

Chambliss Hosts Mentor Program for UTC Rollins College of Business Distinguished Scholars

For more than a decade, Chambliss has honored [John C. Stophel Distinguished Students](#) from [The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga \(UTC\)](#) through the Stophel Scholars mentor program. This program pairs select students with Chambliss attorneys or managers who mentor the students and connect them to resources and contacts relevant to their career aspirations.

Chambliss Mentor(s)[Stephen Adams](#)[Jim Exum & Isiah Robinson](#)[Cecilia Garrett](#)[Courtney Keehan](#)[Shelton Chambers](#)[Doug Griswold](#)**Distinguished Scholar**

Brian Alford, Marketing

Christopher Bogans, Management/Business Analytics

Scarlett Elliott, Marketing

Varsha Kommireddi, Management

Mackenzie Tapley, Accounting

Pete Pritchard, Economics

The Stophel Scholars program aims to foster local talent and encourage promising students to build long-lasting mentor relationships with Chattanooga professionals. The John C. Stophel Distinguished Student Award is presented annually to recognize high performing business students who have made significant and meaningful civic contributions to UTC and the [Gary W. Rollins College of Business](#) while maintaining a strong academic record. Award recipients are chosen based on their strong leadership, decision-making, and communication skills, as well as the presence of a high degree of self-motivation.

Chambliss established an endowment at UTC in 2008 to honor the legacy of Mr. John C. Stophel, a founding member of the firm. Mr. Stophel practiced law for more than 50 years, during which he led numerous civic, charitable, and religious efforts to benefit the Chattanooga community. He additionally served as chairman of the University of Chattanooga Foundation Board of Trustees from 2001 to 2004.

To learn more about the John C. Stophel Distinguished Student Award, visit the [UTC website](#).