



Monthly Report

SEPTEMBER
2025

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS



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Student Affairs Report

SEPTEMBER 2025

BY THE NUMBERS

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & EVENTS

- **Presidium:** 339 registered participants, 294 student leaders attended
- **Homecoming Week:** 100 parade entries (one of the longest in recent history), 737 students participated in Skate Night, 470 at Crash the Commons, 170 at Mac & Cheese Cookoff, 130 at Road Trip Playlist Kickoff
- **Volunteer Fair:** 23 local non-profits, 92 student attendees
- **Student Centers:** 192 student meetings/events, 76 university-sponsored, 13 external; 180,655 Student Union entries, 95,476 Keathley University Center entries, 9,361 Game Room entries

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- **Counseling Center:** 479 clinical appointments, 222 unique students; 560 total visits (including Zen Den & Let's Talk), 91 attended Mental Health Wellness & Suicide Prevention event
- **Disability & Access Center:** 85 student intakes, 190 tests proctored, 80+ alternative books converted, 220+ hours of assistive tech usage
- **Health Services:** 2,031 visits, 1,578 prescriptions filled, 1,000 condoms distributed, 132 flu shots administered
- **TRIO Student Support Services:** 428 student visits, 214 one-on-one counselor contacts, 17 attended Welcome Back Breakfast

CAREER & ACADEMIC SUPPORT

- **Career Fair:** 217 employers, 2,100 students/alumni attended
- **Career Workshops:** 111 students at Career Fair Ready Workshop
- **Student-Athlete Enhancement:** 140 new student-athletes onboarded, daily study halls, academic feedback collected for all athletes

HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE

- **Operational Requests:** 213 ID issues resolved, 145 room changes, 2,281 health/safety checks, 2,864 room condition reports, 1,267 roommate agreements
- **Resident Engagement:** 201 Area Coordinator one-on-one meetings, 2,475 Residential Assistant personal contacts, 570 Know Your Raiders reports
- **Programs:** 30+ unique events (Backyard Bash, Movie Night, Paint N' Picnic, etc.)

DINING & SUSTAINABILITY

- **Reusable OZZI Boxes:** Launched to replace 55,000+ Styrofoam containers/year
- **Monthly Dining Survey:** 350+ responses, high satisfaction ratings
- **Fall Festival & Themed Events:** 9+ special events in October (Pumpkin Spice Day, Taste of Fall, etc.)

STUDENT GOVERNMENT & LEADERSHIP

- **Student Government Association:** 144 members, 228 parking appeals heard, 46 voided, 182 denied; 18 traffic court appeals, 2 voided, 16 denied
- **Student Activity Fee:** \$220,326 allocated to 129 organizations; \$34,515.76 in reimbursements issued

DEPARTMENTAL SUMMARIES

CAMPUS RECREATION AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Campus Recreation engaged students through events and hired new student employees, while the Career Development Center held workshops and a large career fair, supported by multiple committee engagements.

COUNSELING SERVICES PROVISION

The Counseling Center delivered 479 clinical appointments to 222 students, hosted workshops and a mental health event, maintained telehealth options, and engaged in campus outreach and committee participation.

DISABILITY & ACCESS CENTER SERVICES

The Center conducted resource fairs, adaptive sports events, multiple outreach presentations, and supported numerous students through testing accommodations and assistive technology usage.

FIRST-YEAR AND NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

First Year and Nontraditional Student Support organized coffee events, resource fairs, and wellness activities, participated in multiple committees, and engaged in professional development and community events.

HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE PROGRAMS

Housing resolved thousands of operational requests, conducted extensive resident interactions, hosted diverse programs, and facilitated staff training, while managing personnel changes and participating in various committees.

MT DINING ENGAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

MT Dining continued cooking demonstrations, launched a reusable to-go container program, unveiled a new website, and hosted live music events, while conducting monthly surveys and organizing themed fall events.

STUDENT-ATHLETE SUPPORT INITIATIVES

The Student-Athlete Enhancement Center managed admissions, mentoring, tutoring, and study halls for 140 new athletes, provided academic feedback, and coordinated recovery plans with coaches.

STUDENT CENTERS OPERATIONS AND RENOVATIONS

Student Centers reported high traffic, hosted numerous events, completed renovations including digital mailboxes and LED replacements, and managed staff transitions amid challenges.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Student Government Association leaders attended numerous meetings and events including Homecoming, managed elections and judicial board hearings, coordinated communications and media coverage, and planned future initiatives.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

The office hosted a successful Student Organization Fair and Presidium Retreat, coordinated extensive Homecoming Week events, facilitated a Volunteer Fair, and managed new and re-registered student organizations along with activity fee allocations.

DEPARTMENTAL DATA

CAMPUS RECREATION

JOSH STONE

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

Engage IRL; Back 2 Blue: MT Engage; Student pancake breakfast;

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT

Vendor Product Accessibility Agreement committee, True Blue Wellness Crew, Quality Enhancement Plan, Student Employment Committee, Student Affairs Assessment Committee, Food Service Committee, Campus Rec Student Advisory Committee

PERSONNEL CHANGES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT

We hired 31 new student employees. No new full-time employees.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OR OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW GROWTH

Tess Swastek, Fitness Coordinator, attended public health educators conference, otherwise, no new professional development opportunities occurred.

STUDENT STAFF AND INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS MADE

Julia Rutledge our Marketing Graduate Assistant has made over 10 professional university connections in benchmarking for our marketing plan; Tyler Lowe has made over 5 university professional connections in benchmarking for his National Intramural and Recreational Sports Association presentation.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

BEKA MOORE

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

Career Fair Ready Workshop: 111 students attended and is a partnership with Communication Studies.

Big Career Fair: 217 Employers and 2100 students and alumni

Departmental Committee Engagement:

Strategic Plan, Quality Enhancement Plan, Care Team, additionally 3 staff are faculty advisors for different student groups.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OR OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW GROWTH

Data Science Collaboratory, to Dr. Lim's Class on Badge Program, Meeting with head of new MFA in Film program , Met with advisor, Assisted Christy Sigler in Civil Rights Compliance with hiring EPAF for new employee, Melissa Towe in Student Support Services with purchasing, The Daniels Center with budget questions & additional training, provided training to Disability and Access Center administrative assistant, Lisa Simons (Student Care and Conduct) through all the forms and how to process a food purchase from Amazon with a p-card, and worked with new admin in Student Support Services on how to submit an urgent work order with Facilities Services

Student Staff and Industry Connections Made

Rutherford CABLE Empowerment Gathering

48 classroom presentations from the start of school to the end of September.

