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## Givens leaves agriculture commissioner post; Oliver takes his place

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With his time in office coming to an end after Tennessee's gubernatorial election this fall, state Agriculture Commissioner Ken Givens said he saw a fork in the road and decided to take the campaign trail.

On Aug. 16, Givens, a Hawkins County farmer who had led the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) as commissioner since January 2003, stepped down from this position to become senior adviser to Democrat Mike McWherter during his run for the governor's seat.

"Every governor picks his own commissioner — that's just the way the process works — and it was time for me to accept a new challenge," said Givens. "We've gotten a lot done in the past seven years and seven months, and if I thought there was a lot of unfinished business, I might have stuck around for a while. I think we've made a real difference in production agriculture, and I know I'm leaving the department in good hands."

A few days after Givens made his announcement, Gov. Phil Bredesen named Deputy Agriculture Commissioner Terry Oliver to fill the vacated post. A sixth-generation West Tennessee farmer, Oliver has nearly 20 years of public service and experience in state government and has served with four commissioners of agriculture, including Givens.

"I have personally known Terry and have sought his advice and counsel through the years on agricultural issues," said Bredesen. "Always dependable and a man of his word, Terry made a great team with former Commissioner Givens in leading our efforts to address the needs and opportunities of farmers and rural communities. He is the right person to assume leadership of the Department of Agriculture at this time."

Oliver, who lives on his family's farm in Gleason with his wife, Marsha, said he appreciates the opportunity to serve the state of Tennessee as the 35th agriculture commissioner.

"The Department of Agriculture touches the lives of Tennesseans every day through the food we eat, the fuel we pump, the clothes we wear, the wood products we use, and the land we enjoy," said Oliver. "It will be an honor for me to serve in this new role." Oliver said he's among the first to praise his predecessor for such accomplishments as establishing a state agritourism initiative, the Governor's School for Agricultural Sciences, and the West Tennessee Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at the University of Tennessee at Martin. During his time in office, Givens fought for fair treatment of Tennessee tobacco farm families by guiding the successful completion of the National Tobacco Growers Settlement Trust and led the department's efforts to administer the Boll Weevil Eradication Program, which has helped rid the state of the costliest agricultural pest in U.S. history. He also served on the state's Alternative Fuel Working Group, a six-agency task force charged with developing a comprehensive biofuels strategy for Tennessee.

Perhaps most notably, Givens has been the driving force behind the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP), which has provided more than \$74 million in cost-share assistance to the state's farmers and rural communities since 2005. By helping to fund thousands of farm projects, the TAEP is helping Tennessee farmers increase profits, reduce costs, improve marketing programs, and transition to new and emerging areas of agriculture.

"Commissioner Givens has been a good friend to agriculture and a good friend to Co-op," said Bart Kresle, Tennessee Farmers Cooperative's chief executive officer. "We are grateful for everything he's done for our farmers and our industry. We are certainly going to miss his leadership at the Department of Agriculture, but we're looking forward to working with Terry Oliver in his new role." During his last few days in office, Givens had a chance to talk with Tennessee Cooperator editor Allison Morgan and reflect on his tenure as the state's agriculture commissioner:

Cooperator: "What do you think has been TDA's biggest achievement while you were commissioner?"

Givens: "They are all important, but I think the foundation we've laid through the Tennessee Ag Enhancement Program is the top thing we've done. We have invested in virtually everything that a person could be involved with in agriculture. At the end of June, we had paid for more than 19,000 investments in Tennessee farms, in every county of the state. When you add up what we are approving now, it will total well over 23,000. While I'm proud of that, I will be more proud of the day that number hits 100,000 and beyond. If we want to grow the ag economy of this state, then we are going to have to make these investments. Who knows how much hay we have saved or how many farmers we have kept from getting injured while working cattle? Those are things you can't measure."

Cooperator: "Is there anything you wish you could have accomplished while in office that you didn't have a chance to do?"

Givens: "We need more focus on increasing the honeybee population. It's hard to measure the loss of production we have because of the lack of pollination provided by honeybees. I really think the next commissioner ought to look at doing more in that area. We have some serious concerns there. I'd also like for there to be enough hay storage barns built in the next three to four years to sustain the next drought. We have better than 3,000 hay storage barns built now, but it would be nice to see that number around 10,000."

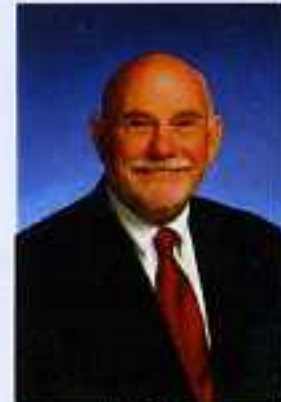
Cooperator: "What is the biggest challenge you've had to face as commissioner?"

Givens: "Budget issues! These days, our folks are simply doing more with less. We've tried to reorganize, consolidate, and do other things to basically withstand the reduced budgets. From a fiscal standpoint, it is good because it makes you meaner and leaner, but in reality, we may not be able to provide services as timely. The public needs to understand that. It is a challenge to make sure we don't expect more of our people than what they should be required to provide."

Cooperator: "You're a long-

time member of Hawkins Farmers Cooperative, and TDA has worked closely with the Co-op system in promoting the Ag Enhancement Program. How would you describe your relationship with Co-op?"

Givens: "The Co-op has been a great partner and promoter of our department and the TAEP program. We don't have storefronts and managers, so we've relied on Co-op to help us get the word out and get approved equipment on the producers' farms. For that matter, your salespeople and managers across the state have encouraged the producers to talk to their lawmakers in support of our



Ken Givens

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Cooperator: "What do you think you've enjoyed the most about being commissioner?"

