

# Addenda

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FACULTY AND STAFF NEWSLETTER

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## Diversity in Teaching grant received

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission recently awarded UT Martin a grant totaling \$204,736 through the Diversity in Teaching program to fund the Success in Teacher Education Project (STEP) for 2009-2011.

The STEP project is a collaborative effort between UT Martin, Dyersburg State Community College and Lauderdale County School System to recruit, prepare and retain teachers from underrepresented groups who embrace diversity as an instructional tool. The program design emphasizes two key areas: intentional recruiting strategies and individualized academic success strategies. The intended outcome of Project STEP is the placement of more underrepresented groups among the teacher ranks in local school systems in rural West Tennessee.

Dr. Mary Lee Hall, UT Martin College of Education and Behavioral Sciences dean, serves as the project director. Youlanda Jones, UT Martin Ripley Center director, and Dr. Kay Patterson, Dyersburg State Community

College dean of arts and sciences, are serving as co-project directors. This is the sixth award THEC has made to UT Martin under the Diversity in Teaching (formerly the Minority Teacher Recruitment) program.

"I am pleased that we have attained a Diversity in Teaching grant to assist underrepresented groups in completing requirements for the undergraduate degree and a teaching license," said Hall. "The most critical component of Project STEP is the intense mentoring and support provided to the candidates selected for the project. We are very fortunate to have the support of the Lauderdale School System in assisting us with providing the required field experiences and student teaching for the candidates." She added, "This is a win-win situation for students who complete the Associate of Science in Teaching at Dyersburg State Community College and transfer to the K-6 licensure program offered at the UT Martin Ripley Center."

For more information about the program, contact Hall at ext. 7127.



David Rinks, HVAC foreman, received the non-exempt Fall 2009 Outstanding Employee Award and Marsha Mitchell, assistant director and bursar in the Office of Business Affairs, received the exempt award recently presented by Chancellor Rakes. The awards, which recognize outstanding service to the university, are presented each fall and spring semester to two employees. Included as part of his nomination were comments such as, "In his role as HVAC foreman, David's actions, many times, go unnoticed by the entire campus, but he spends many hours ensuring that our building temperatures are acceptable and working out complex HVAC problems in the field with contractors. He helps to ensure quality work on HVAC projects so that we can enjoy a comfortable environment in our classrooms, our offices, and meeting rooms. David is a total team player and embodies the spirit of the 'campus that cares' attitude in his dealings with UT Martin staff as well as associates outside the university." Included as part of Mitchell's nomination were comments such as, "She strives for excellence in all that she does, taking the extra time necessary in helping our students, giving them her undivided attention, to solve their problems. Her professionalism and leadership make Business Affairs a more efficient and effective environment. She is committed to providing good customer service by cross-training the staff and implementing new procedures. Someone commented that they liked UT Martin because we have a lot of 'human beings ... those who care for the welfare of others. Marsha Mitchell certainly fits that description."



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• "Abraham Lincoln as Case Study: The Work of Rollo May Visible in the Life of the Great Emancipator" was the title of a paper presented by Dr. Michelle Merwin, associate professor of psychology, at the third annual Humanistic Psychology Conference, Division 32 of the American Psychological Association, Colorado Springs, Colo.

## Tech symposium soon

Concurrent sessions dealing with technology on campus and in the classroom will be the focus of the 2009 West Tennessee Technology Symposium from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Nov. 18, in Boling University Center. There will also be a vendor showcase located in Duncan Ballroom of the center.

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## Elams named Philanthropists of the Year

Tom and Kathleen Elam recently were honored with the Philanthropists of the Year Award presented posthumously at the University of Tennessee All-Stars Development Council awards dinner in Knoxville.

The award is presented to a donor(s) who has made a significant gift or gifts to UT. The award recognizes the profound impact a donor can have on the university and the lives of its students.

Tom Elam was appointed to the UT Board of Trustees in 1956. He identified so closely with UT and its board that in

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## Simmons' recital is Oct. 27

As a part of the Department of Music's Concert Series, Dr. Amy Simmons, associate professor of music, will perform a clarinet/saxophone recital at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 27, in Campbell Auditorium in Holt Humanities Building.

Simmons will perform an eclectic mix of styles and groupings of instruments with music from the 20th and 21st century. The recital will feature works for clarinet, saxophone and percussion. UT Martin percussion students and Dr. Joshua Smith, assistant professor of music at Bethel University, will be performing with Simmons.

## Elams

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1996, when his term was about to expire, the Tennessee General Assembly extended it to 2020, with the provision that should the seat become vacant, it would not be filled. He remained the senior member of the UT Board of Trustees until his death in 1998.

He served 42 years on the Board of Trustees and even longer on the Tennessee Athletics Board. In his hometown of Union City, Elam was a respected attorney and businessman.