International Fair

Resource Fair

BSW/MSW Career Readiness Showcase

College of Liberal Arts Faculty Meeting

College of Behavioral Health Sciences Advisor Monthly Meeting

COUNSELING SERVICES

MARY KAYE ANDERSON

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

The Counseling Center provided a wide range of direct mental health services, outreach programming, and workshops, ensuring students had access to the care and resources they needed to thrive both personally and academically.

Direct Mental Health Services:

The Center provided 479 direct clinical appointments to 222 unique students this month.

Service Category	Total Appointments	Unique Clients
First Appointments	148	148
Screens		
Individual Counseling	227	157
Psychiatry Services	61	56
Case Management	37	34
Crisis	6	5
Zen Den	71	54
Let's Talk (Drop-in)	16	-
Hospitalization	0	0

Highlights:

Rapid Access is Key: Our Fast Access model successfully connected 148 students to immediate care, crucial for those in acute distress.

Students Love the Zen Den: With amenities like a massage chair, this de-stress space was a standout success, with 54 unique students utilizing it for mindfulness, stress relief and self-care.

Crisis Support: Immediate attention was provided to 5 students in urgent need, with zero hospitalizations due to effective safety planning.

Telehealth Access: While students overwhelmingly prefer in-person services, the Center successfully maintained telehealth options providing 11 appointments to 8 unique students ensuring access to care for remote students or those with scheduling constraints.

Overall Impact: Including Zen Den and Let's Talk visits, the Counseling Center delivered 560 total visits to 276 unique students in September, with the high volume of follow-up sessions reflecting a commitment to sustained mental health progress.

Proactive Skill-Building Workshops:

Beyond one-on-one care, we equipped students with lifelong wellness tools through our psychoeducational workshops. These sessions fostered skill building, resilience, and peer connection:

Find Your Center Workshop (4 sessions) Mindfulness & Self-Awareness
Building Healthy Relationships Workshop Interpersonal Skills & Communication
Conquering Fear & Worry, Anxiety Coping Strategies, Contents Under Pressure, Stress Reduction Techniques, Power of Perception (PoP) Group (2 sessions) Reframing Limiting Beliefs for Future Success

Spotlight on Engagement

Mental Health Wellness and Suicide Prevention Event

On September 16, the Counseling Center hosted a highly successful Mental Health Wellness and Suicide Prevention event. With 91 verified student scan-ins and an estimated attendance of 125 based on giveaway distribution, this event normalized mental health conversations and connected students to vital resources.

Outreach Across Campus

Our outreach efforts this month extended across multiple areas of campus:

Tabled at the One Stop Student Services Resource Fair.

Presented Counseling Center services to two sections of Intro to Communications classes.

Delivered a specialized presentation for the School of Music Convocation.

Met with the Sidelines Editor team to empower student journalists with accurate mental health resource information.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT

This month, the Counseling Center actively participated in the CARE Team, Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT), Mental Health Task Force Initiative, True Blue Wellness Crew, Athletic Wellness Committee, and Campus Nonviolence Committee, strengthening cross-departmental collaboration and supporting coordinated care and campus-wide wellness initiatives.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OR OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW GROWTH

This month marked a meaningful professional development milestone for our team. For the first time, a staff counselor, Jo Christian, is representing Counseling Services on the Campus Nonviolence Committee. In previous years, this role was reserved for the director; however, when the opportunity was extended to staff, three team members volunteered to serve. This enthusiastic response highlights our staff's commitment to campus engagement and professional development.

STUDENT STAFF AND INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS MADE

Service Category	Total Appointments	Unique Clients Served	Key Focus
First Appt. Screen	146	146	Rapid access for acute needs and intake.
Telehealth First Appt. Screen	2	2	
Counseling Initial	80	80	Goal-oriented, short-term in-person therapy.
Telehealth Initial	1	1	
Counseling Follow-up	140	71	Goal-oriented, short-term in-person therapy.
Telehealth Follow-up	6	5	
Case Management	36	33	Referral coordination and sustained support.
Telehealth Case Management	1	1	
Psychiatry Consult	22	22	Medication management and stabilization.
Telehealth Psychiatry Consult	0	0	
Psychiatry Follow-up	38	33	Medication management and stabilization.
Telehealth Psychiatry Follow-up	1	1	
Crisis	6	5	Immediate support for students in acute distress.
Hospitalization	0	0	
Let's Talk	16	-	Drop-in support, no appointment needed.
Zen Den	71	54	De-stress space w/ massage chair for self-care.

DISABILITY & ACCESS CENTER

KEVIN STATES

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

Resource Fair - Student Union

Adaptive Sports Event (Goalball)

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT

- Community Engagement
- Quality Enhancement Plan
- Strategic Planning
- Vocational Rehabilitation Committee

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OR OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW GROWTH

- Attended Williamson County College Career Fair - 20-25 student/parents
- Presented to Rutherford County Schools Special Education Department consisting of 200+ employees
- Presented to University 1010 Class
- Disability Instructional Services presentation to 20-25 faculty/staff members in Equip, Empower, & Elevate Series at Walker Library.
- Attended GoodMaps Session at Nashville Airport for TN first accessible map at Airport

STUDENT STAFF AND INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS MADE

- Met with approximately 85 students for intakes
- Proctored 190 tests
- Converted over 80 alternative books, 40 other equipment rentals, almost 95% of our Glean Educational software in use, over 220 hours of Kurzweil 3000 Software usage hours for text-to-speech usage.

FIRST YEAR AND NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT EXPERIENCE

MAIGAN WIPFLI

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

- First-Year Fuel Up (New Student Coffee Event) 11 attendees
- Nontraditional Networking (Nontraditional Student Coffee Event) 8 attendees
- Resource Fair (Office/Departmental Fair) 23 attendees
- Crafternoon (Creative Wellness/Community Building Event) 7 attendees

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT

- SACSCOC Compliance
- Quality Enhancement Plan Full Program Development Committee
- Quality Enhancement Plan Full Development Finance Subcommittee
- Campus Nonviolence Committee
- Nontraditional Student Advisory Committee
- Adult Learner Retention University College EAB Workday

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OR OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW GROWTH

- Met with Business and Aerospace Advisors about First Year And Nontraditional Student Experience (FYNSE)
- Met with Office of Student Success about FYNSE
- Met with Dual Enrollment to share about how our office can provide support
- Met with Honors Ambassador about FYNSE
- Attended Strategic Plan Open House
- Assisted with “Sundaes with Center for Student Involvement and Leadership,” a Connection Point event.
- Assisted with Community Engagement Subcommittee Open Educational Resources Table
- Attended Shelbyville True Blue Tour
- Attended Dames Club
- Webinar” National Learning Communities Association “They’re Here Now What” New Student Info
- Judged Fall 2025 Innovation Leadership Showcase Challenge sponsored by MTSU’s Institute of Leadership Excellence
- Webinar: “Cultivating Relationships with Foundations”

FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

HAYDEN SCHIMBORSKI

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

IFC Recruitment and Bid Day (September 1–12, 2025)

- This month marked the culmination of months of preparation as Interfraternity Council successfully implemented the new hybrid (Formal / 365) recruitment model.
- Recruitment week had record-breaking engagement, with over 150 Potential New Members (PNMs) participating in Interfraternity Council events.
- 125 PNMs accepted bids extended by Interfraternity Council chapters, while Panhellenic Bid Day welcomed 114 new members.
- The Recruitment Mentor program proved successful in guiding PNMs, ensuring an inclusive and transparent process from start to finish. Early feedback from chapter leaders indicates a smoother, more organized recruitment experience with fewer procedural issues and stronger inter-chapter collaboration.

Fraternity and Sorority Life Collaboration and Kickoff Success

- The synergy from August's Fraternity and Sorority Life Meet and Greet and as Interfraternity Council Kickoff carried into early September, helping to maintain recruitment momentum. Chapters have shown strong enthusiasm and accountability, reinforcing the shared community vision built over the summer.

Hazing Prevention Week (September 22–25, 2025)

- This year's approach focused on internal chapter engagement rather than external speakers. Chapters utilized hazing prevention resources to develop their own educational initiatives.
- Early outcomes show that chapters found the new format engaging and practical, and several have expressed interest in expanding these internal programs into social media training.

Ongoing Fraternity and Sorority Life Operations and Leadership Transitions

- Following the departure of Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, Hannah Leyhew, the Fraternity and Sorority Life Office has remained stable and productive. Several proactive measures have been instituted to maintain program continuity, effective coordination between councils, and ensure the semester's major initiatives remain on track.

- Chapters have remained cooperative and supportive throughout this period of transition.

Homecoming Week: Crash the Commons & Step Show Success (September 15–19, 2025)

- Homecoming Week included two of our largest and most spirited community events of the semester — Crash the Commons and the National Panhellenic Council Step Show.
- Crash the Commons drew one of its highest participation rates in recent years, with outstanding energy and engagement from all councils. The event showcased strong cross-council collaboration and campus unity.
- The National Panhellenic Council Step Show sold out the Student Union Ballroom (900+ attended), continuing this event which has been on hiatus for several years. The production quality, participation, and audience response were exceptional, and the collaboration between National Panhellenic Council and Fraternity and Sorority Life staff made the night a standout success. Both events contributed to overall Homecoming engagement and highlighted the strength of MTSU's fraternity and sorority community.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT

Ongoing collaboration with Jackie Victory and Dr. Maigan Wiplifi on Connection Point Data Collection, improving tracking accuracy and timely delivery of information to stakeholders. There has been active participation in planning and implementation meetings for recruitment wrap-up and post-recruitment data assessment. Overall, there's a lot that has gone into reflecting on our events and what we can improve logically.

IFC has continued its partnership with Campus Recreation, discussing early roster submissions and exploring new opportunities for chapter involvement in intramurals. This has realized a greater and more efficient space for intramurals and the experience our chapters are providing new members.

PERSONNEL CHANGES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT

Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Vacancy: With the departure of Hannah Lehyew, Fraternity and Sorority Life operations are being maintained by remaining staff (and the assistance of Dr. Kelley and Jackie Victory), with a focus on ensuring program continuity and supporting all councils through the transition. The goal has been to “Not Miss A Beat” in our operations and planning for the future of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

No new officer appointments within Interfraternity Council or any other councils this month; the Vice President of Administration position remains unfilled but is being supported collectively by the Executive Board.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OR OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW GROWTH

Hayden actively participated in the Association of Fraternity and Sorority Advisors “First 90 Days” Cohort, which began in August. This experience has provided invaluable insight and best practices for event planning, leadership development, and strategic communication. The cohort continues to serve as a professional growth platform, fostering connections with professionals from other institutions facing similar challenges and opportunities.

STUDENT STAFF AND INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS MADE

Order of Omega (O.O.O.)

- The Order of Omega Executive Council met in early September to finalize plans for a large-scale philanthropic initiative in the Fall; A food drive partnering with the on campus Food Pantry.
- Membership applications are expected to open in October and Close Nov 1st, and with strong engagement anticipated, selectivity will be necessary this semester. Order of Omega currently has 10 available spots and we expect the applicant pool to be very competitive. The chapter continues to operate proactively and has maintained consistent communication with Fraternity and Sorority Life staff.

Additional Comments:

September was a highly productive and rewarding month for the broader Fraternity and Sorority Life community. With record recruitment numbers, a smooth rollout of the new recruitment model, and an innovative approach to Hazing Prevention Week, our community is trending upward across all metrics. The collaborative work between chapters, staff, and council leadership continues to set a strong tone for the academic year ahead of us. While the Fraternity and Sorority Life staff transition has presented several new challenges, the momentum established through summer engagement and early fall programming has kept operations steady and forward-looking. Our trajectory continues to reflect the values and long-term goals we've been building toward all year.

HEALTH SERVICES

RICHARD CHAPMAN

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

Health Services Total visits: 2031

Prescriptions filled: 1578

- 2 Binge drinking outreach events in the Student Union
- Suicide Prevention Fair participation
- 1 Relaxation Station Event with Nashville Pet Therapy
- Engage IRL Field Day Connection Point Event: 125 attendees
- 2 Career Fair Relaxation Station Rooms
- 1,000 condoms distributed!
- 2 Flu Shot Clinics (132 shots)
- 15 Students in cooking classes with Nutrition and Food Science/Nutrition and Diabetics Association/MT Dining

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT

- Aerospace
- Behavioral Intervention Training
- True Blue Wellness Crew
- Safety CMT

PERSONNEL CHANGES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT

- Hired Part time nursing and pharmacy tech staff
- Hired 2 Student Health Ambassadors
- Hired lab consultant via contract

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OR OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW GROWTH

Dr. Cleere began taking courses to become medical director over lab services.

HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE

MICHELLE SAFEWRIGHT

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

Operations –

- 213 student ID not working reports resolved,
- 145 room change requests,
- 20 accommodation letters uploaded,
- 2281 health and safety checks,
- 2864 room condition reports,
- 1267 roommate agreements,
- 5 cancellation requests.

Facilities was trying to get a number of completed work orders, however, the computer program for this is not working correctly.

