, then President Dr. Cuyler Dunbar suggested that she return and teach after finishing graduate school. The idea stayed with Ingram, and she taught at Roane State until 1988. After each graduation, Miss Mamie would find Dr. Dunbar and tell him, "I want to thank you for giving my child a job."

"She was hard," said Roane State sociology professor Valerie Herd, one of Ingram's former students. "The students became absorbed in the information. She made history real."

Ingram has taught history at Pellissippi State since 1988, and she could have finished her successful career entrenched in her comfort zone. But the calling to become a nurse simmered below the surface. "Something inside me would not leave me," Ingram said.

Second Stop at Roane State

In 2002, Ingram started taking classes at Pellissippi State that she needed as prerequisites for Roane State's nursing program. She enrolled in the program in 2006 and worked on her degree while teaching full-time at Pellissippi State. Ingram graduated from Roane State in 2008 with her associate's degree in nursing.

"I have gained a new respect for the 20-year-old students," Ingram said. "They are such hard workers."

And students respected Ingram. She won the June Bilbrey Excellence in Nursing Award, which is given in memory of Roane State's first college nurse. The recipient is selected by fellow nursing students as the person they would most want to care for themselves or their loved ones. The honor was especially meaningful for Ingram, because when she first attended Roane State, she visited often with Bilbrey.

"I wasn't sick, she was just such an encouraging woman," Ingram said. "It was very special to win the award because I knew Ms. Bilbrey and had such fond memories of her."

Ingram is a registered nurse and works as needed at Parkwest Medical Center. She still teaches full-time at Pellissippi State. Ingram and her husband, Anthony, have two children: Joy Michelle, 25 and Aaron, 20

Miss Mamie and her husband, the Rev. Gilbert Liggett, died before Ingram graduated with her nursing degree. Ingram said she later learned that her mother, who owned a beauty shop in Kingston, had always wanted to be a nurse.

If Miss Mamie had seen Ingram walk across that stage, to fulfill their shared lifelong dream, the joyful shout of "there's my baby" would have been heard halfway to Kingston.

Theresa McKenrick is sharing what Roane State gave to her.

McKenrick was the first in her family to earn a college degree. She enrolled at Roane State in 1975, establishing a legacy of education for her family. Thirty-five years later, McKenrick's son, Patrick, graduated from Vanderbilt University.

Roane State's faculty inspired McKenrick and gave her confidence. During her 30-year career in education, McKenrick has given that same encouragement to her own students.

"It's a perpetual thing," said McKenrick, a highly regarded special education teacher at Harriman High School. "Roane State and my family gave to me. I gave to students, and I was also able to give more to my son in encouragement because I knew what was possible."

For her accomplishments in the classroom and in the community, McKenrick has been named Roane State's 2010 Outstanding Alumna.

McKenrick lives in Oak Ridge with her husband, Don. She graduated from Oak Ridge High School in 1974 but was uncertain whether she could succeed in college.

"I wasn't sure I had what it took to be a college student," she said. "During my high school years, my focus was my mother's health. She had terminal cancer. We dealt with surgeries and remissions and recurrences, so I was marginal academically. I waited for a year to enroll at Roane State, and I fell in love with the campus. The faculty had more confidence in me than I did. It was during that first year that I changed my major to education, because of the influence the faculty had on me."

After a year at Roane State, McKenrick transferred to the University of Tennessee. In 1979, she graduated with honors with a bachelor of science in special education (K-12).

McKenrick taught in Knoxville and later worked as an educational diagnostic therapist.

She joined Harriman High School's faculty in 1990 as a special education teacher and has stayed in that role. McKenrick is the Special Education Department Chair, serves as a mentor for special education faculty, has presented at local and state conferences, and has received numerous honors for her work.

She was also instrumental in developing the Prom Closet Boutique, a program that provides special education students with formalwear for the school prom.

