

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

TENNESSEE

FAST FACTS

International students at colleges and universities contributed an estimated **\$213 million** to the Tennessee economy in the 2011–12 academic year.

307 citizen diplomats in Tennessee volunteered to host international students, scholars, and visitors in their homes and communities.

2,602 citizens of foreign countries participated in ECA’s academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in Tennessee.

461 Tennesseans and foreign visitors participated in ECA’s academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in foreign countries.

Higher Learning

Tennessee universities with the most foreign students

1. Vanderbilt University
2. University of Tennessee–Knoxville
3. Tennessee Technological University
4. Middle Tennessee State University
5. University of Tennessee–Martin

Leading places of origin for foreign students in Tennessee during 2011–12

1. China
2. Saudi Arabia
3. South Korea
4. India
5. Malaysia

Notable ECA Alumni

Charles Penzel Wright

Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, 1998
(*Fulbright Scholar*, 1963;
Fulbright Scholar, 1968)

James M. Buchanan

Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences, 1986 (*Fulbright Scholar*, 1955; 1961)

Ralph Emerson McGill

Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Writing, 1959 (*Short Term American Grant Speakers*, 1952; 1963)

Tre Hargett

Secretary of State, State of Tennessee (*American Council of Young Political Leaders*, 2000)

Marsha Blackburn

U.S. Representative for Tennessee’s 7th Congressional District, 2003–Present (*American Council of Young Political Leaders*, 1993; 1996)

Steve Cohen

U.S. Representative for Tennessee’s 9th Congressional District, 2007–Present (*American Council of Young Political Leaders* 1979; 1986)

Peter H. Taylor

PEN/Faulkner Award, 1985; Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, 1987 (*Fulbright Scholar*, 1955)



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