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Chattanooga Area Historical Association (CAHA) Annual Luncheon



Luncheon attendees continue to ask questions of National Park Historian Jim Ogden after the event.



Fresh off one of his popular Chattanooga Historical Walking Tours, Attorney and historian Maury Nicely (left) accepts 'Historian of The Year Award from CAHA president, Joe V. Williams.



CAHA board member John L. Edwards, III, (center) is flanked by board members and Revolutionary War Reenactors Brian Frye (red/blue uniform) and Cliff Kent (brown uniform).

The Chattanooga Area Historical Association hosted its Annual Luncheon meeting April 23, 2022, at the Mountain City Club, located on Chestnut Street in downtown Chattanooga. The luncheon featured Chickamauga National Military Park historian Jim Ogden, who spoke on General Ulysses S. Grant's 60-day stay in Chattanooga during the Civil War. Ogden, a long-time fixture at the National Park, is well known for his knowledge of the Civil War, which

Chattanooga State Community College student Zennia Nesmith was

named the Tennessee Community Col-

lege Student of the Year during the Col-

played a central role in the history of Chattanooga and the surrounding area.

Attorney and historian Maury Nicely received the 'Historian of The Year' Award which is presented annually by the organization. John Shaerer and Carrington Montague placed second and third in a close final round of voting.

Joe V. Williams, President of CAHA said, "this was one of the largest crowds in attendance in the luncheon's history".

Zennia Nesmith Wins Tennessee Community College Student of The Year



Left-Stephanie Hollis, center-Zennia Nesmith and right-Dr. Amanda Bennett.



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Awards (SOAR) ceremony held March 30 in Nashville. Zennia's personal story is one of

Statewide Outstanding Achievement

resilience and hard work. Although Zennia did not graduate from high school, a year after her daughter was born, Zennia completed her GED and made a decent living working.

Twenty years later, she enrolled at ChattState at no cost thanks to the Tennessee Reconnect scholarship, a program her husband had recently completed.

Zennia has maintained a 4.0 GPA, joined the Global Scholars Honors program, was awarded the Chattanooga State Foundation Beacon Scholarship, and earned the highly competitive Dream Scholar program where she was one of eight community college students chosen nationwide.

"Zennia is an inspiration to the faculty, staff and students at Chattanooga State," said Chattanooga State President Rebecca Ashford. "She overcame many obstacles to enroll in college, and she is determined to succeed. She is incredibly deserving of this recognition as

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