



Presentation to Academic & Student Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees
March 9, 2023



SACSCOC Accreditation Updates

Two key written documents

- Compliance Certification (~100 principles in 14 categories)
- Quality Enhancement Plan

Three reviews

- Off-site review
- On-site review
- SACSCOC Board of Trustee review

Tennessee Tech Univ 2016

Reaffirmation of
Accreditation

Tennessee Tech Univ 2026

Reaffirmation of
Accreditation

10 Year Cycle

5th Year Interim Report

Tennessee Tech Univ 2022

Two key written documents

- Compliance Certification (subset of 22 principles)
- Quality Enhancement Plan Impact Report

One review

- Off-site review



Interim Dean of the Volpe Library

Professor Sharon Holderman



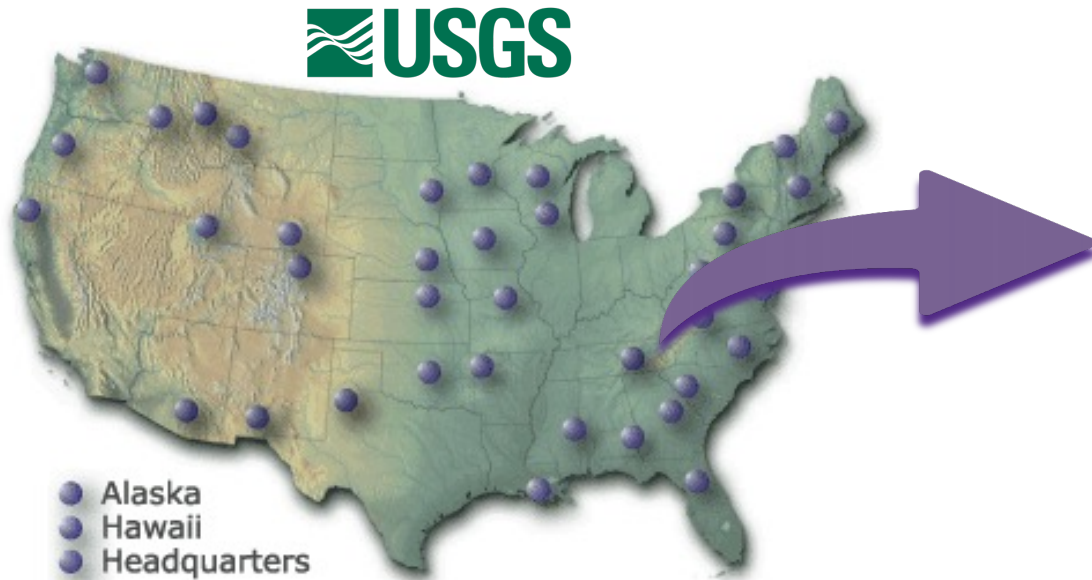
Tennessee Tech University's OVC Faculty Member of the Year

Dr. Julie Baker

Professor of Curriculum & Instruction
Associate Dean of the College of Education



US Geological Survey & Tennessee Tech University Cooperative Research Unit *50th Anniversary*