"After thirty years in the classroom, I am still inspired to reach out and encourage students because I personally know that it does make a lasting difference in their quality of life," McKenrick said.



Theresa McKenrick with son, Patrick, and husband, Don.

Deb Miller says that nobody grows up wishing to be a grant writer.

Actually, they do, because any child who daydreams about becoming a poet, a scientist or a police officer is thinking about the roles of a grant writer, hopefully one as talented and passionate as Miller.

Miller came to Roane State as the college's grants coordinator in January 2007. In four years, the college has received 29 grants totaling \$5.64 million. Some grants are small (\$10,000 for a GED class in Oliver Springs), and some are large (\$2.86 million to train workers for high-tech jobs). Regardless of the dollar amount, Miller loves that her work makes ideas happen.

"It is the whole concept of taking something from an idea to something that is funded and moving forward," Miller said of why she enjoys grant writing. "Grant writing allows you to have such an impact. It allows the college to continue to do new things, offer new programs and keep current programs viable."

Writing a grant is a complicated and intense process. The poet in Miller must find the right words to articulate a vision of how the project will change lives. The scientist in Miller must research and gather facts that support the project.

"Grant writing is painting a picture that people can visualize and putting research and statistics behind that picture," Miller said. "The research and the statistics are a science. The painting of the picture is the art."

Deadlines for grant proposals are absolute, and the police officer in Miller must enforce the rules. Last-minute grant proposals can be sloppy, and Miller will not allow them because she understands that the college's reputation is on the line whenever a grant is evaluated.

"You want to be known as an organization that is going to turn in a quality grant," she said.

There is another role for a grant writer—leader. Miller leads by promoting teamwork and recognizing the faculty, staff and community partners for their contributions. She is also dedicated to lifelong learning and often taps into her network of fellow grant writers for ideas and guidance.

Miller's efforts reflect the spirit of Roane State and are an important part of the college's mission to enhance lives.



Entrepreneurial Opticians

Roane State opticianry graduates find fulfillment as business owners

By Owen Driskill, Alumni Publications Editor



Rhonda Gross, left, always wanted to own a business, and Roane State's opticianry program allowed her to fulfill her vision.

Gross graduated from Roane State in 2000 with an associate of applied science (A.A.S.) in opticianry. Opticians are licensed professionals who design and fit prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses and other specialized optical devices. The field blends a valuable health service (correcting vision) with a bit of color and fun because opticians are also, in many ways, fashion consultants. They advise clients about which glasses will help them look their best.

Opticians may work for a business, but many choose to open their own shops. The field is a great choice for those who want to be a licensed professional and have the option to be their own boss.

"I have always had the dream of owning my own business," said Gross, owner of Specs in the City in Spring City. "It's very rewarding. I love what I do. I love being able to help people. A lot of my customers are people I've known my whole life."

Gross spent more than a year of planning and preparation before opening her doors. She bought a building and remodeled it. With help from friends and family, Gross even hung her own sheetrock.

She continued to work part-time after the business opened in January 2007. For the first 2 ½ years of Specs in the City, she took \$0 in salary from the business. Instead, she invested back into the shop.

"I don't think people realize the dedication and structure needed," Gross said. "It takes a lot of discipline with your money. You have to have a plan. Getting everything organized is the downfall of many businesses."

Rebecca Bristow (right), owner of Visual Fashions in Crossville, had to make a quick decision to go from employee to entrepreneur.

A 1996 opticianry graduate, Bristow had worked at Visual Fashions. The owner decided to become a missionary, and he asked Bristow if she wanted to take over the business. Within a month, the deal was done.

"Being the owner, the business becomes your passion," Bristow said. "You have to spend a lot of time thinking about the business. I have to make myself quit thinking about it."

Bristow recommended that future entrepreneurs get a business degree or at least take a few business classes to be better prepared for responsibilities such as management and marketing.



Roane State graduate Bobby Luttrell (left), owner of Luttrell's Eyewear in Knoxville, has created a business suited to his tastes.