Residence Life

- Area Coordinator One on One's with Resident Assistants – 201 total meetings,
- Resident Director individual interactions with Desk Assistants – 91 total meetings,
- Area Coordinator contact in conduct process – 151 students,
- Area Coordinator contact in care process – 8 students, Residential Assistant personal contact with residents (individual floor/building meeting/virtual reach-out) – 2,475 students,
- Residential Assistant personal contact through Know Your Raiders Weekly Reports – 570 students (Know Your Raiders is part of our monthly Living True Blue requirements. Every week each Residential Assistant is to personally contact and/or meet with 5 residents. On Mondays they turn in a report explaining who they met with, and what they know about what is going on with that resident based on their interaction. They meet with 5 new people each week until they've gone through their entire floor/building, and then they start over.)

Programs

- Backyard Bash,
- Groove Into the Fall,
- Aerospace Welcome Back BBQ,
- Back to School Brunch,
- Labor Day Program,
- Line Dancing Lesson Night,
- Snack Luck and Game Night,
- Monohan FIRE and Friends,

- Dress to Decompress,
- Scoop and Stamp,
- Homecoming Banner Decoration,
- Hunger Games,
- Board Games and Brownies,
- DIY Deco and Self Care Night,
- Jam Making Night,
- Scarlett Field Fest,
- Meal in a Mug,
- Abstract Rage Paint,
- Tier List Madness,
- Movie Night,
- Floral Arrangement Workshop,
- Mario Kart Night,
- The Jim Cummings Hall Talent Show,
- Pizza-Pong Party,
- Pancakes, Please,
- The Newlywed Game,
- Game Night,
- Paint N' Picnic,
- Ratatouille: Cinema and Cuisine,
- Raider Rec Village Fitness Room Grand Opening, Bagged and Boujee,
- Spook-tacular Survival Tips,
- Caught in the Web of Memories,
- Paint and Sip,
- Cards, Console, and Care.
- Staff Resources and Guest Management
- Resident Director training,
- Resident Assistant training,
- Desk Assistant training.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT

- Facilities
- Housing Communication & Coordination
- Area Staff Meeting
- Budd Group (outsourced custodial services entity)
- Student Affairs Homecoming Committee – Robert Perkins, Miracle Awonuga,
- Student Affairs Campus Experiences and Traditions – Michael Judd,
- University Committee for Nonviolence – Amy Korstange,
- University Academic Scheduling Committee – Amy Korstange,

- Search Committee for Associate Director for Facilities at Student Recreation Center – Amy Korstange,
- Student Affairs Strategic Planning Committee – Amy Korstange.
- Student Affairs Assessment Committee, Michelle Safewright
- Athletics Compliance Committee, Michelle Safewright
- University Strategic Plan, Michelle Safewright
- Housing Communication and Coordination, Michelle Safewright
- Behavioral Intervention Training, Michelle Safewright

PERSONNEL CHANGES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT

- Jason Coleman – separated from employment.
- 12 Desk Assistants were hired.
- 21 Desk Assistants were resigned from their positions (mainly clean up of students still in the system from last year).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OR OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW GROWTH

- Michael Pintye & Jerry Malone – Supervisor's Toolkit, Sept 22-25.
- MTSU Onboarding and Area Coordinator Training – Nana Akosua Adu.
- CHASCo (Coalition for Health and Safe Campus Communities) Membership Meeting and Workshop – Amy Korstange.
- New Womack Commons Housing Project – Michelle Safewright
- Sigma Six green and black belt training – Alonzo Bouldin

STUDENT STAFF AND INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS MADE

- Student Employee Performance Guide workgroup for MTSU Student Employees – Amy Korstange.
- Association of College and University Housing Officers - International Membership Committee Chair – Michelle. Southeastern Association of Housing Officers Awards Committee – Michelle Safewright.
- Association of College and University Housing Officers - International Awards Committee – Michelle Safewright.
- Southeastern Association of Housing Officers Site Selection team - Michelle Safewright
- Tennessee Association of University Housing Officers President – Alonzo Bouldin.
- Tennessee Association of University Housing Officers Past-President – Robert Perkins.
- Southeastern Association of Housing Officers Host Committee 2026 – Alonzo Bouldin.
- Association of College and University Housing Officers - International ONE committee – Alonzo Bouldin

MT DINING

JUSTIN REED

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

Student Engagement Through Culinary Experiences:

Building on the success of the Blue Raider Drink Up grant, MT Dining has continued its popular cooking demonstration series. Thanks to partnerships with Health Services and the Nutrition and Dietetics Association, students are learning essential culinary skills. Chef Terry led a hands-on session focused on knife safety and cutting techniques, followed by a delicious tasting experience. The initiative has been well-received and continues to foster student engagement.

Sustainability Spotlight: OZZI Reusable To-Go Boxes:

In response to distributing over 55,000 Styrofoam containers last year, MT Dining has partnered with the Student Government Association and the Center for Energy & Sustainability to introduce OZZI Boxes—a reusable to-go container system. Unlimited meal plan holders receive their first box free, while others can purchase one for a one-time fee of \$5. The process is simple: swipe in, fill your box, return it, and repeat. This initiative supports campus sustainability and reduces waste.

New Website Launch

MT Dining has unveiled a redesigned website: mtsu.mydininghub.com. With improved functionality and fresh features, the site offers a better user experience. Feedback from the campus community is encouraged.

Music at McCallie:

In collaboration with student artists and the Student Programming and Raider Entertainment Department, MT Dining is bringing live music to McCallie Dining Hall. This initiative aims to create a lasting tradition that celebrates student talent and enhances the dining atmosphere.

Campus Engagement & Events

Voice of the Consumer:

MT Dining continues to listen to student feedback through its monthly survey. September's results show strong ratings in overall experience, service, and food quality, with over 350 responses. Highlights include shout-outs to staff members and chefs for their exceptional service and food.

Other fun events include National Pizza Day, Milkshake Day, Fruit Skewers, and National Taco Day. The Fall Festival at the Farmer's Market runs throughout October, inviting students to embrace the season with food, fun, and festivities.