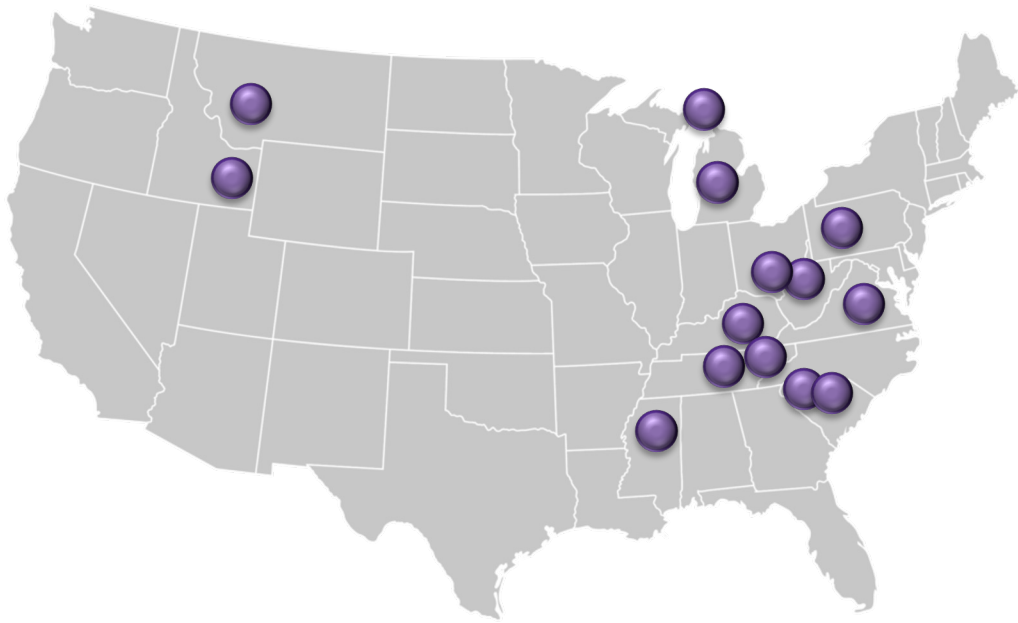


- USGS scientists embedded in the university
- Cooperative teaching, research, and service
- Successful management of fishery resources

Cooperative Research Units
in 41 universities across 39 states



Attracting graduate students
from across the nation
and providing
world-class research experiences







Enrollment & Communication

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Fall 2022 to Spring 2023 Freshman Retention

Year	Rate
2022-2023	91.5%
2021-2022	91.1%
2020-2021 (COVID impact)	86.8%
2019-2020	89.9%
2018-2019	91.4%
2017-2018	90.3%