A Frank Sinatra tune greets visitors. Luttrell's dog, Lundy, lounges in the shop, which features a bright, warm color scheme.

"We focus on prescription eyewear and making sure it looks good," Luttrell said. "We are on the fashion end of things. We're in an artsy area and have an artsy look."

Owning the business is worth the sacrifice, Luttrell said, but it is hard to leave work at the shop.

"When it was myself and my dog, the only person I had to worry about was me," said Luttrell, who now has three full-time employees. "Now, I worry about everybody."

He said keys to success are being honest and upfront with customers and being devoted to lifelong learning.

"No matter where you are, do the best you can and learn as much as you can," he said. "It's your reputation on the line."

For more information about Roane State's opticianry program, visit www.roanestate.edu/opticianry.

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Scholarship Profile

Roane State student Travis Denton believes his volunteer experience at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge will serve him well as he pursues a career in radiologic technology.

“The more prepared I am as far as dealing with patient families, as well as patients, the more successful I’ll be,” Denton said. “There is a lot more to a hospital than taking care of patients. You don’t realize how much volunteers do until you are actually a volunteer. I didn’t realize how important volunteer services are to a hospital and to patient care.”

The lessons that Denton is learning are exactly the purpose of the Methodist Medical Center Volunteer Scholars Program. Denton was one of 11 Roane State students who received one of the program scholarships for the 2010-11 academic year.

“We are excited to be a part of Travis’ education,” said Taynia Thornton, coordinator of volunteer services at Methodist Medical Center. “We are proud of Travis and all of our students. They are an exceptional group.”

The scholarship amount varies by student because the award is need-based and merit-based. Denton receives \$1,250 a semester. As a condition of his scholarship, he volunteers 75 hours a semester at Methodist Medical Center. The volunteer service is in addition to a full-time job at East Tennessee Children’s Hospital and a full-time course schedule in Roane State’s radiologic technology program.

“The scholarship was really unexpected,” said Denton, who started at Roane State in 2008 and plans to graduate in spring 2012. “It takes a big load off, and makes it easier on a student paying for his own education.”

One reason that the scholarship includes a volunteer component is to give students experience in a hospital setting. Thornton said gaining that experience builds students’ compassion for patients.

“We stress quality of care at Methodist,” Thornton said. “However, if you don’t have that element of compassion for the patient, you are missing out. The patient’s wound may heal and be forgotten, but the patient will always remember how they were treated.”

Thornton said she has received numerous compliments about Denton’s attentiveness to family members. Denton said he entered Roane State’s radiologic technology program because he wanted to “make a difference in people’s lives.” Based on his work at Methodist Medical Center, he is well on his way to meeting that goal.

For more information about how to provide scholarships to Roane State students, contact the Roane State Foundation at (865) 882-4507.



Roane State student Travis Denton, center, has learned a great deal through his volunteer work at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge. From left are Elizabeth Lyons, president of MMC volunteer board; volunteer scholarship chair Arnold Godsey; Denton; Lois Ward, manager of volunteer services; and Taynia Thornton, coordinator of volunteer services.

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February 17-20, 24-27, 2011

The Man Who Lives Here is Loony

This one-man play by RB Morris is adapted from the life and works of Knoxville native and writer James Agee. \$10 general, \$7 students. February 17-19, 24-26 at 7 p.m.; February 20 & 27 at 2 p.m.

March 18-20, 2011

RSCC Music Department Presents - Instrumental Ensembles Concert

Featuring the RSCC Jazz, Bluegrass and Stage Bands. March 18-20 TBA.

March 25-26, 2011

RSCC Sophomore Recitals

Free to the public. March 25-26 TBA.

