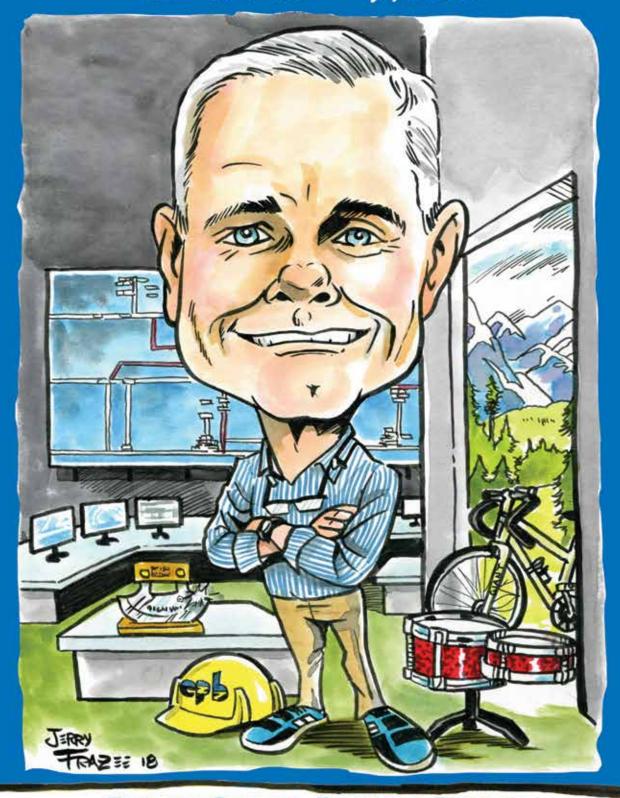
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From the President

It makes me so proud that we are honoring David Wade this evening. David is such an authentic person who is an inspiration to Chattanooga State and our students as he worked his way from a lineman at EPB to their leader as current CEO.

As a two-time graduate of Chattanooga State, he is not only the first in his family to graduate from college, but he is the first Dinner of Firsts honoree that is a graduate of one of our high-quality educational programs. I hope you will join me in having a fun time celebrating David while also supporting first generation college students.

Thank you for helping us honor David as we invest in bright futures through the Chattanooga State Foundation's First in the Family Scholarship fund.

Sincerely,

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6:00 - 7:00	Reception
7:00	Seating for Dinner
	Welcome Reggie Piercy, Event Chair
	Invocation Dr. Edna Varner
7:30	Master of Ceremonies Jed Mescon, Erlanger Health System
7:35	Opening Toast Jay Dale, First Tennessee Greg Vital, Morning Pointe
7:40	First in the Family Dr. Rebecca Ashford Stefanie Crowe Dr. Edna Varner
7:55	Roasters Joe Ferguson Aaron Webb Richard Rogers and Steve Rogers Todd Crawford Justin Wade
8:30	Rebuttal David Wade
8:45	Adjournment

Proceeds of the event fund scholarships for first-generation students and are divided equally between the annual First in the Family Scholarship and the Tom Edd Wilson First in the Family Endowed Scholarship.

David Wade

A native of Chattanooga, David Wade was born in 1958. For his parents Buddy and Dorothy, David was the mischievous middle child in a family that also included his older sister, Sherry, and his younger brother, Jeff. After graduating from East Ridge High School, David started at University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC), but his first attempt at college ended after one semester in what some might have considered a "failure." However, David continues to think of this experience as a life lesson in personal accountability. Although this was the last time David would have the chance to be a full-time student, his education was just beginning.

He got a day job, and began attending Chattanooga State at night to study Industrial Electricity. Upon graduation, David landed a job he enjoyed as a maintenance electrician at a local steel plant. In 1983, he joined EPB as a Line Helper, an entry-level job that involved digging holes and assisting linemen. At this point in his career, his primary goal was to become a lineman himself someday. After eight years, he started the Lineman Apprentice Program and learned to climb poles. Later, an opportunity opened in EPB's Engineering area, and David returned to Chattanooga State to pursue his Associate of Science degree.

Like his previous stint at Chattanooga State, he continued to work full-time while going to school at night. As a result, it took him several years to graduate. Then, he continued his education by returning to UTC, where he eventually graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering.

