

2020 UTC Service Awards Honorees







I was recently awarded
Administrative Staff Member of the
Year within our College; that was a
proud moment for me here at UTC
- Shanae Anderson







Terrence Banks
Admissions
5 Year Honoree

My most memorable moment at UTC was getting accepted into graduate school. And making sure Terry Denniston was the first person to know. - Terrence Banks



I was able to bond with my coworkers over a television show. We celebrated the season finale watching it together with pizza on our lunch break!

- Kelsey BattlesFacilities5 Year Honoree

I would have to say last year when we all thought that there was a gunman on campus. You hear about these in other states, but for some reason you just don't think that it could happen in Chattanooga, but it did. It made me more aware of what is going on not only on campus but at shopping malls, my neighborhood.

- Christopher Beavers





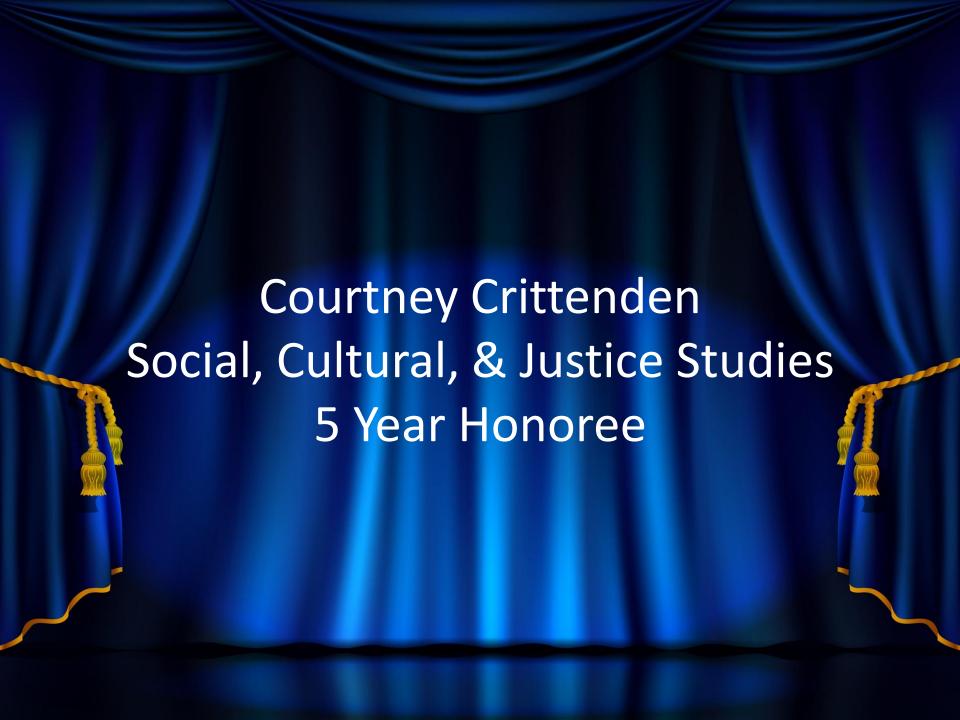








My most memorable moment was an outdoor luncheon that was given and we all had such a great time enjoying our UTC Family, the food, the great weather that day, and the awesome live music. It felt like a huge family reunion and it gave me joy knowing that I was a part of it. GO MOCS! - Joey Chestnutt **Facilities** 5 Year Honoree





So many... but our International Orientation Day is always the most exciting time for me at UTC because we make new friends and learn about their challenges, expectations, and culture. - Eunice Davis

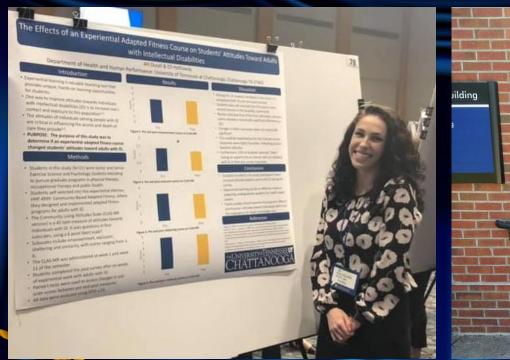
My most memorable moment at UTC is the realization of how many friends
I've made while working at the
University. I cherish those friendships.

Evie DealLibraryYear Honoree

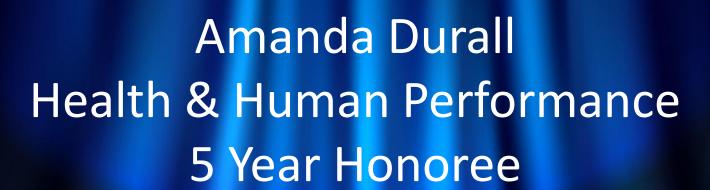
Just recently, I scheduled a meeting with my Supervisors and prior to the meeting I was asked if I was getting ready to quit my job! It was priceless.

- Laneeta Derrick









Creating experiential opportunities for my students to serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the local community has been the highlight of my time at UTG - Amanda Durall







5 Year Honoree





In my first year at UTC, a student suffered the devastating loss of a younger brother to gun violence. At every level--from administration, to faculty, to fellow students--everyone rallied around her to ensure she had the support she needed to complete her academic work and secure her personal well-being. I have never been at a more supportive, person-focused institution, and count myself lucky to be among such good people.

- Sarah Einstein



Seeing students succeed and make it to graduation is special, especially those students that struggled early on or almost quit. It's amazing to see what they do for their Capstone in their 3rd year and then what they are able to take on starting out in their careers. And, selfishly, it was memorable finishing my PhD! - Jessica W. Hackathorne Occupational Therapy 5 Year Honoree





















My most memorable moments at UTC include working with our amazing staff in Alumni Affairs, advising the Student Alumni Council and earning my Master's degree in 2018. UTC is truly become my second home and I am proud to now serve as Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor of Alumni Affairs.

- Andrea Perry Lyons









Carla Mason **Facilities**

5 Year Honoree

First of all just being a part of the UTC family, My Blue Ribbon Award.
And for being pictured online for different occasions.

- Carla MasonFacilities5 Year Honoree







I coordinated the Butterfield Fellowship program that Identified local teachers with expertise in classroom management to serve as peer mentors and assist the School of Education with our teacher preparation efforts. I was part of a faculty team that received state approval for teacher licensure programs in special education. These same programs were also approved by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.

- Bruce Menchetti





There are too many [favorite moments] to list. It is extremely rewarding working with students and seeing their skill develop as spatial data analysts and cartographers on projects that benefit our community and natural environment.

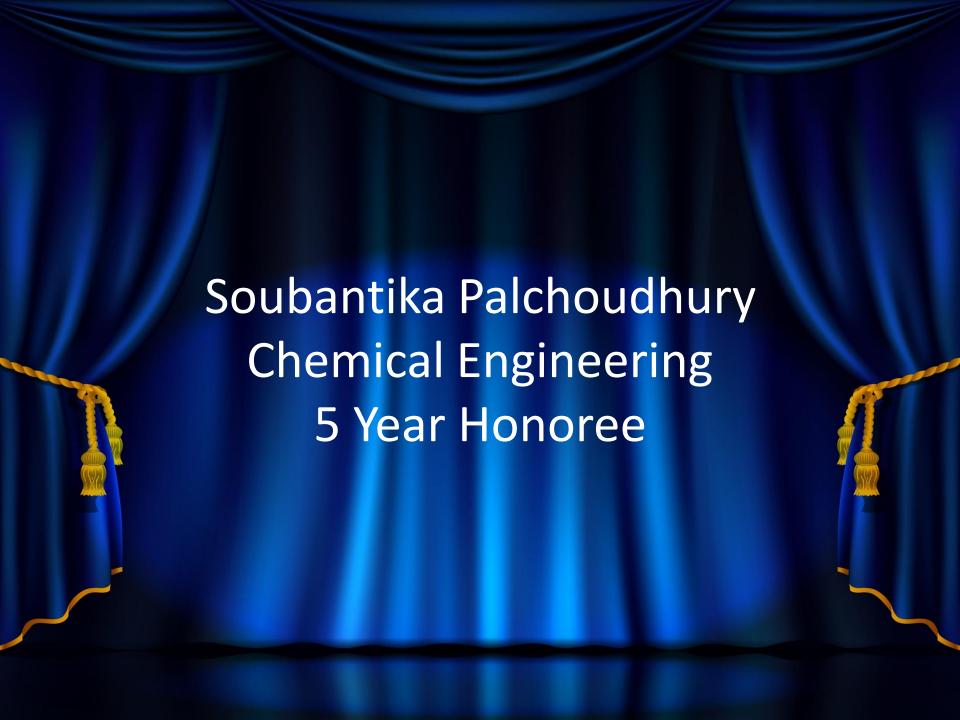
- Charlie Mix

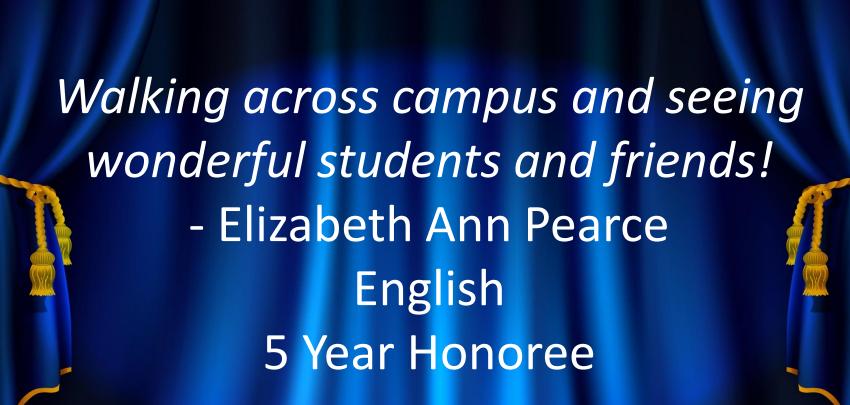


Just before Thanksgiving 2019, I walked into the office to find that our third year students had each placed post-it notes on all faculty and staff doors: notes of appreciation and recollections of fun personal connections. What an amazing, thoughtful, and joy-inducing act of kindness! - Betsy Myers













Being able to see the inaugural 2017 MOC Forward conference come to fruition after lots of blood, sweat, and tears.