The Elams supported many academic and athletic programs during their lifetimes. A \$1 million contribution to UT Martin in 1996 coincided with the university's naming of the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center in the couple's honor. After her husband's death, Mrs. Elam continued her support to the university by gifting nearly \$1.9 million.

The UT Martin Skyhawk football program received more than \$1.7 million of Mrs. Elam's gifts. This included a \$560,000 challenge gift to launch a private campaign to build the Bob Carroll Football Building located in the south end zone of Hardy M. Graham Stadium. The multipurpose room in the Bob Carroll Football Building was named the Kathleen H. Elam Room in her honor.

In addition to these gifts, Mrs. Elam, who died in April, bequeathed most of her estate to UT Martin, UT Knoxville and UT Health Science Center. The bequest is the largest gift in UT Martin's history.

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## Yeung to perform in recital on Nov. 1

As a part of the Department of Music's Concert Series, Dr. Amy Yeung, associate professor of voice, will perform a recital of Baroque vocal music at 3 p.m., Nov. 1, in the Trinity Presbyterian Church of Martin. Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor of music, will accompany Yeung at the harpsichord. Dr. Kurt Gorman, associate professor of trumpet, Sarah Beth Hanson, adjunct lecturer of flute, and Carla Field, violin, will join

the two performers at the recital.

The program will include sacred songs from Vivaldi's "Gloria," Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater," Bach's "Magnificat" and opera arias by Handel and Arne. Trinity Presbyterian Church is located at 145 Hannings Lane in Martin. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the Department of Music at ext. 7402.

### CALENDAR

Oct. 26-Nov. 1

**Monday, Oct. 26**

- 3 p.m. - Pumpkin Patch, Interfaith Center, 312 Lovelace Ave., (Oct. 26-31)

**Tuesday, Oct. 27**

- 5 p.m. - Dade Roberts, Jennifer Fergie and Brittany Branum, senior art exhibitions, Paul Meek Library (Oct. 27-Nov. 13)

- 7:30 p.m. - Concert series: Dr. Amy Parks Simmons, clarinet/saxophone recital, Campbell Auditorium, Humanities Building

**Thursday, Oct. 29**

- 7 p.m. - Skyhawk rodeo, host: Murray State University (Oct 29-31)

**Friday Oct. 30**

- 7 p.m. - Skyhawk volleyball @ Eastern Illinois

**Saturday Oct. 31**

- 2 p.m. - Skyhawk volleyball @ Southeast Missouri

- 3 p.m. - Low brass studio recital, Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center

**Sunday Nov. 1**

- 3 p.m. - Concert series: Dr. Amy Yeung, voice recital, Trinity Presbyterian Church

## PKP to recognize top 3 percent

The UT Martin's Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society chapter will meet to recognize the top 3 percent of the university's first- and second-year students. The meeting will be at 7 p.m., Oct. 27, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center. This year's Phi Kappa Phi lecturer, Dr. Mary Lee Hall, UT Martin College of Education and Behavioral Sciences dean, will speak to the group on "Those Who Can Do, Those Who Can Do More Teach!" Chancellor Tom Rakes, Phi Kappa Phi president, will preside at the meeting.

For more information, contact Mary Carpenter, ext. 7070 or maryc@utm.edu.

## Lunch Bunch is Nov. 12

The next Lunch Bunch will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 12, in the Chancellors' Suite in the Alumni Center. RSVP by Nov. 6 to Dorothy Gillon at dgillon@utm.edu.

## West Tennessee Accounting Conference planned Nov. 13

The West Tennessee Accounting Conference is planned Nov. 13, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Offered by the Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies and the Department of Accounting, Finance, Economics and Political Science, the workshop will be in Room 206 of Boling University Center. The fee for the conference is \$195.

Four professionals will staff the workshop that will provide participants with eight continuing professional education credits. Ray Todd, Tennessee Department of Revenue, will offer "Tennessee Sales and Use Taxes for Businesses and Legislative Update." Dennis Dycus, director of the Division of Municipal Audit for the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, State of Tennessee, will present "My Favorite Frauds and How They Could Have Been Prevented" and "Tennessee State-Specific Ethics." Dr. Bob Putman, professor emeritus of accounting, will teach "Financial Accounting Standards Update for Businesses." "Better Performance Reviews" will be taught by Brian Johnson, lecturer of psychology.

To register, call ECOS or ext. 7082 or register online at [www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/non\\_cred\\_it\\_registration.php](http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/non_cred_it_registration.php).

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The keynote speaker will be Lee Wetherington, Senior Vice President of Goldleaf Financial Solutions, Inc. His speech, "Space and Time Converge: A Technology Forecast," is about the convenience of technology and what to look for in the future of technology.

Early registration ends Nov. 4 with a fee of \$40. Registration after Nov. 4 will be \$50. The registration fee includes lunch. Door prizes, including Dell mini computers, will also be given away.

For more information or to register online, visit <http://www.utm.edu/wtts/registration.php>.

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