OFFICE OF STUDENT CARE AND CONDUCT

TAMIKA MITCHELL

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

September 2025 Activities:

1. Care/case management outreach:
 - Total care cases for September: 223
 - Distributed Food Vouchers to students in need, totalling 110.
 - Care cases: 113
2. Conduct cases – adjudication and educational conversations
 - Total cases with students: 37
 - Meetings with students: 46
3. Wags Wednesday
 - Event was held on Wednesday, September 30 at 10am, Keathley University Center 2nd floor lobby
 - Partnered with Loyal Companions, LLC
 - Service dogs in training were present allowing students to engage with them while de-stressing
 - Approximately 45 persons engaged with the dogs
4. Campus Action Response and Engagement Team Informational Presentations
 - Human Sciences Department (24 faculty present)
 - Political and Global Affairs Department (16 faculty present)
 - Presented at Student Government Association Senate and Freshman Council
 - Presentation for University 1010 course – Dr. Wills (approximately 20 students)
5. Resource Fairs
 - One Stop Resource Fair
 - Mental Health Wellness and Suicide Prevention Fair

PERSONNEL CHANGES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT

Associate Dean of Student Care and Conduct departed the staff.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OR OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW GROWTH

- Our team met with Rolling Hills Hospital and TrustPoint Hospital to tour, learn about patient care, and to begin establishing a partnership and Memorandum of Understanding to ensure continuity of care for MTSU before and after hospitalization and Intensive Outpatient Program services.

- Poverty Simulation – staff participated in an interactive immersion experience to increase awareness and the realities of poverty.

STUDENT STAFF AND INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS MADE

- Fall Career Fair – Office of Student Care and Conduct staff volunteered
- Distributed Blue Care Folders to faculty
- Completed training with Student Judicial Board in preparation for Traffic Court

STUDENT-ATHLETE ENHANCEMENT CENTER

TODD WYANT

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

We started the year with 140 new student-athletes representing all of our sports teams. We processed their admittance, certified, enrolled, and attending class. Assigned mentors and tutors where needed. Study halls commenced:

- Baseball 12, Mens Basketball 9, Mens Golf 5, Mens Tennis 7, Track/Cross Country 16, Womens Basketball 9, Womens Golf 4, Softball 8, Womens Soccer 14, Womens Tennis 4, Volleyball 11, Football 40 (139)
- We started study hall the first day of classes and it has continued each day moving forward.

Last month and this month from Monday, 9/29, to Friday, 10/10, the Student-Athlete Enhancement Center staff received academic feedback from the faculty through the Registrar's Office. This included current grades, and comments. All students receive this from faculty, and it is accessible via Pipeline. The Student-Athlete Enhancement Center collects the information and shares it with the coaching staff. The Student-Athlete Enhancement Center staff contacts the student-athletes directly as well and meets with them to discuss their current situation and to create a recovery plan if necessary. We are still waiting on several grades. Encouraged all student-athletes to logon to Pipeline to see directly what faculty have entered.

Encouraged student-athletes to meet with college advisors to select classes for Spring 2026. Student-athletes can enroll beginning on Monday, November 3, 8 AM. Practice times, lifting, travel, etc. are all taken into consideration.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT

Working with Athletics' Executive Team, MTSU Wellness Committee, Student Affairs Leadership Team, and Planning Committee.

- Athletics' Executive Team – Each Monday, 10 AM
- MTSU Wellness – Thursday, September 25, 11:30 AM
- CUSA Academic Meeting (Conference Call) – Twice a semester. First meeting was Thursday, September 25, 10 AM.
- Student Affairs Leadership Team – Wednesday, September 24, 1:30 PM
- Planning Committee – Friday, October 3, 1:30 PM
- Note: Staff did not attend any committee meetings.
- Campus Planning - Friday. October 3, 1:30 PM
- Athletics' Meeting - Monday, October 6, and October 13, 10 AM

- Student Affairs Leaderhip Team - Monday, October 13, 11 AM
- Athlete Advising Meeting - Thursday, 10/23, Noon

PERSONNEL CHANGES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT

We have taken on a MSW Intern from the Department of Health and Human Performance - Kobi Jones. Hired new student staff for mentor/tutor assignments. Sandy Longfellow attended Middle Tennessee Administrative Professionals Summit at MT Center on Sept 24. 8:30 AM Keith Gamble: Making AI work for you. ; 10:15 Carly Eskew: Exec Ed Minilab-real-world tools for Employee Engagement. 12:45 Barbara Scales: Own the Room: Empowered to Own your voice at Work 2:00 Tara Wallace: Shifting Gears: From Reactive to Ready 3:00 Jamie Langley: Keeping our Self Care Cups Full.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OR OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW GROWTH

Administrative Assistant, Sandy Longfellow, attended professional development all day - 09/24/25. Workshop was on campus.

STUDENT CENTERS

JUSTIN REED

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

- Lightning's Back to School Bonanza on August 25, 2025. We had 1533 students checked into attendance
- Student Support Services moved back into their office suite just before the beginning of the semester. There have been a significant number of challenges; however, they are settled and we are in the final stages of finishing up.
- The Post Office renovation is completing. This has added new digital mailboxes for students to minimize the number of physical boxes needed, and streamline student use for getting mail. We also were able to add a significant amount of space to the prep and work areas of the post office.
- The stairwell near the elevator in Keathley University Center was updated.
- The LED replacement project at Student Union has completed the lamp replacements. We have started the fixture replacements; however, this project will be ongoing to do events in the building until likely January
- Commons Stage Project is past the State Building Commission and we are finalizing the design contracts. We plan to use Director order contractors for the work to keep the project moving, expected completion is April 2026.
- Demos' Opened in the Student Union and has quickly become a favorite for students and staff.
- Charlie Kirk Vigil was successful event. The students were very appreciative of the support they received from the division.
- We hosted 192 Student Meetings and Events, 76 University Sponsored, and 13 External Events.
- Student Centers Traffic into the buildings and amenities. Counting the number of students who enter and exit these areas.
 - Student Union: 180,655
 - Keathy University Center Traffic: 95,476
 - Level Up Traffic: 4,829
 - Game Room Traffic: 9,361

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT

Justin Reed:

- Bolt Awards Committee: No meetings
- Food Service: Engage IQ continues. Had first meeting Established schedule and protocols.
- True Blue Fusion: No Meeting, Nothing new to report

- Campus Master Plan: Met to continue conversation about Student Affairs and facility needs in Campus Master Plan. Discussion around Food Services, Let them know about Engage IQ, and that from a dining perspective, will only need to think about that we will need additional residential dining if we continue to expand housing.
- Strategic Planning Priority 2: Met with Robyn to get up to speed, scheduled meetings for mid year reviews.
- Student Appeals: met 1 time for course appeal. Denied.
- AI Task Force Workgroup: Submitted final report to Provost.
- Community Engagement: Held monthly Get to know MTSU event on Campus Safety. Went well.

