The University of Tennessee’s Student Wildlife and Fisheries Society placed 3rd Overall at the 2016 Southeastern Wildlife Conclave, which was hosted by Eastern Kentucky University. The 19-member student team, co-advised by Dr. David Buehler, Mr. Chris Graves, Dr. Emma Willcox, and Dr. Brian Alford from the Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, competed against 24 other college and university wildlife programs. Tennessee placed in the Top 3 in 9 out of 25 competition categories. The Southeastern Wildlife Conclave is an annual event that draws around 500 wildlife students, educators, and professionals together for three days of workshops, field trips, and academic and field-based competition. The University of Tennessee hosted the first Southeastern Wildlife Conclave in 1972.

This team performed admirably and represented the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources extremely well. The UTK Student Chapter competed against University of Georgia, University of Florida, Virginia Tech University, Auburn University, LSU, Mississippi State University, University of Arkansas, Clemson University, and NC State University, among others. Competitions included a double-elimination Quiz Bowl tournament and an outdoor Team Field competition that tested a broad range of wildlife technical knowledge and skills. Individual events included dendrology, radio-telemetry, field photography, obstacle course, archery, rifle, canoeing, fly-casting, wildlife art, poetry, and more.

**Awards:**
- Overall: 3rd Place (University of Georgia- 1st Place; Murray State University- 2nd Place)
- Team Field Competition: 3rd Place (NC State University- 1st Place; Murray State University- 2nd Place)
- Quiz Bowl: Tied for 5th Place (Murray State University- 1st Place; University of Georgia- 2nd Place; Arkansas State University- 3rd Place)
- Dendrology: 1st Place (Josh Layfield)
- Lab Practicum: 1st Place (Andrew Isenhower)
- Canoeing: 1st Place (Ethan Newman & Dakota Bird)
- Obstacle Course: 2nd Place (Colby Barnett, Shannon Braden, Brandon Whitley)
- Turkey Calling: 3rd Place (Daniel Lawson)
- Cervid Calling: 1st Place (Ethan Newman)
- Field Photography: 1st Place (Laura Hendrixson)
- Landscape Photography: 3rd Place (Ethan Newman)

This year’s team included: Andrew Isenhower, Ethan Newman, Kelley Seneker, Laura Hendrixson, Luke Hoehn, Josh Alston, Daniel Lawson, Dakota Bird, Clay Walters, Joe Hall, Evan Buck, David Lowman, Colby Barnett, Chloe Trexler, Matthew Roseberry, Katelyn Dauphinais, Brandon Whitley, Shannon Braden, and Josh Layfield.