



## The Honors College provides



- Superior students with our best faculty in small classes
- The setting of a small liberal arts college combined with the resources and varied disciplines of a larger university
- State-of-the-art building with classroom and study spaces
- No special application required. Incoming freshmen need a 3.5 high school GPA and a 25 ACT. Transfer & continuing students need a 3.25 GPA.



### **Buchanan Scholarship**



- Competitive with a minimum ACT of 29 (1360 SAT) and a 3.5 GPA
- Must apply separately by December 1st directly to the Honors College
- Tuition-based Scholarship:
   16 hours per semester and
   \$500 for books

Buchanan Fellows

12th Class of Buchanan Fellows (2018)

Screened 276 applicants.

Average ACT = 33.6 and Average High School GPA = 3.953



### **Transfer Honors Fellowship**

- Transfer Honors
   Fellowship: \$3500 for four semesters –
   3.5 GPA required
- Must have already completed 60 hrs. prior to fall enrollment at MTSU
- Separate Scholarship Application Required



Sixth class of **Transfer Fellows** (2018)
Screened: 73 applicants.
Average GPA = 3.88
Representing 18 different transfer institutions



### State of the College

### **Continued Growth!**

- Total Enrollment : 853 h.c./1295 s.c. (F17) 20.65% Increase since Fall 2014
- 74 Honors sections: 90.7% capacity (F17)
- Thesis Writers: 8130% increase since Fall 2014
- Fellowship Office Application Submissions
   115% increase since Fall 2014
- Recruitment Activities85.7% increase since Fall 2014







### **Increased Diversity**



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### Minorities Enrolled

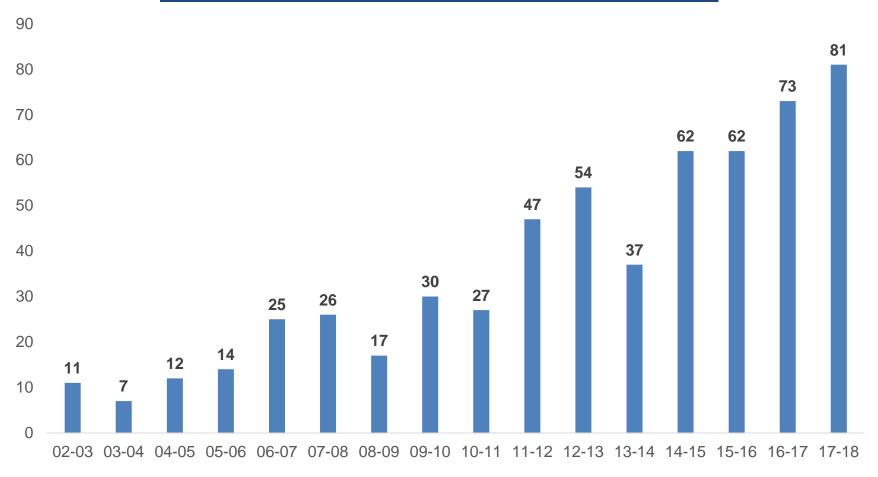
- Fall 2015 = 11.8%
- Fall 2016 = 18.4%
- Fall 2017 = 21.1%

39% of May or August 2018 Honors Graduates are classified in an ethnic minority.



### **Thesis Writers**

### Thesis Writers: 30.6% Increase since 2014/2015



1st Buchanan Class: 2011; 1st Transfer Fellow Class: 2015



# Sample 2018 Thesis Topics

### **Basic & Applied Sciences**

- Continental European Beef Breeds: Their Use and Impact on the United States Beef Industry
- Examining the Effects of Manipulating Chaperone-Mediated Autophagy on Stress-Induced Nuclear Granules (SINGs) within the Nuclei of Oocytes of Caenorhabditis Elegans

#### **Behavioral & Health Sciences**

- The Mentally III Within the Criminal Justice System: An analysis examining techniques developed within Criminal Justice to adapt to the growing mentally ill population
- The Shot College Students Don't Like: The Flu Vaccine, will Information Persuade Students to Become Vaccinated?

#### **Business**

- Academic Tenure and Housing Choice
- Communication and Connection: Helping G.I.R.L.S. Ranch Recruit and Retain Volunteers

#### **Education**

 A Study of the Relationship Between General Education Teachers and the Parents of Children with Disabilities in an Inclusive Classroom



# Sample 2018 Thesis Topics

#### **Liberal Arts**

- Into the White Cold Again: A Novel
- "If God is for Us, Who Can Be Against Us" An analysis of the Black Church, Political Engagement, and Black College Students
- Immigrant Educational Attainment in the United States: Difference by Age-at-Immigration, Place of Origin and Race

#### **Media & Entertainment**

- Love Makes a Family: A Collection of Adoption Stories
- An Implementation of the Equipment and Techniques used by The Beatles at Abbey Road during the 1960s
- Music With A Theme: An Academic Approach To Building A Concept Album, A Creative Project

### **University College**

• Emmanuel: A Creative Interpretation of the Gospels



# **Signature Programs**





Italy, Thailand, and Washington D.C.