Sadie Katie Hampton:

- Assessment Committee: No meetings this month, nothing to report
- Campus Traditions Committee: No Meetings this month, nothing to report
- Bolt Award Committee: No meetings this month, nothing to report

PERSONNEL CHANGES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT

Sadie Katie had a grad student who quit/dropped out of school. We have pivoted to student supervisors taking the reigns on leading the staff in this positions' absence. And we have identified a new staff member to step into the graduate role, beginning this spring.

Lolitia Simmons, Submitted her resignation.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OR OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW GROWTH

- Sadie Katie is the Association of College Unions International 2025 Host Site Coordinator. We are hosting the Region III annual conference here. And she has been meeting and managing the logistics of the conference. It is planned and ready to go, we are just executing the final details.
- Sadie Katie is the Association of College Unions International Region III Conference Planning Chair. She has begun working with our regional leadership team to identify a host site location for 2026. It will be hosted in Florida and we will make that announcement at the 2025 conference here at MTSU in November.
- Association of College Unions International did a week of webinars. Sadie did her first ever educational session presentation. She created an engaging presentation on how to create engaging lounge spaces in student unions. She co-hosted with her team member Jim Greene, Director of student unions at Appalachian State University. She was the main host and presented this topic. They had one of the best turn outs of all the other webinars of the week. We were also able to showcase some of our student union lounge spaces and how we engage our students intentionally through these spaces.

STUDENT STAFF AND INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS MADE

- We made new connections with the Center for Energy and Sustainability. We began conversations on how we can collaborate to make our facilities more

sustainable and build relationships with that department. It has led to better recycling efforts and collaborative efforts to improve our recycling facility.

- We had a false active shooter threat this month. This was taken seriously and handled very well by the Student Unions Staff
- Whilst dealing with the political fallout of Charlie Kirk's polarizing death, the student staff have handled the animosity very well, which involved a variety of protests, flyers, and other situations as they arose with grace and professionalism

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

R.J. WARE

PRESIDENT

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

I. Events Attended

- A. Strategic Plan Launch (9/9)
- B. Sundaes w/ Center for Student Involvement and Leadership (9/10)
- C. Student Org Fair (9/11)
- D. Local on 2 Segment (9/12)
- E. Student Government Association /Honors College Constitution Reading (9/15)
- F. Wilson County (9/23)

II. Meetings Attended

- A. Weekly Student Government Association Cabinet Meeting
- B. Weekly Student Government Association Senate Meetings
- C. Monthly E-Board One on One Meetings
- D. President's Roundtable Planning Meeting (9/5)
- E. Sidelines Interview w/ Siri Reynolds (9/5)
- F. University Cabinet Meeting (9/8)
- G. Faculty Senate Meeting (9/8)
- H. Clothing Swap Initiative Planning Meeting (9/10)
- I. American Democracy Project Meeting (9/12)
- J. MHTF Meeting w/ McPhee (9/15)
- K. Homecoming Week Events
- L. McPhee/Student Orgs DEI Meeting (9/22)
- M. Student Government Association/Free Speech Meeting (9/24)
- N. Quality Enhancement Plan Update Meeting (9/29)
- O. Student Government Association Assistant Events Director Transition Meeting (9/30)

KENNEDY GARRETT

VICE PRESIDENT

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

1. Meetings / Events attended

- A. First Senate Meetings (9/4/25) —> continues every Thursday of the month
- B. Make - Up Senate Retreat meetings (9/2/25-9/3/25 starting at 12pm ending at 6pm)

- C. Freshman Council Interviews (9/08-9/10, starting at 12pm ending at 4:30-5pm)
- D. One on One (weekly with R.J.)
- E. One on One (bi-weekly with Dr.Kelley)
- F. Freshman Council Retreat meeting (9/12/25)
- G. Freshman Council Retreat (9/12/25, starting at 3pm ending at 7pm)
- H. Freshman Council Officer Meeting (weekly every Monday at 3:15pm)
- I. First Freshman Council Meeting (9/17/25) —> continued every Wednesday of the month
- J. Connection Point events
- K. Homecoming Week Events
- L. President McPhee/Student Orgs DEI Meeting (9/22)
- M. Student Government Association/Free Speech Meeting with Dr. Kelley and Ken Paulson (9/24)

HANNAH FERRERIA

CHIEF OF STAFF

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

I. Meetings/Events Attended

- A. Weekly Senate Meetings
- B. Weekly Cabinet Meetings
- C. Two Freshman Council Meetings
- D. Strategic Plan 2035 Subcommittee Meeting (9/5)
- E. Freshman Council Retreat
 - a. Helped prepare for and lead it with VP Kennedy Garrett

F. Homecoming Events

- a. Mac and Cheese Cookoff, Skate Night, Football Game, etc.

II. Professional Development

- A. No Professional Development this month

III. Misc.

- A. Compiled Mass Student Government Association Directory; conducted census totaling 144 members of Student Government Association
- B. Assisted in planning “traveling cabinet” locations and special guests
- C. Updated governing documents to more accurately reflect recent changes
- D. Nashville SC Game with Executive Board
 - Coordinated which Executive Board members those who would attend various True BlueTours
- E. Consolidated and submitted Summer Executive Officer Reports
- F. Assisted with Freshman Council Legislative Workshops
- G. Met with members of pending student organization and connected them to

appropriate Center for Student Involvement and Leadership Staff for various support.

H. Prepared for American Student Government Association Summit, Washington D.C.

JAMESON SPRAY

ATTORNEY GENERAL

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

I. Student Judicial Board

- SJB training was held on September 19, in which the majority of members were able to attend. I scheduled a meeting for those who couldn't join and individually trained them before the first Court of Traffic Affairs hearing was held. The board held its first hearing on September 26, in which all justices were in attendance. I have been talking to a student interested in joining, so it is possible that the last seat will be filled this semester.

II. Parking Appeals

Dates: September 1, 2025 - September 30, 2025

- Throughout the month of September, my office heard 228 appeals. Of those, 46 of the appeals were voided, leaving 182 denials.

III. Traffic Court Hearing

Dates: September 26, 2025

- The Court of Traffic Affairs held one traffic hearing in September. The SJB heard 18 appeals total, with 2 of them being voided, leaving 16 denials.

LUIS ESMURRIA

ELECTION COMMISSIONER

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

Meetings/Events Attended

- Dr. Kelley, myself, and two of the Election Commissioners met on the 5th, at 12:00pm to certify the Homecoming Court Election results.

Cabinet

- September 5th, 12th, & 19th

Football Games

- September 20th vs. Marshall

Freshman Council Retreat

- September 12th

Student Government Association Honors College Constitution Reading

- September 15th

David Brooks Lecture

- September 17th

Homecoming

- Kickoff
- September 15th

Skate Night

- September 16th

National Panhellenic Council Step Show

- September 19th

Professional Development

No events attended in the month of September.