April 7-10, 14-17, 2011

The Diviners

In a small farm community during the Depression where water and faith are in short supply, a charismatic but back-sliding preacher drifts into town and meets a gentle but misunderstood boy with the gift of divining or water-witching. These two outcasts find a common bond and help each other divine for truth, faith and hope. Earthy, funny, poignant and profoundly tragic this play echoes Steinbeck's classic Depression-era work with characters who are simple but good people searching for hope. \$10 general, \$7 students. April 7-9, 14-16 at 7 p.m.; April 10 & 17 at 2 p.m.

April 29, May 1, 2011

RSCC Music Department Presents—Choral Ensembles Concert

Concert Choir, Celebration Singers and Roane State High School Honor Choir present an evening of musical theatre selections. Suggested \$10 donation at door. April 29 at 7 p.m.; May 1 at 3 p.m.

May 13-15, 2011

Spring Dance Concert

Annual spring concert by area dancers and a delightful concert for the entire family. Tickets are \$15 and available in advance through Arts in Motion and at the door. For best seating, buy tickets in advance. Tickets: (865) 376-0295. May 13 & 14, 7 p.m.; May 15, 2 p.m.

May 26-29, 2011

Cotton Patch Gospel

Wonderful musical adaptation of Clarence Jordan's "Cotton Patch" versions of the gospels of Matthew and John set for the stage and performed by the original Roane State cast. Suggested \$10 donation at door. May 26-28, 7 p.m.; May 29, 2 p.m.

All performances subject to change. Check Web site periodically for updated information at www.roanestate.edu/theatre or call (865) 882-4567.

Visual Arts (sponsored by Roane State Community College Art Department):

O'Brien Art Gallery Schedule

April 2011

Annual Spring Student Art Show

For specific dates and updates to exhibits please visit <http://www.roanestate.edu/art/gallery> or contact Bryan Wilkerson, Assistant Professor of Art and Design (865) 882-4649 or wilkersonbs@roanestate.edu.



Top to bottom: Backstage at last year's Nutcracker performance; the 2010-11 Celebration singers; Ballerinas of all ages perform during the Spring Dance Concert in May.; Katie Ingram performs a Broadway song in the mid-term student recital.; a ceramic piece shown in last spring's Annual Student Art Show.

News Notes

from the headlines



Roane State received a \$194,505 grant from the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services** that will help the college upgrade equipment for its dental hygiene program. The equipment will be purchased with 100 percent federal funds made available through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



Roane State art students spent their spring break putting the finishing touches on a wall-sized mural at Midtown Elementary School in Harriman. The mural depicts a pastoral scene that includes children playing, a boy reading under a tree and an assortment of cute animals. Students who worked on the project were **Darla Tinch of Clarkrange, Veronica Castle of Kingston, Jan Shaw of Crossville, Adam Barnett of Kingston and Brooke LeBlanc of Oak Ridge.** Friends and family of the students also volunteered.



The Tennessee Community College Athletic Association (TCCAA) honored three Roane State student-athletes for having top GPAs in their sports: **Bryant Walker** of Knoxville (baseball); **Taylor Hall** of Mt. Juliet (women's basketball); and **John Brown** of Savannah, Ga. (men's basketball). The TCCAA includes 10 community colleges. **Brown** was also named a second-team All-American by the National Junior College Athletic Association, becoming the first men's All-American in school history. The guard/forward averaged 17 points and 11 rebounds a game and shot 52 percent from the floor. Brown is now playing with Division I Liberty University.



Breanna Wright of Harriman received the college's 2010 Outstanding Freshman Award. **Ali Mahboub**, an international student from Egypt, and **DeVan Burton** of Knoxville were co-winners of the college's highest student honor, the 2010 President's Award.



The Dollar General Literacy Foundation awarded a \$9,417 grant to Roane State to continue an adult education GED class in Oliver Springs. The foundation's \$9,770 grant in June 2009 helped start the Oliver Springs class. The new grant will continue the class for another year.

