



EAST TENNESSEE STATE  
UNIVERSITY



November 18, 2020

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
FROM  
DR. NOLAND**

*Wishing the ETSU community a blessed and restful Thanksgiving holiday.*

*[Click here](#) to watch a video message from President Noland.*

# Committee Members Appointed for National Search to Select Senior Vice President for Academics and Provost

Several weeks ago, Dr. Wilsie Bishop, Senior Vice President for Academics and Interim Provost, informed me of her plans to retire from ETSU at the end of June 2021 following more than 40 years of distinguished service at this institution. Dr. Bishop's legacy is profound. Counted among the many highlights of her tenure are transformative advances in health sciences education and a distinguished career with SACSCOC.

As I shared with University Council last week, Dr. Keith Johnson, Vice President for Equity and Inclusion, will lead the search committee for Dr. Bishop's successor, and earlier this week members of the search committee were named. I would like to thank these individuals for their willingness to serve in this capacity, and I extend best wishes as they begin their work during the week we return from Thanksgiving break. Tentative plans are to have a final candidate identified by April 2021.

Members of the search committee are: Dr. Cindy Chambers (Clemmer College); Dr. Phyllis Thompson (Arts and Sciences); Dr. Lynn Williams (Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences); Dr. Vallire Hooper (Nursing); Dr. Jonathan Peterson (Public Health); Dr. Nick Hagemeyer (Gatton College of Pharmacy); Dr. Chris Keller (Honors College); Dr. Tom Kwasigroch (Quillen College of Medicine); Dr. Brian Johnston (Graduate and Continuing Studies); Ashley Sergiadis (Sherrod Library); Candy Massey (Staff Senate); Shivam Patel (Student Government Association); Kayla Frank (Graduate Student Professional Association); Stephen Hendrix (Faculty Senate); Dr. Jack Rhoten (ETSU Retirees Association); Dr. Allen Gorman (Council of Chairs); Dr. Karen King (Information Technology Services); Dr. Bill Block (ETSU Health); Dr. Nancy Dishner (Community Representative); and Dr. Bill Duncan (Research and Sponsored Programs).

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## Safety Information for Upcoming Thanksgiving Season

With Thanksgiving just a week away, we anticipate opportunities to celebrate beloved traditions, spend time with family members and to also take a pause from our busy schedules to rest and recharge. While I want this to be a wonderful holiday for everyone, I encourage you to be mindful of the COVID-19 pandemic and the

important public health practices we should all follow. ETSU's COVID-19 Medical Response Team, which has guided the university in the decisions that have been made regarding adjustments to our academic and business operations, has provided this list of safety tips and recommendation for the campus community in advance of the Thanksgiving season.

- Before leaving campus, avoid interactions with others as much as possible outside of work- and school-related activities.
- Ask family members to be especially careful in the days leading up to any holiday gatherings
- Consider limiting gatherings to immediate household members only
- Avoid large indoor gatherings and try to hold meetings outdoors
- Wear masks
- Wash hands frequently
- Observe physical distancing

For additional information, visit our [Bucs Are Back website](#).

Also, should you wish to be tested for COVID-19, the following options are available:

- **ETSU Health** (Johnson City Community Health Center). Visit [etsuhealth.org](https://etsuhealth.org) for online scheduling.
- **University Health Center** (Nicks Hall). Please call [423-439-4225](tel:423-439-4225) to schedule your test.
- **Local health departments** also provide testing options.

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## ETSU closed November 23-27

ETSU will be closed next week, November 23-27, and courses will resume remotely starting Monday, November 30.

Please review the following list of services and amended operating hours during the Thanksgiving break:

### **Sherrod Library**

Building and services closed November 22-28. [Click here](#) for hours.

### **ITS Help Desk**

Help Desk available throughout Thanksgiving break (closed November 26). [Click here](#) for hours.

### **Basler Center for Physical Activity (CPA)**

CPA open:

November 21-22 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and November 23-24 from noon-5 p.m.

CPA closed:

November 25-29

### **Counseling Center**

[Bucs Press 2](#) available

### **Dining Services**

Dining hall closes on Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 4 p.m. and re-opens on Sunday, November 29, 2020 at 10 a.m. No retail dining locations open during Thanksgiving break.

### **University Health Center**

Closed November 23-27

### **Quillen College of Medicine**

Offices open, classes meet November 23-24



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