



Chancellor's Fall Update

UT Knoxville Advisory Board

Historic Student Success

- Record 91.9% retention rate in Fall 2024
- Record 74% six-year graduation rate; 62% four-year graduation rate.
- More students are graduating faster than ever before, which creates capacity to educate more students and help meet demand.
- Nearly 60,000 students applied to be Volunteers this year.



Student Success US

UT co-hosted the **Student Success US** conference with *Inside Higher Ed* and *Times Higher Education*. We welcomed more than 500 higher education professionals from 200 colleges and universities on Rocky Top.

Our innovative approach to student well-being and novel strategies to bolster support systems have made UT a national leader in student success.

The conference was an opportunity to continue to build our reputation and collaborate with colleagues.



Research Updates

- Record expenditures of more than \$380 million
- Three NSF Engine projects advanced to final round
- Signed new 5-year master research agreement with Lockheed Martin
- Cherokee Park: Hired new CEO, opened Innovation South
- NSF awarded \$18M for pandemic research led by Nina Fefferman
- UT to lead \$25M nuclear technology consortium



Other University Updates

- UTIA's new five-year strategic plan that includes expanding investments in precision agriculture approved by Board of Trustees
- Construction continues on Croley Nursing Building, Haslam College of Business building, residence halls
- Expanded Flagship Scholarship Program to include 14 new schools in rural Tennessee counties
- Six prominent Tennesseans endow Baker School Scholarships



Everything School

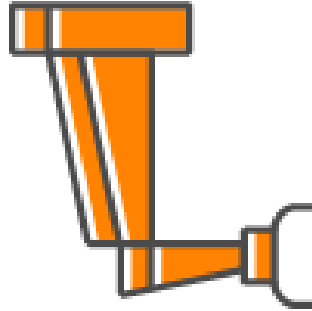
- Finished No. 3 in Learfield Director's Cup, best finish in school history
- Baseball won its first national title
- All 20 sports advanced to post-season play in 2023-24
- Football came in at No. 8 in the season's first College Football Playoff rankings
- Student-athletes in all 16 sports posted 3.0 GPA for both semesters, including a record 3.4 GPA in the fall.



What Is The Next Level?



**Unmatched
student
experience**



**High-impact
research**



**No. 1 athletics
department**