



“Learning and Leadership are indispensable to each another.”
- John F. Kennedy



- Learning
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DOCTORATE in LEARNING and LEADERSHIP *Learn. Collaborate. Lead.*

SUMMER / FALL 2017

The multidisciplinary Learning and Leadership Doctoral Program equips participants with an understanding of the relationship that learning plays in the leadership process. The program philosophy supports the development of reflective practitioners in a variety of organizations and focuses on the interwoven nature of learning and leadership.

Induction 2017

Following 6 weeks of activities in the Virtual Classroom, the Learning and Leadership faculty and staff facilitated face-to-face Induction learning sessions for 16 new doctoral cohort members at the UTC Library on August 18 & 19. Members of Cohort 13 represent diverse professional and academic backgrounds including higher education administration, law, business, education, criminal justice, & athletic training.



Admission 2018

Applications to the Fall 2018 cohort of the Learning and Leadership Doctoral Program (Cohort 14) will be accepted December 2017 through February 2018. Please refer prospective applicants to our program website (www.utc.edu/dll) for details, including a link to our online Inquiry Form.

Happy 131st Birthday, Blue & Gold!



In September 2017, a series of Founder’s Week activities were held across campus in celebration of UTC’s 131st Birthday. Chancellor Steven Angle’s State of the University address focused on “The UTC Difference” and collaborative learning experiences. For details, click [here](#).



Participant News

- After being selected by Hamilton County to lead the new Mechatronics Akademie at Volkswagen in the 2016-17 school year, **Caleb Bagby** has now moved to the McCallie School where he currently serves as the Director of Technology, Engineering, and Design.
- **Walter Battle** currently coordinates the 2nd highest UT Extension TN Housing Development Agency Homebuyer Education program, serves on the UTE LEAD95 County Director Training Team, teaches undergraduate agriculture courses at UTM Ripley Center, and serves as a regular guest on WKNO's (Memphis Public Television) "Family Plot", a landscaping and gardening show.
- In April 2017, **Mandie Beeler** left higher education to work at a nonprofit organization. She currently serves as Program Director for Random Acts of Flowers.
- **John Cunningham** recently accepted the position of Coordinator of Community Schools for the Opportunity Zone Leadership Team with the Hamilton County Department of Education.
- **Ashley Harrison**, Assistant Director of the UTC Center for Economic Education, published, "The Economics of Brexit" with M. Scott Niederjohn and J.R. Clark (Social Education, vol. 81, no. 2, March/April 2017, pp. 84-87).
- **Adlai Hurt**, Director of Development for the UT Foundation, Inc. co-presented at the 2017 Engineering Development Forum hosted by the University of Maryland at College Park on the topic of Enlisting Faculty to Assist in Cultivation.
- In July 2017, **Anita Scruggs** released a faith-based inspirational book entitled, "Your Life, the Best Life" and was recognized by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce's W.I.S.E. (Women Inspiring Success & Excellence) initiative.
- **Matthew Tolbert** joined the faculty of the School of Education and Psychology at Southern Adventist University as an Associate Professor of Psychology in 2017. He has also been named chair of the Impact Chairs Committee for the United Way of the Ocoee Region and was named the President of the Board of Directors for Karis Dental Clinic in Cleveland, TN.

Research Dialogues 2018 Save-the-Dates

You are invited to save the date for the UTC **RESEARCH** Dialogues on April 3 & 4, 2018, at the University Center. The **RESEARCH** Dialogues conference showcases the scholarly and creative accomplishments of UTC's undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, & staff. Details will be available on the [ORSP website](#).



Alumni News

The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly.
- Jim Rohn



- The 2017-2018 academic year will mark **Dr. Jill Beard's** 10th year of service at UTC and her promotion to Senior Lecturer in the English department.
- **Dr. Lisa Godfrey**, Teacher in Catoosa County Public Schools and Dept. Chair for Piedmont International University, was selected to serve as a commissioner for the Commission on Collegiate Interpreter Education and to serve as the National Coordinator for the National American Sign Language Honor Society.
- In 2017, **Dr. John Harbison**, Learning and Development Master Facilitator and Leadership Coach at Cigna, facilitated a program to further develop individuals identified as high potential leaders within their organization. Classes were held in the U.S. as well as Madrid, Dubai, Mumbai, and Glasgow. Course topics include leadership as a process, emotional intelligence, coaching, maintaining a "heli-view" of an organization, and innovative problem solving.
- **Dr. Michael Jaynes** was appointed a 2017-2018 Faculty Fellow with the UTC Walker Center for Teaching and Learning. This appointment provides the time and opportunity to develop expertise in teaching and learning related to course design using Quality Matters (QM) standards. As part of the Fellowship, Dr. Jaynes will participate with other UTC representatives in Penn State's Institute for Emerging Leadership in Online Learning program.
- **Dr. David Weitz**, Director Legal and Risk Services for Life Care Centers of America, has published Legal and Risk articles for the discipline and has presented outbreak sessions at professional development seminars. He reports that their organization has grown by 10% and key performance measures have increased by 12% consistently.