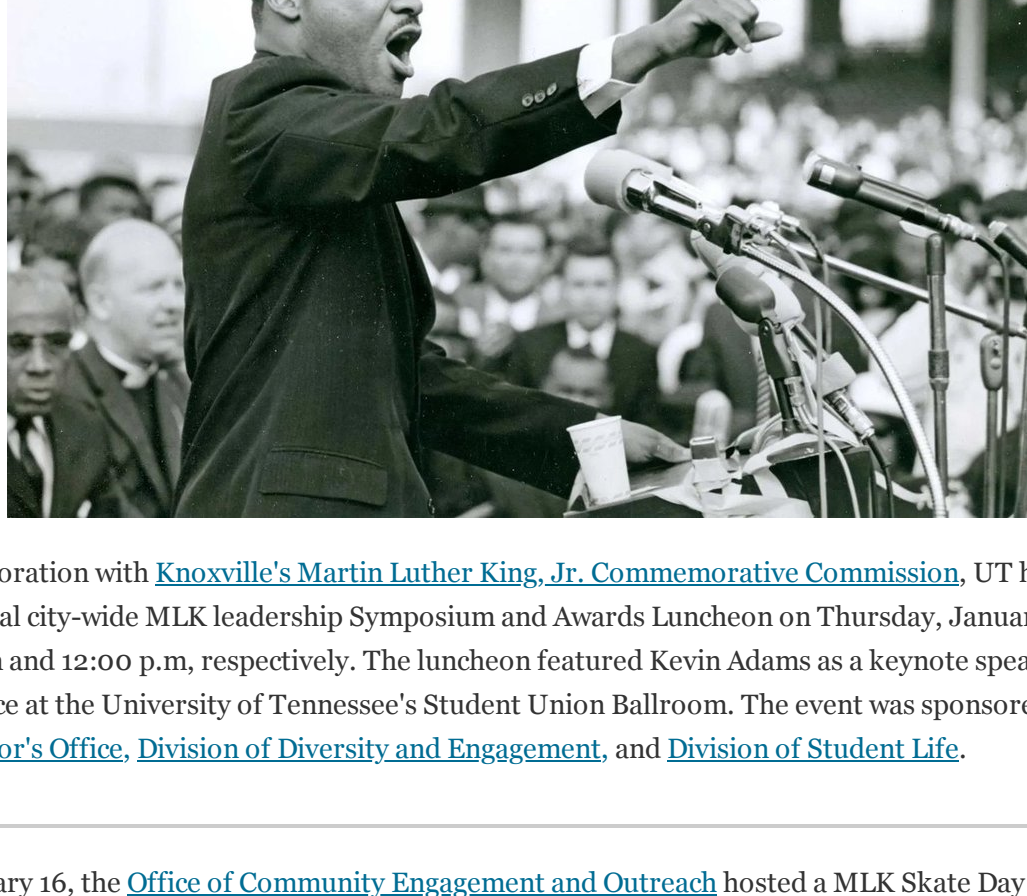


Celebrating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



In collaboration with [Knoxville's Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission](#), UT hosted the annual city-wide MLK leadership Symposium and Awards Luncheon on Thursday, January 12 at 9:00 a.m and 12:00 p.m, respectively. The luncheon featured Kevin Adams as a keynote speaker and took place at the University of Tennessee's Student Union Ballroom. The event was sponsored by the [Chancellor's Office](#), [Division of Diversity and Engagement](#), and [Division of Student Life](#).

On January 16, the [Office of Community Engagement and Outreach](#) hosted a MLK Skate Day for middle and high school students at the [Change Center](#). The event was a success, and we are appreciative of everyone that came out to support. We will continue efforts like this one in the future!

2023 Chancellor's Honors Award: Excellence in Academic Outreach Nominations

The [Office of Community Engagement and Outreach](#) and Academic Outreach and Engagement Council are soliciting nominations for the Excellence in Academic Outreach Award to recognize excellence in academic outreach by faculty. The award will be presented to a faculty member at the Academic Honors Banquet. The Academic Outreach Award recognizes extraordinary contributions of faculty to the public that occur as an outgrowth of academic pursuits and are related to the university's academic mission. The faculty award is based on demonstrated outstanding contributions to the public stemming from the academic expertise of the nominee.

For a detailed account of academic outreach in the scholarship of teaching, research or creative activity, and service, please see this [document](#). The application deadline is February 10. Questions should be directed to Dr. Javiette Samuel, Associate Vice Chancellor at jsamuel@utk.edu.

[Click here for more information or to submit a nomination](#)

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Interested in learning more about academic outreach, community engagement, and engaged scholarship? Join us for one, or all of our workshops.

TOPICS

BEST PRACTICES OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
FRIDAY, JANUARY 27 | 10:00 AM

WORKING WITH DIVERSE POPULATIONS: CULTURAL HUMILITY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 | 10:00 AM

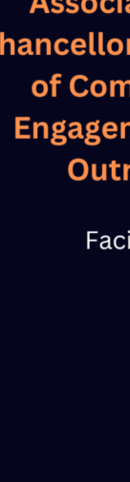
BROADER IMPACTS AND BROADENING PARTICIPATION
FRIDAY, MARCH 10 | 10:00 AM

EQUITY IN COMMUNITY ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP
FRIDAY, MARCH 24 | 10:00 AM

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FRIDAY, APRIL 28 | 10:00 AM


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DDE's Commitment to Transformative Work with Centro Hispano

Funded in part by the Division of Diversity and Engagement, Centro Hispano completed its third year of their project entitled *Latinos Empowered to Advocate and Dream: Centro Hispano Youth L.E.A.D and Postsecondary Access Program*. This program has served over 300 Latinx youth in 2022 through workshops designed to help with post-secondary access, cultural identity, and career and leadership development. Students received support in various ways including one-on-one coaching.

