

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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