



APSU PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR

GOOGLE

American multinational technology company

Google LLC is an American multinational technology company focusing on online advertising, search engine technology, cloud computing, computer software, quantum computing, e-commerce, artificial intelligence and consumer electronics.

In 2018, Google broke ground on its data center near Clarksville, Tennessee. Since becoming part of the local community, the company has made generous contributions to many programs at Austin Peay State University. Google was part of the crisis response for students during the COVID-19 pandemic by providing internet networking systems in seven locations in the region, giving APSU students internet access in parking lots during the national shutdown. Also during the COVID-19 crisis, they provided a generous gift to the APSU Food Pantry in response to food insecurity experienced by students who had recently lost jobs. Google has since partnered with APSU's Southeastern Grasslands Institute (SGI), a collaboration of leaders in international biodiversity conservation in the APSU College of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) to restore a 50-acre area around the data center to its original biodiversity. In December 2022, Google announced a second phase of this project to extend it an additional 50 acres, allowing SGI to leverage federal grant dollars to help provide research, consultation and education to address the most imperiled ecosystem in eastern North America. Google partnered with the APSU College of STEM to launch the "Innovation Games," a community event to encourage K-12 STEM education through APSU GIS-supervised drone events. Google has also supported the APSU Center for Rural Education, the Candlelight Ball and various camps and projects hosted by the APSU College of STEM.