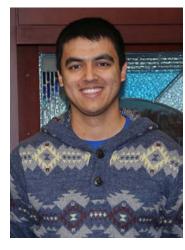




### **University Award Winners**











Katiana
Nicholson
Instrumental
Music Education

President's Award

Kirsten
Cunningham
Biology &
Chemistry

Provost's Award

Alex Knight
Biology

Community Service

Samuel Musili Political Science

Robert C. LaLance

Robert Owen
Biology

**Harold Love** 



# **Extraordinary Opportunities**





2015 Rhodes Finalist





# **Fulbright Summer Institute**



Kelsey Keith
English
University of Bristol, UK

Emily McTyre
Video & Film Production
University of Birmingham, UK

Each year, the Commission supports up to 60 US undergraduate students to undertake a demanding academic and cultural summer programmes at leading institutions in the UK. Only freshmen can apply.



## **Fellowship Winners**

# Multiple 2018 Fulbright Award Winners!!



Hermon Phuntling Global Studies

Fulbright Thailand
<a href="Peace Corp: Benin">Peace Corp: Benin</a>, Africa



Leia Green Foreign Languages

Fulbright Argentina



Pel Doski Biology

Fulbright South Korea



# 16 Fulbright Finalists since 2010

YEAR NAME	MAJOR	COUNTRY
2018 Doski, Pel	Biology	South Korea
2018 Green, Leia	Foreign Languages	Argentina
2016 Lauderback, Dalton	Global Studies and Political Science	Germany
2015 Martin, Tandra	International Relations	South Africa
2015 Thompson, Davis	Political Science	Slovak Republic
2014 Bennetti-Longhini	Biology / Spanish	Brazil
2014 McDaniel, Kevin	Anthropology	Brazil
2013 Guyes, Eric	Physics	Israel
2013 Owen, David	Mathematics and Science Education	Brazil
2012 Gouger, Daniel	Spanish / Biochemistry	Spain
2012 Yacovone, Anna	Global Studies / Organizational Communication	Laos
2012 Emerson, Adam	International Relations / Psychology	Russia
2011 Pratt, Patrick	International Relations	Tanzania
2011 Yarborough, Kimberly	International Relations / Spanish	Spain
2010 Howell, Kaitlen	German / Biology	Germany
2010 Little, Eric	History / Spanish	Portugal



### Class of 2018

- Bassam Aboona: Texas A&M,
   Nuclear or Particle Physics Ph.D.
- Muhammad Fariz Ali: University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine
- Hannah Kanyuh: Registered Nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the University of Kentucky's Children's Hospital in Lexington, KY.





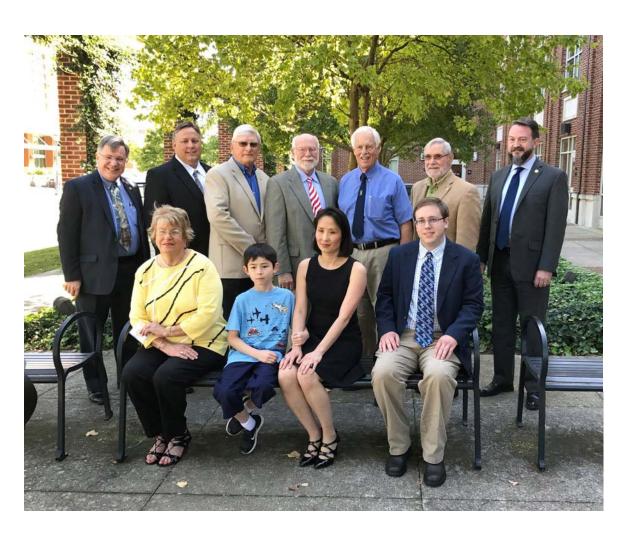
### Class of 2018

- Kelly Richardson: University of Florida, Ph.D. Political Science program
- Cayman Seagraves: Florida State University, Ph.D. in Finance
- Kayla Thomas: Meharry Medical College School of Medicine





# **Honors Board of Visitors**





### Gratitude

Thank you for choosing to honor Michael Martinelli through me this year; I am very grateful.

I will use this generous scholarship in his memory; I will be graduating from the Honors College next year with a Bachelors in Professional Physics, Astrophysics track.

Then I will pursue a PhD in Astrophysics with my career goal to conduct research for NASA.

Through your kindness and generosity to me.

I remember Michael Martinelli in my thoughts
and prayers.

I am also an artist; I love bringing joy to others with my art pieces.

I hope this portrait brings joy to you.

Thank you again, Beverly Warner



### **Honors College Staff**

John R. Vile, Dean Philip E. Phillips, Associate Dean Kathy Davis, Executive Aide Karen Demonbreum, Executive Secretary Laura Clippard, Honors Coordinator Judy Albakry, Academic Advisor April Goers, Academic Advisor Susan Lyons, Event Coordinator Marsha Powers, Special Projects Coordinator