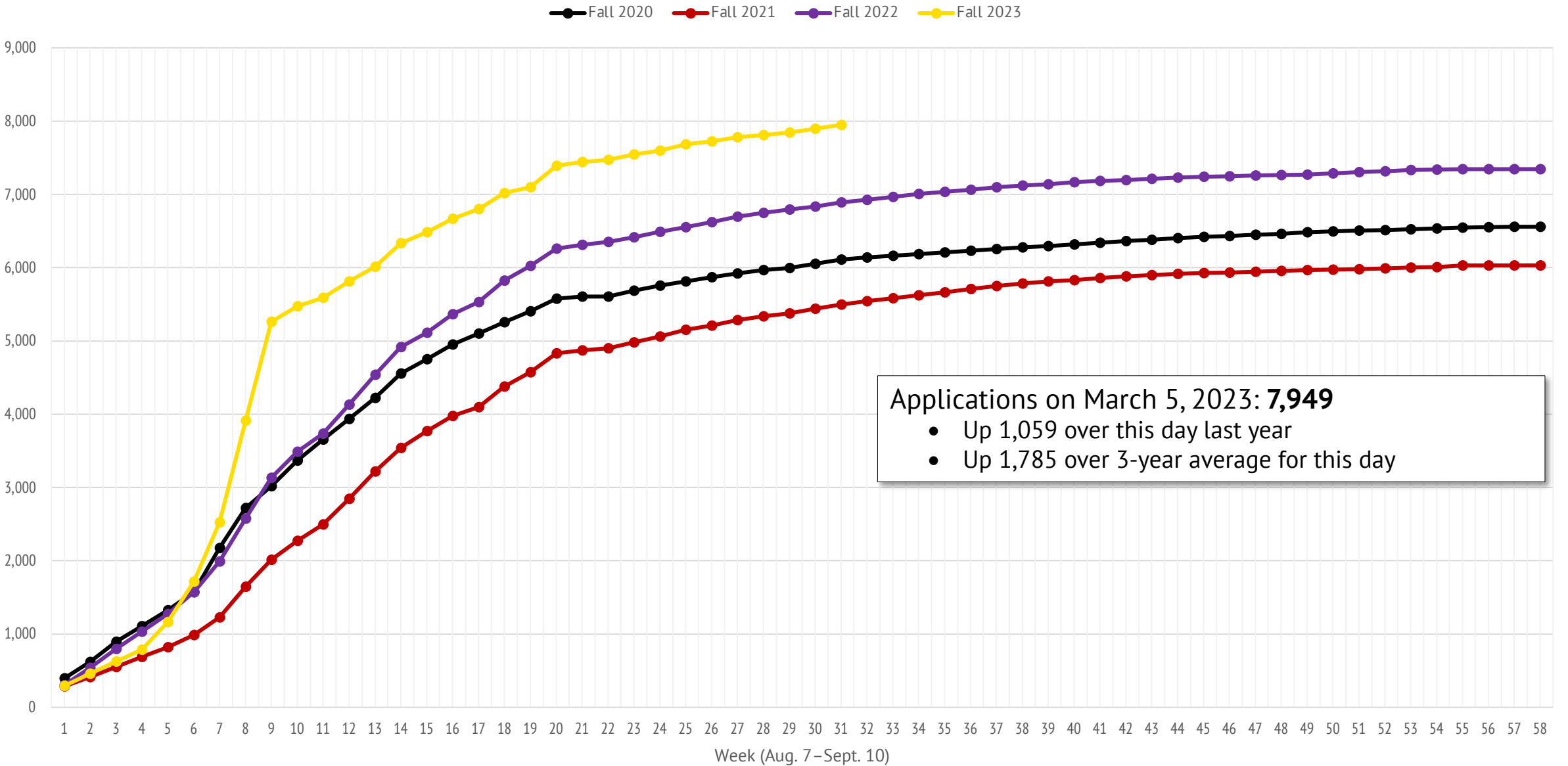


Enrollment & Communication New Efficiencies

- **Spring yield communication plan**
- **Coordination of yield events**
- **Respond faster to market conditions**

