



UT Supporter Clayton McWhorter Remembered

Businessman and philanthropist Clayton McWhorter died Jan. 23 at the age of 82.

McWhorter, a longtime University of Tennessee supporter, served on the UT Board of Trustees from 1993-2005, including a term as vice chair.

He also served as a UT Foundation Board of Directors member and previously represented UT Martin on the UT Development Council. He later received the 2012 Chancellor's Award for University Service from UT Martin.

McWhorter was the founder and provided the lead financial gift that established the Ned Ray McWhorter Institute at UT Martin.

The NRMI is a three-year, progressive, interdisciplinary program that pairs students with faculty mentors. The experience includes personal coaching, sessions in leadership and professional skills, and networking.

UT Martin Interim Chancellor Bob Smith offered the following statement:

"The University of Tennessee at Martin lost a great friend and supporter with the passing of Clayton McWhorter. As the inspiration and founder of the Ned Ray McWhorter Institute, Mr. McWhorter established this opportunity for UTM students



LEADERSHIP – Clayton McWhorter, pictured with his wife, Michelle, received a Volunteer Leadership Award from the UT System in 2013.

to develop their potential and life skills and allow them to realize dreams beyond their circumstances. He wanted for them similar experiences and mentors that helped him be successful.

"His greatest philanthropic investment was through young people in colleges and universities to allow them the opportunity for the personal life changes that resulted from his own col-

lege education growing up in the rural South.

"We will miss his encouraging words and his friendship with our students, but we will continue to be inspired by his vision."

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Parent & Family Reception, Tonight, 6:30-8
Junior Senior Day - Feb. 15 • Summer Orientation & Registration - April 23, June 3, June 17, July 15
Transfer Orientation & Registration - June 10, July 22

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faculty, staff and student excellence



Drs. Robbie Montgomery (above, left) and Abigail Shelton (above, right), associate professors of chemistry, received a Local Section Innovative Project Grant to host science centers at the monthly meetings of the Kentucky Lake Section of the American Chemical Society in 2015.

The science centers, designed for children from birth to 12 years of age, allowed children to experience science while adults attended topic-specific seminars. Children were able to participate in a variety of themes, including an introduction to glassware, the periodic table, the chemistry of candy, light and sound, taking flight, bubbles and women in science.

The grant culminated with the children presenting their own chemistry demonstrations during the National Chemistry Week Celebration held at UT Martin and a family outing to the Discovery Park of America. The centers were guided by UT Martin chemistry student volunteers and supervised by Dr. Phil Davis, professor of chemistry. The grant served students from UT Martin, Murray State University, West Kentucky Community and Technical College, Bethel University and Union University.



Dr. Michelle Merwin, professor, and Dr. Joseph Ostenson, assistant professor, Department of Psychology, recently published an article titled "No Minorities Allowed! Stimulating Antiracism Dialogue by Examining Psychology's Past" in the e-book "Essays from Excellence in Teaching: Volume XV" published by Division Two of the American Psychological Association, the Society for the Teaching of Psychology. The book can be accessed online at <http://teachpsych.com/ebooks/eit2015/index.php>.



Dr. Bill Davis, professor, Department of Accounting, Finance, Economics and Political Science, has co-authored an editorial titled "A Simple Way to Speed Drug Approvals," available at www.realclearpolicy.com/blog/2016/01/13/a_simple_way_to_speed_drug_approvals_1517.html.

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Dr. Phil Davis, professor of chemistry, teaches student Kaydence Papich about the chemistry of candy during a monthly science center discovery session in 2015.

Academic Speaker Series Preview

- **Rev. William Barber II:** "Unfinished Business: The Continuing Struggle for Civil Rights in America"; 7 p.m., Feb. 18 (in cooperation with the Civil Rights Conference)
- **Dr. Andrew Keys:** "The Technology and Science of NASA's Journey to Mars"; 6 p.m., March 21
- **Jeff Hardin:** "Imagining the Language, Imagining a Life"; 6 p.m., April 7
- **Leigh Ann Duck:** "Screening Civil Rights: Placing the Movement in Space and Time"; 6 p.m., April 14

Working Women's Conference



VALLIE COLLINS,
FLIGHT 1549 SURVIVOR

HANNAH ROBISON,
MISS TENNESSEE 2016

REMINDER: Registration for the WestStar Leadership Program's annual Working Women's Conference is due before Jan. 27. The registration fee is \$40 per person.

This year's event will be held from 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m., Feb. 5, in the Boling University Center's Duncan Ballroom.

Miss Tennessee 2016 Hannah Robison and US Airways Flight 1549 survivor, Vallie Collins, will serve as featured speakers, focusing on the conference theme, "Super Powers."

Read about UT Martin students John Sellers & Elizabeth Sanders in the latest issue of the Tennessee Alumnus. >>>>



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"Questions and Answers" about UT Martin

Question - Is it OK to perform university work during holidays, administrative closings or unscheduled administrative closings, such as weather-related closings?

Answer - The answer depends on your position's classification. Exempt employees (employees who don't earn overtime or compensatory time) can work these days by choice or as required to complete university-related tasks. Non-exempt employees (those who earn overtime or compensatory time) earn compensatory time or overtime, provided the supervisor approves the work during holidays or closings.

Submit your questions to the Suggestion Box link at www.utm.edu.

Calendar

- **Jan. 26** - Department of History and Philosophy Spring Colloquium; "We Insist: Freedom Now! Sit-ins Launch the Revolution Against Segregation" by Dr. David Barber; Andy Holt Humanities Building, Norman Campbell Auditorium; 4 p.m.
- **Jan. 26** - Guest artist exhibit opening reception: Lurlynn Franklin's display "Fabled Truth"; Fine Arts Building Gallery; 5 p.m. (exhibit runs through Feb. 13)
- **Jan. 27** - Women's basketball vs. Tennessee State; Elam Center; 6 p.m.
- **Jan. 28-29** - Honor Choir on campus
- **Jan. 28** - AAUW meeting;
- **Jan. 26** - Point-Counterpoint Discussion: Women's Issues in the News"; Gooch Hall, room 322; 6 p.m.; RSVP to gbasket@utm.edu
- **Jan. 28** - Men's basketball at Eastern Illinois; 7 p.m.
- **Jan. 30** - Equestrian at South Carolina; 9 a.m.
- **Jan. 30** - Tennis at Tennessee State; 10 a.m.
- **Jan. 30** - Women's basketball vs. Murray State; Elam Center; noon
- **Jan. 30** - Tennis at Western Michigan; 1 p.m.
- **Jan. 30** - Men's basketball vs. Murray State; Elam Center; 3 p.m. (on CBS Sports Network)
- **Feb. 1** - Faculty musicale; Blankenship Recital Hall; noon

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