



# Vol State VISION

*A Magazine for Alumni & Friends*

2022



Getting to Know Our  
**COMMUNITY of CAMPUSES**



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**DR. ORINTHIA MONTAGUE**  
President  
Volunteer State Community College

**COMMUNITY.** Vol State is Community. With four locations, we serve an 11-county area within Middle Tennessee which includes Sumner, Wilson, Overton, Putnam, Smith, Jackson, Robertson, Macon, Trousdale, Clay, and Pickett. While each location provides general education, some offer specific direct to workforce and transfer pathway curriculums.

Each campus location has an advisory board comprised of leaders within the service area to ensure this group provides vital feedback regarding needed degrees and direct workforce programs based on community needs.

If you haven't visited any or all of our campus locations, I invite you to sign up for a campus tour. You will surely find a connection in the way of smiling faces, hard-working students, and dedicated faculty and staff.

Established in 1971, Volunteer State Community College continues to be the place where members of our community can discover what excites them, what helps them to belong, and in turn, what puts them on a path toward a meaningful life. Come see us and learn more!

*Orinthia Montague*



**KAREN MITCHELL**  
Vice President for Resource Development  
Executive Director of the Foundation

Greetings Alumni, Donors, and Friends!

Volunteer State Community College has experienced a lot of changes in the last few years, just like a lot of us have! Some of these changes are welcome opportunities for us to look at a new way of accomplishing our goals. This year we are moving to a digital format with our alumni and donor magazine, the Vol State Vision.

We will have a few hard copies available. If you would like to have one, let the Foundation office know and we would be happy to mail one to you. We are excited about this new way of communicating since we will hopefully be able to reach more people.

In this magazine, we are hoping to give you a glimpse into the vastness of Volunteer State Community College's offerings and campuses. We wish we could take you all on a tour but this might be the next best thing!

Thank you for your support as alumni and donors. Through your support, you have allowed us to make an impact on many students.

*Karen Mitchell*



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# 2021-2022 BY THE NUMBERS

Private philanthropy continues to be what transforms a good college into an extraordinary one. Whatever contribution you choose to make, your investment will be greatly appreciated. The Volunteer State College Foundation continues its work because of investors like you. Together, we can provide assistance for students to complete their dream of an education.

## COST OF ATTENDANCE

**\$4,404** TUITION (FULL TIME)  
**\$1,200** BOOKS

**\$200 - \$1,500** MISC. FEES (AVERAGE)

## THE FEED (STUDENT FOOD PANTRY)

**483** VISITS PER YEAR

**\$155** AVERAGE VISIT COST

## STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND

**14** NUMBER OF AWARDED REQUESTS

**\$424** AVERAGE AMOUNT OF REQUEST

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**217** SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

**\$300K+** IN TOTAL AWARDS

## SOURCES OF SUPPORT

- 41%** TRUSTEES/ALUMNI/ FRIENDS
- 35%** CORPORATIONS/ BUSINESSES
- 18%** NON-PROFITS
- 6%** EMPLOYEES

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# 2022-2023 Distinguished ALUMNUS



*David Gregory, Chairman, Foundation Board of Trustees; Drew Rowley, 2022-23 VSCC Distinguished Alumnus; Karen Mitchell, Vice President for Resource Development & Executive Director of the Foundation*

## DREW ROWLEY

Selected by the Volunteer State Community College Alumni Advisory Council this year, Drew Rowley has been chosen as the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year recipient. Drew is a 2010 graduate of Volunteer State Community College and currently serves on the Vol State Alumni Advisory Council. Drew went on to graduate from Trevecca Nazarene University with his Bachelor of Science in Computer/Information Technology Administration and Management in 2012 and his Master of Management, Organizational Leadership & Strategy in 2014.

Drew is the Chief Information Officer at Healthcare Provider Solutions, Inc., where he started working in 2014.

