EDINGER GIFT BENEFITS UT MARTIN AGRICULTURE STUDENTS

Martha Edinger remembers the challenges of working her way through UT Martin and law school. The retired attorney and Obion County native now helps ease the financial burden of college for agriculture students who come from family farm backgrounds.

Jameson Smith, senior agriculture business major from Crockett County, and Zac Morgan, sophomore agriculture business major from Weakley County, are the first to receive the Kenneth and Carolyn Coleman Scholarship, which is named for Martha’s parents.

Kenneth and Carolyn were raised in Tennessee and Missouri respectively and met near Detroit. He wanted to return to Tennessee and farm, and after losing his job in Michigan, the couple bought a farm in Obion County where they lived, worked and raised four children over 57 years. The home place is bordered by this year’s corn crop and includes neatly maintained buildings that house an antique tractor collection, advertising memorabilia, antique toys and other museum-worthy treasures gathered over the years.

Martha attended Obion Central High School, graduated in 1984 with a history degree from UT Martin and then earned her law degree in 1987 from the University of Tulsa. Now retired from family law practice, Martha’s upbringing and path to success inspired her to help today’s UT Martin students. “I got my degree from UTM and promised myself that if I was ever in a position to start a scholarship in my parents’ honor, I would do so,” she said.

Jameson Smith was not raised on a farm but helped a relative farm, which included everything from cutting and hauling hay to tending different row crops. The scholarship comes at an

NEW SCHOLARSHIP – A new scholarship established by UT Martin alum Martha Edinger honors her parents, Carolyn and Kenneth Coleman (center). Jameson Smith (left), a senior agriculture business major from Crockett County, and Zac Morgan (right), a sophomore agriculture business major from Weakley County, are the first to receive this award.

MBA PROGRAM RECOGNIZED – State Representative Andy Holt (center) visited UT Martin June 6 to recognize the online MBA program’s recent top-20 ranking from U.S. News & World Report. The program was ranked 16th on the organization’s 2015 Best Online Programs for Veteran’s list, published May 19. Holt presented the university with a proclamation in honor of this achievement and met with key officials to discuss the program’s success. This is the third year U.S. News has published veteran-specific rankings and the first in which MBA programs have been categorized separately. He is pictured (l-r) with Dr. Ross Dickens, professor and dean, College of Business and Global Affairs; and Dr. Bob Smith, interim chancellor.
STATE RECOGNITION – State Representative Andy Holt (right) presents Dr. John Oelrich (left), assistant professor of music, with an official proclamation.

(At left) State Representative Andy Holt presented Dr. John Oelrich, assistant professor of music, with an official proclamation July 6 recognizing his status as a quarterfinalist for the 2016 Music Educator Award, given by the GRAMMY Foundation and The Recording Academy. Oelrich is one of 213 music teachers from 42 states to advance to the quarterfinals; finalists will be notified by the end of the year.

(Below) Jenna Wright, associate professor and chair, Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages, retired June 30. Dr. David Carithers, associate professor and incoming department chair, presented her with a framed proclamation during a reception held June 12. The proclamation officially renames the departmental student literary award in short fiction, now called the Jenna S. Wright Literary Award in the Short Story, to honor Wright’s leadership in the department and at the university. Wright has been involved with the English program at UT Martin for 37 years and served as department chair since 2010. Carithers assumed his new duties as department chair July 1.

(At left) Dr. Clinton Smith, assistant professor of special education, and Hailey Smith, a K-6 education major, represented UT Martin and the state of Tennessee as delegates at the National Education Association Representative Assembly in Orlando, Fla. They joined over 8,000 teachers, administrators and educational support personnel in voting on association business. Clinton was elected to the NEA Resolutions Committee and to serve as secretary for the NEA Caucus for Educators of Exceptional Children. He also spoke to the Tennessee delegation and the representative assembly floor regarding higher education and special education issues. Hailey shared her observations with the assembly and was nominated to serve in the NEA Choir during Fourth of July celebrations.
YoUTMs faculty and staff excellence

CAPITOL VISIT – Pictured are members of the Tennessee delegation at the 2015 Day on the Hill Summit in Washington, D.C. (l-r) Ron Meers, executive director, Tennessee Music Education Association; Justin Lee, senior music education major; Dr. Johnathan Vest, associate professor of music and president-elect, TMEA; Dian Eddleman, immediate past president, TMEA; Jeff Phillips, president, TMEA; Della Coleman, senior music education major; Lauren Gregory, Cumberland University student; and Davey Edmaiston, Austin Peay State University student.

Dr. Johnathan Vest, associate professor of music, and students Della Coleman and Justin Lee, both of Clarksville, represented the UT Martin chapter of the Collegiate National Association for Music Education at the 2015 Day on the Hill Summit held June 24-26 in Washington, D.C. Vest and his students, along with the rest of the Tennessee delegation, met with the offices of Tennessee senators Bob Corker and Lamar Alexander and U.S. House of Representatives members Diane Black and Phil Roe to advocate for music as a core subject in public schools. As a result of these efforts, the Senate is prepared to pass a reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which would include music as a core subject. The bill is co-sponsored by Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., and Patty Murray, D-Wash.