While completing his education, David continued to progress in his career at EPB holding a number of positions that



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Philippians 4:13

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

eventually included Vice President of the Electric Power System and Chief Operating Officer. In 2016, the EPB Board of Directors unanimously appointed David as President and CEO. Along the way, he gained experience while working in several areas and developed his leadership skills.

Among his many notable accomplishments, David led EPB's effort to design and build Chattanooga's communitywide fiber optics network, which also served as the communications backbone for constructing the nation's most automated electric power distribution system. Together, these separate but closely related efforts served as the platform for making Chattanooga the "Gig City" with the world's fastest internet and America's most advanced smart grid.

Although David rightly attributes these successes to the teamwork and contributions of hundreds of people, his vision, technical expertise, and leadership were essential to completing this ambitious undertaking which thrust Chattanooga into the national and international spotlight.

When David joined EPB, he did not envision a future that would include so many opportunities. He feels blessed to have spent his career working for an organization driven by a mission to "improve the quality of life in our community."

He frequently expresses his appreciation for being able to learn from and lead the amazing group of individuals at EPB.

David currently serves as Chairman of the Board for the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association (TVPPA). He also serves on the U.S. Department of Energy's Electricity Advisory Board. In addition, he is a member of the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity, the Enterprise Center, and River City Company, as well as a member of the Advisory Board for the UTC College of Engineering and Computer Science.

For David, his family plays a central role in his life. He and his wife, Sherry, have been married 39 years and have two sons, Jeremy and Justin, and one daughter, Amanda. He and Sherry also have two granddaughters, Kenzie and Lilly. Outside of work, David can often be found riding or running with Justin or Amanda, or in the wood shop building furniture with Jeremy. As in his professional life, David also enjoys big challenges in his free time. In fact, he has completed three Ironman and Alaskaman races in the last four years.

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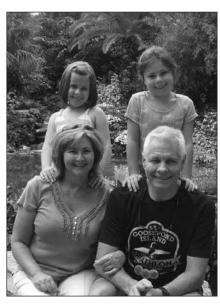
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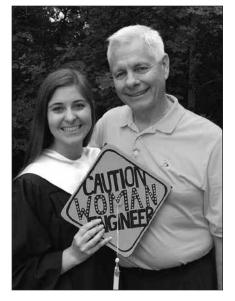


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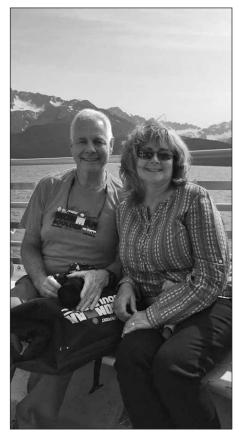




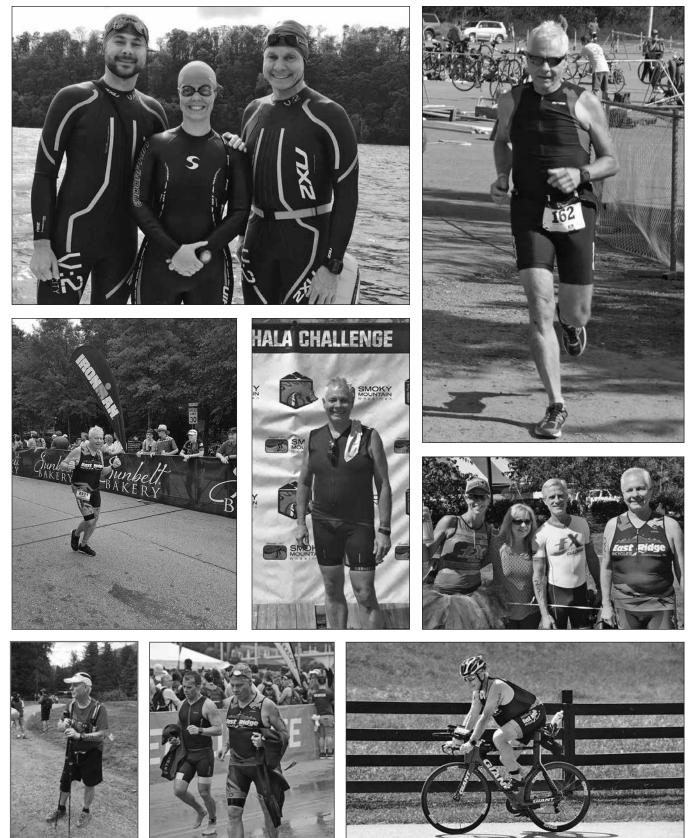








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First in the Family Scholars

Alexis – Majoring in criminal justice Caleb – Plans to become a civil and mechanical engineer Charlene – Plans to work in a forensics crime lab Natalie – Majoring in criminal justice Shalyn – Majoring in engineering Stephanie – Majoring in physical education Terrianna – Seeking a career in the field of sports management Yuri – Majoring in web design

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From lineman to our leader, congratulations to David from everyone who proudly wears the EPB badge.