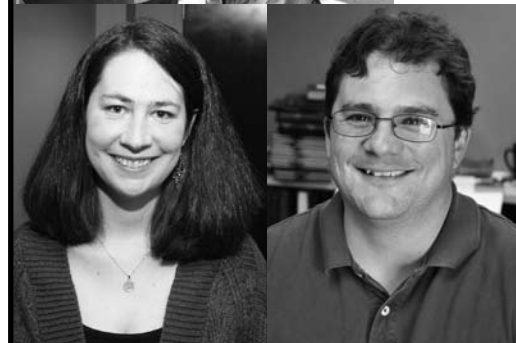
Eight rising high school seniors completed a three-day **Roane County Youth Leadership Academy** at the Roane County campus. High school faculty selected the students for the program. The students participated in classroom discussions about leadership and in numerous exercises designed to teach them to work together.

Roane State graduate **Carrie Thompson** of Knoxville was the grand prize winner of the National Student Nurses' Association's NurseWeek Essay Contest. Thompson, a nursing student who graduated in May, wrote her essay about the current nursing faculty shortage and how it could be solved. Her prizes included a \$500 gift check and publication of her essay in "Nursing Spectrum" and "NurseWeek" magazines.

Robert Benson, Roane State Director of Library Services, graduated from the Academy for Leadership and Development. The Academy for Leadership and Development is a program developed by the Chair Academy, a division of the Maricopa Community College District, in Mesa, Ariz., for the purpose of advancing organizational leadership and providing succession planning for leaders in post-secondary institutions.

Roane State Community College President **Dr. Gary Goff** has been honored by the Cumberland Business Journal as part of the publication's 2010 Ovation Awards. Dr. Goff received the Excellence in Business Leadership award. The Ovation Awards honor businesses, organizations and individuals in the Upper Cumberland region for excellence in several categories, from manufacturing and retail to individual philanthropists and governmental officials.

Faculty member **Beverly Rogers** and staff members **Kristi Beason** and **Peter Souza** have been honored for their work. Rogers, assistant professor of nursing, received Roane State's 2010 Sarah Ellen Benroth Award for Outstanding Teaching. Beason, administrative assistant I, was named the college's 2010 outstanding support staff member. Souza, director of networking and technical support, was named the 2010 administrative staff member of the year.



Captions: A dental hygiene student works on a member of the community; Darla Tinch helps turn a wall at Midtown Elementary School into a work of art; Bryant Walker; Taylor Hall; John Brown; Breanna Wright; Ali Mahboub and DeVan Burton; Roane County Youth Leadership Academy participants prepare for a trust-building exercise; Carrie Thompson; Robert Benson; Dr. Gary Goff; Beverly Rogers; Kristi Beason; Peter Souza.

President's Report

Summary of Student Financial Aid Awards 2009-2010

Federal Programs

Pell Grants	\$ 11,593,080
FSEOG	120,000
FWS	205,585
FFELP (loans)	6,524,653
Other: ACG, AMERICORP	262,097
Subtotal	\$ 18,705,415

State Programs

TSAA	\$ 615,257
GEARUP	30,750
BYRD	4,500
Lottery Scholarships	
HOPE	2,134,599
Aspire	576,742
Merit	4,875
Access	11,375
Non-traditional	69,850
Dependent Children	6,849
Helping Heroes	3,500
Diversity	57,200
Subtotal	\$ 3,515,497

Institutional Programs

Departmental Scholarships (music, art, athletics, SGA)	125,270
Academic	193,315
TN Scholar	6,300
Other: Waivers	177,477
Subtotal	\$ 502,362

Private Programs

Foundation	\$ 149,448
Private	283,743
Subtotal	\$ 433,191

Total All Programs \$ 23,156,465

Duplicate awards may be reflected in this total program summary.

