

*Volunteer State Community College is honored to have many successful alumni who will share their unique testimonials about their experiences at the College. Moreover, they offer themselves as Career Alumni Network volunteers to embrace student career development and provide meaningful and long lasting opportunities to expose students to real world experiences. Take a moment and meet some of Volunteer State Community College's distinguished alumni!*

***Cedric Short,***  
Class of 1995

Magna Cum Laude, A.A.S. Math and Physical Science



Square D Company,  
Supervisor of Hardware Test Engineering Group

*"My college experience at Vol State was the beginning of a great mind broadening process that endures to this day. From research skills, to music appreciation to engineering and mathematics, the faculty and staff were successful in challenging and encouraging me to see and understand the world in ways I had never know before. I enjoyed personal and professional growth as recipient of the Hal R. Ramer oratorical contest and through active participation in the Black Students Association and other campus events and organizations. With such encouragement and support, I was awarded an engineering scholarship to Vanderbilt University and graduated there Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Electrical Engineering. To this day in my job and also in my personal life, I rely on the skills and foundational habits developed at Vol State."*

***H. Clark Perry, Jr.***

Class of 1979  
A.S. General Business Administration



Agent, The New York Life Insurance Company  
Registered representative for NYLIFE Securities, Inc.  
Member NASD/SIPC

*"As a microbiologist for several years, I began to realize that I wanted a career change. I knew that I wanted to open my own business and develop a career that would provide for my family and support our lifestyle choices. Realizing a bachelor's degree in biology would not be very helpful in the business world, I began taking classes at Volunteer State Community College. Class schedule flexibility allowed me to obtain my degree while working at a full time job. I found the curriculum and quality of teaching at the College to be excellent! Volunteer State Community College is one of the best kept secrets in Sumner County and middle Tennessee. Thank you Vol State for helping me make a career change that has been my passion for all my professional years!"*

***Rita Reagan,*** Class of 2004

A.A.S. General Technology, Summa Cum Laude  
Volunteer State Community College, Livingston



Assistant Director, Livingston-Overton County Tennessee Chamber of Commerce

*"Volunteer State was my road to success and it can be yours. With state of the art facilities, highly trained faculty, strong academic programs that can help build skills for a future career, and a commitment to academic and personal excellence, Vol State offers an enduring dedication to help students succeed, one person at a time. Their reputation for quality continues as more graduates become leaders and professionals in Tennessee and our nation. I'm honored to say that Vol State has given me the tools to succeed in my career and beyond. It was the best decision of my life!"*

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## CAREER ALUMNI NETWORK

The **CAREER ALUMNI NETWORK** (CAN) has been created in collaboration with area business and industry partners of Volunteer State Community College to assist students of the College in exploring several career development opportunities. Distinguished alumni have volunteered to help students by serving as a **CONTACT**, **SHADOW**, **MENTOR**, or **REFERRAL** to enhance students' awareness of existing career opportunities and options.

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Community College.....  
Experience Success!"***



**Yvette  
(Bloodworth)  
Garrett**

1976  
Allied Health/Social Work

Area Manager,  
Tennessee Department of  
Human Resources,

Sumner County

"I enrolled at Vol State in August of 1975, less than half a year after my graduation from Gallatin Senior High School. Prior to my attendance at Vol State, I had been enrolled in the LPN program at Sumner Regional Hospital (formerly Sumner Memorial Hospital). Classes went well, however, as I entered clinical training I realized that career was not a good fit. As a Vol State student, I became a part of the medical records program and met an Allied Health advisor who assisted me with career interest inventories that helped steer me into Social Work as a career path. I am living proof that Vol State is a wonderful place to start for any young person. Personal attention, professional and caring staff, and a commitment to helping me find myself and my career path all became a part of my life changing experience there! I have served for the past twenty four years in social work and have been Area Manager in Sumner County the past two years. I have enjoyed my life and career and have Volunteer State Community College to thank for that!"



**Joni Worsham**

Class of 1973  
A. S. Music Education

Assistant Principal,  
Hendersonville High School

"About thirty years ago when Volunteer State Community College first opened its doors, I became the first female student and second student ever to register for classes there. Also, I became the first ever editor of the campus student newspaper, THE SETTLER. I never would have dreamed that Vol State would play such an important part in my life, especially because I married another Vol State student, Phillip Worsham. I was able to pay my way through college as well as get an education that, I frequently tell my parents, was as good or better than any other place I have attended in the years since. The price of tuition at that time was only sixty-five dollars! The lifetime of experience was priceless!"



**Allen Bowman**

Class of 1995, A.A.S. Radiologic  
Technology

Assistant Director, Radiology  
Vanderbilt University Medical  
Center

I used to wonder what it would be like to earn a college degree. It seemed that the responsibilities facing me—family, bills, life—would prevent me from completing my educational dreams. Two things changed me from wishing for a degree to receiving an Associate Degree in Applied Science in radiography; a personal decision to start that journey and Volunteer State Community College. I am proud to say that not only did I complete my degree requirements at Vol State, but I went on to obtain my master's degree. Though I did not enroll at Vol State until I was in my mid thirties, I was able to reach my goals because they have a commitment to students as well as excellence in education!"

