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A 'Safe Space' for Conversations & Camaraderie Turns 10

In 2012, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga business majors Keenan McLean and Nate Harlan thought Black male students on campus needed a unifying group beyond the formal structure of fraternities.

"We felt there was an unmet need for minority males on campus as far as leadership and retention opportunities," McLean recalled.

Harlan said the University needed a place for men of color to have the type of conversations in which "This person right here is my brother. I trust him to hold what it is that I share in this space."

Ten years later, the student-led organization they brought to UTC, Brother 2 Brother, is still at the forefront of helping men of color find success and camaraderie during their college years, while never losing sight of the importance of education and earning a degree.

The Brother 2 Brother program is a national student organization that promotes successful retention and college

completion among African American and Hispanic/Latino males. The group encourages its members to embrace leadership by serving as positive role models for one another through a solid commitment to academic achievement, brotherhood and community service.

"I have been around this organization since it first started on this campus and I've seen firsthand the impact of what it has done to impact male retention here at UTC," said Chris Stokes, assistant director of the UTC Office of Multicultural Affairs and the campus advisor to Brother 2 Brother.

"When those young men are together, there's a level of transparency, comfort and familiarity," he said. "It's men from all different backgrounds, typically African American, some Hispanic, biracial, multiracial, young men of color. They get to share their experiences and commonalities in a space where they can just be comfortable."



Campus leaders from African Student Association, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Black Student Alliance, Brother 2 Brother, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Multicultural Center's Guide Mentorship Program, National Society of Black Engineers and UTC NAACP gathered for a Chamberlain Field photo session Feb. 24, 2022. For entire story, visit <https://blog.utc.edu/news/2022/02/a-safe-space-for-conversations-and-camaraderie-turns-10/>

CCA Presents: Epic Proportions



Chattanooga High Center for Creative Arts "Epic Proportions" cast members.

By Camm Ashford

Chattanooga High Center for Creative Arts (CCA) Acting Department will present "Epic Proportions" March 4, 5, and 12 at 7 p.m. in the Sandra Black Theater, 1301 Dallas Rd.

"Epic Proportions" tells the story of brothers Benny and Phil, who find themselves working as extras in the spectacular Biblical epic film Exuent Omnes, which means "Everybody Out." All 3,400 extras on the fantastical D.W. DeWitt film are supervised by Louise Goldman, who tries to keep everything and everyone in line, despite there being only two bathrooms.

Hijinks ensue: Benny and Phil both fall in love with and fight to the death for Louise; DeWitt locks himself in the pyramid, refusing to complete the movie; the bumbling crew tries to part the Red Sea on the side, and everything falls apart—including the Trojan horse. Ultimately, they must all work together to survive the

desert heat and try to complete something they'll all be proud of.

CCA acting teacher Tripp Pettigrew, who directs "Epic Proportions," said the slap-stick comedy is perfect for raising spirits at this late date in the COVID pandemic.

"Epic" was the only play I could think of wanting to direct at this time," the first year teacher explained. "Everything right now feels so heavy, divided and important with a capital I. My hope is that you'll leave the Sandra Black with a smile on your face, having forgotten about anything that troubles you. The kids in the show have learned to handle comedy beautifully and they surprise me with their antics daily."

"Epic Proportions" has a run time of approximately 1 hour 50 minutes, including one 15-minute intermission. The show stars Carter McKisick, Delaney Barclay and Tilleigh

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Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic: Ages 5-11

Join us on Thursday, March 3rd for a Vaccine Clinic for ages 5 to 11 at East Side Elementary!

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pediatric COVID-19 vaccine. Children who are not enrolled in an HCS school are still eligible to receive a vaccine. Children must have a guardian present the entire time of the appoint-

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