University Relations is seeking students with interesting stories to appear in website testimonials. Stories may also be repurposed for recruitment or feature material. Students must be in good academic standing, be willing and able to appear in a short video segment, and be second-semester freshmen or above. If you would like to nominate a student, please send his or her name, student ID number and a brief idea of his or her story to Erin Chesnut at echesnut@utm.edu. Selections will be made on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the University Relations staff.
Chancellor’s Staff Actions

Approved June 22

Approval to eliminate the $5 transcript fee for alumni applying to a graduate studies program. Effective July 1, 2015, the Office of Graduate Studies will electronically generate an office copy of the student transcript for use in the application process.

For more information, please contact Jolene Cunningham, student services specialist, Office of Graduate Studies at x7012.

Calendar

- July 12-15 - Soccer high school girls team camp
- July 12-16 - Equestrian intermediate riders camp for females ages 8 and up
- July 17 - Final SOAR date; Boling University Center; 8 a.m.
- July 17 - Reconcile biweekly payroll, period 15/2015
- July 18 - Football prospect elite camp and 7v7 tournament camp
- July 21 - Biweekly pay date
- July 23 - Approval deadline for June monthly pay
- July 24 - Transfer Orientation and Registration; Boling University Center; 9 a.m.
- July 26 - Biweekly pay period 16/2015 ends

Send your Addenda news to Nathan Morgan at nmorga15@utm.edu

INCOMING–Kerra Hunt, of Memphis, is pictured at the June 5 SOAR event.

PREPARED FOR ANYTHING – The UT Martin Parsons Center held a faculty workshop July 6, which included faculty presentations and in-depth active shooter training. Center employees worked with the Parsons Police Department, AirEvac Lifeteam and UT Martin Department of Public Safety to provide the training for all faculty and staff. Pictured are members of the Parsons Center staff with local emergency officials.
important time for the Crockett County native. “It just allows me to continue my dream of getting a degree at UT Martin, he said. His career goals include working for a company that allows him to pursue sales or marketing.

Zac Morgan’s family owns a farm where they raise a few hogs but mostly grow soybeans, wheat and corn. “Coming from a farm background, I know that some years, especially if you’re putting somebody through college, your income isn’t necessarily guaranteed, depending on crop prices and whether or not your crop gets damaged in the field, so many variables go into it,” he said. “The fact that somebody wants to give students money who want to pursue a degree ... means a lot to me.” Zac is interested in agricultural sales but has also considered becoming an agriculture loan officer at a bank.

YoU Tell Me

“Questions and Answers” about UT Martin

• Question – Does the university’s Recycling Center have new operating hours?
• Answer – Yes, new hours are posted on the gate. The new hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 3-6 p.m.; and Saturday, 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Remember that recycling can only be dropped off when the center is open. Materials cannot be left at the gate or along the fence.

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

Sick Leave Bank Quarterly Report

Campus: UT Martin Period Ending: June 30, 2015 Bank Established: Jan. 1, 1993

Trustees:
- Rickie Bradberry, foreman, carpentry shop, Building Services
- Phillip Bright, director, Office of Human Resources
- Dr. Sue Byrd, professor and chair, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences
- Karen Roberts, accounting specialist I, Business Services
- Brenda Wright, director, Information Technology Services

Membership:
- Beginning Membership: 225
- Additions: 0
- Terminations: 4
- Ending Membership: 221

Activity:
- Total Number of Requests: 0
- Granted: 0
- Denied: 0

Bank:
- Beginning Balance: 6525.39
- Enrolling Assessment: 0.00
- Needs Assessment: 0.00
- Sub-total: 6525.39
- Hours Granted: 0.00
- Hours Recovered: 0.00
- Ending Balance: 6525.39

Sensory gardens create community connection

Several UT Martin faculty and staff members have partnered with the Martin Housing Authority to coordinate the completion of two educational garden activity projects with the support of a Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association Community Garden Grant. More than 40 children and teenagers have participated in the construction of these garden areas, one located near the Learning Enrichment Center and one behind the Crossroads Teen Center at the corner of McComb and Jackson streets in Martin. Both sites host summer and after-school programs with support from the Martin Housing Authority. Through these and similar hands-on experiences, children are able to learn about life cycles, connections between natural organisms and the origin of healthy foods. The projects have been facilitated by Dr. Angelina MacKewn, professor of psychology; Dr. Aaron Rowland, assistant professor of behavioral sciences; Dr. Joaquin Goyret, assistant professor of biological sciences; community volunteers Ashley Kite-Rowland and Sanatha Smith, Local Food Guide; and Robert Nunley and Kristy Robinson, Martin Housing Authority. Mike Davis, UT Martin Recycle Center, donated cardboard, compost and children’s gardening tools, and the Weakley County Municipal Electric System donated mulch.

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