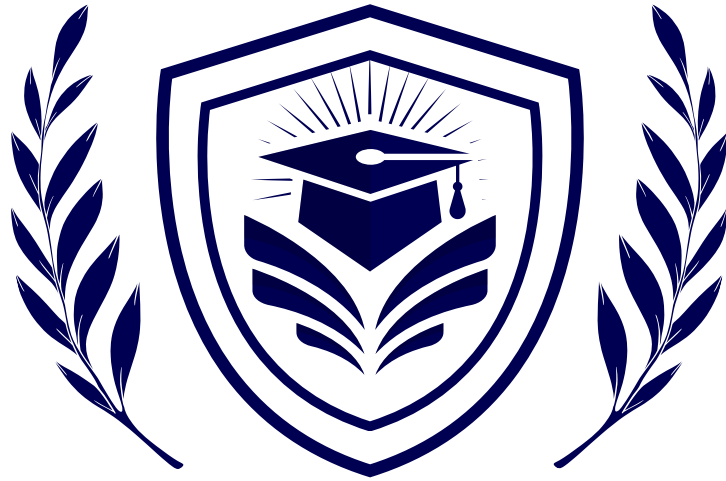


2025-2026



NORTHEAST STATE

HONORS CONVOCATION

APRIL 30, 2026

7:00 P.M.

Ballad Health Center for Performing Arts
Northeast State Community College
Blountville

HONORS CONVOCATION

Our 35th Ceremony

Welcome

Dr. Jeff McCord, President, Northeast State Community College

Ceremony Host

Emily Napier, Instructor, Communication

Award Hosts

Jessica Fields, Executive Assistant, Institutional Excellence and Student Success

Tabetha Garman, Associate Professor, History

Jennifer Starling, Assistant Vice President, Student Engagement and Success

Floor Managers

Andrea Amos, Assistant Professor, College and Lifelong Learning

Deidra Close, Director, Admissions and Records, College Registrar

Jennifer Webb, Director, Student Life and Engagement

Stage Escorts

Chris Demas, Dean, Library

Joshua Lindamood, Head Coach, Esports

Music provided by **Jim Kelly**, Pianist

Award Presentations

Program Area Awards

Behavioral and Social Sciences

Health Professions

Honors

Humanities

Mathematics

Science

Technologies

Honors Scholars and Graduates

Phi Theta Kappa Regional and International Awards

All-Tennessee Academic Team Scholars

Honors Program Graduates

Summa Cum Laude Graduates

President's All-Academic Team

Adult Learner of the Year

Outstanding Student Award

Order of Recognitions

Program Area Awards Recognizing the Outstanding Students in the Academic Disciplines

Presented by the Academic Deans

Behavioral and Social Sciences

Tricia Crawford, Dean, Behavioral and Social Sciences

| | |
|--|------------------------------|
| Communication Studies | Ryan Adkins |
| Criminal Justice (AAS) | Ashley Little |
| Criminal Justice (AS) | Makenzi Roberts |
| Early Childhood Education (AAS) | Kaela Vines |
| Early Childhood Education: Pre-K-3 | Carley McClure |
| Exercise Science | Rae Evans |
| Mass Communications | Noah Lyons |
| Media & Communications | Tyler Lawson |
| Political Science | Chase Phipps |
| Psychology | Olivia Hickman |
| Social Work | Rebecca Webb |
| Teacher Education: K-5 | Shelly Easterling |
| Teacher Education: Secondary Ed. | Estrella Mendoza |
| Teacher Education: Special Ed. | Antoinette Reshenberg |

Health Professions

**David Bryant, Dean, Health Professions and Director,
Paramedic**

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Cardiovascular Technology: Invasive | Cheyenne Lingerfelt |
| Cardiovascular Technology: Non-Invasive | Kallista Deprimo |
| Medical Laboratory Technology | Kristen Lantz |

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| Nursing: LPN to RN | Cara Hayton |
| Nursing: Traditional | James Edwards |
| Radiologic Technology | Ashur Ballard |
| Surgical Technology..... | Riley Cosgrove |

Honors

Dr. Jane Honeycutt, Dean, Teaching Excellence and Academic Resources

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| Honors Program | Ryan Adkins |
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Humanities

Dr. Caitlin Chapman, Dean, Humanities

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Digital Media..... | Benjamin Berry |
| English..... | Presley Simpson |
| Foreign Language: Spanish | Estrella Mendoza |
| History | Jayden Breeden |
| Music | Bethany Moore |
| Philosophy..... | Johnny Tipton |
| Religious Studies..... | Kade Lemmon |
| Theatre | Aivree Byram |
| Visual Art & Design: Art History..... | Olivia Tedder |
| Visual Art & Design: Studio (AA)..... | Tara Stroub |
| Visual Art & Design: Studio (AS)..... | Brittany Hartley |

Mathematics

Dr. Malissa Trent, Dean, Mathematics and Director, Learning Support

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Accounting..... | Tabitha Saulsbury |
| Business Administration..... | Wesley King |
| Mathematics | Ethan Bentley |
| Pre-Engineering: Chemical | Jack Hamlin |

