

Chancellor's Update

Advisory Board
February 11, 2022



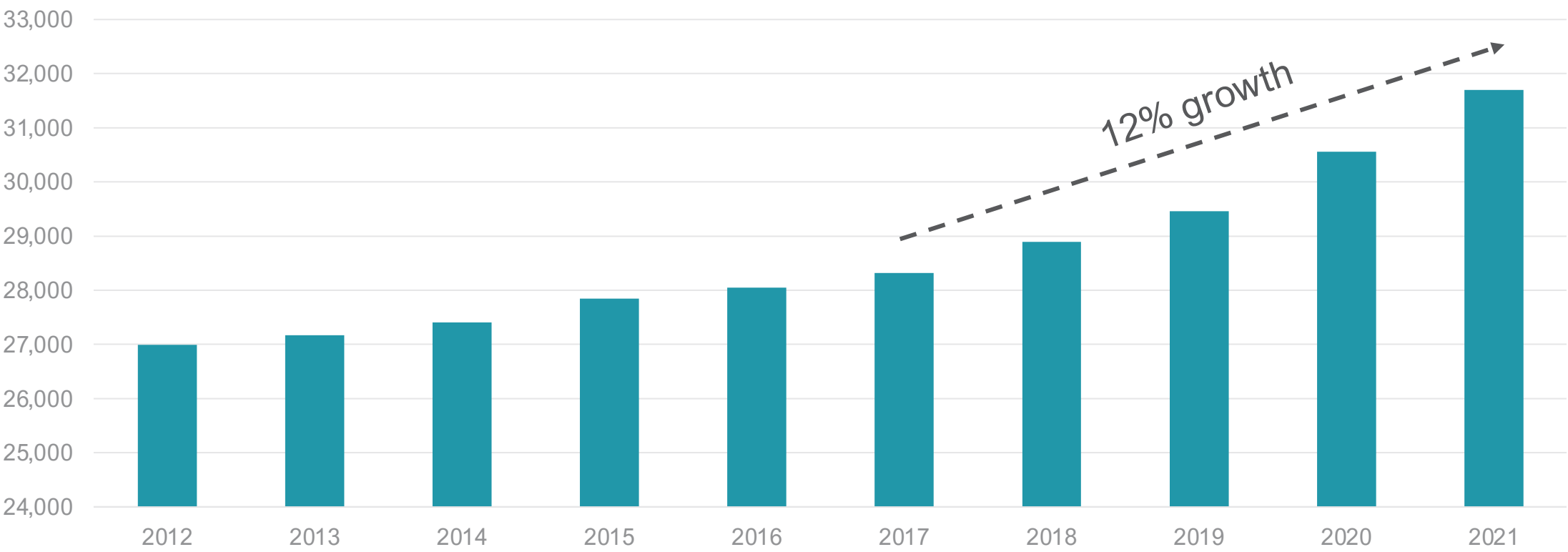
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TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE

Governor's Budget Proposal

Includes **\$210 million** of new funding for UT Knoxville and our campus initiatives.

- **4 percent** salary pool to fund merit and market increases.
- **\$20 million** operating increase under the outcomes-based funding formula.
- **\$72 million** to fully fund UT-Oak Ridge Innovation Institute.
- **\$83 million** toward a new new building for Haslam College of Business.
- **\$2 million** initial funding, plus **\$4 million** in recurring, to launch a new Institute for American Civics.
- **\$2 million** in recurring funding for the College of Veterinary Medicine.
- **\$17 million** in capital maintenance funds for UT Knoxville, including the Institute of Agriculture.

Enrollment Trends



Student Success Indicators

Our fall-to-spring retention rate for first-year students is **96.1 percent**—up almost a full percentage point over last year.

Retention has also increased among underrepresented minorities, Black and Latino male students, Pell Grant students, and First-Gen students.

Fewer than 8 percent of our first-year students are on academic probation, the lowest in UT history.



Research Faculty

- 6 UT Knoxville researchers received NSF CAREER Awards, bringing the total to 77.
- Last month, 7 faculty were named AAAS fellows.
- 7 faculty were included among the most highly cited researchers of 2021; more than 150 were among the top 2 percent of scientists in the world for citations.
- UT ranks No. 2 among our peer and aspirant universities in research expenditures per faculty principal investigator.