## Criteria for the Distinguished Alumnus

The criteria for the Distinguished Alumnus Award is overall accomplishments in professional achievements and community service, involvement in the alumni association and/or college, and consistent support of Volunteer State Community College. To nominate a Vol State Alum for the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, contact Alison Webster at (615) 230-3526 for more information.

## Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Recipients

2013-2014

**Bobby Hudson**

2014-2015

**Matt Ricker**

2015-2016

**Jerry Kirkman**

2016-2017

**Andrew Finney**

2017-2018

**Shirlene Campbell**

2018-2019

**Bill Sinks**

2019-2020

**Dennis Powers**

2020-2021

**Evelyn Hill**

2021-2022

**Lori Johnson**

# 2022-2023 Alumni SCHOLARSHIP Recipients

The Volunteer State Community College Alumni Scholarships are awarded by the Volunteer State Alumni Advisory Council and are funded by alumni dollars. These scholarships may include book scholarships and

full-tuition scholarships for one academic year. To qualify for the scholarship, the recipient must be a relative of VSCC alumni, have a minimum 2.0 grade point average, and complete an essay.



*Baleigh A*  
Rad Tech Program

*"I am honored and beyond grateful to be this year's recipient of the Volunteer State Community College Alumni Scholarship. My career goals are to remain dedicated to the healthcare industry while providing the utmost care to everyone that I meet daily."*

**CAREER GOAL:**

*Specialize in the field of mammography while focusing on cancer patients*



*Nicholas H*  
Tennessee Transfer Path

*"Thank you very much for awarding me the Volunteer State Community College Alumni Scholarship. My dream is to become a chiropractor. I know I can help many lives and make a difference in people's everyday experiences."*

**CAREER GOAL:**

*Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine.*

## Are you a VSCC Alumnus?

Visit our Vol State Alumni Page at [www.volstate.edu/alumni](http://www.volstate.edu/alumni)

The Vol State Alumni page has a new look. The webpage now includes more resources for Vol State alumni and makes it easier for you to stay connected to Vol State and fellow alumni. Visit the page to learn more about ways to engage with Volunteer State Community College.

## Get Connected. Stay Connected.

Help us keep you connected. By keeping your information current, the VSCC Alumni Association can keep you connected to Vol State Alumni news and events.

Let us know if you have:

- Been married and changed your last name
- Moved and changed your address
- Changed your email address or phone number

To update your information or to be added to receive VSCC alumni news, please visit [www.volstate.edu/alumni](http://www.volstate.edu/alumni) or email: [foundation@volstate.edu](mailto:foundation@volstate.edu).

# 2022 Foundation Events

For more information about recent or upcoming events, including pictures, please visit [www.volstate.edu/foundation](http://www.volstate.edu/foundation) and select any of the event pages.



**APRIL 1, 2022**

An empowering fundraising luncheon benefitting scholarships for women by women.

**Amount raised in 2022:  
over \$76,000**

Title Sponsors



**AUGUST 1, 2022**

The Vol State Athletic Association Golf Classic supports the Athletics Program at Volunteer State Community College, including scholarships, equipment upgrades and team uniforms.

**Amount Raised in 2022:  
\$14,758**

Title Sponsor



**NOVEMBER 3, 2022**

Completing the Dreams of our students through scholarships and special projects of the college. In 2022, we raised funds for student scholarships and student programs such as The Feed and the Student Emergency Fund.

**Amount Raised in 2022:  
over \$50,000**

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# GETTING TO KNOW OUR CAMPUSES

## Gallatin

*Written by: Haydn Calhoun, VSCC student*

The Gallatin Vol State campus was founded in 1971 and is considered the “main” campus out of the four operated by the college. Vol State offers two-year degrees, certificates and paths to university transfer. Divisions include Business and Technology, Health Sciences, Math and Science, Social Science and Education, Nursing and Humanities. The campus has eighteen buildings that span over the 110-acre property in Gallatin.

This campus location offers the largest set of academic programs which include a wide variety of AAS and AS degrees in over 100 academic areas that include two-year degrees and one-year certificates in fields such as General Studies, Entertainment Media, Veterinary Technology, Sonography, Pre-Nursing, Dental Assistant, Biology, Elementary Education and many more. Many programs are included in the Tennessee Transfer Pathway program to ensure ease of credit transfer to any public, four-year institution in Tennessee.