Master of Ceremonies

JED MESCON is Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing for Erlanger Health System. In this role, Jed oversees communications and marketing efforts supporting the health system's medical services, brand, and outreach to the community.

Jed joined Erlanger after a successful, 28-year broadcast career with WRCB Channel 3 in Chattanooga. Most recently, he co-hosted the station's lifestyle show, 3 Plus You, for seven years.

In addition to his award-winning broadcast work, Jed has served as a Fund Development and Marketing Consultant for Chattanooga State, and as a talk show host with WGOW radio. Before moving to Chattanooga, he was a general assignment reporter for television stations in Charleston, Savannah, and Atlanta.



Jed Mescon

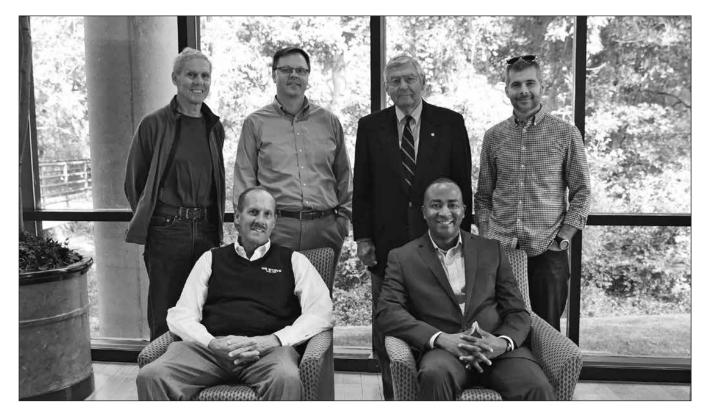
In 2015, Jed received the first-place "Best of Best" Award as Best Television Personality in the Chattanooga Times Free Press annual readership poll. He was also recognized as "Outstanding Journalist" by the Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations in 2011 and received the "Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award from the Chattanooga Civitan Club. In 2009, he was named "Outstanding Journalist of the Year" by the Tennessee Veterinarian Association.

Jed has served on the boards and advisory boards of numerous Chattanooga civic organizations, including the Greater Chattanooga Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Humane Educational Society, Walter E. Boehm Birth Defects Center, Chattanooga Zoo, Chattanooga Theatre Centre, Little Miss Mag Day Care Center, Chattanooga CARES HIV/AIDS Resource Center, St. Peter's Episcopal School, YMCA of Greater Chattanooga, Y-Me of Chattanooga, Chattanooga Chapter of the American Cancer Society and Senior Neighbors of Chattanooga.

Jed received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcast Journalism from Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona; and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, in 2009. He and his wife Phyllis live on Signal Mountain, TN.



Roasters



TODD CRAWFORD is happily married to his wife of 23 years, Paula, and they live in Ringgold, GA with their three children: Peyton (21), Mackenzie (18), and Kalysta (15). The Crawfords are passionate advocates and supporters of CureDuchenne, an organization that funds research to treat and cure Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), the most common and severe form of Muscular Dystrophy. The Crawfords are members of Brainerd Baptist Church and their children attend(ed) Chattanooga Christian School.

Todd grew up in East Ridge, TN and attended Chattanooga State before transferring to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where he graduated with a B.S. degree in Computer Science. He started his IT career with Unum Group, formerly Provident Life & Accident, in 1990 and is currently the Director of Network Services for Unum's global voice and data infrastructure. Todd provided IT consulting services for several of



Todd Crawford

Chattanooga's nonprofit organizations between 1995-2005. His clients included: the Maclellan Foundation, Generous Giving, First Things First, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Center for Youth Issues, Turning Point Ministries, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers; Allied Arts of Chattanooga, F.O.C.U.S (Martha's Vineyard), Chattanooga Bible Institute and Psychological Studies Institute (CBI/PSI).

