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Business Innovation Symposium Set for Sept. 17 at UT Martin

A group of organizations and individuals dedicated to sparking entrepreneurship in Northwest Tennessee is hosting a business innovation symposium Sept. 17 at the main campus.

“Innovating for Profit: Building Rural Businesses from the Ground Up” is set for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. that day in the Watkins Auditorium. The symposium is designed to inform the public about the current state of rural innovation and business growth.

The UT Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, the Mid-South School of Advanced Agricultural Lending, the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking, the Gill Parker Chair of Excellence in Agriculture, and the NextFarm Agricultural Innovation Accelerator are sponsoring the event.

Featured at the symposium is a panel discussion of regional ag-based business leaders speaking on building businesses from the ground up. Participating in the panel are Jimmy Tosh of Tosh Farms, Kelley Powers of Final Flight and Powers Farms, Chuck Doss of INCO Irrigation Systems, M.J. Anderson of The Andersons, Inc., and Neil Mylet of LoadOut Technologies.

Bryan Huddleston, president and CEO of the Nashville Technology Council, is also speaking at the symposium.

Also included are presentations by AgSmarts and Fertility Focus, two of the companies from the 2013 NextFarm Ag Innovation Accelerator class. Participants in

NextFarm include entrepreneurs with new ag-based technology ideas—“AgTech”—in the startup mode, as well as existing companies that are developing new technologies or innovations.



Dr. David Millhorn

Dr. David Millhorn, University of Tennessee executive vice president and president of the University of Tennessee Research Foundation.

Free registration for the “Innovating for Profit” symposium and information and an application for the NextFarm accelerator can be found at <http://nteconnect.com/>.

Alan Youngerman Named McNairy County/Selmer Center Director

Alan Youngerman, most recently district executive for the Boy Scouts of America, is the new director of the UT Martin



Alan Youngerman

McNairy County Center/Selmer. He succeeds Deidra Beene who died in March following



CELEBRATING THE SOYBEAN --- UT Martin joined in the festivities during the 21st Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival, Aug. 28-Sept. 6, in Martin. Chancellor Tom Rakes offers welcoming remarks during the annual Mayor's Kickoff Luncheon, Sept. 2, in the Duncan Ballroom. Joining him at the head table are (l to r) David Belote, the festival's executive director; Julius Johnson, Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture and UT Board of Trustees member; and Martin Mayor Randy Brundige. Below members of the national champion UT Martin men's rodeo team wave to the crowd during the annual festival parade. Team members, Coach John Luthi and Assistant Coach Nelson Davis served as parade grand marshals.



a long illness. She had served as center director since 2001. Youngerman began his new duties Sept. 2.

“I've always loved education,” Youngerman said of his appointment. “I'd like to see the university continue and expand its successes here.” He added that his long and varied business background would help him move the center forward.

Before his position with the Boy Scouts, Youngerman was co-owner and vice president of Stan's Home Center Inc. in Jackson and the Home Center Inc. in Lexington and Henderson. He was previously associated with the McNairy County/Selmer Center from 2009-11 as an adjunct faculty member teaching geology.

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■ **Dr. Sean Walker**, assistant professor of management, recently had two research reports accepted for presentation in October at the Academy of Business Research Conference in Las Vegas, Nev. The titles of the research reports are: *The Impact of Managerial Narrative on Perceptions of Termination Interviews* and *The Great Expectation: How Preconceived Notions Can Outweigh Actual Performance*.

■ **Dr. S. K. Airee**, professor of chemistry, was recognized as

the 2014 Outreach Volunteer of the Year for the Kentucky Lake Section (KLS) of the American Chemical Society (ACS). Dr. Charles Baldwin, KLS councilor, presented Airee a plaque, a pen set and a citation letter from the chair of the Committee on Community Activities of ACS. The letter thanked Airee for the extraordinary volunteer service to KLS and for the continued dedication to ACS. Airee has been an ACS member for 56 years and a KLS member for 48 years. The photo was made by

Dr. Bommanna Loganathan, the section chair, at the KLS monthly meeting Aug. 28 at the Murray State University Faculty Club.



Alan Youngerman cont.