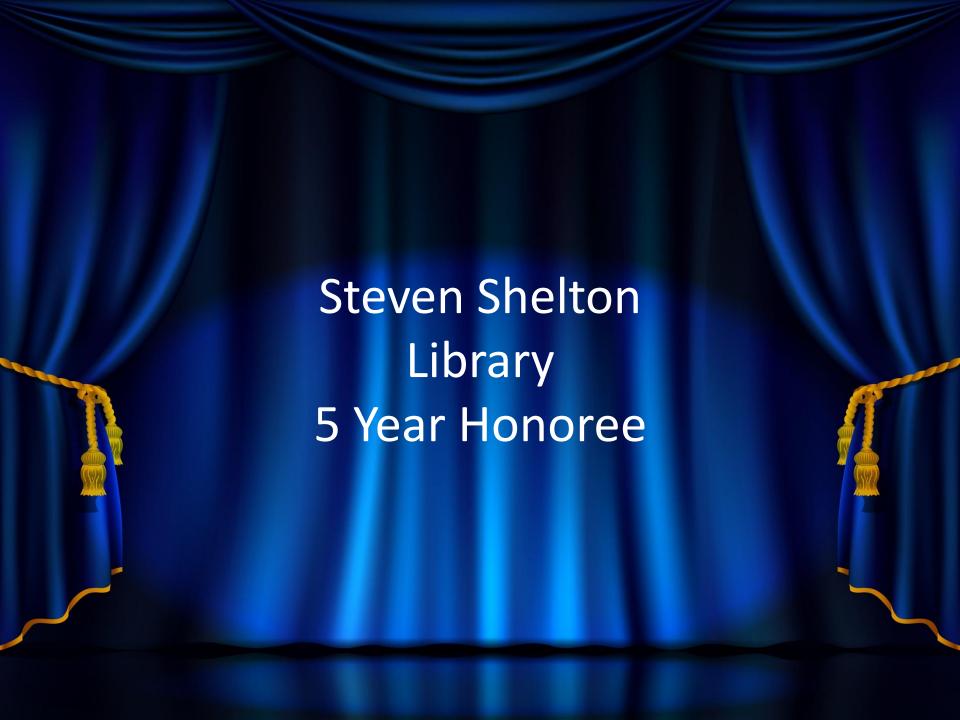
Charlene RaglandEquity & Inclusion5 Year Honoree







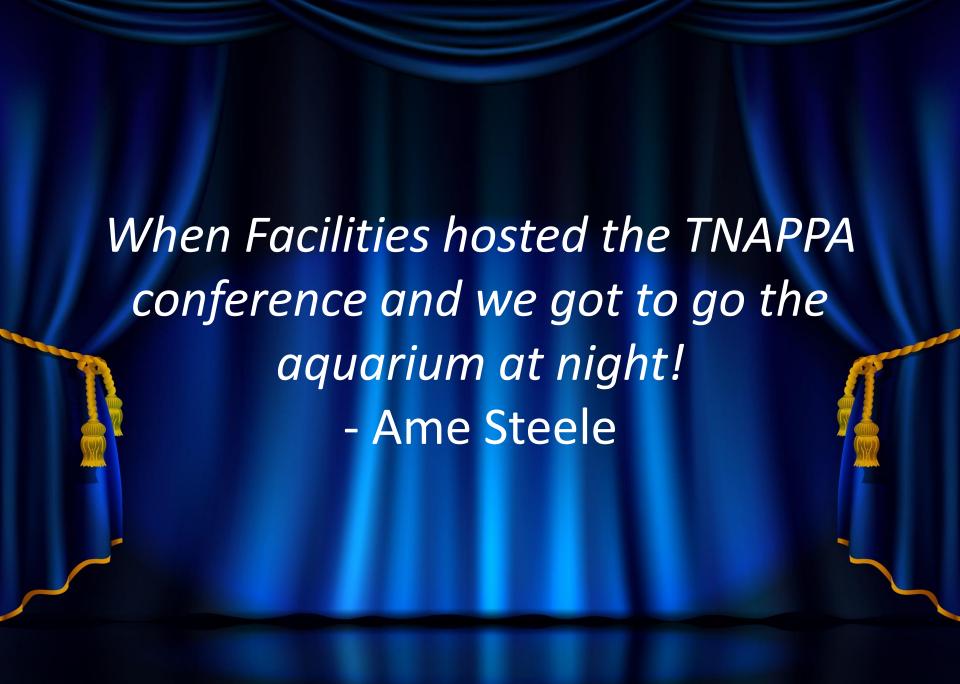
My most memorable moment is meeting alumnus Dennis Haskins (aka Mr. Belding) in the Patten House. I grew up watching Saved by the Bell! - Emily Sane



The first week on the job, when I realized that so many people that I knew when I was a student were still working at UTC. It felt like coming home... - Elizabeth Smith







One of my most memorable moments has been bringing my newborn daughter to the ice cream social and Dr. Brown holding her for a photo.

Allison StonePsychologyYear Honoree



I am glad to see more UTC students participating in study abroad programs and more international students from all over the world today than ever before. Thank you all UTC leadership for their strong trust in our office and warm support from faculty and staff.

- Takeo Suzuki













Hearing Joe Biden's reflections on losing a son. Complex security detail for Trump & Pence. Two Blackhawk helicopters parked on Chamberlain Field. Joel Wands







Besides the amazing four years I spent here as a student, joining the staff of the Department of Performing Arts really brought my UTC experience full circle. I enjoy working alongside some of the same faculty and staff who enriched my own experience as an undergraduate. But, of course, connecting and serving our students is the best part of every day.

- Jessie Wright

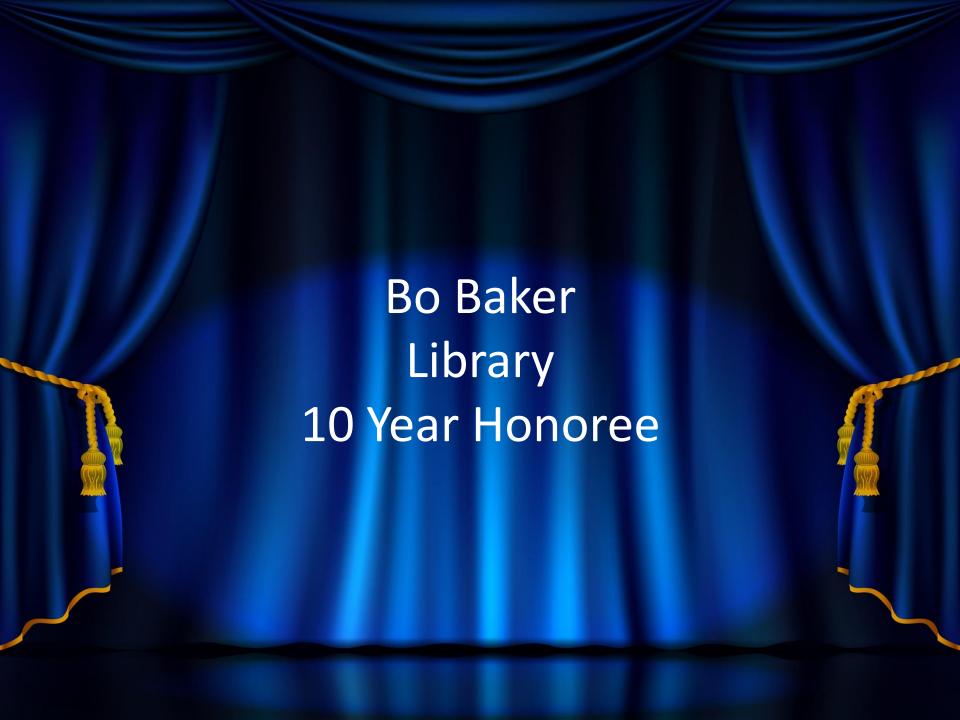




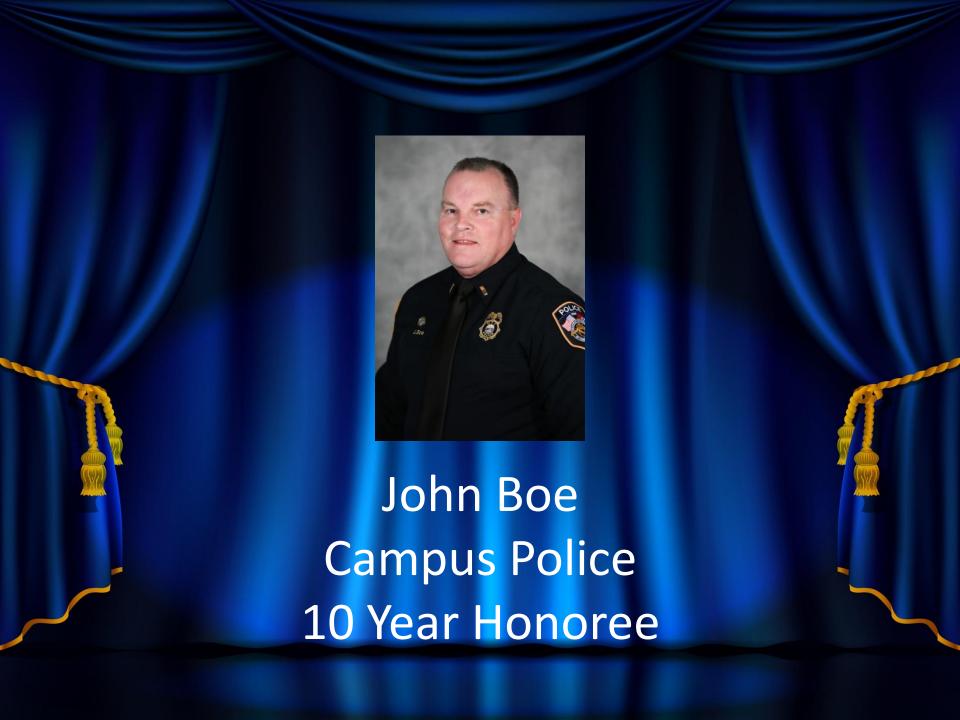


The opening of the new library when a copy of Light Upon A Hill was passed in a human chain from Lupton Library to the new library.

- Mike Andrews





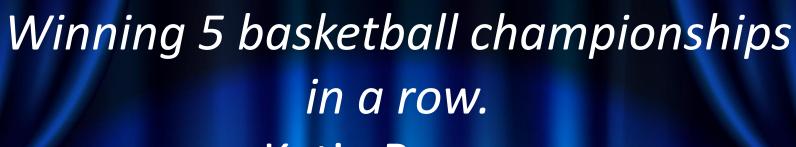












- Katie BurrowsWomen's Basketball10 Year Honoree



Enjoying spending class time with students. Having fun at the positive psychology events and seeing the smiles on the student's faces.

- Libby Byers











After completing my undergraduate degree at UTC and returning years later as a faculty member, my most memorable moment at UTC has been watching the growth of this campus. The growth and transition of the campus and programs has been extremely rewarding and memorable. - Jessica Etheredge





The memorable moments are too plentiful to count! However, being able to play a small role in the transformational changes that have occurred on the campus over the past decade has certainly been a true honor! - Tyler Forrest

Each semester, I am honored to teach the First Year Experience course. As a staff member, it keeps me connected with the incoming freshman, knowledgeable of campus-life, and excited to be a Moc!

- Avalon Gourlay







The joy and happiness experienced by students, faculty, and staff at the Goat Yoga program! It is rare to see so much excitement for mental health focused programming. Also, the Send Silence Packing events are always memorable. - Tricia Henderson





My most memorable moment was receiving the 2018 UT System wide Procurement Award for my active, deliberate, and consistent inclusion of small business owners operated by members of underrepresented groups (e.g. women, people of color, veterans, and people with disabilities) in procurement activities to increase multiple channels for procuring goods and services.