Revenues and Expenditures 2009-2010

Revenues

Tuition and Fees	\$ 17,490,062
State Appropriations	17,247,542
Federal Grants and Contracts	13,224,407
State Grants and Contracts	8,139,073
Local Grants and Contracts	11,771
Private Grants and Contracts	61,965
Private Gifts	440,515
Sales and Services of Educational Activities	11,755
Endowment Income	0
Other Sources**	532,693
Auxiliary Enterprises	346,731
Total Revenues	\$ 57,506,514

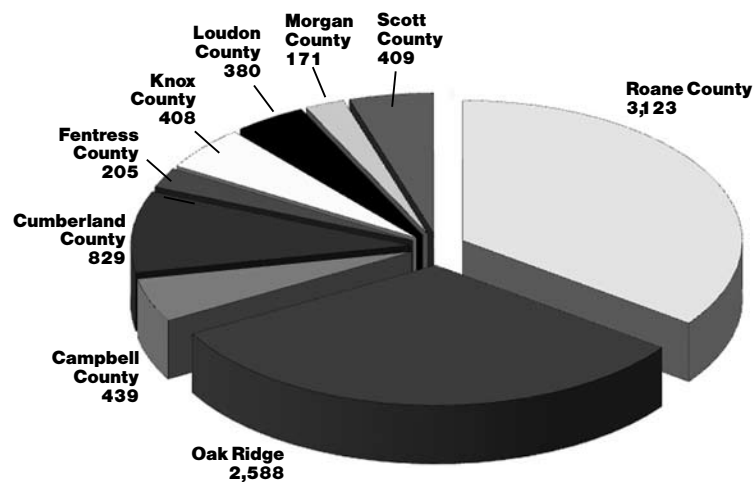
** cash contributions, accounts receivable collections and in-kind gifts

Expenditures

Instruction	\$ 19,865,523
Public Service	643,069
Academic Support	2,474,539
Student Services	4,695,559
Institutional Support	5,056,935
Operation and Maintenance of Physical Plant	3,633,837
Scholarships and Fellowships	16,936,076
Mandatory Transfers	0
Non-Mandatory Transfers	4,717,276
Auxiliary Enterprises	31,569
Auxiliary Non-Mandatory Transfers	1,417,326
Total Expenditures	\$ 59,471,709

Total Enrollment Headcount

Unduplicated Headcount	6,839
Full-time Equivalent	4,378



Headcount per Campus
(Duplicated because some students attend classes at more than one campus)

Foundation

financial summary
(internally prepared)
June 30, 2010

Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash	\$	762,813
Short-Term Investments		100,000
Long-Term Investments		7,286,411
Real Estate		153,500
Pledges Receivable (Net of Discounts of \$32,848)		1,260,381
Other Receivables		62,853
Other Assets		70,930
Total Assets	\$	9,696,888

Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts Payable	\$	58
Other Payables		7,387
Net Assets		9,689,443
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	9,696,888

Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Net Assets

Revenue and Other Additions

Gifts (Net of Pledge Write-offs of \$0)	\$	734,351
Investment Income		168,551
In-Kind Receipts		10,158
Net Realized/Unrealized Gain (Loss)		235,906
Total Revenue and Other Additions	\$	1,148,966

Expenditures and Other Deductions

Scholarships	\$	312,385
Campus Projects and Activities		135,701
Administrative Expenses		57,003
In-Kind Expenses		10,158
Trust Payments		1,285
Total Expenditures and Other Deductions	\$	516,532

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$	632,434
Net Assets June 30, 2009	\$	9,057,009
Net Assets June 30, 2010	\$	9,689,443

Outstanding Alumni Sought

Roane State Community College is seeking nominations for the 2011 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, 2011

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

We've missed you! Let us know where you have been by filling out the coupon below and sending it to:

**Alumni Relations
Roane State Community College
276 Patton Lane
Harriman, TN 37748-5011
e-mail: alumni@roanestate.edu
www.roanestate.edu/alumni**

1990

Wayde R. Hamby

(A.S. Education) received his B.S. in Education at Tennessee Tech and works for St. Luke's Health System in Boise, Idaho. He and his wife, Shannon, reside in Meridian, Idaho, and they have two sons: Ian, age 5, and Eli, age 2.

