

# BETA THETA BOULÉ FATHERHOOD EXCELLENCE HONOREE 2025



## **Anthony Wise Jr. Biography**

To Dr. L. Anthony Wise Jr., encouraging student success is the most important part of his job. Wise has been president of Pellissippi State Community College since 2011, overseeing the College's participation in KnoxAchieves, tnAchieves and now Tennessee Promise and Tennessee Reconnect. He welcomed President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and Dr. Jill Biden to campus in January 2015 for the unveiling of America's College Promise.

Wise's tenure has been marked by his devotion to students, and for good reason. From 2007 to 2011, he served as vice president of the College's Learning Division, after three years as the department head of Liberal Arts and nine teaching history. When he was a faculty member, Wise was instrumental in the development of the College's Foundations of Excellence initiative, which outlined strategies for student success. Today, he continues to encourage student engagement through high-impact practices like service-learning, study abroad and experiential learning.

Wise earned a Ph.D. in history in 1997 from the University of Tennessee, a master's degree in United States history in 1993 from Wake Forest University and a bachelor's degree in history and business economics in 1990 from Wofford College. Wise was honored to participate in Tennessee Board of Regents Academic Leadership Institute (2006), the Global Academy for Leadership and Development (2008), Leadership Knoxville (2013), and East Tennessee Regional Leadership (2014), Leadership Blount (2017), and Leadership Tennessee (2017). His board service includes the Southern Regional Education Board, the Knox Ed Foundation, the Knoxville Area Urban League, Harmony Family Center, Great Smoky Mountain Council, and the Knoxville Symphony.

Wise is married to Lynn and has three adult children.

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