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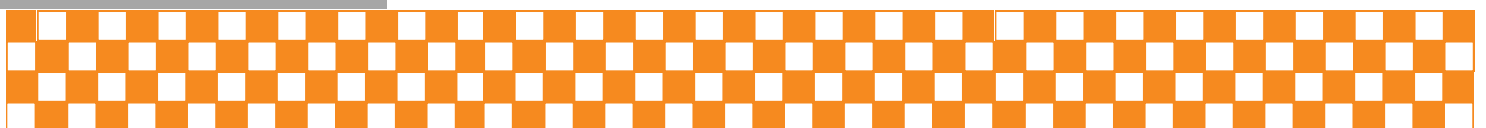
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Spring Open Houses

The Honors & Scholars Program and Thornton Athletic Center opened their doors to the TennACADA community! Both events provided opportunities to make connections and learn more about the unique resources and programs for special populations on our campus.



Spotlight: Keima Talley

Keima serves as an academic advisor in the Haslam College of Business. She has been in this role since summer 2019.

Please tell us a little bit about your professional background.

I started in dental hygiene and discovered it was not a good fit during my internship. I took a year off and worked at the local sheriff's office; my colleagues there encouraged me to go back to school. I selected management and finance as it was the easiest and quickest path at the time for me to earn a Bachelor's degree. After working in the finance world for a few years, I realized that I wanted a change. I went back to school and earned my Master of Arts degree in Education from a small, private liberal arts school. During one of my advising appointments my advisor recommended I apply for an open position in admissions at the institution. I did it on a whim— unknowing as to what admissions life consisted of. I worked in admissions for a year before transitioning to advising. I believe I have now found my niche. I have been in higher ed for almost seven years and very much enjoy it.

What is most important to you in your work with students?

It is most important to me to be humble, open, and transparent with students so that they understand I am a human resource available to assist them in being successful.

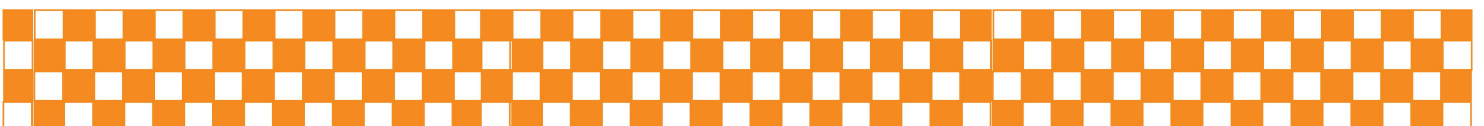
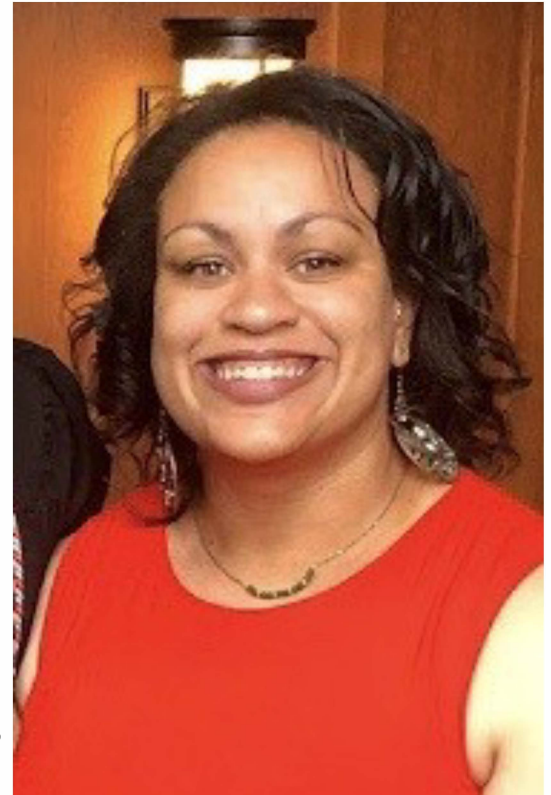
What are three career lessons you've learned thus far?

1. You are not a tree— you can pick up and move, grow, shed dead weight, and rebloom at any time.
2. If you do not know, ask and be willing to learn.
3. There is only one you and you are worth it.

What is your favorite travel spot? I love, love, love the beach. I try to go every year.

What are some of your hobbies? I enjoy listening to live/acoustic music, participating in recreational volleyball and tennis, playing the trumpet, having my nails painted, watching all things LeBron James, and I am a huge carnivore. If I could eat steak every day for every meal I would.

Describe what you were like at age 10. At age 10, I fought with my older sister almost daily while I thought my older brother and grandparents “hung the moon”. My parents were strict so I did spend a great deal of time being grounded for lack of completing chores. You could find my family at church or playing sports very often. I enjoyed all things Lisa Frank, glitter, and root beer floats, all while usually having scrapes and bruises from climbing in trees in a dress. At age 10, I was most certainly young, wild, and carefree.



Spring Events & COVID-19

With current COVID-19 concerns, many events may be cancelled or offered via zoom through the next few weeks. TennACADA will keep you informed via email. Many campus offices are utilizing zoom or telephone to stay connected while following the guidelines for social distancing.

Students will continue to be supported with tutoring, supplemental instruction, writing help, and other ways through online platforms. Utilize the campus coronavirus website for other campus information: <https://utk.edu/coronavirus>.

Event Name	Date	Time	Location	Type of Event
TennACADA Executive Board Election	March 23—30	open	online	TennACADA
TennACADA Awards Nomination Period https://tennacada.utk.edu/annual-advising-awards/	March 23—April 3	open	online	TennACADA
Advising and Success Spring Retreat #2	Updates on this event to be announced at a later time.			Retreat

Times like these call for true leadership. Thank you for the leadership at UT for making some early calls about health and safety on our campus. We continue to work hard and care for our students and each other.