Misc.

- Nashville SC Game
- The Student Government Association Informational is tentatively planned for November 18th, at 6pm in the Student Union Parliamentary Room.

BRIANNA CAMPBELL

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

Media Coverage

- A. Homecoming Court Announcement- Kings
- B. Homecoming Court Announcement - Queens
- C. Back 2 Blue - Collaboration Post with MTSU Campus Rec
- D. Homecoming Royal Court Announcement
- E. Competition Deadline Extended - Collaboration Post with MTSU Homecoming
- F. Boro Bound Banner Competition Reveal - Collaboration with MTSU Homecoming
- G. Road Trip Playlist Kickoff - Collaboration Post with MTSU Homecoming
- H. Mini Mic Monday: Episode One - Collaboration Post with MTSU Homecoming
- I. Constitution Day 2025 Flier - Collaboration Post with MTSU Honors
- J. Rolling on Route Blue Skate Night Promotion - Collaboration Post with MTSU Homecoming
- K. Mac & Cheese Cookoff Promotion - Collaboration Post with MTSU Homecoming
- L. Crash the Commons Promotion - Collaboration Post with MTSU Homecoming
- M. Meet the Freshman Council Officer - Collaboration Post with Student Government Association Freshmen Council
- N. Game Day Promotion
- O. Mini Mic Monday: Episode Two
- P. Mini Mic Monday: Episode Three
- Q. MTSU E-Sports Promotion - Collaboration with MTSU E-Sports Team
- R. Across the Aisle: A Panel on Student Perspective - Collaboration Post with MTSU College Democrats

S. Student Government Association Instagram Logo Updated to Reflect Breast Cancer Awareness Month

II. Events

- A. Student Government Association Field Day
- B. Student Org Fair
- C. Road Trip Playlist Hoco Kickoff
- D. Campus Nonviolence Committee Meeting
- E. Rolling on Route Blue: Hoco Skate Night
- F. Crash the Commons
- G. Homecoming Step Show
- H. Meeting with McPhee and Student Leaders regarding DEI
- I. Campus Nonviolence Committee Meeting
- J. WKU Road Rally Planning Meeting

DEVIN McCLENDON

EVENTS DIRECTOR

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

Cabinet Meeting

- Date: Bi-Weekly
- Location: Center for Student Involvement and Leadership Conference Room

Events Committee Meetings

- Date: Bi-Weekly
- Location: Student Government Association Office

Back 2 Blue Walk Through

- Date: September 2nd, 2025
- Location: Student Union Commons

Back 2 Blue

- Date: September 3rd, 2025
- Location: Student Union Commons

Senate

- Date: September 4th, 2025
- Location: Student Union Parliamentary

Student Government Association Movie on the Field (Floyd Stadium) Meeting

- Date: September 10th, 2025
- Location: Murphy Center Room 160

Road trip Playlist: Homecoming Kickoff

- Date: September 15th, 2025
- Location: Student Union Commons

Rolling on Route Blue: Homecoming Skate Night

- Date: September 16th, 2025
- Location: REC Gym

Senate

- Date: September 18th, 2025
- Location: Student Union Parliamentary

National Panhellenic Council Step Show

- Date: September 19th, 2025
- Location: Student Union Ballroom

Homecoming Parade

- Date: September 20th, 2025
- Location: Surrounding MTSU

Football Game

- Date: September 20th, 2025
- Location: Floyd Stadium

WKU Road Rally Planning

- Date: September 30th, 2025
- Location: Keathley University Center 210

Sydney Barnett, Assistant Events Director Transition Meeting

- Date: September 30th, 2025
- Location: Student Government Association Office

SYDNEY BARNETT

HEOMCOMING DIRECTOR/ASSISTANT EVENTS DIRECTOR

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

I. Meetings/ Events Attended

- A. Meetings multiple times a week with Jackie Victory to finalize Homecoming plans.
- B. Meetings with the Homecoming Committee.
 - a. September 5, 12, and 19
 - b. September 4, 11, and 18
 - c. September 20- Homecoming parade, tailgate, and football game.

II. Professional Development

- A. No professional development attended this month

III. Misc.

- A. MTSU football games vs. Austin Peay and Marshall.
- B. Nashville Soccer Club game with the Executive Board to promote team bonding outside of the office.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICE

JACKIE VICTORY

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

Student Organization Fair

- September 11, 2025

Hosted successful Presidium Retreat! We had a total of 339 registered participants and a total of 294 student leaders that attended. These students had the opportunity to learn about re-registration, leading their groups to success, student activity fees, reserving space, and more.

Homecoming Week: Boro Bound Road Trip

- September 15-20, 2025

Student Government Association hosted a “Boro Bound Road Trip” Homecoming Week. The road trip theme gave people the opportunity to be very creative in how they imagine a “road trip” to be. The Student Government Association Homecoming Director was Sydney Barnett, who worked hard all while juggling recruitment, classes, and Student Government Association Homecoming Events.

Paint the Halls Blue:

- September 15-20, 2025

10 entries from departments to student organizations participated in this event which was slightly down from last year. There are a few offices who have added acting into their displays and it has become an immersive experience. The Graduate Studies Office took the judging panel on a road trip complete with a trip to Buc’ees.

Winners:

- 1st College of Graduate Studies
- 2nd Department of Marketing
- 3rd Economics & Finance

Homecoming: Swag Wagon

- September 18, 2025

Student Government Association hit the road around campus giving our Student Government Association and Homecoming Swag to students. They also passed out mini handbills that gave students the full calendar of events for Homecoming Week.

Homecoming Event: Road Trip Playlist Kick-off

- September 15, 2025

The Student Government Association Homecoming Committee hosted an outdoor concert to kick off the Homecoming week. 130 students scanned into the event and filtered through the event making their own personal license plate, airbrushed hat, picking up a chicken slider, street corn, all while enjoying some live music. Themed events always bring out a good crowd.

Homecoming Event: Skate Night Showdown

- September 16, 2025

Skate Night has established itself as a tradition during Homecoming Week. 737 students signed waivers to skate, with several hundred more coming to watch. This event proves to be a Homecoming Tradition with students lining up before the event begins and stay in lines until the end.

Homecoming Event: Mac & Cheese Cookoff

- September 17, 2025

The Mac & Cheese cookoff was a spin on an old Chili Cookoff event that took place for years before COVID. Every event has to start some where and this one started with 9 entries and 170 students attended. Most competitors ran out of their mac & cheese within the first 30 minutes, but folks stayed, danced, and enjoyed themselves.