- Victor Howell



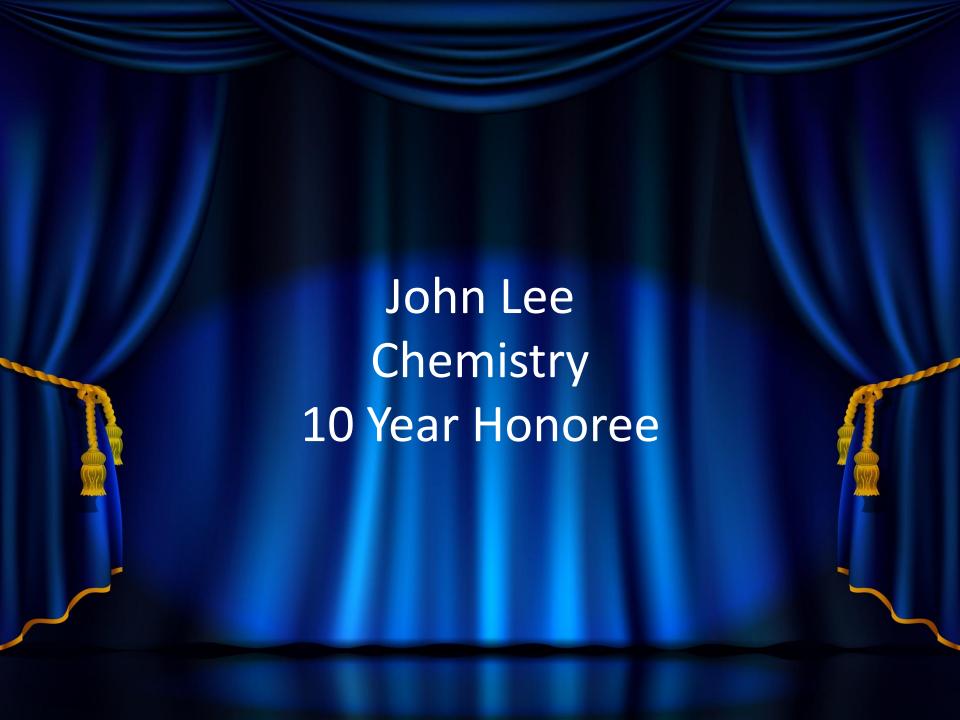


A visit of the delegation of Russian Young Leaders, and Russian Night at UTC with TN room packed to capacity with our students and community members for over 4 hours. The enthusiasm and interest that everybody had in talking to each other (Russians came at 4am their time to talk to us) and nobody wanting to leave the room even after 9pm. Our time gave special meaning to my work on giving these opportunities to our students and community. And of course, meeting my dear teacher and the Nobel Prize winner E. Ostrom at UTC.

- Irina Khmelko

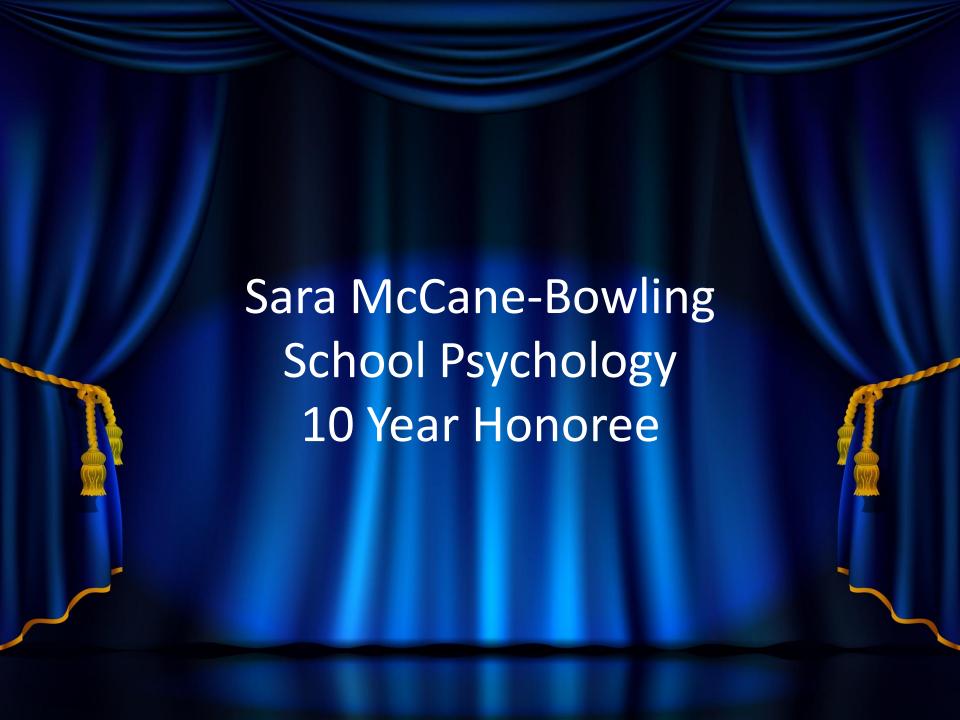


My most memorable moment at UTC is celebrating the Upward Bound programs 50th Anniversary of funding and being a part of UT-Chattanooga. - Belinda Lee



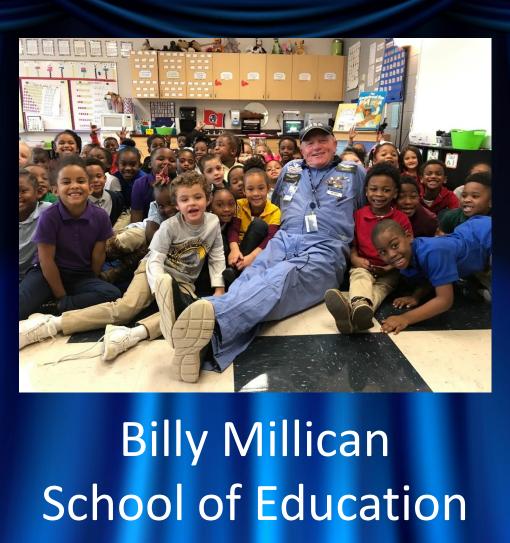












10 Year Honoree

I love reading children's books to the Kindergarteners at Brown Academy as a component of my EDUC 3110 course.
- Billy Millican



Abdul R. Ofoli Electrical Engineering 10 Year Honoree

My most memorable moment so far was when I led the UTC robotics team to our first ever third-place finish at the 2019 IEEE SoutheastCon hardware competition while competing with the best schools. My next and immediate target is for the UTC robotics team to win the overall prize.

- Abdul R. Ofoli





My most memorable moments at UTC have been the opportunity to host the Blue Ribbon Award Ceremonies twice a year. There is nothing more memorable, honoring, and exciting than celebrating our dedicated staff that are being recognized with the award. It has been a true honor to be a part of over the past several years - Laure Pou

Human Resources
10 Year Honoree



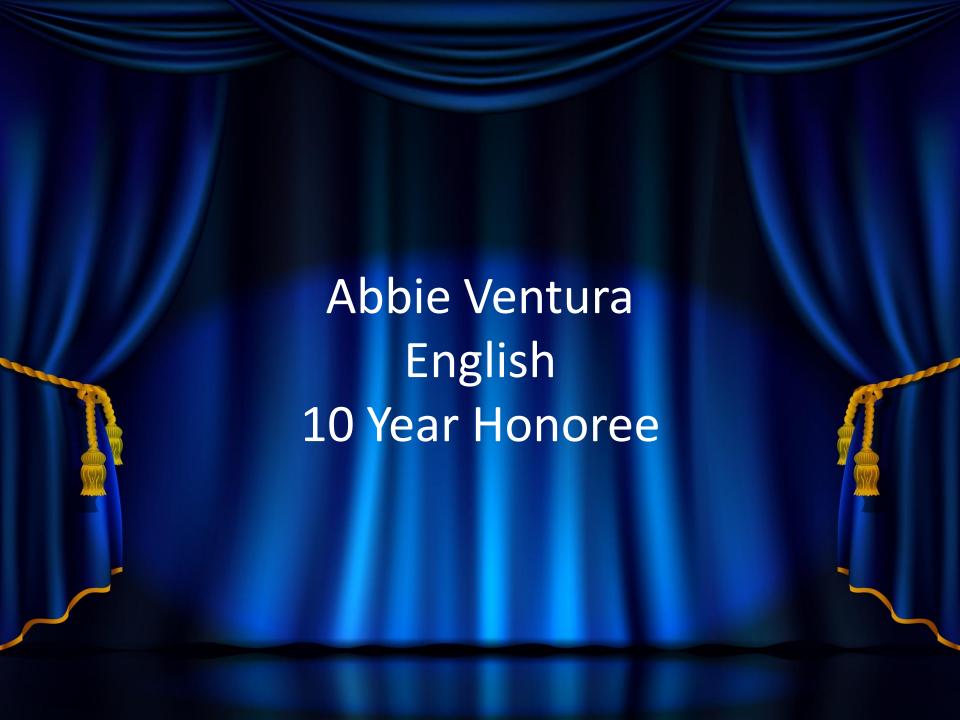


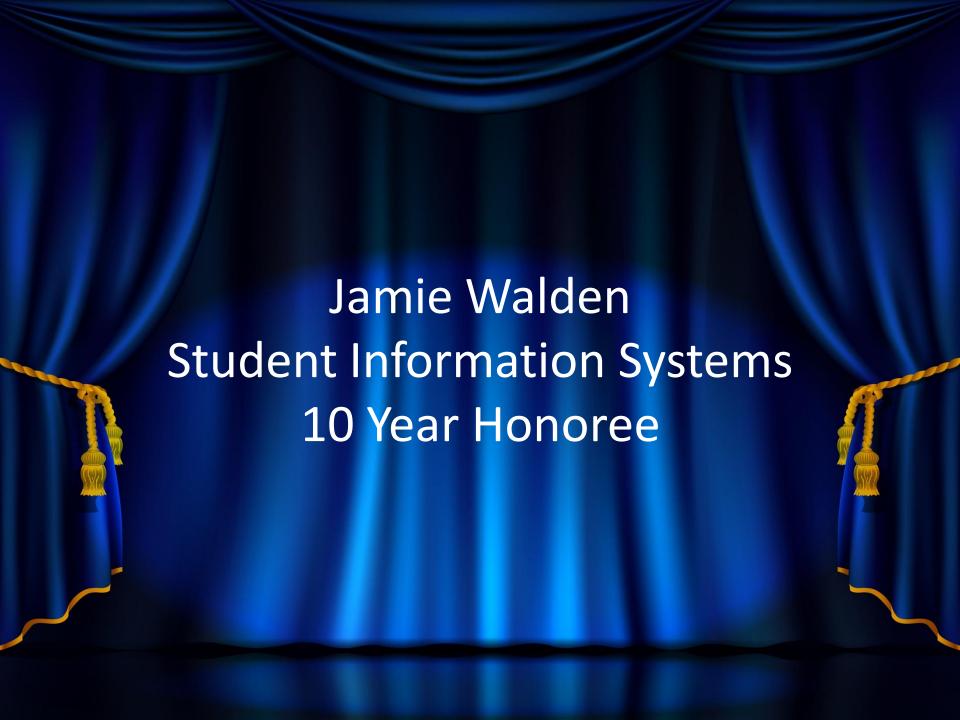


It is indescribable satisfaction to see our students achieving their dreams and realizing that I was contributing to their success.