Vol State serves as a vibrant part of this community. Our campus location also hosts our athletic teams, which include baseball,

softball and men’s and women’s basketball. The Vol State sports teams are nicknamed the Pioneers and the Lady Pioneers.

Additional student activities at Vol State include a student newspaper, literary magazine, recording studios, a radio station, and a television studio. Students participate in numerous musical groups, theater performances and dozens of student organizations.

The college also offers a host of programs focused on training and certifications:

- Workforce Training programs
- Customized Industry Training
- Small Business Development Center
- OSHA Training Institute Education Center
- Healthcare Training and Professional Certification
- Support for Business and Community Innovation

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# GETTING TO KNOW OUR CAMPUSES

# Livingston

Written by: Haydn Calhoun, VSCC student

“Every Student Matters Most” is the motto of our Livingston campus, overseen by Upper Cumberland Senior Director, Mike Powell. The campus opened in 1991 with only 14 students, all business majors. In 1995 the campus was moved to the current location which was built in three different phases.

Offerings at Livingston include:

- Computer Information Technology (Cyber Defense, Networking)
- Elementary Education K-5
- General Studies
- Health Sciences
- History
- Nursing
- Pre-Nursing
- Psychology
- Social Science and Education

Many fun student activities are also available on campus during each semester. Students can participate in the Pioneer Preview, Welcome Week, festivals in the fall and spring, Pioneer Prevention program, National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS), SGA meetings, Christmas for the Kids, pizza parties, game nights, and many more!

When asked about his favorite thing at the campus, Mike Powell stated, “The students, the staff and faculty, and folks in this community.”



# GETTING TO KNOW OUR CAMPUSES

# Springfield

Written by: Haydn Calhoun, VSCC student

The Springfield Vol State campus is characterized by its small-town community atmosphere where everyone knows everyone. It was first established in 2012 and consists of a large 25,000 square foot two-story building. Offerings at Springfield include:

- Emergency Medical Technician and Advanced EMT
- Business
- Computer Information Technology
- Elementary Education K-5
- General Studies
- Health Sciences
- Pre-Nursing

The Springfield campus is dedicated to providing its students with the same experiences as the Gallatin campus. Thus, they offer an array of events such as Dress for Success, Resume Building, Interview Skills, and Lunch & Learn with employers as well as festivals during the fall and spring semesters.

# GETTING TO KNOW OUR CAMPUSES

## Cookeville

Written by: Haydn Calhoun, VSCC student

The Vol State Cookeville campus was established in the fall of 2015, and it is dedicated to making sure that every student succeeds in their course of study. It has a wide range of courses for students to choose from:

- Accounting
- Basic and Advanced  
Emergency Medical  
Technician Technical  
Certificate
- Business and Business  
Administration
- Criminal Justice
- Early Childhood Education  
(Pre-K-3)
- Finance
- General Studies
- Health Sciences, Paramedic  
Concentration
- Information Systems
- Management
- Marketing
- Mechatronics Technology
- Sociology

This campus has many student clubs and extra-curricular activities, including two that are specific to this campus location called Rotaract and the Green Team with plans of introducing new clubs focused on the areas of gaming and art.

Upper Cumberland Director, Lori Richards, was asked what her favorite thing about the campus was, and she responded, "My favorite thing is helping students. Just today I met with a student who started with TN Promise and experienced a few struggles along the way. She persevered and today she picked up her graduation regalia. That makes me smile."





**Vol State Athletics Staff:** (L-R): Justin McKinney, Trainer; Otis Key, Head Coach, Men's & Women's Basketball; Johnny Lynn, Head Coach, Softball; Bobby Hudson, Athletic Director; Erica Malone, Administrative Assistant; Jim McGuire, Head Coach, Baseball.