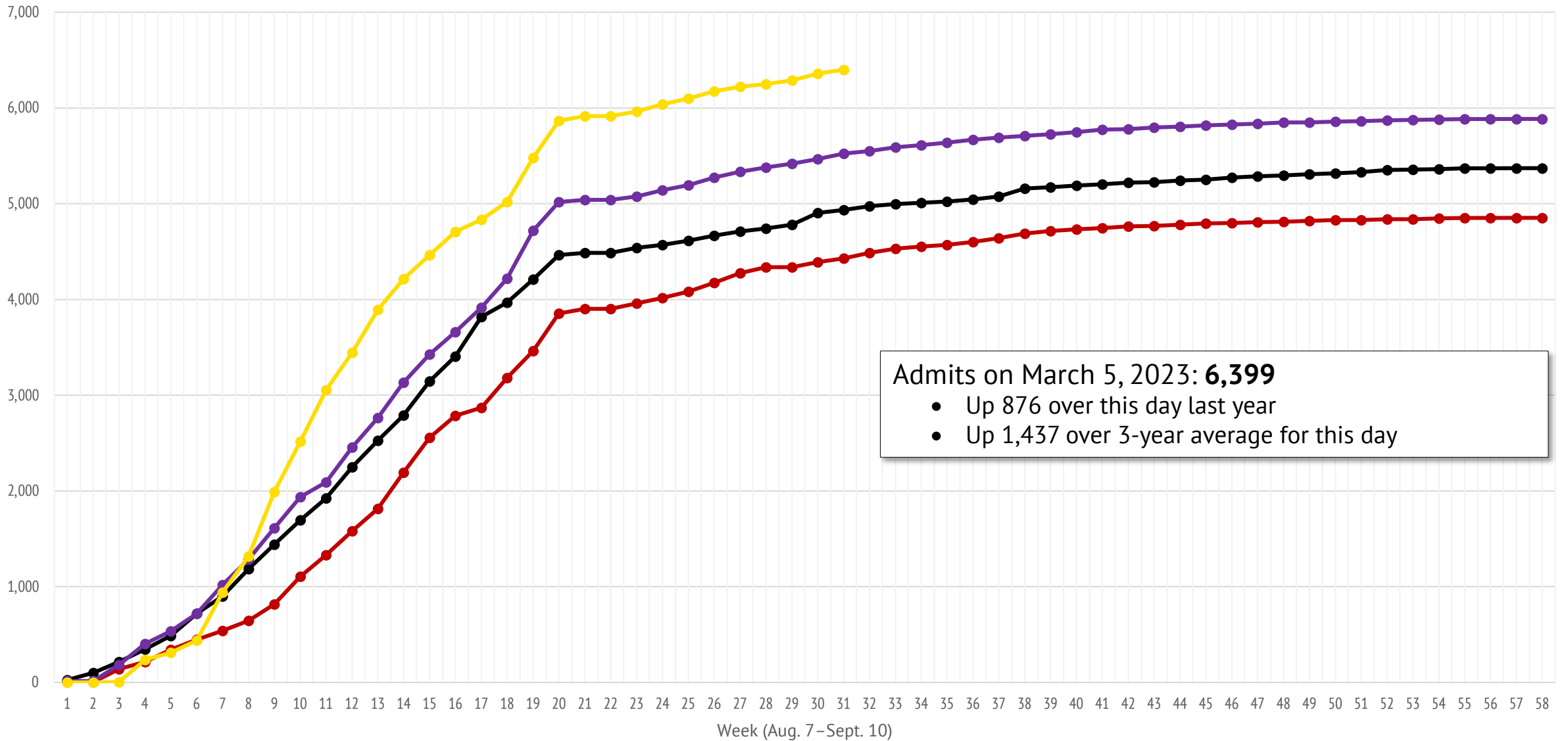


Fall 2023 New Freshman Applications



Fall 2023 New Freshman Admits

—●— Fall 2020 —●— Fall 2021 —●— Fall 2022 —●— Fall 2023



Guaranteed Scholarship Programs

- **Presidential Scholars**

- Fall 2022 results

- 245 additional students over Fall 2021
- 2% increase for students eligible for \$3,000 scholarship (ACT 22-24)
- 4% increase for students eligible for \$4,000 scholarship (ACT 25-32)
- 1% increase for students eligible for \$5,000 scholarship (ACT 33+)
- Largest increases in ACT 32 (up 13%) and 25 group (up 12%)

- New for Fall 2023

- Added 2 new levels (\$8,000 and \$10,000) for highest achievers to be competitive with other schools