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| Pre-Engineering: Civil | Le Anh Tran |
| Pre-Engineering: Electrical | Wesley Jones |
| Pre-Engineering: Mechanical..... | Zeth Flores |
| Surveying and Mapping | Nathan Smith |

Science

Chris Hitechew, Dean, Science

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|---|------------------------------|
| Agriculture | Rachel Parker |
| Agriculture: Animal Science | Morgan Hyatt |
| Agriculture: Plant & Soil Science | Noelle Blumberg |
| Biology | Arianna Brooks |
| Chemical Lab Technology | Justin Tate |
| Chemistry | Noah Higgins |
| Environmental Health..... | Haley Sexton |
| Imaging Sciences..... | Evelyn Cardona |
| Nutrition & Food Science | Bailee Statzer |
| Physics..... | Zeth Flores |
| Pre-Dental Hygiene (ETSU)..... | Josephine Housewright |
| Pre-Health Professions | McKenzie Crosby |
| Pre-Lab Medical Science | Adamaris Rodriguez |
| Pre-Nursing (ETSU)..... | Marcos Zuniga |
| Pre-Nursing (Milligan) | Mikyah Gambrell |
| Pre-Occupational Therapy | Emily Arnold |
| Pre-Occupational Therapy (Milligan) | Haley Taylor |
| Pre-Pharmacy (ETSU) | Cheyenne Banks |
| Pre-Radiography | Austin Clarke |
| Pre-Rehabilitative Science..... | Alyson Merendino |
| Pre-Veterinary Science (LMU) | Megan Goad |
| Pre-Wildlife & Fisheries (LMU)..... | Evan Wade |

Technologies

Dr. Nathan Weber, Asst. Vice President, Academic Strategies and Technologies Division

Automotive Technology:

Auto Body Service Tech (TCP) **Izabel Poland**

Automotive Service (TCP)..... **Noah Pearman**

Automotive Specialist..... **Pascal Lombardo**

Entertainment Technology..... **Pascal Lombardo**

Aviation Technology: Airframe & Powerplant **Thomas Starr**

Electrical Technology:

Electrical..... **Hayden Nave**

Electromechanical..... **Bronson Norman**

Construction Electricity (TCP) **Jason Clinard**

Engineering Design:

Computer Aided Drafting (TCP) **Madonna Rose**

Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (TCP) **Christopher Lundy**

Industrial Technology:

Engineering Design Technology **Ameris Bleckley**

Machine Tool..... **Joshua Cole**

Manufacturing Engineering **Aaron Bailey**

Mechanical **Alexander Estes**

Combination Welding (TCP) **Ioane Moana**

Welding & Metal Fabrication **Audrey Shutts**

Administrative Professional Technology:

Business Office **Lucas Murphy**

Legal Office **Don Keen**

Medical Office..... **Christy Oliver**

Business:

Accounting (AAS)..... **Emilee Stonecipher**

Management (AAS)..... **Elam Williams**

Small Business Management (AAS) **Juan Luna**

Computer Information Technology:

Cyber Defense **Aimee Forrester**
Networking **Timothy Merendino**
Programming **Alexander Jones**
Systems Administration & Management **Emma Farmer**

Phi Theta Kappa Tennessee Regional Awards and International Awards

Presented by Dr. Jane Honeycutt, Dean,
Teaching Excellence and Academic Resources

Chapter Awards

Distinguished Chapter Officers
Naomi Johnson & Jay Taylor

Tennessee Region Awards

Distinguished College Project Award, Third Place:
Alpha Iota Chi

Distinguished Honors in Action Project, First Place:
Alpha Iota Chi

Honors in Action Theme Award, First Place
Alpha Iota Chi:

Theme 2- Perspectives Shape Stories
**“Two Nations, One Land: The Divergent Paths of the
Cherokee and the American Frontiersmen”**

Distinguished Chapter, First Place
Alpha Iota Chi

Distinguished Chapter Officer Team, Second Place
Alpha Iota Chi

Distinguished Advisor Team, First Place
Tabetha Garman & Jane Honeycutt

2026 PTK Catalyst Awards

Distinguished Honors in Action Project, Top 50
Alpha Iota Chi:

**“Two Nations, One Land: The Divergent Paths of the
Cherokee and the American Frontiersmen”**

Distinguished Honors in Action Theme Award, Top 3
Alpha Iota Chi

Top 100 Chapter
Alpha Iota Chi

Distinguished Chapter, Top 35
Alpha Iota Chi

All-Tennessee Community College Academic Team Scholars

Presented by Dr. Jeff McCord, President,
Northeast State Community College

Kevin Duffy

Naomi Johnson

Amber Mullins

Honors Scholars and Graduates

Presented by Dr. Jane Honeycutt, Dean,
Teaching Excellence and Academic Resources