## Celebrating Coach Lynn and Lady Pioneers 1,000 Wins

During the 2022 Lady Pioneers softball season, Coach Lynn celebrated a monumental win for his career and the Vol State softball program. On March 24th against Kishwaukee College, Coach Lynn reached a career win of 1000 games over his now 30 years of coaching. Following his career milestone record, on April 19th he and the Lady Pioneers reached 1000 wins for the Lady Pioneer Softball program. Coach Lynn has coached at Vol State for the past 29 years, leading his team to six state championships and a trip to the JUCO World Series in 2011. Lynn founded the softball program at Vol State in 1993 and has been a coach here for 29 years. The Lady Pioneers and Coach Lynn will jump into action on February 7th for the 2023 softball season.

## First Year as the Vol State Pioneers Baseball Coach – Jim McGuire

Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame Coach Jim McGuire joined Vol State Athletics as the head baseball coach in 2021. Prior to joining the Pioneers coaching staff, he was the head coach at Middle Tennessee State University from 2012 to 2018 and the associate head baseball coach and assistant baseball coach at MTSU since 1993. In addition to his college coaching, Coach McGuire was the Director of Baseball Operations at Hit after Hit Baseball Academy in Nashville. Coach McGuire led the 2022 Vol State Pioneers baseball program to 27-21 season in his first year as the VSCC coach. When asked about the upcoming season, Coach McGuire shared, "I am looking forward to the 2023 season. We have a good mix of new and returning players to build on what we started last year. Excited to see what this team can do this spring!" Opening day for 2023 is at Central Alabama CC in Alexander City, AL on February 4.

For more information about the athletics program at Volunteer State Community College and schedules for the basketball, baseball, and softball teams, visit: [www.volstatepioneers.com](http://www.volstatepioneers.com).

# Your Financial Support Funds

# Dreams

*The Volunteer State College Foundation strives to turn the hopes and dreams of our students into realities...*

## WAYS TO GIVE



### 1. ONLINE

You may make your gift anytime online at: [www.volstate.edu/foundation/giving](http://www.volstate.edu/foundation/giving).



### 2. RECURRING GIFT

A recurring gift is an ongoing, specific amount decided by you and is charged monthly to your credit card or bank account. You may select what your investment supports. For more information or to enroll, contact (615) 230-3506.



### 3. MATCHING GIFTS

Many employers offer matching gift programs that will significantly increase the benefit of your generosity. Contact your Human Resources department to find out if your company participates.



### 4. CHECKS

Checks can be mailed to:

Volunteer State College Foundation  
1480 Nashville Pike  
Gallatin, TN 37066



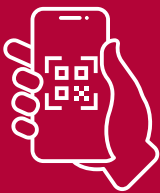
### 5. BEQUESTS

You may include Volunteer State College Foundation as a bequest in your will.



### QUESTIONS?

Contact the Volunteer State College Foundation  
At (615) 230-3506 or  
[foundation@volstate.edu](mailto:foundation@volstate.edu).



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# Hal R. Ramer Society Members

The Hal R. Ramer Society recognizes outstanding contributions by individuals, foundations, and business corporations. Inductees embody the volunteerism of Volunteer State Community College and the community at large.

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## JULIA BISHOP

Budd and Julia Bishop initially made a generous gift to the Volunteer State Community College Livingston Campus in 2005. They continued to give for scholarships and events for that campus, even starting their own Budd and Julia Bishop scholarship. They both had a passion for Livingston and education prior to Budd's passing in 2016.

The Bishops were instrumental in raising funds for the Vol State Livingston new building campaign and contributed financially to the campaign along with funding their scholarship. The entrance to the Livingston Campus is named for Budd and Julia Bishop.

Budd and Julia felt so strongly about Volunteer State Community College and the Livingston campus, that they wanted others to invest in scholarships for students to attend that campus. They started a fundraising event called Vol E Ball, with the "E" standing for "education." The first event was held in the spring of 2011 and facilitated each year through 2015. This popular event generated over \$207,000 in revenue during a five-year period and touched more than 200 students in Overton County. Funds were also used to purchase books for Dual Enrollment students as part of the Vol State First initiative.