Youngerman holds an associate degree in physical chemistry from Jackson State Community College, a bachelor's degree in earth science from Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville and a master's degree with a major in economic geology from the University of Nevada, Reno - Mackay School of Mines.

Youngerman and his wife, Elizabeth, have two children and live in Selmer.

UT Martin opened the McNairy County/Selmer Center in cooperation with McNairy County and the city of Selmer. The university began offering lower-division courses at the center in summer 1998.

In fall 2004, the center began offering courses leading to the Education K-6 degree. Then in fall 2008, the center offered courses leading to bachelor's degrees in history and social work. Four new classrooms were completed in fall 2009.

In addition to previous offerings, a major in criminal justice is now available, and a major in psychology is new for this fall semester. The center also offers a full rotation plan of general-education courses, upper-division courses and the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree.

Also available are non-credit classes, and the center can design training curriculums to meet the individual needs of local business and industry.



NEW FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF WELCOMED – New UT Martin faculty and administrative staff members were welcomed to the university at a dinner hosted Sept. 4 by Drs. Tom and Glenda Rakes at the Dunagan Alumni Center. Those attending, with the area in which each works noted in parentheses, were (front row-l to r): Dr. Anderson Starling (Accounting, Finance, Economics and Political Science), Katie Smith (Student Organizations), Lora McDonald (Athletics-Administration), Steven Sanchez (Barnes & Noble Bookstore), Dr. Cindy Boyles (Behavioral Sciences), Amy Fenning (Tennessee Intensive English Program), LaQuita Morris (Mathematics and Statistics), Caroline Ideus (Tennessee Intensive English Program), Amy Richards (Family and Consumer Sciences), Dr. Hyungju Hur (History and Philosophy); (middle row-l to r) Master Sgt. James Postal (Military Science), Andrew Joannides (Athletics-Administration), Dr. Emalee Buttrey (Agriculture, Geoscience and Natural Resources), Rick Guarno (Baseball), Monty Taylor (Tennessee Intensive English Program), Josh Greer (Health and Human Performance), Kavitha Nambisan (Tennessee Intensive English Program), Rebecca Searle (Tennessee Intensive English Program), Jennifer Cooper (Finance and Administration), Kayce Beam (Jackson Center), Dr. Carl Libis (Mathematics and Statistics), Laura Taylor (Health and Human Performance); (back row-l to r) Rick Robinson (Baseball), Brian Carroll (Family and Consumer Sciences), John Aiken (Men's Basketball), Heath Schroyer (Men's Basketball), Dr. Aaron Rowland (Behavioral Sciences), Dr. Ty Perry (Accounting, Finance, Economics and Political Science), Julio Freire (Athletics-Administration) and Dr. Justin Martin (Behavioral Sciences). Attending the dinner but not pictured was Sarah Hendricks (Behavioral Sciences). Unable to attend the dinner were Capt. Troy Shoemaker (Military Science), Dr. Will Taeuk Kang (Management, Marketing and Information Systems), Dr. Morgan Miles (Tom E. Hendrix Chair of Excellence), Cassandra Burks (Nursing), Dr. Hyonson Hwang (Biological Sciences), Dr. Robert Niedzialomski (Mathematics and Statistics), John Bond (Football), Justin Rascati (Football), Charles Covington (Finance and Administration), Jared Anderson (Greek Life) and Karen White (Paul Meek Library).

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Calendar

- **War of 1812 exhibit**, J. Houston Gordon Museum, Paul Meek Library (through Oct. 31)
- **Sept. 8** - Skyhawk Golf at Derek Dolenc SIUE Invitational, Edwardsville, Ill.
- **Sept. 9** - Skyhawk Golf at Derek Dolenc SIUE Invitational, Edwardsville, Ill.
- **Sept. 9** - CONCERT SERIES: Bret Pimentel, Guest Woodwind Artist, Master Class, 12 p.m.; Concert 7:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 11** - Volunteer Leadership Day, UT Martin main campus
- **Sept. 11** - Grand Re-Opening, Barnes & Noble College Bookstore and Sodexo Skyhawk Dining Hall, Boling University Center, 10:30 a.m.
- **Sept. 11** - TribUTe Faculty and Staff Family Picnic,

