

# Think@Achieve

CREATING CONNECTIONS



UTC's Quality Enhancement Plan

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We are in year 2 of QEP implementation. Interested in reading the Year One Assessment Report? [Click here to view the report!](#)

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***"Life can only be understood backward, but it must be lived forward."***

-Søren Kierkegaard

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## QEP Happenings

The implementation of UTC's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is in full swing. With a focus of developing critical thinking skills in students, UTC faculty, staff, and students are working together to generate meaningful learning experiences in the classroom and beyond.

To support faculty and staff in working toward ThinkAchieve goals, there are many types of support offered through QEP programs such as grants, professional development opportunities, and awards. To learn more about these programs, go to [www.utc.edu/think](http://www.utc.edu/think).



Faculty participating in a Critical Thinking Assessment Test grading session.

## Students Go Beyond the Classroom

You are probably familiar with the faculty and staff components of ThinkAchieve, but what about the students -what are they doing? It is called [Beyond the Classroom](#) and to get involved, students can:

- ◆ Attend events like lectures and performances by faculty, staff and guests. We currently have nearly 440 students who have reflected on events in the campus and community. See the [calendar](#) for upcoming events, and let us know if you would like to add events to the calendar.
- ◆ Propose, reflect, and be involved in one of the following experiences: Class or community project, Leadership Experience, Internship, or Study Abroad. All students are eligible for participation: see the [proposal form](#) and [examples](#) on our webpage.

## Did you know?

- \* [20 ThinkAchieve grants](#) have been awarded to UTC faculty and staff.
- \* The three recipients of the [2013 ThinkAchieve Faculty Awards](#) have been named.
- \* 997 hours of *Beyond the Classroom* student learning experiences were completed in fall 2012.
- \* Six students earned the *Beyond the Classroom Semester Award* in December 2012.
- \* Three UTC faculty were selected to lead year-long [ThinkAchieve Faculty Fellows](#) cohorts in 2013-2014.

