

Student Transition and Academic Readiness Conference



August 19 - 22, 2019

**Office of Student Success
Middle Tennessee State University**

S.T.A.R. Conference Student Success Talk Presenters

Dr. Sidney McPhee, President

Dr. Mark Byrnes, Provost

Dr. Vincent Windrow, Associate Vice Provost for Student Success

Dr. Bud Fischer, Dean College of Basic and Applied Sciences

Dr. Karen Petersen, Dean College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Harold Whiteside, Dean College of Behavioral and Health Sciences

Dr. Barbara Turnage, Associate Dean College of Behavioral and Health Sciences

Dr. Colby Jubenville, Director College of Behavioral and Health Sciences Coaching & Student Success Center

Gerald Christian, Health and Human Performance Graduate Student

Emily Bishop, Student

JD Cameron, Student

Samantha Danko, Student

Jordyn Lee, Student

Skylar Lemon, Student

Luke Mitchell, Student

Rakheem Murphy, Student

Madison Smith, Student

Trenton Ward, Student

Maleea Webb, Student

S.T.A.R. Conference Department Sessions Presenters

Air Force ROTC

Kellie Dowling

Army ROTC (MTSU)

John Batuch

Counseling Services

Mary Kaye Anderson

Virginia Lowery

Campus Recreation

Lexi Janego

Blake Osborn

Daniel Payne

Community & Public Health

Casie Higginbotham

Dr. Chandra Story

Education Abroad

Melissa Miller

Fraternity and Sorority Life

Jordan Borchert

Leslie Merritt

Intercultural & Diversity Affairs

Daniel Green

June Anderson Center

Barbara Scales

Dr. Marian Wilson

Jones College of Business

Jaquelyn Walker

MT Engage

Lexy Denton

MT One Stop

Tyler Henson

MT One Stop Financial Literacy

Danielle Rochelle

National Student Exchange

Jennifer Danylo

Office of Student Success

Dr. Cornelia Willis

Student Conduct

Laura Sosh-Lightsy

Student Support Services

Melissa Towe

University Studies

Lewis Gray

Kim Page

University Writing Center

Erica Cirillo- McCarthy

Walker Library

Clay Trainum

Monday, August 19, 2019

Dr. Vincent Windrow - 10:00 am - 10:45 am

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Dr. Windrow earned his Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management Technology from Middle Tennessee State University. He earned his Master's in Strategic Leadership and Doctorate in Education from Tennessee State University. Dr. Windrow is a published author, popular conference presenter, and educational consultant.

Dr. Colby Jubenville - 11:00am - 11:45am

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Dr. Jubenville is an accomplished author, international speaker, professor, business advisor, entrepreneur, and inventor. He holds an academic appointment at MTSU as Special Assistant to the Dean for Student Success and Strategic Partnerships in the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences.

Session 1: 2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

Session 2: 3:30 PM – 4:15 PM

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BAS S118

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2. Student Conduct

BAS S264

Strives to promote a learning environment to provide knowledge on the rights all student holding students accountable for their decisions.

3. AFROTC

BAS S208

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps located at Tennessee State University. Students can earn a minor in military science through a cooperative program between TSU and MTSU while providing pre-commissioning training to college students.

4. Intercultural & Diversity Affairs

BAS S260

Promotes cultural awareness, an understanding of belonging for students, and providing a comfortable and supportive environment. Additionally, the office creates opportunities for academic, social, psychological, and personal growth.

5. MT One Stop Financial Literacy

SESSION CANCELLED

BAS S126

Presentations as well as on-campus events that focus on one's financial well-being. In addition, One Stop offers a wide range of resources and financial basics to help individuals learn at their own pace.

6. National Student Exchange

BAS S262

Students have the opportunity to pursue their collegiate studies through a student exchange program located at a variety of colleges and universities among the regions of the United States, Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

7. MTSU Army ROTC

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9. University Studies - Interacting with Professors: Professor Lewis Gray

BAS S102

*Session 1 Required for Scholars Academy students

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10. June Anderson Bystander Education **SESSION CANCELLED** **BAS S276**

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11. Campus Recreation

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The Health, Wellness, and Recreation center that allows students to have inclusive access to a variety of amenities such as Basketball and Volleyball Courts, a Weight Room, Cardio Room, Indoor and Outdoor Pool, and Health Services. Additionally, students are able to join intramural/club sports or participate in outdoor pursuits for just a low cost.