2022 Impact Highlights:

- **51** youth and young adults received individual college & career counseling for a total of **72.75** hours
- **25** youth have participated in the L.E.A.D. program throughout 2022
- **11** workshops, **313** total attendees (Students, Parents, and Community)
- **75** students and family members attended the Latino College and Resource Fair. The fair raised **\$3,000** for Golden Eagle Scholarship which was awarded to **3** seniors
- **5** Latinx youth in high school or college completed paid internships during the summer camp, **11** Latinx college students received stipends to be mentors paired with rising seniors to help with the college application process
- **6** college tours **4** career panels/workshops
- **4** college fairs
- **4** FAFSA/ Financial Aid workshops
- **6** cultural/community building events

From Silos to Symphonies

[Associate Vice Chancellor Dr. Lamar Bryant](#) and [Executive Director Dr. Janelle Coleman](#) represented the [Division of Diversity and Engagement](#) at the [Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges](#) by leading an interactive presentation as they shared their approach to engaging with stakeholders in the diversity strategic planning process while sharing ownership of the work throughout an organization.

During the presentation, they addressed considerations for administrators tasked with the planning process, and entrusting representatives across academic departments with carrying out the strategy, adjusting when the need arises, and creating a rubric for constructive criticism. Participants left the session with the tools needed to prepare for their own strategic planning efforts.

Commission for Blacks Celebrates Major Milestone

Formed in 1973 by [Chancellor Archie Dykes](#), the [Commission for Blacks \(CFB\)](#) at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville celebrates its 50th anniversary this month. The goals of ensuring visibility of Black faculty, staff and students on campus remains the same. CFB chair [Ja'Nay Turner](#) said, "The commission is still pushing, promoting, implementing, executing and evaluating policies and procedures that impact certain groups." Thanks to all past and current commissioners for their resilient work.

UT to Host Japanese Roundtable

In collaboration with the Center for Global Engagement, the [Office of Community Engagement and Outreach](#) and other campus units at UTK will host a Japanese Business Roundtable on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at the Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy from 9:00 a.m-3:30 p.m. The event will feature Consulate of Japan, Nashville, Yoichi Matsumoto as a leader for the discussion.

UT to Host Inaugural Men of Color (MOC) Institute

Sponsored by [the Division of Diversity and Engagement](#), UT's first Men of Color Institute will engage individuals in a transformative experience that inspired all members of the learning Community to co-create a just, caring, and thriving world. The purpose of this enriching opportunity is to produce a breakthrough in the leadership capacity of participants and facilitators which is demonstrated on their campus, in their community, or within their respective organizations. The event is set to be held from January 18-21, 2023 and will increase the amount of self-aware and community oriented leaders campus-wide.

FUNDING AND AWARDS

International Cuisine Map

[Dr. Rachel Rui's](#) Office of Community Engagement and Outreach (OCEO) funded project titled [International Cuisine Map](#) encourages students, faculty, and staff to explore other customs and cultures in the Knoxville area via the many international food options available to the community. Launched on November 14, 2022, the project experienced great success bringing in around 200+ participants broadening their food palette horizons! Going forward, Rui plans to develop a plan for expanding the map to reach more restaurants and people. We are so proud of her for her work.

Community-Engaged Alliance Summit and Research Symposium

The Summit and Research Symposium is the Community-Engaged Alliance's signature event of the year, occurring on April 20-21, 2023. It brings together experts from around the country, the region, and from local areas as speakers and presenters who weave their work with community engagement in higher education.

Two-day professional development events, such as this one, give faculty, staff, students, administrators, and community partners a unique opportunity to focus on the intersection of research and practice using a community engagement lens.

At the 2023 Summit & Research Symposium, Community-Engaged Alliance is looking to highlight the practical application and research presentations by scholars, practitioners, and community members working to address Anchor Mission Engagement, Civic Education and Engagement, Community and Public Engaged Scholarship, and more. To submit a proposal or find out more information, please click below.

[Proposal Submission Link](#)

[More Information here](#)

ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

East Tennessee Freedom Freedom Schools Paid Internship

Did you know summer learning loss is currently one of the major challenges affecting poor and working-class children? Did you know there was a way for you to help minimize this learning gap for these children while getting **paid** to do so? Please join East Tennessee Freedom Schools this summer for their reading enrichment program. The aim of the program is to help children fall in love with reading, increase their self esteem, and cultivate positive attitudes toward learning. Be a part of the difference and apply today.

[Application link](#)

Hosted by UTK Commissions & Councils

Hispanic /Latinx

Faculty, Staff, & Student Mixer

Tuesday, January 31 | 2:30-4:00pm
I-House Great Room

Come together to mix and mingle with Hispanic/Latinx community members at UT. Coffee and pastries will be provided. All are welcome!

[RSVP](#)

CALL FOR ARTICLES AND PHOTOS

We hope you enjoy OCEO's monthly newsletter and learning about the many ways UT faculty, staff, and students positively impact our community. We are seeking news articles, photos and content that you think our readers would enjoy. Email submissions to communityengagement@utk.edu.

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