- Graham Stadium Parking Lot, 4:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 11** - Skyhawk Football vs. Cumberland University, Graham Stadium, 6:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 12** - Marching Percussion Clinic, with Guest Artist Craig Loffler, Graham Stadium, 3-5 p.m.
- **Sept. 12** - Skyhawk Tennis Fall Invitational, Skyhawk Tennis Complex, starting at 4 p.m.
- **Sept. 12** - Skyhawk Volleyball Invitational vs. Drake, Skyhawk Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 12** - Skyhawk Soccer at Tulsa, 7:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 13** - Skyhawk Marching Band Invitational—Graham Stadium, All Day, Admission Charge
- **Sept. 13** - Skyhawk Tennis Fall Invitational, Skyhawk Tennis Complex, starting at 9

- a.m.
- **Sept. 13** - Skyhawk Volleyball Invitational, Skyhawk Fieldhouse, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 14** - Skyhawk Soccer at Oklahoma State, 1 p.m.

(Note - The Addenda calendar is not a comprehensive listing of university events. Check the Events Calendar at www.utm.edu or utmsports.com for additional university events and activities.)

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WestStar Leadership Program Accepting Applications for 2015 Class

Applications are being accepted to participate in UT Martin's WestStar Leadership Program. The program is the largest and oldest regional leadership development program in Tennessee and serves the 21 counties of West Tennessee. The program has produced 710 graduates in its 25-year history.

For application and additional information, contact WestStar at 881-7298 or online at <http://www.utm.edu/departments/weststar/>. The application deadline is Oct. 15. Anyone can apply to participate in the program, and nominations are accepted but not required. Class members will be competitively selected to participate in the 2015 program.

The WestStar program consists of eight specially designed seminar programs addressing contemporary major issues

important to West Tennessee's development. Each seminar takes place over one-and-a-half days. The program begins Dec. 11 with an opening one-day retreat and ends June 18, 2015, with an evening graduation ceremony.

The WestStar mission is to identify, encourage and equip community-minded people who want to become more involved, want to help West Tennessee become a better place and are willing to accept assertive and dynamic leadership roles.

Participants learn new leadership skills and develop strategies for assisting communities in solving problems and maximizing potential. Participants also become part of a growing network of other leaders who, through mutual support and assistance, shape West Tennessee's future.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT MARTIN

Cordially invites you to attend the

Grand Re-Opening



BARNES AND NOBLE COLLEGE BOOKSTORE
&

SODEXO SKYHAWK DINING HALL

on September 11, 2014

Ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch following in the newly renovated Skyhawk Dining Hall

\$5.00 per person





The Office of Campus Recreation is recognizing individuals and groups who are making extra efforts to elevate their fitness levels. We commend your friends and colleagues by deeming them "UTM Fit."

Diedra Walker
Senior Admissions Specialist
Office of Admissions

After coming from a family with a long history of asthma, I started developing signs of this illness in 2012. My doctor told me with the right medication and exercise my lungs would strengthen and I would be able to work out free of breathing issues. In January 2013, I began my fitness journey by taking a free fitness assessment test and attending Faculty/Staff Only Group Fitness classes at the Student Recreation Center. I complement the F/S class workouts with walking on a treadmill. In the past year and a half I have lost 10 percent of my body fat. and I am not afraid to take the stairs anymore.

Words of wisdom: Try not to let any illness hinder you from taking better care of yourself. You are only as good as you feel.



UT Martin Family Picnic

TRIBUNE You're invited!

Join UT President Joe DiPietro and Chancellor Tom Rakes
this **Thursday, September 11**, at 4:30 p.m.
for the UT Martin Family Picnic

Food, music and entertainment will be provided for all members of the UT Martin family prior to kickoff at 6:30 p.m.

UT Martin vs. Cumberland University

Football tickets will be available at the registration table for employees and family members at reduced rates of \$5 per adult and \$3 per child.



Participate on social media with the **#IAmUT** hashtag. Share something unique about yourself or your work so Dr. DiPietro and others can thank you for all you're doing on behalf of UT.