**Mae W. Banks**

Class of 1988  
A.S. Business and Commerce

Director,  
Tennessee Technology  
Center at Hartsville



I was uncertain about my future until a Volunteer State representative spoke at my high school during my senior year. My goal became to go to college and go into business. I decided that I wanted my life to "make a difference by serving others!" By obtaining my associates degree at Vol State and a bachelor's degree and master's degree elsewhere, I had credentials that would allow me to live my goal in life. However, Vol State is where it all began, where people took a personal interest in me and gave me a chance to grow academically and personally. I worked my way up as secretary in Admissions and Records, became Division secretary in Developmental Studies and received an advanced level of service recognition. Later, I became an Academic Advisor and understood individual student needs and how serving people, one at a time, is the key to helping others. I made the right career choice, thanks to my start at Vol State and now I am in a position to help others even more. Vol State was my "Step in the right direction!"



**Phillip Worsham**

Class of 1973, A. S. Secondary  
Education

Guidance Counselor,  
Hendersonville High  
School

In 1971, I enrolled at a new community college in Sumner County, Tennessee. The cost was affordable with a reasonable commute. That was the beginning of many experiences that would change my life. At Vol State, I received an education that was equal to, or, in some instances, actually surpassed the quality of instruction that I found at other colleges. All my credits transferred, and I was able to graduate on time and pursue graduate studies. I became a charter member of Vol State's first graduating class, met my later to be wife there, and served as the first editor of the college yearbook. As a high school guidance counselor today, I help students set goals and make educational and career plans. It is exciting to observe more students choosing Vol State as their first college choice to begin their futures. Vol State has earned great respect among colleges and universities and is known for its innovative approaches to offer students the very best to students. Thank you Vol State for what you began in my life in 1971, for what you are doing today, and for the many ways that will impact others in the future!"

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*Volunteer State Community College ALUMNI desiring to participate may register online at [www.volstate.edu/placement](http://www.volstate.edu/placement), click on Alumni Resources, click on Alumni (CAN) Interest Form. STUDENTS may register online at [www.volstate.edu/placement](http://www.volstate.edu/placement), click on Students' Resources, click on Students' (CAN) Interest Form! Or, you may register by completing the form below and mailing it to the Office of Career Placement and Cooperative Education or calling our office 615-230-3307.*

**Alumni** may serve in the following ways. Please check all area(s) of interest in which you are willing to support. Yes, I want to help!

\_\_\_\_\_ An **Alumni CONTACT** is available to answer student questions about specific career fields and career development paths during a brief telephone call or visit.

\_\_\_\_\_ An **Alumni SHADOW** is available to provide a one or two day on-site visit to a place of employment to allow the student an opportunity to examine/explore career options.

\_\_\_\_\_ An **Alumni MENTOR** is available to establish an on-going mentor/mentee relationship in order to explore a career in more depth.

\_\_\_\_\_ An **Alumni REFERRAL** is available to circulate a student's resume and appropriate materials relative to a chosen profession or career field.

**Alumni**, please complete your contact information.

First/Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Professional Field: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Professional Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Program of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

**Students** interested in obtaining an alumni contact, alumni shadowing, alumni mentor or alumni referral experience, please complete the following contact information.

First/Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Projected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Program of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

**Students**, please indicate type of alumni support you prefer:

\_\_\_\_\_ Alumni contact    \_\_\_\_\_ Alumni Shadowing    \_\_\_\_\_

Alumni mentor    \_\_\_\_\_ Alumni referral

Term/ year of enrollment when alumni support is requested \_\_\_\_\_.

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 Success!”*

## Ed Mayberry

*Class of 1973*

*General Business*

**President, First Independent Bank  
Gallatin, TN**

*When I graduated from Gallatin High School in 1972, I had several choices of Colleges I could have attended. Volunteer State Community College was one of those choices. After visiting several campuses, I chose Volunteer State Community College, and to this day, have never regretted that decision. The smaller classroom setting which allowed greater personal contact with each of my professors gave me what I believe was a very strong foundation that better prepared me for my junior and senior years of college. I have remained involved with Volunteer State Community College through all these years, and I am still convinced it provides the best preparation for further education or employment.*



## Kathy Vaughn

*Class of 1996*

*A.A.S. Physical Therapist  
Assistant*

**Physical Therapist Assistant, Star Physical Therapy**

*My attendance at Volunteer State Community College was extremely positive. I received an excellent education as well as preparation for the job market I was entering. The Allied Health professors are definitely an asset to the College.*

Volunteer State Community College means a lot to me. It allowed me to pursue my degree with a variety of ways to take my classes on or off campus, or even at home. Being a Mom with a family and career returning to school is never easy, but VSCC made it as painless as possible. The staff is top notch, and they can help you to obtain your goal, just as they did for me.

Since I have graduated, I have been able to live my dreams. I am now teaching Culinary Arts to high school students and feel in some small way that I am giving something back to our community. Thank you Vol State for everything!



## Cristal Russell

*Class of 2002*

*A.A.S. Business*

**Certified Chef, Culinary Arts Instructor**