Homecoming Crash the Commons

- September 18, 2025

Student Government Association teamed up with Fraternity and Sorority Life and SPARE to return Crash the Commons to it's original roots of games and a DJ Dance Party. Students were invited to compete in traditional field day style games to earn points toward their Homecoming teams. When the games were complete, students took a break with pizza, dessert, and drinks before heading over to the highlight of the night, a DJ Dance Party led by DJ Kash. 470 students scanned in before eating pizza and dancing the night away.

National Panhellenic Council Homecoming Step Show

- September 19, 2025

National Panhellenic Council brought back the annual Step Show which was a tradition for years. The sold-out show (900+) packed the SU Ballroom with students, friends, and alumni. It was so great to see the show come back to life and how many students enjoyed attending.

Homecoming Event: Annual Homecoming Parade

- September 20, 2025

100 entries in the annual Homecoming Parade included entries from Residence Life, Fraternity and Sorority Life organizations, Student organizations and the community. This year's parade was one of the largest ever produced including beautiful weather. True Blue Television produced a recorded version that was shown that evening for alumni, friends, and community members to enjoy. Here is the rest of the #2 answer.

Volunteer Fair

- September 30, 2025

The Student Organizations and Service Office had the privilege of hosting 23 local non-profit organizations for our Volunteer Fair. We had a total of 92 students attend the fair. These students had the chance to learn about volunteer opportunities open in our community. Some of the organizations that came were Boys and Girls Club, Canine Companions, MTSU Stormwater Program, and United Way of South-Central TN.

During the reporting period, we had 6 new organizations form:

- MTSU OWLETS
- True Blue Faith – Kingwood Church of Christ
- Preparing Ambitious Teens for Higher Education (PATH)
- Southwest Asian North African Student Association (SANASA)
- MTSU Armored Combat Club
- MTSU Pickleball

There are 4 new pending student organizations as of September 30th!

Re-Registered Organizations

The total number of re-registered organizations as of September 30th is 206! There are 32 pending organizations. Pending organizations are those that have started the process but have an item(s) missing to complete the process.

Student Activity Fee Fall 2025 Allocation

- September 25 & 26, 2025

The Student Activity Fee Committee met to allocate Fall 2025 funds. A total of \$220,326 was allocated to 129 student organizations.

Student Activity Fee Reimbursements:

- September 2025
- 10 reimbursements were issued during this time. A total of \$34,515.76 in reimbursements was distributed.

Distinguished Lecture Reimbursements:

- There were no distinguished lecture reimbursements completed in September 2025.

Orientation Sessions:

- September 2nd – In-Person (Sports Clubs)
- September 2nd – Virtual (All Clubs)
- September 8th – Virtual (All Clubs)
- September 22nd – Virtual (All Clubs)

myMT Events

- 68 events in September 2025.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT

- Vice President's Advisory Team
- Student Activity Fee Allocation Chair
- Student Government Association Homecoming Advisor
- Fraternity & Sorority Life Director Search Chair
- Strategic Communicator's Monthly Meeting

STUDENT PROGRAMMING

RICH KERSHAW

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

- August 29th, 2025, Blue Zoo Bash, 7-9pm, Rec Center Parking Lot 822 students
- August 30th, 2025, Party In The Grove "Performer Lauren Watkins"
- September 15, 2025, Homecoming 2025, "Road Trip Playlist Kickoff", Student Union Commons, attendees, 130
- September 4th -5th, 2025, Everything Everywhere All At Once, attendees 107 all shows
- September 11th -12th, 2025, Sinners, attendees 188 all shows
- September 17, 2025, Homecoming Crash the Commons, attendees 470
- September 20th, 2025, Homecoming Party In The Grove, "Performer Davvn"

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT

Strategic Planning Committee

Homecoming Committee

Signature Events Committee

Campus Traditions Committee

Assessment Committee

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OR OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW GROWTH

Three new Student Managers began work, one Assistant Student Manager, and one returning Student Manager:

- Gavin Pine-Concerts Manager
- Sophia Gonzalez-Films Manager
- Mya Wallace-Promotions Manager
- Olivia Kilpatrick- Sports and Games Manager
- Heydi Roman-Assistant Variety Manager
- Macee Sprecher-Variety Manager Returning Manager

STUDENT STAFF AND INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS MADE

- August 6th-7th, 2025, Student Affairs Leadership Team Retreat Training
- August 18th-19th, 2025 SPARE Manager's Training.

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

Renewed our Membership in The National Association for Campus Activities (NACA). Both Director and Assistant Director became new members of National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA).

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

MELISSA TOWE

ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORTED STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

Student Support Services academic counselors had 214 one-on-one contacts with Student Support Services Scholars from August 25, 2025, through October 15, 2025. There have been 428 student visits in the Student Support Services office since the beginning of the semester and the breakdown is as follows: August-13 counselor visits; 2 computer lab users; 20 study sessions; 7 food pantry visits September-90 counselor visits; 9 computer lab users; 132 study sessions; 73 food pantry visits October-22 counselor visits; 8 computer lab users; 68 study sessions; 46 food pantry visits

Student Support Services facilitated the following events from August 25, 2025-October 15, 2025

- Financial Literacy Workshop-4 Scholars Attended
- How to Use Your Planner-2 Scholars Attended
- FAFSA Open Lab- 7 Scholars Attended with 7 FAFSA's completed
- Welcome Back Breakfast – 17 Scholars Attended
- Mentor/Mentee Meet-n-Greet – 13 Scholars Attended

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT

Melissa Towe, attended the September Board Meeting for the Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel. She serves as Conference Co-Chair for the Region. Melissa Towe attended the TN TRIO Board of Directors meeting, where she serves as interim secretary and Past President for the State

PERSONNEL CHANGES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT

The Student Support Services Program is pleased to announce the addition of a professional staff member, Emily Watson who will serve as the Administrative Assistant. We also hired two student workers to serve in administrative roles in the front office, Tayran Price and Rebecca Pitts, and eight Student Support Services Mentors to serve the 2025 Cohort. They are as follows, Christina Askew, Ermya Bonds, McKeely Crouch, Deziyuna McClure, Zee McDow, Rebecca Pitts, Dwayne Snell, and Takala Truett.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OR OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW GROWTH

The academic counselors, Alissa Belton and Julia Johnson, attended the Pipeline MT Training hosted by Dr. Tyler Henson. Emily Watson attended the Middle Tennessee Administrative Professionals Conference.

STUDENT STAFF AND INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS MADE

Alissa Belton spoke to two University 1010 courses regarding the Student Support Services program