2004

Lindsay (Sigmon) Mason

(A.A.S. Respiratory Therapy) is a registered respiratory therapist with University of Tennessee Medical Center. She and her husband, Ricky Mason, reside in Lenoir City, TN, and they have one son, Benjamin, age 1.

In Memoriam

Christopher M. Winsor, 1977, A.S. Mathematics, Clinton, TN
Richard Eddy, 1989, A.S. Business, Harriman, TN
Gail Young, 2004, A.A.S. Paralegal Studies, Oak Ridge, TN

Special Tribute

Roxie (Guettner) McClendon, or Miss Roxie as she was known throughout her community, died on July 13, 2010, at the age of 107. Her "Eureka" column in the Rockwood Times informed and delighted readers for decades. She had been a member of Eureka Baptist Church for more than 90 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.

Name _____

(First)

(Middle Initial or Maiden)

(Last)

RSCC Degree(s) and/or Year(s) Attended/Graduated _____

Home Phone# _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

Occupation/Title _____

Employer _____

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



jan

- Jan 7 - 9 Oak Ridge Kennel Club Dog Agility Trials
- Jan 10 Raiders vs Union College JV, 7 pm
- Jan 12 Raiders/Raiderettes vs Chattanooga St., 6 & 8 pm
- Jan 21 Raiders/Raiderettes vs Dyersburg, 6 & 8 pm
- Jan 21 & 22 National Barrel Horse Association
- Jan 22 Raiders/Raiderettes vs Southwest, 2 & 4 pm

feb

- Feb 4 Raiders/Raiderettes vs Motlow St., 6 & 8 pm
- Feb 4 - 6 East TN Valley Kennel Club
- Feb 5 Raiders/Raiderettes vs Volunteer St., 2 & 4 pm
- Feb 11 & 12 National Barrel Horse Association
- Feb 12 Raiders/Raiderettes vs Cleveland St., 5 & 7 pm
- Feb 17 - 20, 24 - 27 Playmakers "The Man Who Lives Here is Loony"
- Feb 19 East TN Black Angus Show/Sale
- Feb 19 Raiders/Raiderettes vs Walters St., 5 & 7 pm
- Feb 25 - 27 East TN Cutting Horse Association

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- Mar 4 & 5 JR Drake Rodeo
- Mar 11 Covenant Health Check
- Mar 10 - 13 TQHA Celebration Circuit
- Mar 18 - 20 Music Department Instrumental Ensembles Concert
- Mar 25 - 26 Sophomore Recitals
- Mar 26 Roane County Chamber of Commerce, Home and Garden Show



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- Apr 2 National Barrel Horse Association
- Apr 7 - 10 TQHA Circuit By The River
- Apr 7 - 10, 14 - 17 Playmakers "The Diviners"
- Apr 15 - 17 Oak Ridge Kennel Club
- Apr 22 - 24 TN Reining Horse Association
- Apr 29 - 30 Cumberland Classic Regional Championships (Expo Center)
- Apr 29 & May 1 Music Department Choral Ensembles Concert

