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## Celebrate APSU with "Candlelight Ball At Home" virtual event on May 8

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. – Earlier this year, Austin Peay State University and the Candlelight Ball Committee announced they would host a virtual Candlelight Ball at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 8, instead of a traditional, in-person event. This seemed like the best option because last year's ball was canceled by the COVID-19 pandemic, but as this year's event approaches, organizers see the online format as a way to celebrate the University with more members of the APSU community.

"Although we are unable to host an in-person event, we are excited of the possibilities of opening this premier APSU event to the entire public so that the entire community and APSU family can get a glimpse into what the Candlelight Ball is all about," Nikki Peterson, director of Alumni Relations, said. "We hope each of you will take advantage of this online celebration and join us in supporting deserving APSU students through the Candlelight Ball Scholarship Endowment!"

To help keep some of the spirit of the event alive, organizers are asking individuals to host their own "Candlelight Ball At Home" parties from their living rooms. Virtual attendees are encouraged to gather with friends – while maintaining COVID-19 safety protocols – in their homes to participate in the event.

"You can dress however you want – formal attire, pajamas, APSU apparel," Peterson said. "Be comfortable and have fun with it."

The link to the event will be posted at 7 p.m., May 8, on the University's Alumni website, <a href="https://www.alumni.apsu.edu/candlelightball">www.alumni.apsu.edu/candlelightball</a>, and on the alumni Facebook page, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/APSUAlumni">www.facebook.com/APSUAlumni</a>. You can also request the link by emailing Peterson at <a href="https://petersonn@apsu.edu">petersonn@apsu.edu</a> or at <a href="mailto:alumni@apsu.edu">alumni@apsu.edu</a>.

Attendees are also encouraged to post photos on social media using the hashtag #CandlelightBallatHome or email them to Peterson for her to post throughout the night. For more information, contact the Alumni Relations Office at alumni@apsu.edu.

