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Athens, Tennessee

Tennessee Wesleyan Ranked #3 Best Value College in Tennessee by Niche



Tennessee Wesleyan University has been named the #3 Best Value College in Tennessee for 2026 by Niche.com, earning recognition for its strong return on investment and commitment to affordability.

Niche's value rankings evaluate colleges based on net price, alumni earnings, graduation rates, and student debt, highlighting institutions that deliver high-quality education at a cost that positions students for long-term success.

"We are very proud to have received such high recognition from Niche," said Dr. Tyler Forrest, President of Tennessee Wesleyan University. "At TWU, we are truly committed to providing an exceptional educational experience that is not only accessible but also impactful. This ranking reflects our dedication to student success and affordability."

The university's focus on reducing financial barriers is reflected in its support for incoming students—100% of first-year undergraduates receive financial aid from TWU.

This latest honor adds to a growing list of accolades for the university. Tennessee Wesleyan is also ranked the #9 Best Regional College in the South by *U.S. News & World Report* for 2026 and was recently named a "Best College" by *Money Magazine*.

Prospective students interested in joining the Bulldog community can apply at the university's admissions link:

<https://www.tnwesleyan.edu/twu-target-x/>.

Source: Chrisi Jackson, Tennessee Wesleyan University



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McMinn County Schools Names Camille Luttrell New Communications Specialist



McMinn County Schools has appointed Camille Luttrell as its new Communications Specialist, selecting a hometown native with professional newsroom experience to lead districtwide messaging and community engagement.

In her new role, Luttrell will oversee the district's communications strategy, coordinate outreach efforts, and serve as the primary media contact, ensuring families, staff, and the broader community stay informed about school news, initiatives, and events.

Luttrell, a McMinn County native, returns to the community where she grew up. She brings experience from Local 3 News in Chattanooga, where she worked as a multimedia producer covering regional communities and developing daily news content. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in political science from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, graduating with honors. District leaders say Luttrell's background in journalism and her connection to McMinn County position her to strengthen communication between schools and the families they serve.

Cleveland/Athens Cotillion Holds Summer Luncheon



The Cleveland/Athens Cotillion recently held its Summer Luncheon at the Cleveland Country Club, during which the 2026 debutantes were introduced along with their mothers.

Shown here (from left) are the 2026

Debutantes along with their mothers at the recent Cleveland/Athens Cotillion Annual Summer Luncheon at the Cleveland Country Club: Mrs. Matthew McNulty Laurie), Miss Sarah Grace Hallenberg, Mrs. Jonathan Schultz (Holly), Miss Madeline Schultz, Miss Kendyl McConkey, and Mrs. Jason McConkey (Chrissi). Not pictured is Mrs. Wesley Robbins (Keri) and her daughter Miss Ashlyn Robbins.

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McMinn County Arrest Reports

July 21, 2026

Matthew Milligan, 24 of Athens, charged with custodial interference, and domestic assault.

Gloria Young, 29 of Walland, charged with state violation of probation for evading arrest.

Jesse Ray, 35 of Athens, charged with domestic assault, Bond \$2,000.

Baltazar Cortez Gonzalez, 41 of Athens, charged with driving without a license, Bond \$1,000.

William Sullivan, 34 of Cleveland, charged with theft of property over \$1,000, Bond \$4,000.

Jonathan Miller, 38 of Athens, charged with two counts of child support, simple possession of schedule 2 meth, and drug paraphernalia, Bond \$9,000.

Christopher Vincent, 39 of Athens, charged with false reporting and has no bond.

Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Information gathered using Public Sources.

Obituaries

Harold Douglas White, Jr., 64, passed away on Sunday, July 12. He was a graduate of McMinn County High School and Tennessee Wesleyan College (University). Doug built a career in the grocery business, starting at Alfred's IGA and later in management at Food Lion. He eventually transitioned into the banking industry, where he worked with Nations Bank, Omni Bank, and Net Bank. He ultimately retired in 2012. A passionate gardener and cook, Doug took great pride in cultivating and preserving the fruits of his labor, as well as preparing meals for friends and family. Honoring his personal wishes, the family will not hold a formal memorial service.

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