

VolSphere

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Vol Town Hall: Middle East and North Africa

Alumni and friends across the Middle East and North Africa are invited to join an exclusive virtual Vol Town Hall with UT Knoxville Chancellor Donde Plowman on April 7 at 11:30 AM (EST). Chancellor

Plowman will provide updates on the university including the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, an update on the 2021 academic year, and other timely topics. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions.

[Register now.](#)



Alumni Create New Horizons Study Abroad Scholarship

Studying abroad is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that opens the door to dozens of unforgettable experiences and can often lead to life-changing decisions. Stephanie and Charlie Edwards have had their

own impactful education abroad experience while studying at UT. This year the couple made a generous contribution to the “New Horizons Study Abroad Scholarship” within the Center for Global Engagement, for students in need of financial assistance, to make those students’ international dreams a reality.

[Read more about the Edwards experience.](#)



CGE Staff to Present at Innovative Teaching and Learning Conference

Charity Davenport and Lauren Wood from the Center for Global Engagement will be presenting virtually at Teaching Learning and Innovation’s annual conference on March 30, 2021. Davenport and Wood will present their proposal on integrating collaborative online international learning (COIL) components into courses. COIL can facilitate faculty exchange and promote a global learning environment for students.

More information about the conference can be found here.

<https://teaching.utk.edu/workshops-events/itlc2021/>



PAO Presents

“Perspectives from Volunteers Abroad: Stories from the Past and Present”

Join the Programs Abroad Office in the last webinar of our spring 2021 webinar series to reflect on UT student stories from the past and present. Our student panel will

share and feature their perspectives on what going abroad meant to them and how this experience has shaped their outlook on life and worldview. [Join the webinar](#) on Wednesday, April 7 at 5 p.m.



Support and Learn About the Asian American and Pacific Islander Community

Since COVID- 19, there is a nationwide increase in the number of hate crimes committed against the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Learn more about the AAPI

community and how to support them. [Tune into Rocky Topics](#) on March 25 at 5:30 pm. This conversation will be centered around COVID, media/leadership rhetoric, and hate crimes affecting the AAPI Community.

Also check out other AAPI related events such as the I-House culture night, 865-night market, and discussion events including Steven Lim and the Students of Color Empowerment Group.



UT Leads SEC in Producing Fulbright Scholars

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, has been named a 2020–21 Fulbright US Student top-producing institution. With 17 UT students and recent graduates offered Fulbright awards for 2020–21, UT ranks seventh among all public research universities and is the top-ranked SEC school for the third straight year.

[Read more.](#)



CGE to Launch Global Engagement Champion Series

The Center for Global Engagement is announcing a new series of feature stories called Global Engagement Champions. In this series, you will find stories about our faculty and staff who work to

bring global opportunities that transformed the lives of many students, those whose research impacts communities across the continent, and those who touch the lives of others through their outreach activities. You can nominate yourself or a colleague to be featured in the series by emailing cge_comm@utk.edu Stay tuned for our first story coming soon.



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