

Alma Mater

The University of Tennessee at Martin

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The Ceremonial Mace

The University of Tennessee at Martin Ceremonial Mace, designed by Alfred D. Ward, is composed of silver, gold plate and wood. Total length is 48 inches. A gold-plated finial around the top depicts the UT symbol. Below this, a sterling silver cup form, 6 1/2 inches in diameter, is engraved with the words, "The University of Tennessee at Martin." Underneath is the official seal of The University of Tennessee, gold-plated, with the UT motto written in Latin which translates to "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." On the opposite side is a sterling silver and gold-plated oval design formed by lettering of the names by which the Martin campus of The University of Tennessee has been known since 1927. The oval surrounds artwork of the eternal flame presented by UT Martin alumni to the University upon the 60th anniversary of the UT Martin campus. Beneath the sterling silver cup shape, the colors of the University, orange, white and royal blue, are set around the stem in rings of gold. Black walnut forms the stem of the mace, which has a silver base featuring the UT symbol again, in gold-plated silver. The curved base plate features an engraving of the campus sassafras tree, after original artwork by UT Martin's Professor William Nelson.