Dallas Adams

Ryan Adkins

Mya Black

Aivree Byram

Anna Christian

Jordan Duett

Adam El abbassi

Victoria Forbes

Jessica Grindstaff

Derrick Groff

Joshua Harlow

Denessa Hensley

Katheryn Hopson

Naomi Johnson

Ethan Midgett

Kaylee Parker

Cheyenne Sams

Tabitha Saulsbury

Elijah Seets

Michaela Shirey

Elissah Sizemore

Briana Thompson

Marjorie Trundle Cordova

Skye VanWagenen

Lauren Wilcox

Christen Willis

Marcos Zuniga

Students Graduating with Academic Honors

Summa Cum Laude

(Highest Honors with GPAs of 3.90 to 4.0)

Presented by Dr. Connie Marshall, Vice President, Academic Affairs

Kassey Adams *

Daniel Appleby *

Lydia Babka *

Sinead Bailey *

Kaylee Beam *

Laci Bean *

Ethan Bentley*

Mya Black *

Ashton Blair *

Dylan Blevins *

Richard Bowers *

Brandi Bradley *

Jewel Briseno *

Amelia Brown *

Caleb Brumit *

Austin Castle *

Austin Clarke *

Jason Clinard *

Joshua Cole *

Jazmond Coleman *

Seth Collins *

William Conder *

Leigh Crouch *

Shelly Easterling *

Adam El abbassi *

Krisalyn Elliott *

Alexander Estes *

Zeth Flores *

Zorida Garcia Hawks *

Samantha Gibson *

John Goncalves *

Jessica Grindstaff *

Tara Grubb *

Dillan Guldseth *

Bailey Hall *

Jack Hamlin *

Carolina Hassett *

Olivia Hickman *

Bladen Hooper *

Carson Jennings *

Breann Johnson *

Nicholas Johnson *

Don Keen *

Abigail Kiser *

Ashley Little *

Christopher Lundy *

Julissa Manrique *

Emily Mattison *

Joseph McClellan *

Amiliona McFadden-
Zaldivar*

Timothy McGonigle *

Eric McReynolds *
Sylvia Middlemas *
Reed Miller *
Lauren Moore *
Miranda Moore *
Hannah Morefield *
Alexis Mullins *
Chandler Myers *
Hayden Nave *
Cody Necessary *
Mia Parendo *
Harris Perkins *
Makenzi Roberts *
Tabitha Saulsbury *
Maleah Scalf *
Michaela Shirey *
Chad Smith *
Sebastian Smith*
Dalton Strapp *
Jayden Tolley *
Chanley Vengchiem *
Luke Warden *
Michael Watson *
Alex White *
Jaidyn Wilkinson *
Elam Williams *
Korbyn Woodby *
Aaron Bailey
Rylee Berry
Matthew Bland
Kaden Blevins
Arianna Brooks
Casey Castle

Faith Elizabeth Clawson-
Hicks
Adam Collins
Brynlee Cosby
Hannah Dawson
Katlyn Dugger
Kendra Dugger
Levi Duty
Aiden Fischer
Hannah Fletcher
Josie Grindstaff
Derrick Groff
Dakota Hamilton
Morgan Heaton
Kailey Herrell
Kendall Hobbs
Logan Hunt
Alexander Jones
Wesley Jones
Austin Lambert
Kristen Lantz
Isaac Lowdermilk
Alyssa Mahon
Emma Martin
MacKenzie McCall
Eowyn McCoury
Camden McReynolds
Estrella Mendoza
Benjamin Miller
Ioane Moana
Lucas Murphy
Chloe Napier
Kayla Neece

Haley Owen
Harrison Pace
Rachel Parker
Chase Phipps
Mary Preswood
AnMarie Rust
Madison Scalf
Matthew Shelton
Cynthia Shockley
Robert Shouse

Audrey Shutts
Elissah Sizemore
Layla Thomas
Jet Towers
Punoi Vilaivanh
Rebecca Webb
Lauren Wilcox
Clarissa Wilson
Susan Wolfe
**President's All-Academic Team*

President's All-Academic Team (Graduating with 4.0 GPAs)

Presented by Dr. Jeff McCord, President,
Northeast State Community College

Kassey Adams
Daniel Appleby
Lydia Babka
Sinead Bailey
Kaylee Beam
Laci Bean
Ethan Bentley
Mya Black
Ashton Blair
Dylan Blevins
Richard Bowers
Brandi Bradley
Jewel Briseno
Amelia Brown
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Jack Hamlin
Carolina Hassett
Olivia Hickman
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Carson Jennings
Breann Johnson
Nicholas Johnson
Don Keen
Abigail Kiser
Ashley Little
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Adult Learner of the Year

Presented by Dr. Susan Graybeal, Vice President,
Institutional Excellence and Student Success

Derrick Groff

Outstanding Student Award

Presented by Dr. Jeff McCord, President,
Northeast State Community College

Lizbeth Barragan Ochoa

Closing Remarks

Dr. Jeff McCord, President, Northeast State Community College