- **NEW Tech Transfer Pride**

- Up to \$3,000 per year, renewable for three years



Early Enrollment Indicators

Spring
Showcase
attendance

SOAR
registration

Housing
applications



Looking Towards Fall

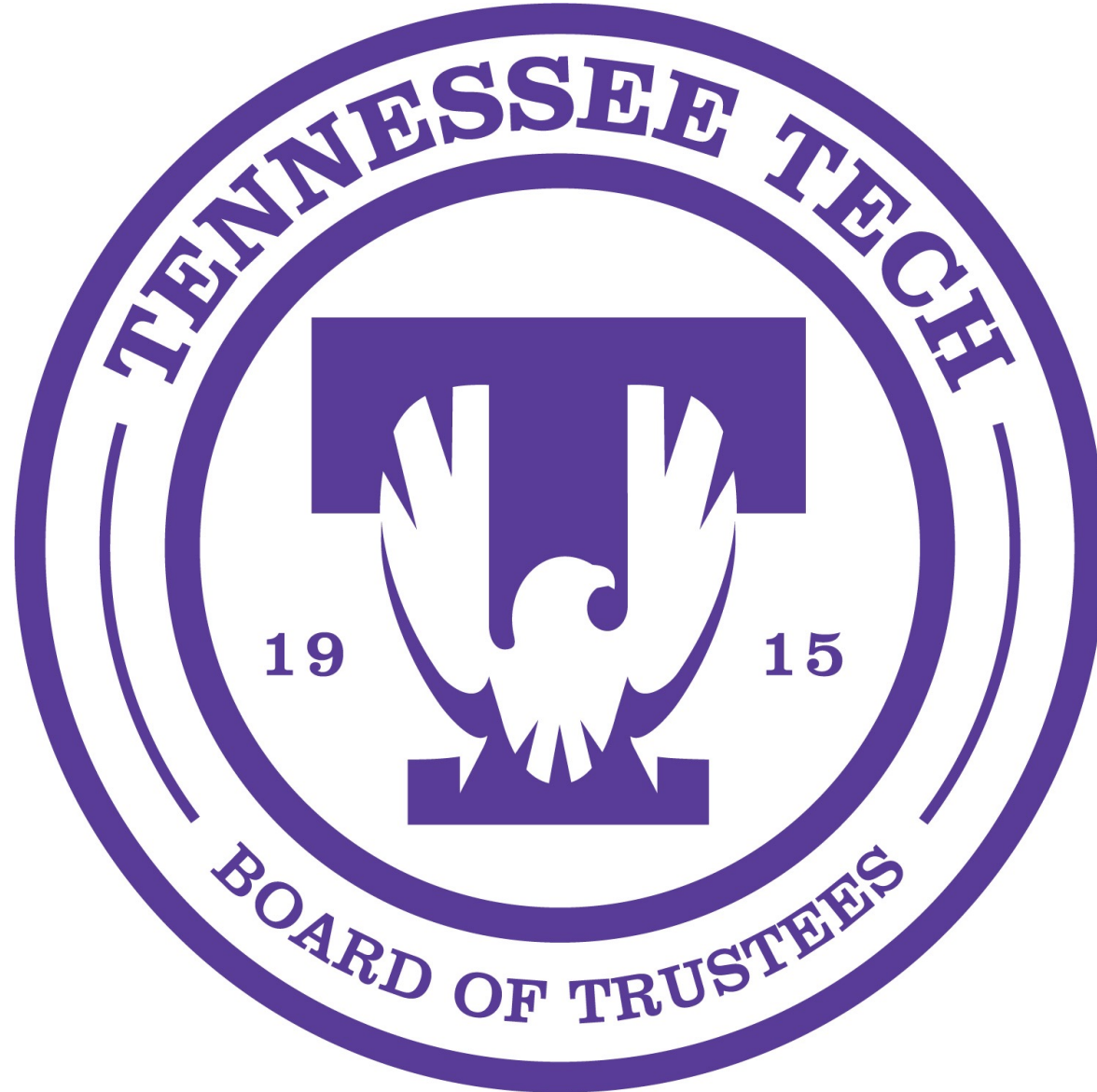
- All signs point at second consecutive year above 2,000 new freshman
- When will we know?
 - Traditionally, more than 96% of SOAR attendees enroll in the fall
 - Starting late spring, we track course registrations for current and incoming students, compare to previous years



Looking Towards Future

- **E&C working on data-driven predictive model for prospective freshmen**
 - Collaborating with faculty in Business Intelligence in College of Business
- **Tech Tomorrow strategic plan faculty leader Tom Timmerman has assembled group to examine retention efforts through data analysis**







Rural Reimagined

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Spring 2019 Tech Tomorrow Strategic Planning
- Engaging all students, faculty and community members
- Collaboratively examining and addressing rural-focused issues
- Leveraging talent of the university to transform rural living through science, technology, innovation and economic development
- Developing and supporting the success of rural Tennessee in a way that is replicable and scalable throughout the nation and world

