



# MPS-PS News

## TENNESSEE TECH GRADUATION CEREMONY, HOOPER EBLIN CENTER

The Fall 2018 Commencement Ceremony takes place on Saturday, December 15th at the Hooper Eblin Center beginning at 9:30am. We are proud to celebrate all students earning a degree at Tech. We are thrilled for the nine students graduating with the Public Safety concentration of the MPS degree. Your determination and grit has earned you the privilege of being one of the roughly 10% of Tennesseans aged 25-64 with a graduate/professional degree. We are proud of your accomplishment, appreciate your hard work, and look forward to cheering for each of you as you walk across the stage in December!

## SUPPORT THE VOLPE LIBRARY AT THE 2018 CHAMPAGNE GALA

Looking to support a worthy cause or just a fun excuse to dress up and dance? Then join us on Saturday November 3rd at the DelMonaco Winery for the 2018 Champagne Gala presented by Friends of the Volpe Library. Your ticket includes free-flowing champagne, hors d'oeuvres, and live swing music. It's going to be a great event! All ticket proceeds support the Volpe Library fund. For more detailed information and pricing go to [www.tntech.edu/library](http://www.tntech.edu/library) or call 931-372-3408.



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- Santa's Workshop
- Spotlight on  
Dr. Kim Godwin

## LOCAL, FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS ALL ARE WELCOME!

### 4th Annual Fall-O-Ween in Livingston

Looking for some FREE, family fun? Enjoy the 4th annual Fall-O-Ween event on Saturday, October 27th in Livingston, TN. Features include hay/wagon rides, petting zoo, bouncy houses, games, face painting, a dig for prizes, costume/pet contests for all ages, and much more. Festivities begin at noon and end at 4pm. For more information visit:

<https://www.tnvacation.com/events/livingston-fall-o-ween-livingston>

### 41st Annual Santa's Workshop

Looking for unique gift ideas for the holidays? Look no further than Santa's Workshop! This fundraiser features homemade food and crafts, and selfies with Santa! All proceeds from entry fees go back into the local community.

Where? Hyder-Burks Agricultural Pavilion

When? Nov. 16th-17th from 10am-7pm and Nov. 18th from 1-5pm.

Cost: \$3 per person, 12 and under free.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.cookevillejwc.org/SantaWorkshop/Welcome.html>

### THE SPRING 2019 APPLICATION DEADLINE IS NOV. 26TH!!

The spring 2019 application deadline will be here before you know it!

If you know anyone interested in getting an MPS Public Safety concentration, please remind them that the deadline to apply is Nov. 26th with all supporting documents submitted by Nov. 30th. Be sure to check with your department/agency about tuition assistance.

### IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

- Registration for spring is ongoing. Please be on the lookout for emails regarding registration from Tara.
- All administrative offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 22nd and 23rd for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- For state employees using waiver benefits, the state waiver deadline is December 5th.
- Fall courses end on December 14th. Enjoy your 2 week break!
- The enrollment confirmation deadline for the spring 2019 semester is Wednesday, December 19th.
- Spring courses begin on Saturday, December 29th.
- All administrative offices will be closed for the holidays beginning Friday, December 21st through Tuesday, January 1st.
- All administrative offices will be closed on Monday, January 21st in observance of MLK day.
- Graduation applications for participation in the May 2019 graduation ceremony are due February 4th.



## HALLOWEEN EERIE EXPRESS PRESENTED BY TENNESSEE VALLEY RAILROAD

Looking for a family friendly event that is sure to please? Look no further than the Halloween Eerie Express. Taking place each weekend in October, the Eerie Express is a 90 minute Halloween excursion designed with young children in mind. Departing from Chattanooga each Friday and Saturday in October, enjoy a classic vintage train car ride over four bridges and the Missionary Ridge Tunnel. Features of the event include storytelling, the Eerie Fun House, hot cider, indoor black-light mini golf, games, temporary tattoos, a bag of treats for children and much more, including a petting zoo!

Departures are at 5:30pm and 7:30pm on Fridays and Saturdays with an additional departure time at 3:35pm Saturdays only. Children are encouraged to come in costume to compete for the best costume contest in which one boy and girl are selected as grand prize winners. Additionally, all children with a Halloween Eerie Express ticket get to pick out a mini pumpkin and goody bag. For more information, including pricing and availability please visit:

<https://www.tvrail.com/events-exhibits/rides/halloween-eerie-express>

### WE TWEET!

TTU Public Safety Concentration has a presence on Facebook and Twitter. We try to share and post from agencies and departments around the state and nation as it applies to public safety. We are happy to share upcoming events and important information for the public good.

Follow us on twitter:

@TTUPubSafetyMPS

Facebook:

tntechmpspublicsafety

Let us know what you are doing and we will share if we can.

#WingsUp

#TechYeah



If you are ever in the Cookeville area, don't forget to stop by for a visit. We are located in the Volpe Library , Room 113.

## **SPOTLIGHT OF MPS PUBLIC SAFETY: DR. KIM GODWIN**

Dr. Kim Godwin specializes in online degree development, faculty development and instructional design. She received two THEC Veterans ReConnect grants in the last year totaling more than \$120,000. She teaches traditional face-to-face and online courses at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, including research methods and professional/culminating project courses while serving on thesis and dissertation committees as well.

Dr. Godwin earned her doctorate from Tennessee State University in Higher Education Administration. Previously, she served as the Associate Academic Dean for Student Success in the College of Public Service at a private university. Dr. Godwin originally came to Tech to coordinate the development of the MPS in Public Safety in the fall of 2015. The degree program launched in the spring of 2016.

Dr. Godwin lives in Smyrna, TN with Will and their three giant breed dogs: Gracie Lou (Dane), Audrey (Dane), and Harper Lee (Dane/Mastiff). She is a proud Aunt to her nephews and nieces, is an avid sports fan of the Tennessee Titans, The Ohio State University football (mostly the band—TBDBIL), and the Chicago Cubs. She is a member of Delta Zeta sorority and volunteers with several animal rescue organizations in Middle Tennessee.

Dr. Godwin also enjoys a good brunch, being outside in nature, spending time with her nephews and nieces, and trying new adventures.

“I love what I do... What could be better than helping someone achieve a goal?!” She goes on to say “I realize no one believes I remove barriers since I teach research methods, but I promise it is not that bad.”