- Nurhidajat Sisworahardjo







Baley Whary Research & Sponsored Programs 10 Year Honoree





My most memorable moment was when, at the end of the spring semester, several students share their appreciation for how the class was moved online in a seamless way during spring break. Students need to feel that we care for them, and that, despite of social distancing, we are now closer to them than ever.

Francesco Barioli
 Mathematics

15 Year Honoree



I was interviewed by WUTC-FM and featured in the Chattanooga Times Free Press in June 2008 for a US patent granted me for a three-dimensional periodic table of the elements (3DPTE). Later on the 3DPTE was featured in the Winter 2014 Alumni Magazine as one of 12 inventions at the University of Tennessee that make life better. I was granted a Sabbatical to conduct a pilot study to investigate the impact of the 3DPTE on middle school science education in a local school district in 2015. I completed my 100th career doctoral dissertation advisement as chair or methodologist in the LEAD doctoral program at UTC, experiences that culminated in my latest book on the subject.

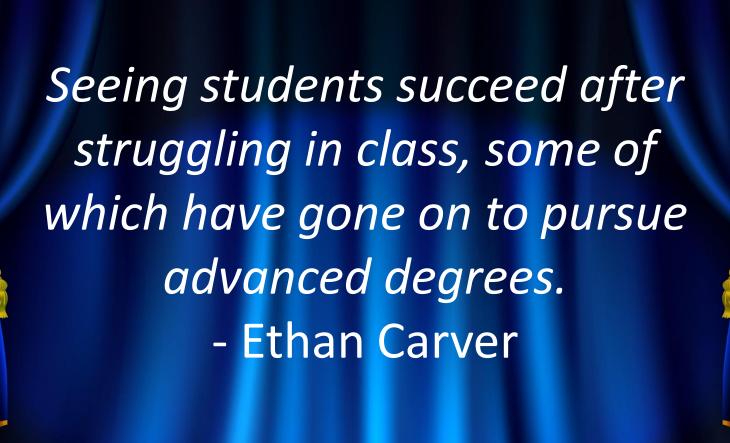
- Hinsdale Bernard



Having the opportunity to witness the generosity of our Alums and Donors and the impact they have on our students.

- Suzanne Brown
Development & Alumni Affairs
15 Year Honoree







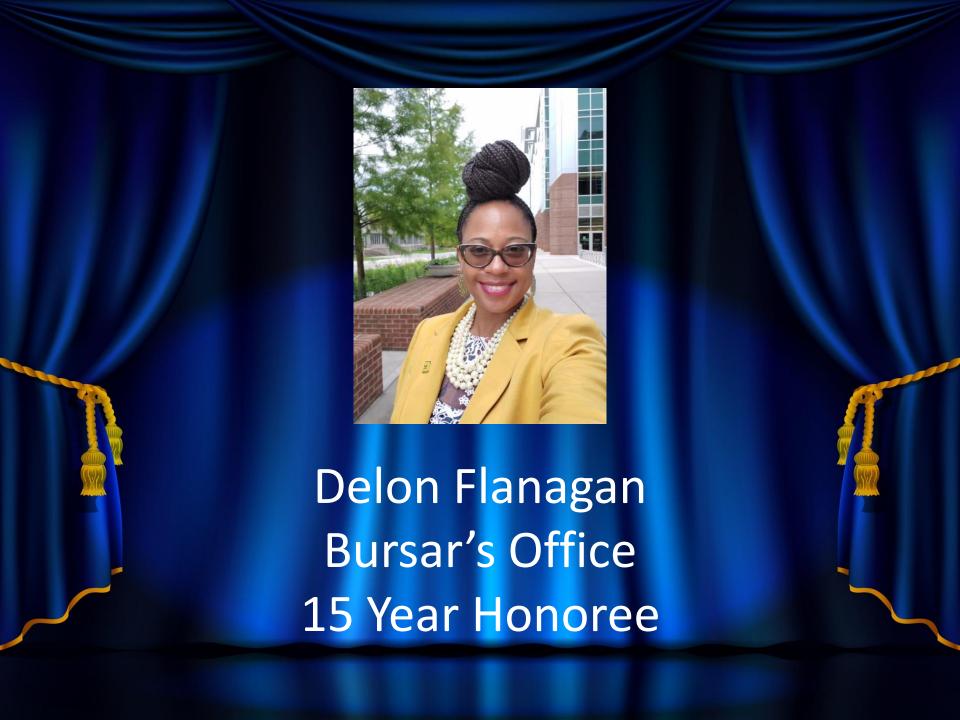


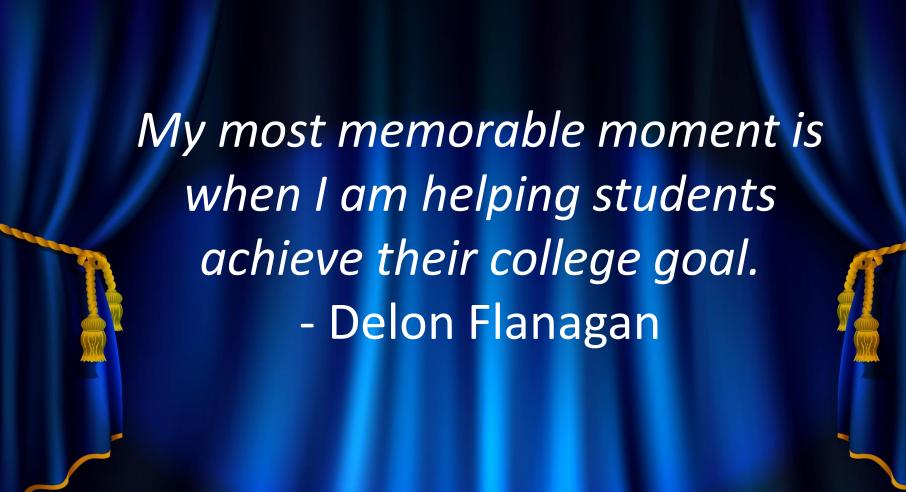


Trevor Elliott
Mechanical Engineering
15 Year Honoree

Being asked if I liked answering phones..... That question started what is now 20 years of working at UTC.

- Trevor Elliott

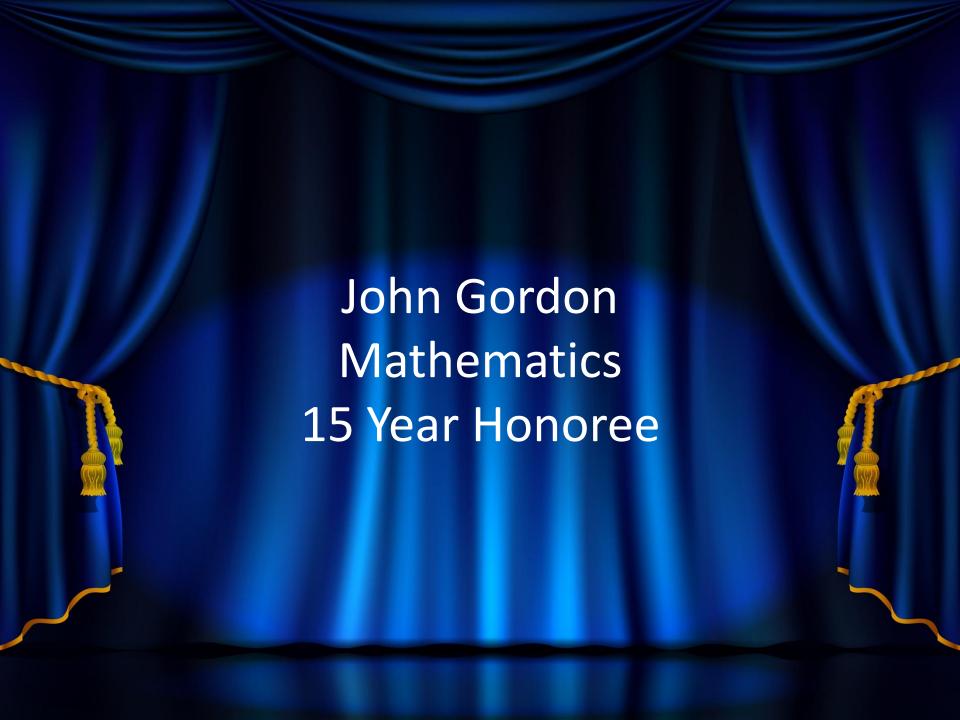






In March 2015 we successfully hosted the 2015 Southeast Regional American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) student conference and competition that brought together almost 1000 participants to our campus for three days from 25 universities in the southeast US and Puerto Rico. It was an impactful even for our College, University, and City. That year, I won the National Faculty Advisor of the Year Award. - Ignatius Fomunung









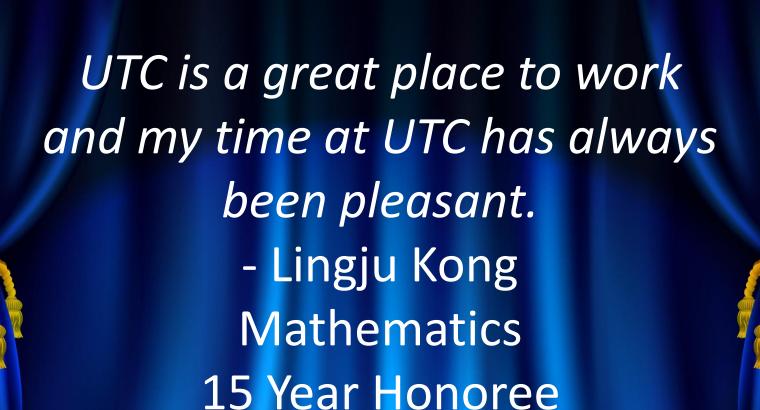


So many good memories...instructional excellence retreats, welcome back picnic activities with School of Nursing faculty, CHEPS tailgates, and all the fabulous friendships I have now because of my time here at UTC. - Kelli Hand





My most memorable moments happen every year with our Honors and Awards ceremony for the graduating Nurse Anesthesia students. And, the outstanding responses to our Nurse Anesthesia Diversity workshops. - Linda Hill



What's most memorable about my university experience is the conversations we have in class, especially when someone poses an emergent idea that others add their voices to. When we talk through and around our words and ideas, we're a really impressive collective voice.

- Gwendolyn Spring Kurtz English

15 Year Honoree



My most memorable moments are seeing students who are struggling as freshmen writers go on to be successful writers and accomplished graduates. My colleagues and I publishing our book was also a highlight. - Chad Littleton



I don't necessarily have a most memorable moment, but what I will say is that I started my freshman year at UTC in 2000 and to see the transformation of our campus throughout the last 20 years has been amazing.