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Tuesday, August 20, 2019

The 4 Levels of Leadership – Jullien Gordon 8:45 am – 10:15 am

STU Ballroom D

This session is for Scholars Academy & S.T.A.R. peer mentors only.

Keynote Address

The Other 4.0 – Jullien Gordon – 10:30am-12:00pm

Student Union Ballroom

Jullien created an online university called TheFreedomSchool.com, which teaches professionals business and life skills. He is a 6-time author, frequent TED speaker, and has been featured in multiple news outlets.

The Innerview – Jullien Gordon 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

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3. MT One Stop

BAS S260

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4. Tutoring & Supplemental Instruction

BAS S264

A peer-assisted, group study and discussion methodology that uses regularly scheduled, informal SI sessions to help students develop a greater understanding of challenging content, refine study skills, and better integrate course material into their work and lives.

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[Wednesday, August 21, 2019](#)

Student Success “Talk” - 10:00 am - 10:45 am

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Dr. Sidney McPhee- President of MTSU

Dr. Sidney McPhee is the 10th president of MTSU. Since his arrival in 2001, he has strengthened MTSU’s international undergraduate and graduate student enrollment. Prior to MTSU, McPhee was executive vice chancellor for the Tennessee Board of Regents system. In addition, he served as the TBR’s chief academic officer and interim chancellor.

Dr. Mark Byrnes- University Provost

Dr. Byrnes is a specialist in American government and politics, and has published books on NASA, James K. Polk, and Tennessee politics. He was appointed MTSU Provost in 2017 after serving as interim since 2016. As Provost, Byrnes oversees teaching, research and creative activity, and service at MTSU through its academic programs, more than 900 full-time faculty members, and 400 staff in Academic Affairs.

Deans’ Panel - 11:00 am - 11:45 am

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Dr. Robert “Bud” Fischer- Dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences

Dr. Fischer previously served as chair of the biology department at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and associate chair in biology at Eastern Illinois University. His expertise is in aquatic and fisheries biology. He made more than 90 professional presentations between 1983 and 2011.

Dr. Karen Petersen- Dean of the College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Petersen received her Ph.D. in Political Science at Vanderbilt University in 2004. Her publications include journal articles on the causes of interstate conflict, terrorism, the federal courts, and FISA. She serving currently as co-PI on a National Science Foundation ADVANCE Catalyst grant to improve the recruitment and retention of women faculty in STEM disciplines.

Dr. Harold Whiteside- Dean of the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences

Dr. Whiteside has held many positions at MTSU from a psychology professor to the Dean of the CBHS. In addition, he has served as faculty-athletic representative for the last 14 years. When the College of Education and Behavior Sciences split into two, Whiteside was an easy choice as Dean of the CBHS.

Dr. Barbara Turnage- Associate Dean of the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences

Dr. Turnage is vice chair of the Board of Directors for Journeys in Community Living, a program that supports adults with intellectual disabilities. Turnage has served on MTSU’s Faculty Senate, the Forrest Hall Review Committee, the Africana Studies Program Development Committee and the International Education and Exchange Committee. She continues to serve on multiple faculty, search, admissions and qualifying exam committees.

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Peer Mentor Student Panel, 10:00 am - 10:45 am

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Skyler Lemon, Senior

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Gerald Christian, 11:00 am - 11:45 am

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Gerald Christian has held a variety of positions at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) while continuing to motivate others. Not only has he been an advisor for the MTSU Exercise Science Program, he also serves as the team manager on the MTSU-based Wheelchair Rugby Program. Christian is a motivational speaker that inspires individuals while bringing awareness to drug abuse, drinking and driving, and how bad decisions can affect you. He continues to teach others how to motivate themselves, while also learning how to not take life for granted.

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S.T.A.R. Closing Ceremony 3:20 pm – 4:15 pm LRC 221

The Office of Student Success and Scholars Academy would like to thank all participants and presenters of the first Student Transition and Academic Readiness Conference at Middle Tennessee State University. We truly appreciate your attendance and participation. Thank you!

*Brelinda Johnson, Scholars Academy Manager
Travis Stratton, Scholars Academy Assistant Manager
Marvin Spencer, Coordinator*



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