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Members of the
National Academies



84

AAAS Members



33

NEH Fellows



77

NSF CAREER
Award Winners



RESEARCH THAT MAKES LIFE AND LIVES BETTER

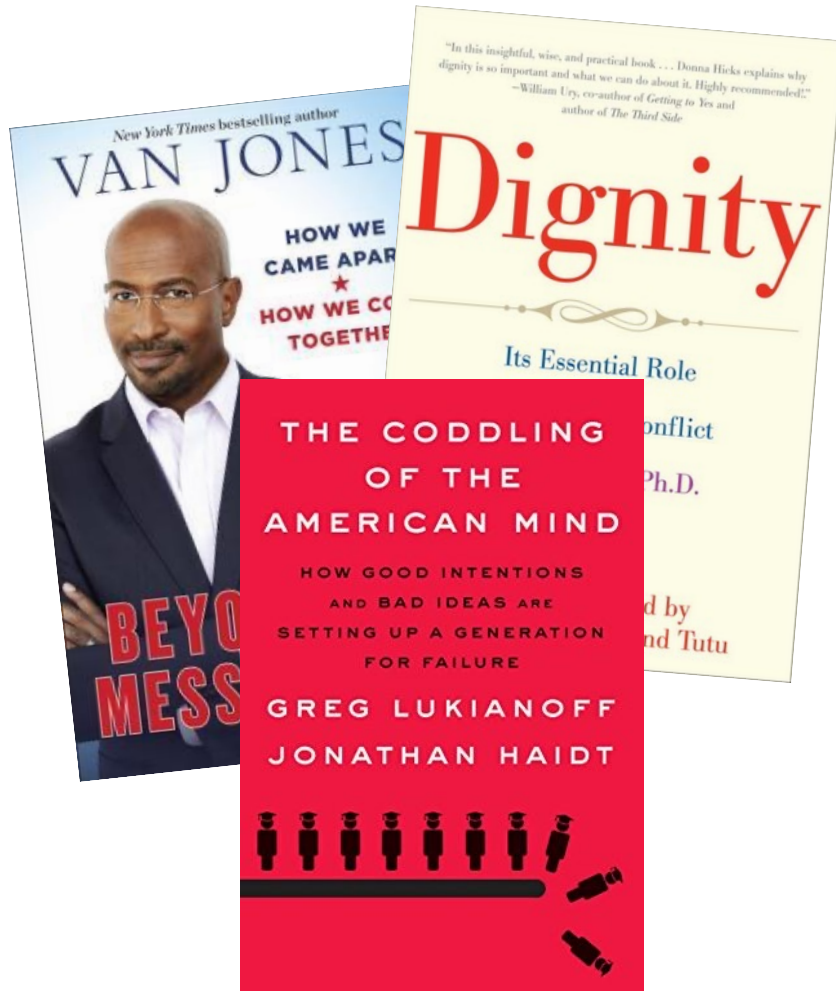
Institute for Advanced Materials and Manufacturing

We launched a new multidisciplinary institute that builds on our internationally recognized talent and capabilities.

The institute, which is housed at our Cherokee Farm research park, brings together more than **150 faculty members** with a collective **\$60 million** in existing research expenditures.

UT already has powerful research partners like the Department of Defense, Oak Ridge National Lab, Tennessee Valley Authority, and Volkswagen.





Culture of Respectful Dialogue

Part of creating a culture of inclusion and belonging is learning to engage in respectful dialogue and a greater understanding of differences.

- Jonathan Haidt, NYU professor author of “The Coddling of the American Mind” will give a lecture in March.
- Pen America is hosting a summit on free expression literacy for emerging student leaders.
- Donna Hicks, Harvard associate and author of “Dignity: Its Essential Role in Resolving Conflict,” worked with faculty and staff at all levels during a visit in February.
- In the fall, Van Jones visited campus to deliver the Mossman Lecture.

Investing in our Employees

Forbes named UT Knoxville one of the top 500 large employers in the country.

More than **3,950 employees** saw a pay increase on Jan. 1 when we raised the minimum wage and made additional salary adjustments.

We also raised the minimum salary for full-time non-tenure track faculty and implemented a 4 percent merit pool increase.

The governor's budget proposal includes another 4 percent increase this year.



Customer Relationship Management System

- A new technology platform—Salesforce—will help us centralize information to better serve students.
- The system will modernize the student experience by integrating information, personalizing communications, and streamlining student services.
- These changes will be transformational for student support staff by giving them access to tools and information to make their jobs easier.





Institute of Agriculture

- Two finalists have been named in the search for UTIA vice chancellor. Candidates will make visits to Knoxville, Columbia and Jackson for interviews at the end of the month.
- UTIA farm-to-table beef program launched.
- UT Creamery, located in the former visitor's center, is preparing to open.
- College of Veterinary Medicine Teaching and Learning Center and the Energy and Environmental Science Research Building continue along construction timeline.

2021 Highlights

Under new leadership, the Department of Athletics is modernizing its office and operations while achieving excellence across its programs.

- Athletics had its highest graduation success rate in history and produced three Academic All-Americans this fall.
- Under SEC COY Brian Pensky, UT soccer achieved 20 wins, an SEC tournament championship, and a Sweet 16.
- Josh Heupel was the most successful first-year coach in the Power 5 and became first-ever two-time recipient of the Steve Spurrier First Year Coach Award.
- UT was the only program to advance to the College World Series, the NCAA men's and women's basketball tournaments, and a football bowl game in 2021.