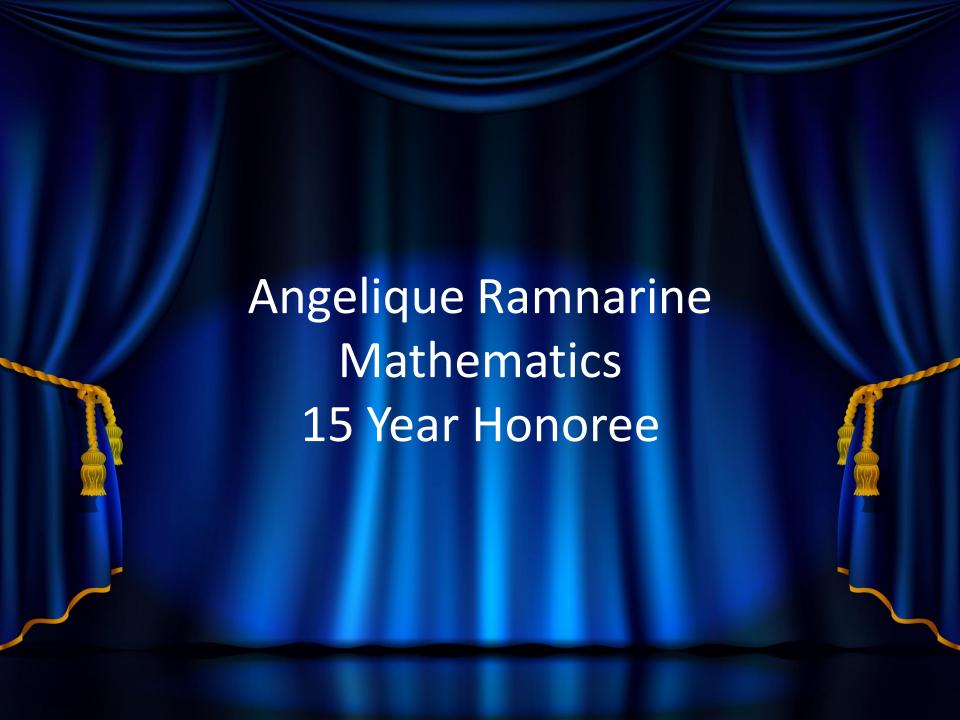
- Amber Noblit
Gary W. Rollins College of Business
15 Year Honoree





My favorite time has always been the beginning of fall semester, when the heat begins drop and the spare summer population explodes into nervous and excited crowds of students.

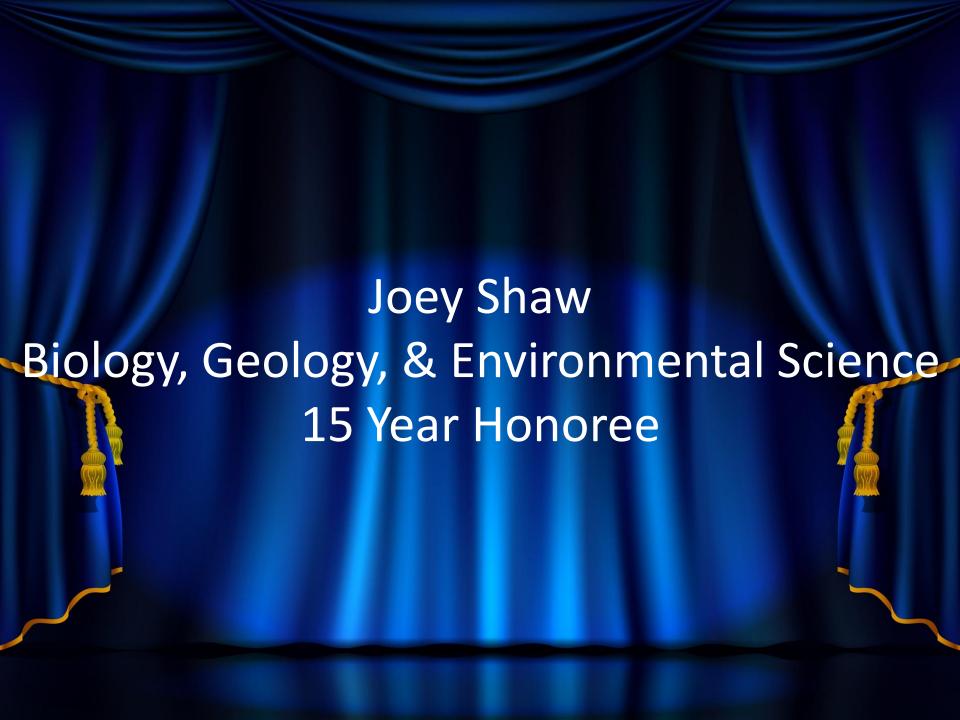
- Skip Prather





I recall taking my Western Humanities students to Patten Chapel one afternoon for a field exercise in understanding the Protestant Reformation. The chapel's beautiful stained glass windows, featuring images of different Protestant reformers, proved a big hit with the students. Many of those students now frequent the chapel when they need a quiet place to study or to think about their place in the larger world.

- Aaron ShaheenEnglish15 Year Honoree





I love seeing students that I've know since they were freshman, graduate, start their careers and lead successful lives!

- Carrie Sherbesman



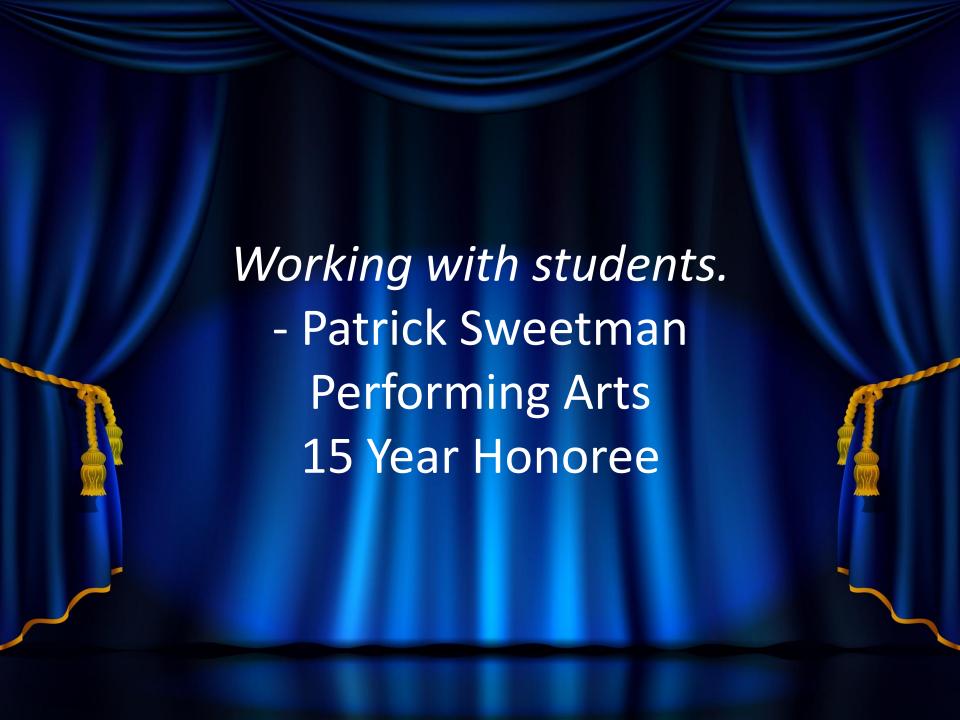
My favorite days each semester are the first day of classes and graduation. I will never forget the graduation ceremony where Ron Farrell was awarded with his posthumous BA in Communication Ron is one of those students that will never be forgotten.

- Charlene Simmons



I've really enjoyed the opportunity to work closely with people at UTC who I've known and worked with occasionally for years; in addition to getting to know the great people on the Communications and Marketing Team. Without a doubt, though, getting to know students and the chance to make an impact through First-Gen Mentoring is the highlight of my time here so far.

- Gina Stafford





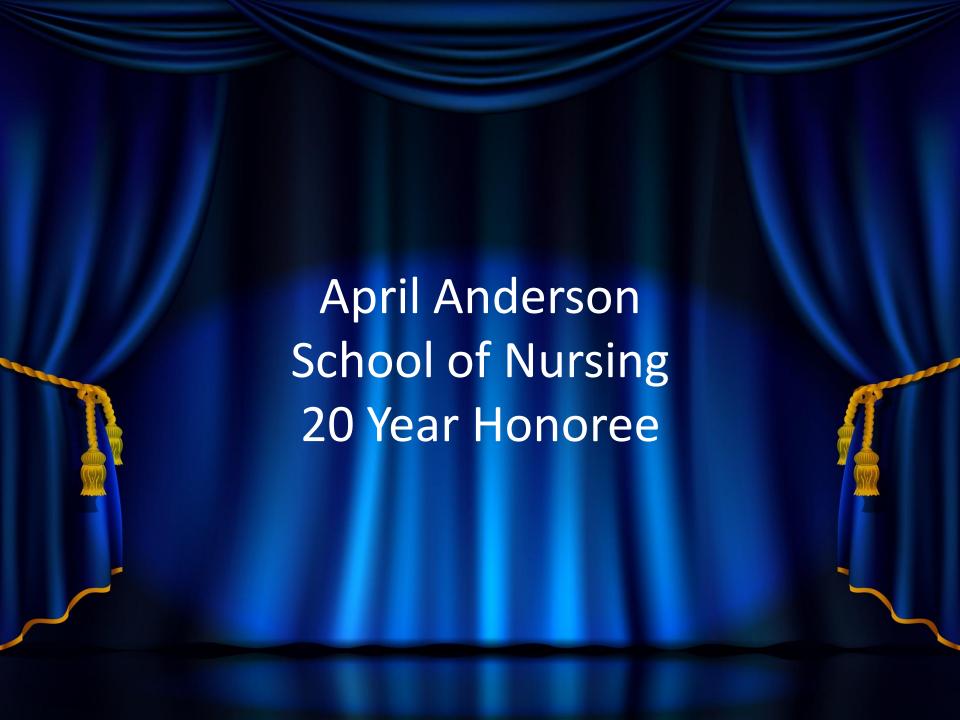
I got to write about the women's basketball team beating perennial powerhouses #4 Tennessee and #7 Stanford at the Roundhouse in the same season as the Sports Information Director. The Mocs earned a #17 ranking that year in the Associated Press Top 25 Poll. It was a magical season.