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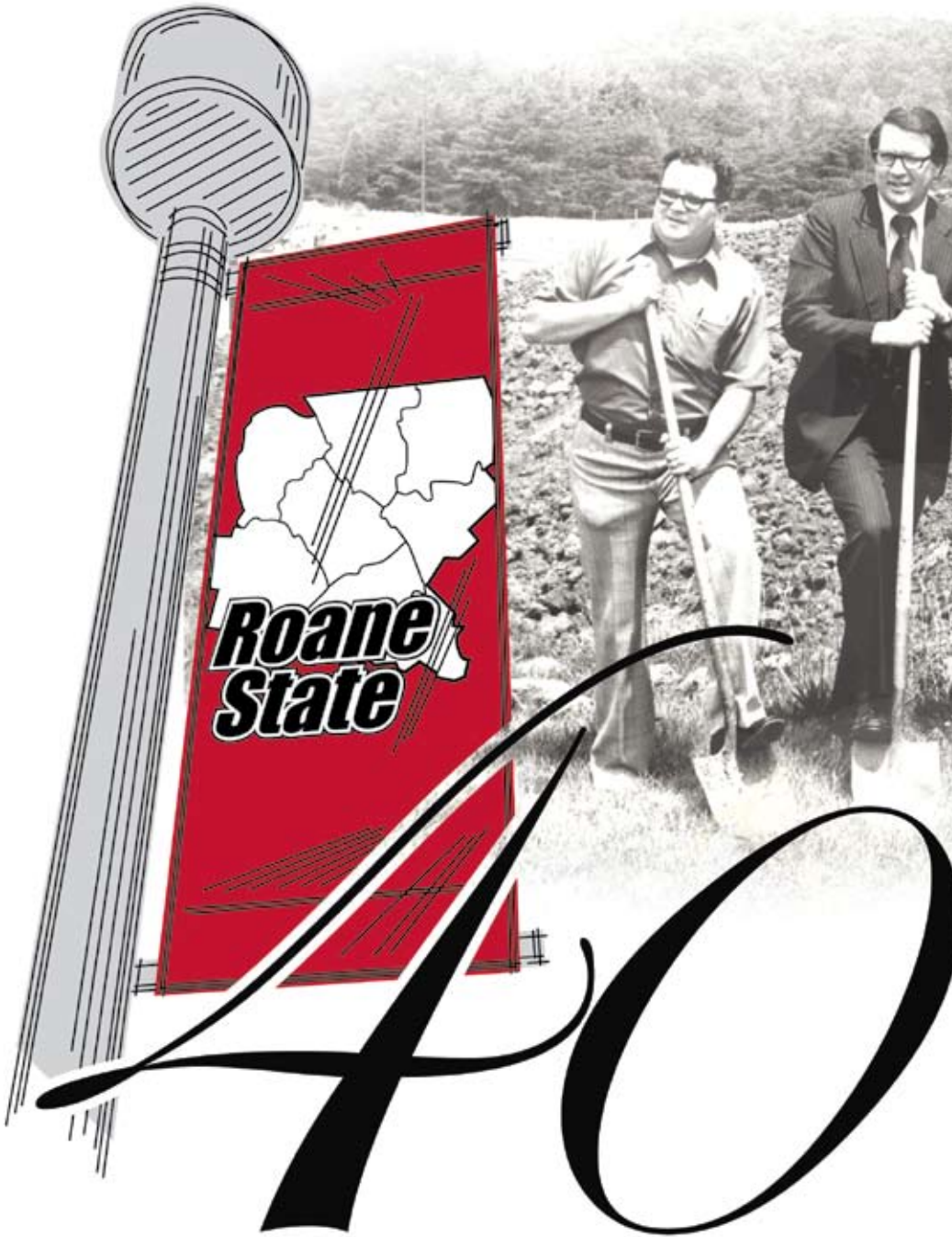
- May 7 National Barrel Horse Association
- May 6 - 8 East TN Cutting Horse Association
- May 8 & 9 North American Dog Agility Council
- May 13 & 14 Smoky Mountain Walking Horse Show
- May 13 - 15 Spring Dance Concert, Arts in Motion Dance Studio
- May 21 & 22 TN State Appaloosa Horse Club
- May 26 - 29 TQHA Hillbilly Classic
- May 26 - 29 "Cotton Patch Gospel"

Visit www.roanestate.edu for the latest event information.



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Y E A R S O F C L A S S

In the fall of 1971, Roane State opened its doors to welcome its first students. This fall, Roane State will host a number of special events to remember "40 Years of Class."

Information on special 40th anniversary events and performances can be found at www.roanestate.edu/40YearsOfClass.