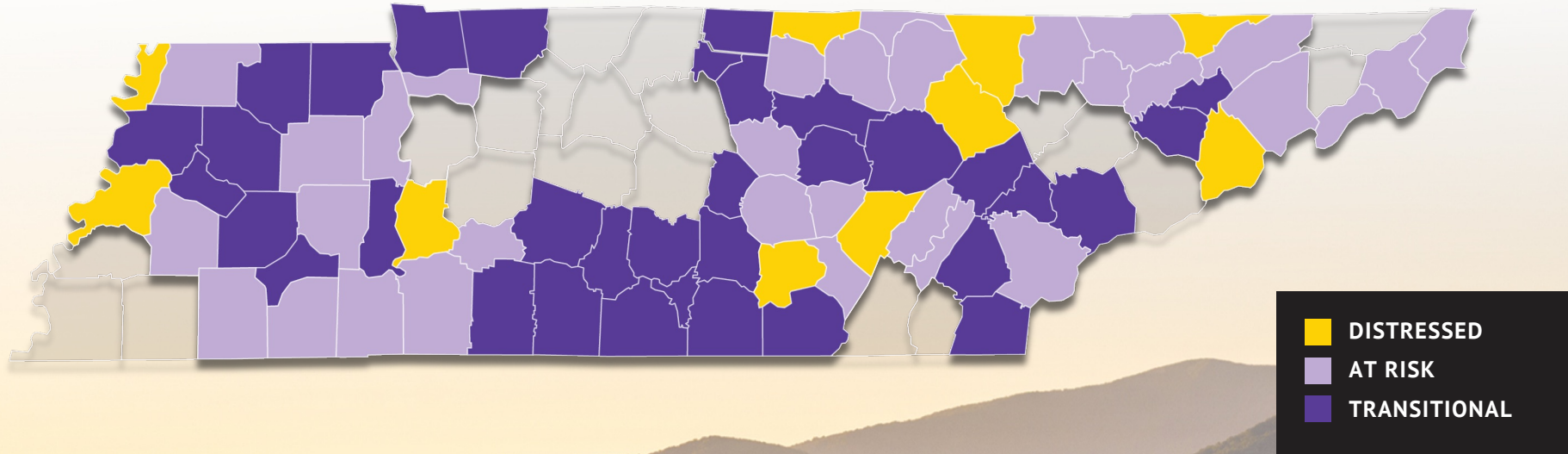
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OUR GOAL

SERVE ALL 76 RURAL COUNTIES IN TENNESSEE



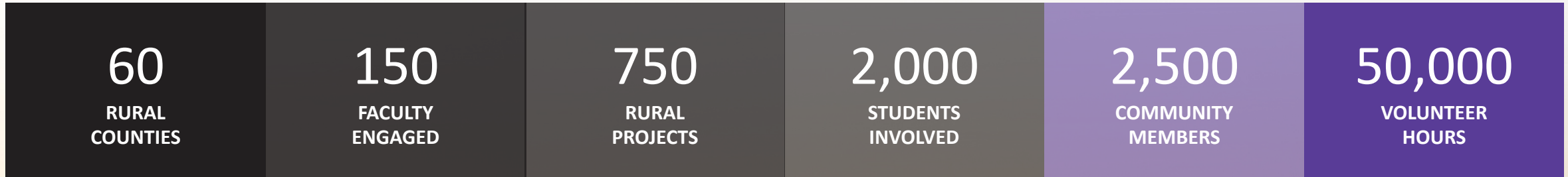
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RURAL IMPACT

BY THE NUMBERS



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RURAL IMPACT

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\$12,000,000
RESEARCH GRANTS
AWARDED

\$1,000,000
STATE APPROPRIATIONS



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STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

- 2,000+ students engaged
- Curriculum
- Experiential learning, internships and assistantships
- Innovation and entrepreneurship
- Leadership and involvement
- Research
- Service learning and volunteering



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APPLIED RESEARCH

- \$12,000,000+ awarded by **federal, state and private agencies**
- **Addiction, business, infrastructure, energy, food insecurity, healthcare, poverty, public safety, STEM, tourism, workforce**
- \$15,000,00+ in **proposal stage**



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FACULTY GRANT PROGRAM

- Advancing scholarly inquiry to transform Tennessee's rural communities
- January 1, 2023
- \$144,076 awarded
- 10 faculty principal investigators
- 6 colleges
- 10 research areas

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FACULTY GRANT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Rural Reimagined: The Urgent Care Mental Health Model

- \$25,000 award to Matthew Langford, assistant professor of nursing
- Hope Springs Clinic, nonprofit, free mental health services in Upper Cumberland for urgent, non-crisis care
- Decreases stress on local law enforcement and emergency departments
- Repair and renovate recently donated van for mobile mental health community events
- Senior nursing student to aid in public events and marketing of the clinic



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COMMUNITY RESPONSE

- *“It’s partnerships like these that can help to grow rural towns that may not have the resources on their own but can still obtain world-class results with true collaboration among many.”*
 - JJ Reels, former mayor of Monterey, Tennessee

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