- Anne Wehunt

I don't know that I have a single memorable moment but I do cherish the amazing people I have had the pleasure to work with, and the students I have had the privilege to teach and learn from. - Kristine Kay Whorton English

15 Year Honoree







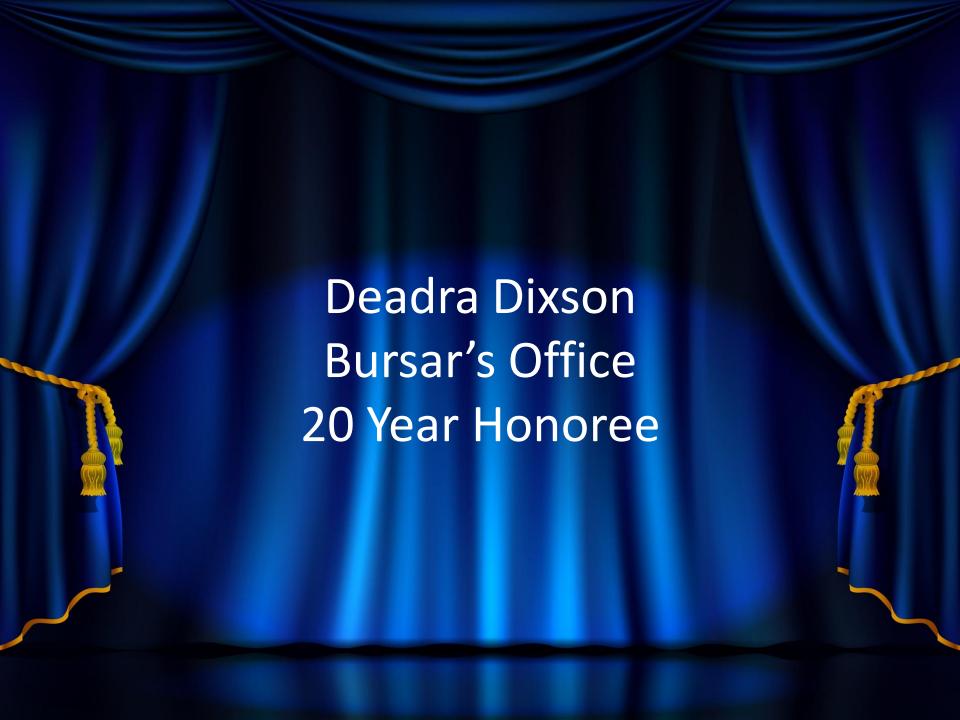
Coming back to the Scene Shop after lunch on my 'first birthday' here and finding that my students had completely decorated my office with streamers and balloons. - Larry Brick

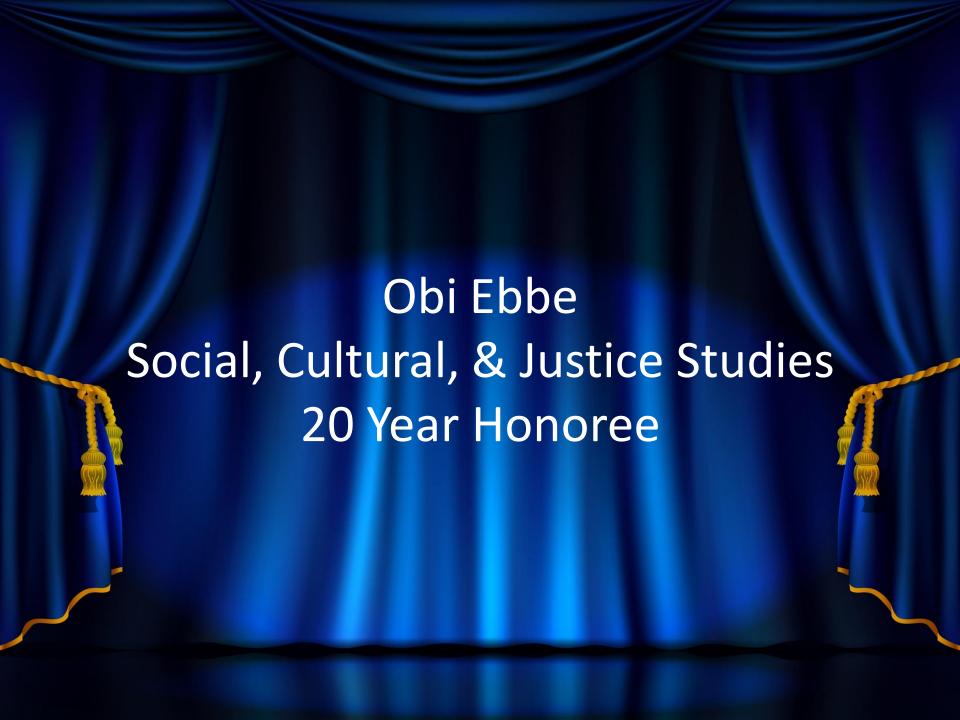




I was honored to be the recipient of the Horace J. Traylor Minority Leadership Award twice. In addition, I had the privilege of meeting him when he spoke on campus.

- Gail Dawson

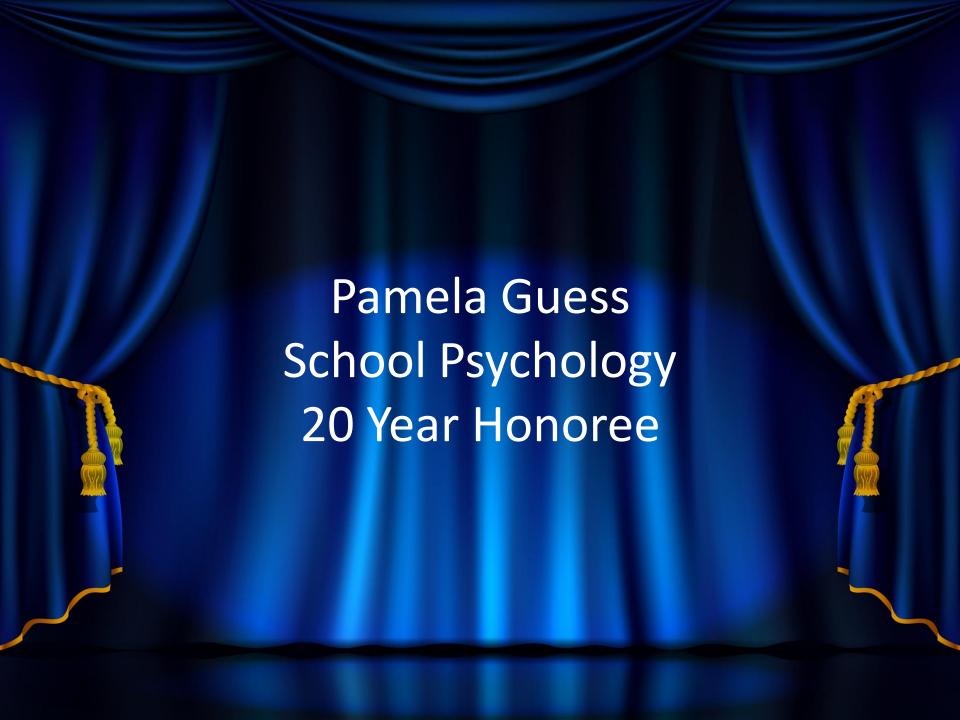






Friendships! I have made lifelong friendships with students who worked with me and continue to keep me in their circle of life, a couple of rare and wonderful bosses who took the time to get to know me, invest in me, and love me, coworkers in whom I found kindred spirits whom I love dearly, baristas at Starbucks who always know my order and call me friend, and custodians and grounds crew who always took time to chat with me while they worked because they cared. These are the eternal, precious gifts UTC has given me!

Kelly Griffin



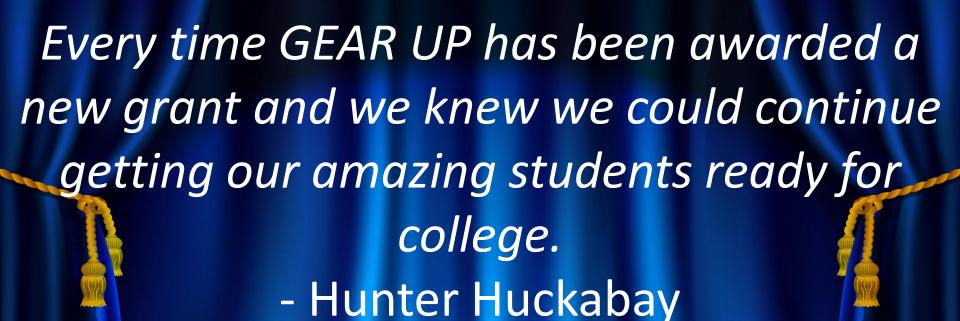




- Karen HendersonPerforming Arts20 Year Honoree











Ann Laster Research & Sponsored Programs 20 Year Honoree



My most memorable moment at UTC was in August 2007, when I accidentally ran my car into Frist Hall. My excuse was that my brain was fried because I was studying for my comprehensive exams in my doctoral program. Oops!! - Felicia McGhee

There is not one specific moment that stands out but seeing students walk across the stage at graduation always makes me happy.

- Karen McGuffee
Social, Cultural, & Justice Studies
20 Year Honoree



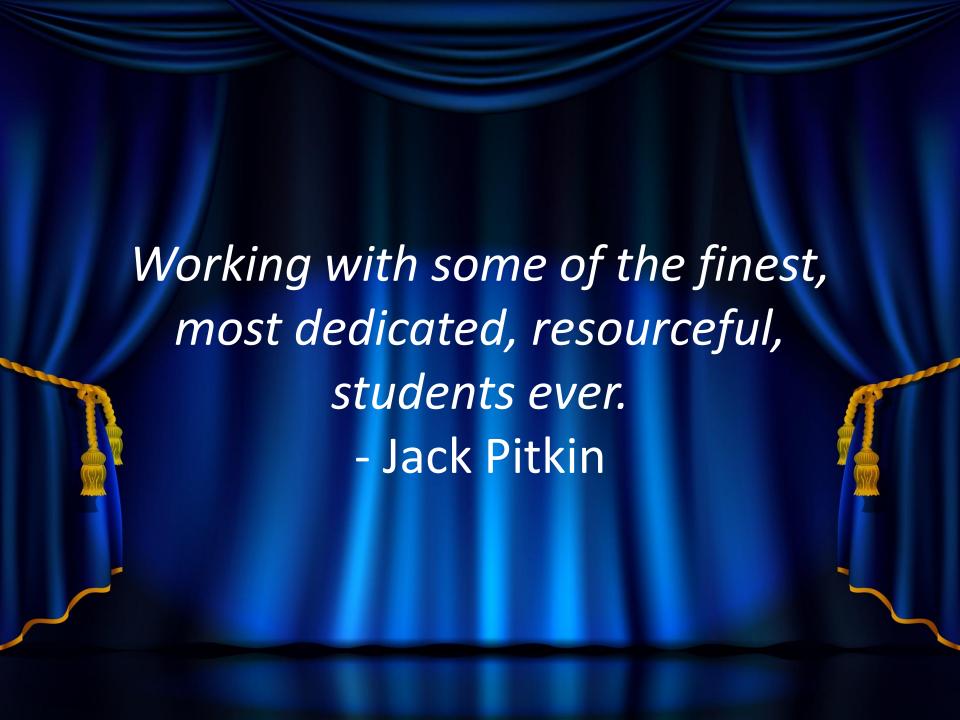
My favorite memories at UTC evolve around the many study tours taken with my students. Whether domestic or international, seeing the world through their eyes always reminds me why I love teaching. - Dana Moody

Watching several graduating classes "go across the stage" has been my joy for the past 20 years. - Nichole Orr Gary W. Rollins College of Business 20 Year Honoree

Every year, I look forward to students graduating and starting the next phase of their life.