Since Julia's retirement, she has served the community in various capacities including the Volunteer State Community College President's Advisory Board, Member of the Downtown Livingston Revitalization Committee, and the Envision Committee.

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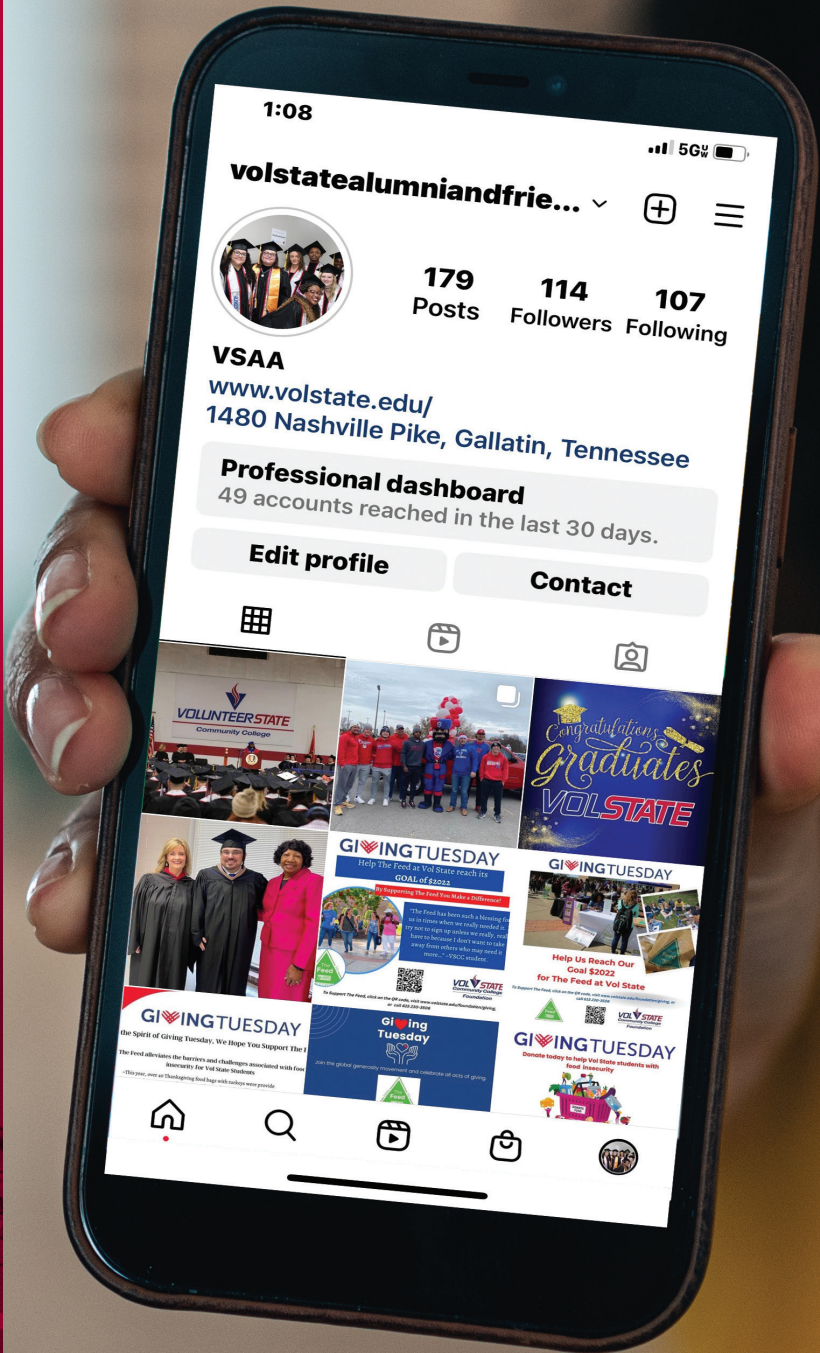
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