

Current News & Spotlights



Community College Leadership Graduate Certificate

The Educational Leadership department is pleased to announce our new Community College Leadership Graduate Certificate Program. This program is designed for community college faculty and staff who are in positions or leadership or seek positions of leadership. The program is intended to provide the learner with specific leadership and management tools for the higher education environment. Students in the program will complete 15 credit hours over the course of one year. The course content will be delivered online with three weekend face-to-face seminar sessions each semester at a community college in Tennessee.

Dr. Richard Rhoda serves as the Director of the Center and Professor of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis at East Tennessee State University. Dr. Rhoda received his bachelor's degree in history from Vanderbilt University, his master's degree in education from George Peabody College for Teachers at Vanderbilt and his Ph.D. in higher education administration from Vanderbilt. He has served as interim president at Austin Peay State University and Nashville State Community College, vice chancellor and acting chancellor of TBR, held several roles with Tennessee State University and served on the faculty at Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Bethany Flora serves as the Associate Director for the Center; she is also an Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis in the Clemmer College of Education at East Tennessee State University. Prior to her faculty appointment, she served as Radford University's Site Director at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center. Flora holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from Virginia Tech, an M.A. in Organizational Management from Tusculum College, and a B.A. in Business Administration from The University of Virginia's College at Wise.

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This year's cohort had their first seminar on October 7th and 8th at Volunteer State Community College. The speakers for the event were as follows: Dr. Brian Noland, President of East Tennessee State University, Dr. Jerry Faulkner, President of Volunteer State Community College, Dr. Janice Gilliam, President of Northeast State Community College, Dr. Chris Whaley, President of Roane State Community College, Dr. Richard Rhoda, Director of the Center for Community College Leadership, Bethany Flora, Associate Director of the Center for Community College Leadership, Emily House, Tennessee Higher Education Commission Executive Director, David Gregory, Tennessee Board of Regents Acting Chancellor, Dr. Kenyatte Lovett, Executive Director of Complete Tennessee, Warren Nichols, Vice Chancellor of Community Colleges for the Tennessee Board of Regents and Owen Driskill, Director of Marketing and Public Relations at Roane State Community College.



Dr. Richard Rhoda
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ELPA'S WORK AND MISSION

ETSU's Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis department offers challenging curricula in degree programs designed to develop strong leaders in both the public and private sector. Students can choose to concentrate in Administrative Endorsement, School Leadership, or Post-Secondary/Private Sector Leadership and pursue a Master's, Educational Specialist, or Doctor of Education degree.

The ELPA department is dedicated to advancing educational quality and opportunity through:

- Creating
- Integrating
- Exchanging
- Applying

Our primary purpose is the graduate preparation of individuals who will serve as

educational leaders in K-12

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Charles W. Burkett Memorial Scholarship Fund

Among his accomplishments during his 27-year tenure at the Clemmer College of Education, Dr. Charles William Burkett played an instrumental role in the establishment of the ELPA doctoral program. To honor his legacy and years of service, Dr. Burkett's family and friends established the *Charles W. Burkett Memorial Scholarship Fund*, which will benefit deserving students enrolled in the ELPA program who have demonstrated financial need and are from Southwest Virginia or Northeast Tennessee.

Those whose lives were touched by Dr. Burkett are committed to building this scholarship to reach the endowment level of \$10,000. This memorial fund will ensure his legacy continues far into the future. If you have any questions or are interested in making a memorial contribution, please feel free to contact Dr. Cecil Blankenship at blankens@etsu.edu or Dr. Linda Burkett at holston@mounet.com.

Additional Scholarship/Gift Opportunities

See below for a full list of giving opportunities benefitting ELPA programs. If you have any questions about how to make your gift, please contact Aleisha Asbury, CCOE Director of Development at 423-439-7974 or asburyam@etsu.edu.

- Charles W. Burkett Memorial Scholarship Fund
- T. Madison Byar Fund
- Dr. David & Hilda Collins ELPA Fellowship Endowment
- Rudy Milly & Floyd Edwards Scholarship
- Roy S. Nick Endowment
- Robert M. & Carol M. Plummer Family ELPA Award Endowment

Keep in Touch

We would love to hear from you! If you have additional information or news to share, please email us at CCCL@etsu.edu.