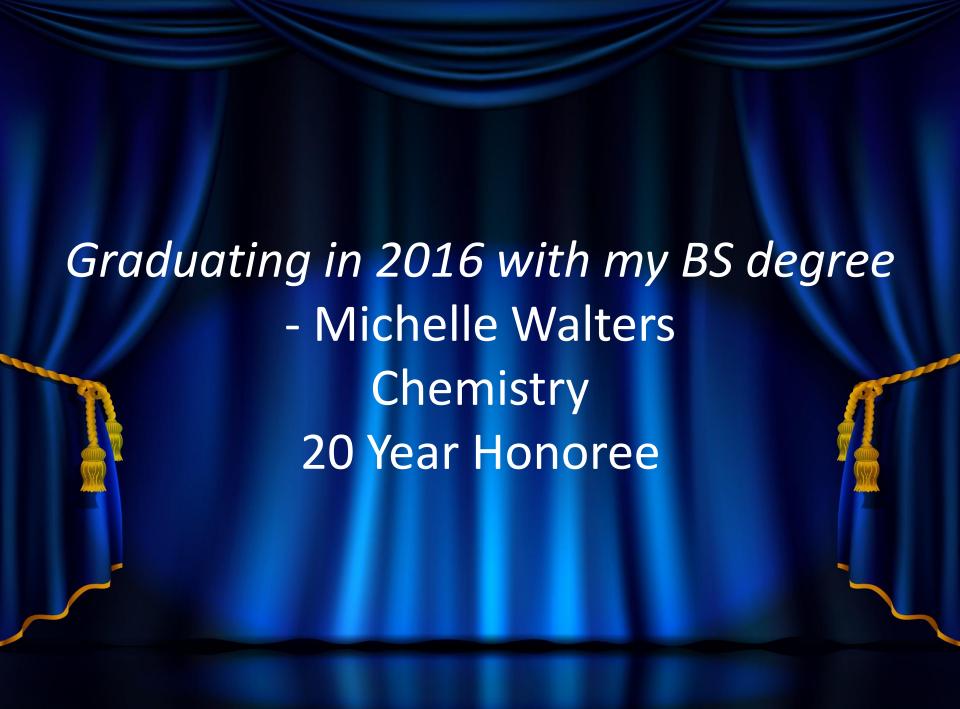
- Nikki Ownby
Gary W. Rollins College of Business
20 Year Honoree









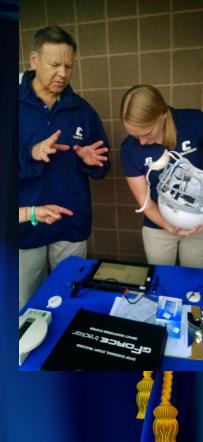


My most memorable moments at UTC are when I have the chance to work with students: whether through adjunct teaching, managing student workers, or mentoring students. As well, working in IT has given me ample opportunity to assist faculty and staff with their technology needs.

- Barbara Webb
Information Technology
20 Year Honoree







Gary Wilkerson
Health & Human Performance

20 Year Honoree

In April of 2014, Dr. Brian Hainline, NCAA Chief Medical Officer, delivered the keynote address of a Sports Injury Epidemic Conference on the UTC campus. After the program concluded, Dr. Hainline spent about 30 minutes with the graduate students enrolled in our MS in Athletic Training program. His comments conveyed enormous respect for the athletic training profession, and for our academic program in particular.

- Gary Wilkerson



After 25 years, no particular "moments" stand out, just a wash of them. I am never happier than when working one-on-one with students on projects about which they care deeply. I recall many evenings, talking through the particularities of a problem with any number of students well after class time had expired, completely exhausted and hungry, my feet throbbing and my back aching and my voice hoarse, yet somehow still blissful.

- Ron Buffington



Start date with the University in 1995!
I have been enjoying my functions at
UTC for the last 25 years, and I hope to
continue for years to come. Go MOCS!
- Sandra R. Dodd

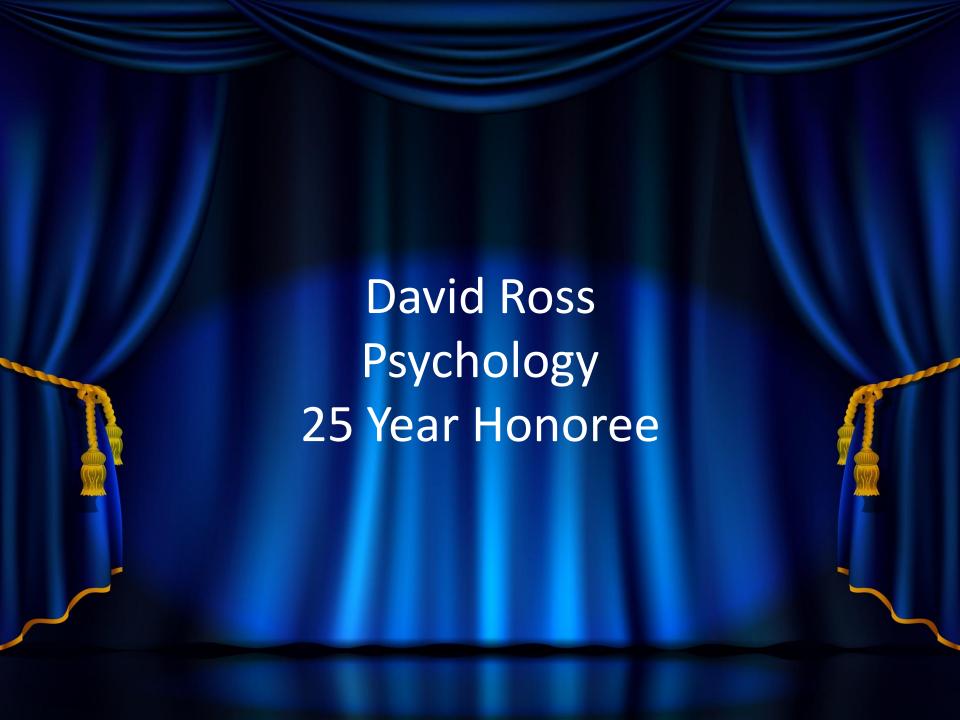


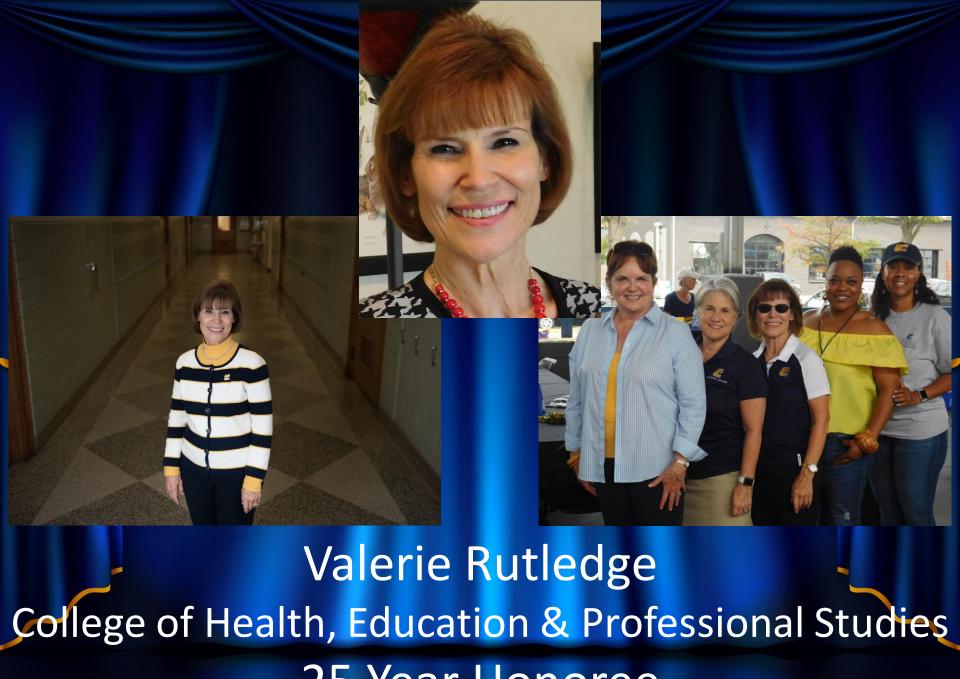


There have been many in my 25 years at UTC. One in particular is the 2013 choral concert where we honored retiring professor Roland Carter. UTC choirs were joined by the Men's Chorus of Morehouse College in Atlanta.

- Lee Harris







25 Year Honoree

As an undergraduate, I would never have dreamed that I would have the opportunity to return to UTC where my college career began. However, since becoming a part of the faculty, I have been thrilled to watch the growth of the institution and the successes of our students. It's been wonderful to have the chance to be a part of all the changes!

- Valerie Rutledge

I've enjoyed serving students, faculty, and staff the last 25 years.
I feel fortunate to have seen the University grow and become what it is today.

- Tracy A. Scott III





Dr. Jocelyn Sanders hired me to be her Associate Provost Administrative Assistant II and Dr. Yancy Freeman hired me to serve as his Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Administrative Coordinator 1. This gave me great confidence and pride to work under their direction - Cindy Williams



I have so many memorable moments here at UTC that it is difficult to pick just one. I still remember checking in to Stagmaier dorm when I was 17, coming back for my Master's degree in I/O Psychology, working for Continuing Education for 27 years, and the best years of my life as full-time faculty since 2011.

- Elizabeth Crawford



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L to R: First Row: William Norris, Sam Wood, Jamie Harvey, Margaret Dole; Second Row: Robert Norred, Gene Ezell, Rich Morris, Steve Underwood, Tony Jadin, Leroy Fanning

2004 TAHPERD Conference Host Committee



Dear Conference Attendees,

Betty McNulty and the EHLS faculty extend their appreciation for your attending the 2004 TAHPERD Conference at UTC and Chattanooga. Your participation demonstrates commitment to TAHPERD and your profession. President Tony Kirk and the officers have prepared an excellent program using the theme, "Movement – The Way to Live", designed for professionals with a wide variety of interests.

Over the last year, Betty has devoted an enormous number of hours making arrangements for UTC to host this conference. She has coordinated EHLS faculty and student majors to make certain all aspects of the conference were planned for your enjoyment, networking and teaching/sharing/learning. I want the thank Betty, the EHLS faculty and students for their dedication and hard work to make this conference a success for all participants. We are here to assist you in any way possible. All faculty and students are identified by UTC/EHLS shirts. Let us know if you need assistance.

Again, welcome to UTC and Chattanooga.

Dave Cundiff, Head EHLS Department

Have a great conference and time in Chattanooga.