A passionate advocate for serving and giving back to his community, Todd has served as a deacon, coached little league baseball, and volunteered for several community service organizations. He served seven years on First Things First's Board of Directors, holding positions of Treasurer, Vice Chair, and Board Chair during his final four years. Todd has organized and participated in multiple fundraisers for CureDuchenne, Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Chattanooga Food Bank, and Community Kitchens in Chattanooga, TN; Portland, ME; Columbia, SC; and Worcester, MA.



JOE FERGUSON currently serves as Chairman of the EPB Board. Since moving his young family to Chattanooga in the mid-sixties, Ferguson has played a significant role in helping move the local economy forward, helping Chattanooga become renowned internationally as "Gig City."

In 1966, Ferguson joined the Chattanooga Glass Company in his first manufacturing role, being named Executive Vice President of Sales. In the seventies, he joined Burner Systems International as President. When CARTA was looking for an advanced transportation method, Ferguson became a pioneer in promoting CARTA's Electric Shuttle program. In 2003 then-Mayor Bob Corker tapped Ferguson to head up the newly developed Enterprise Center. Nearly 20 years after receiving his Bachelor's Degree from Memphis State University, he went back to school to complete the Executive Development Program at the University of Tennessee.



Joe Ferguson

He served the Chattanooga Manufacturers Association as Chairman of the Board from 1984 to 1986. His civic involvement includes active participation in the Chattanooga Rotary Club, serving on the Board for three years in the late eighties. Volunteering in the College of Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga, Ferguson serves as Chairman of the College's Advisory Board. He is also a member of the Chattanooga State Foundation Board. In 2018, Ferguson was recognized as the Chattanooga Area Manager of the Year.

Ferguson is a long-serving elder at Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church. He and his wife Virginia have two adult children, Scott and Lisa, as well as four grandchildren.

RICHARD ROGERS is Chairman of the Board and Owner of United States Stove Company. Located in South Pittsburg and soon to celebrate 150 years, the company has been in Richard's family for over 80 years. Richard is a lifelong resident of the Chattanooga area. He attended high school at McCallie School. He continued his studies at The University of the South as well as The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where he received his degree.

Richard serves on the Board of Directors of several local entities where his expertise has been put to good use. He is also active in several local charities and always rises to the call when approached.



Richard Rogers

Physical fitness is one of Richard's passions besides United States Stove Company. His dedication to keeping fit has led him to compete and finish numerous triathlons, marathons, and Ironman Competitions. He participates in local events and other areas of the country as well, including the New York City Marathon in 1986, then again 30 years later in 2016.

Richard is proud of his family's past and eager to see their growth in the future. He is also proud that he and his family have been an integral part of so many lives in the Chattanooga area.

STEVE ROGERS is a Certified Public Accountant, real estate developer and property manager. Steve is the younger brother of Richard Rogers. He attended McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tennessee and later the University of Tennessee. Go Vols! Steve was elected the president of the Chattanooga Track Club in 1998. Steve is the proud father of three beautiful daughters.



Steve Rogers

JUSTIN WADE is a native of Chattanooga. He and his wife Ashley share their home with their two daughters and one rambunctious dog. Justin graduated from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Following a career in print advertising, Justin started working at Partners for Christian Media (most commonly known for J103 Radio and Jfest, Chattanooga's Christian Music Festival) in 2002. After working through the ranks, Justin now serves as the Executive Vice President of Partners for Christian Media. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with his family, swimming, biking and running amongst many other outdoor sporting activities.



Justin Wade

AARON D. WEBB, ESQ. has more than 24 years of wide-ranging professional experience, with the last twelve in senior healthcare services. He currently serves as Executive Vice President of Morning Pointe Senior Living, where he works closely with the owners of the company to develop, communicate, execute, and sustain strategic business initiatives. Aaron also worked with our honoree, David Wade, as the Vice President of Legal Services at EPB and served alongside him as a member of the senior leadership team. He is currently on the boards of several local organizations such as CHI Memorial Hospital, the Tennessee Aquarium, The YMCA of Bradley County, and The Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce. He is married to Marie Webb, and together they have three daughters.



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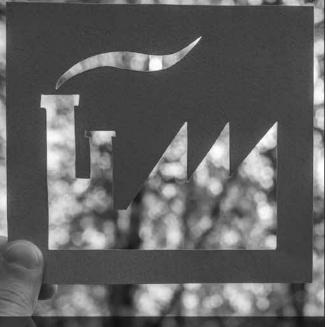
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