Jamie Harvey Health & Human Performance 30 Year Honoree

From the 4 and half decades that I have experienced with UTC from 1975 to the present, my most memorable moment was completing the compilation for our department history from 1918-2018 and beyond now! I never imagined in my undergraduate years 1975-1979 that I would live my teaching career in a most-fabulous department throughout these 36 years. Our department began as Physical Education only to the present day impact of health & physical education, sport, recreation, outdoor, tourism, exercise science, athletic training and public health; Go Mocs forever!

- Jamie Harvey



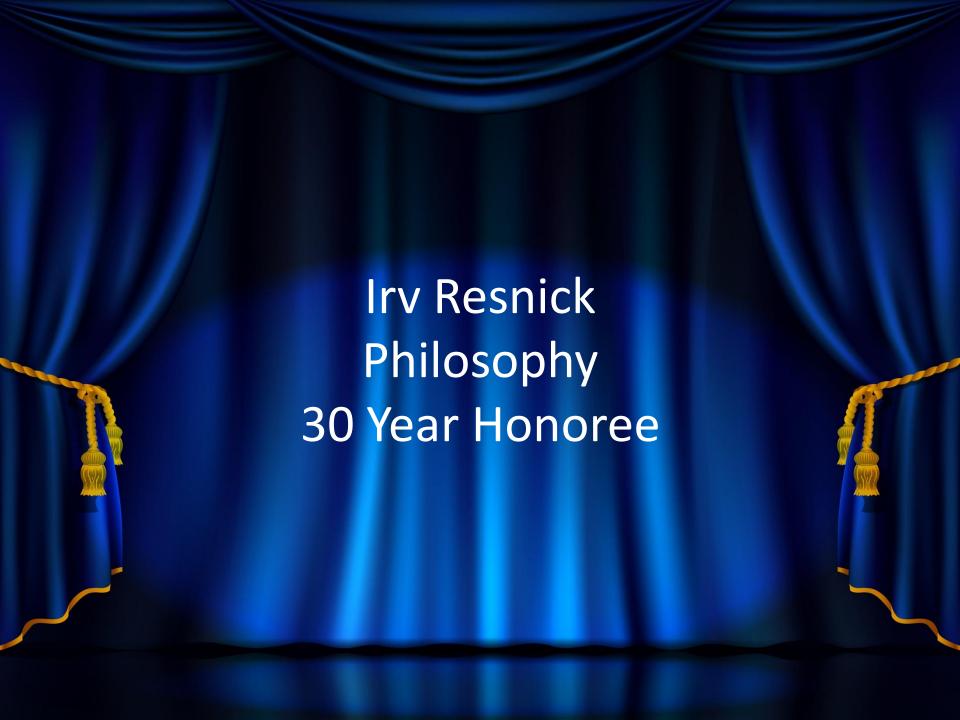


My most memorable moment was the first day I came to work for Dean Valerie Rutledge and the respect she showed me from the beginning. I felt so at ease and have thoroughly enjoyed working with the CHEPS team. - Sandra Jones



Getting the chance to co-chair the two TEDx events at UTC was an amazing opportunity and allowed me to meet some incredible people from all over the country! - David Levine



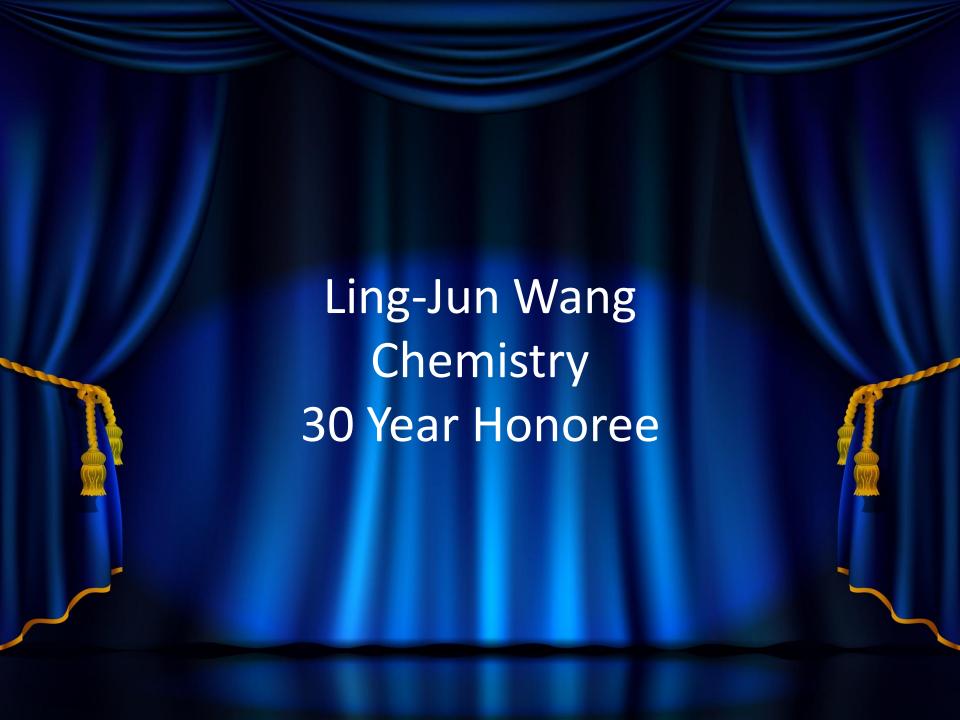




The most memorable moment was in the Spring of 1994 in my role as an Admissions Officer. A student whom I recruited in 1990 while acting as an Admission officer, graduated in the Spring 1994 commencement. The student insisted that I take pictures with his 20 family members who attended. He was the first member of his family to graduate from college.

- Darrell Walsh

Social, Cultural, & Justice Studies
30 Year Honoree



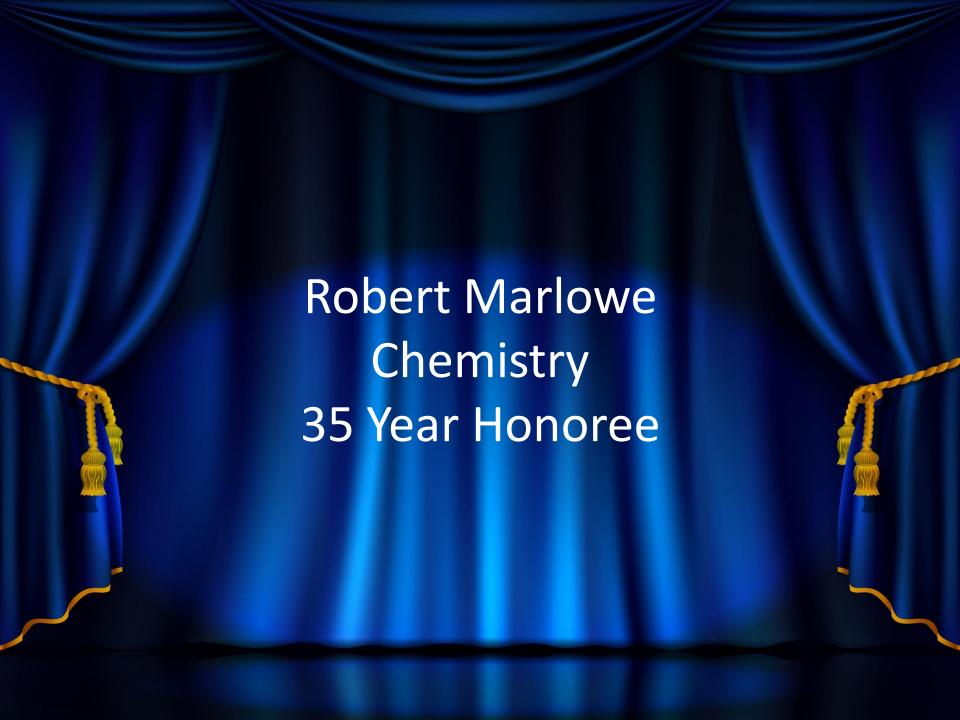






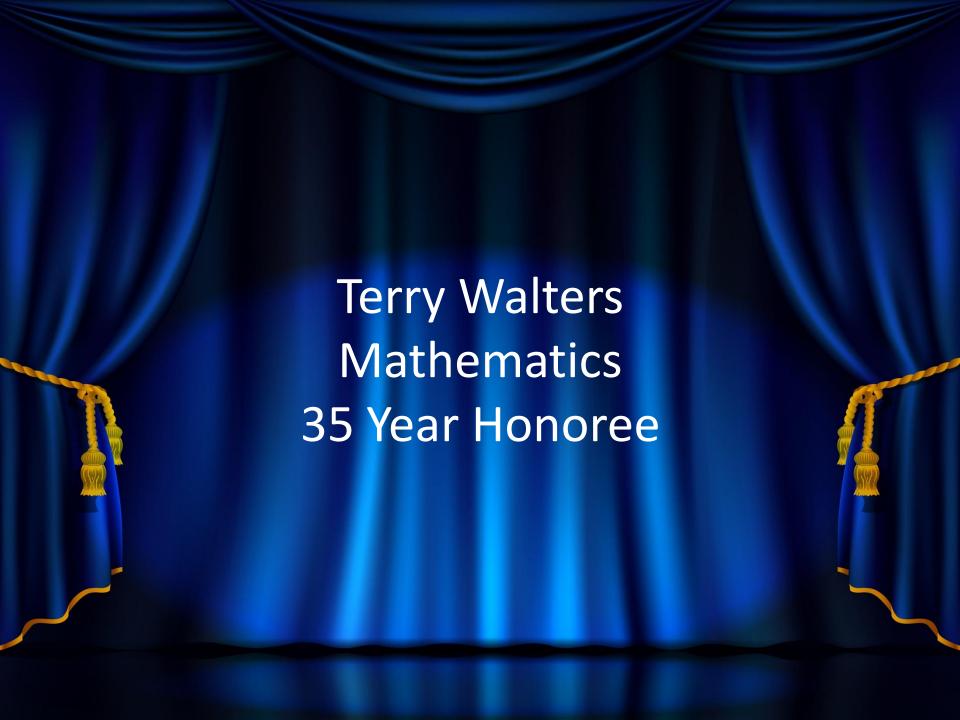








I suppose it was when I was asked to coach at the Spring Blue and Gold scrimmage game. I was the Gold coach and Dean Robert Dooley was the Blue coach. We both called 4th down plays. The scrimmage ended 7 - 7 under the watchful eyes of then Head Coach Russ Huesman and his assistant coaches. - Gary McDonald





Getting married in Patten Chapel to another UTC employee I met through mutual friends. UTC has given me a career, a wife, and life-long friends.

- W. Michael Bell





Many years ago, I visited a staff member's office for an official purpose and observed that the radio in her office was tuned to the local classical music station. I learned after repeated visits, that she always listened to classical music in her office. She explained that it was her experience in my Introduction to Music class that fostered her enjoyment of classical music. This experience changed my view of general education teaching assignments, and they became my favorite courses to teach.

Jocelyn SandersMusic

40 Year Honoree