Givens: "Traveling and seeing the things we've been able to put on the ground, going to county fairs, and just visiting with people and seeing their appreciation for the work we've done here at TDA. Farmers have a tough environment, with the weather and the economy, but they are also the first to smile and say 'thank you' for what you've tried to do for them. I am a farmer, so simply talking with other farmers has been the most rewarding part of this job."

Cooperator: "What do you think you'll miss most about being commissioner?"

Givens: "The people I work with. I have to run to catch up with the folks here because they are so much ahead of me in getting things done. I've had the chance to work with all kinds of experts who have been great about teaching me the things I needed to know, and I've learned a lot from them. I'll miss all the people, but we'll still be in touch. You form friends like this, and they are forever."

Cooperator: "Do you have any parting words to leave with the farmers of Tennessee?"

Givens: "I encourage farmers and farm families to get involved in politics and make sure they're taking our message to Nashville and to Washington. Sometimes agriculture doesn't get the recognition that it deserves. We have two gubernatorial candidates out there right now. I'll be on the trail for one of them, but it doesn't matter who your candidate is. Farmers need to promote agriculture and talk about its importance — the fact that there are over 500,000 jobs in this state related to agriculture and that it's our No. 1 industry above anything else."

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## Lead renovator course to be offered at UT Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies (ECOS) is offering a Certified Lead Renovator Course that complies with the Environmental Protection Agency Renovation, Repair and Paint Rule.

It is scheduled from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., with a one-hour lunch break, on two dates — Sept. 11 or Sept. 18.

The \$250 fee includes the manual, a certificate from the National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH) and EPA materials. NCHH is the EPA-authorized training provider for this class. The instructor will be H. Dale Fortner, NCHH principal instructor.

The eight-hour Certified Lead Renovator Course is taught in eight modules. They begin with "Why Should I Be Concerned

About Lead Paint?" The following topics are also included: regulations, before beginning work, during the work, cleaning activities and checking work, record-keeping and training non-certified renovation workers.

Students must achieve a 70 percent on the exam in order to pass the class. Students who pass the exam will be given a verification card.

This class meets EPA and Department of Housing and Urban Development requirements. Successful completion earns EPA Certified Renovator sta-

tus for five years. Students will learn what EPA/HUD requires of Certified Firms and Renovators and how to work in a lead-safe manner while complying with the EPA RRP Rule.

The EPA will begin enforcing the lead paint law, known as the RRP Rule, on Oct. 1. Anyone who renovates, repairs or paints any building built before 1978 must comply with the Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule.

To register for the class, call ECOS at (731) 881-7082 or register online at <http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/nondegree/home.php>.

## Railroad safety training class slated

A free four-hour railroad safety training class will be offered at four times Sept. 28-29 by the UT Martin Department of Agriculture, Geosciences and Natural Resources, TRANSCAER and the University of Memphis Intermodal Freight

Transportation Institute.

Pre-registration is required at [www.transcaer.com](http://www.transcaer.com) and participants may choose one of the following class times: Sept. 28 at 12:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.; or Sept. 29 at 8:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

An emergency response exercise by local emergency personnel also is planned at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 30. Organizations that want to participate are asked to contact Jamie Summers at the Martin Fire Department at (731) 587-4019.

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## Land surveying program prepares grads for careers

Students interested in completing courses needed to take the National Fundamentals of Land Surveying exam and prepare for a job that is in demand can register for the Land Surveying and Geomatics Certification Program at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Dr. Tim Burcham, UT Martin professor of agricultural engineering, said the program is important because it offers an organized curriculum for students to gain the necessary courses and experiential background to prepare for the exam.

"I believe the 'hands-on' experience with some of the latest land surveying equipment available is an asset for this program," Burcham said. "Teaching faculty from the Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources and the Department of Engineering have worked hard to prepare these students for success. Students who successfully pass the FLS exam will be on their way to a professional career in surveying."

That career, said Dr. Sandy Mehlhorn, UT Martin lecturer of agricultural engineering technology, is one with growth potential.

"There is a need for qualified, licensed surveyors. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has predicted an increase of 10-15 percent in the number of jobs for surveyors by 2012," she said.

Ms. Mehlhorn said one of the benefits of the program is that students who are earning a bachelor of science degree in anything can take these courses and should be able to sit for the licensing exam.

"Also, if a student begins the certificate program by their sophomore year of col-

lege, most of the surveying courses can be used as electives," she said.

Jason Garrett of Bolivar was the first person to complete the UT Martin certification program and successfully pass the FLS exam. Garrett, a 2010 graduate with a bachelor's degree in agriculture and a minor in business administration, is pursuing a career as a surveyor.

After serving as a surveyor-in-training, students must pass two more exams to become a licensed surveyor.

"The surveying program at UT Martin is still a new program," said Garrett, who noted it will continue to evolve. "But it's a good program."

UT Martin 2007 graduate Tommy Seratt of Martin also completed some of the surveying courses at UT Martin, prior to the full program being offered. Seratt

said the classes were very interesting and his adviser, Richard Shadden, professor of agricultural engineering, had always suggested that he give surveying a try.

"When the opportunity presented itself, I took it and never looked back," he said.

A surveyor-in-training, Seratt said in addition to having a viable career, "I love being outdoors, and surveying is a great profession to get in plenty of outside time. I have conducted surveys all across West Tennessee and in many various forms, such as construction and boundary surveys. These surveys may be in a 300-acre swamp or a nicely mowed half-acre town lot. It's like a treasure hunt every day."

For more information about the Land Surveying and Geomatics Certification program, call (731) 881-7260.



**MOVE-IN DAY** — Students and their families and friends took advantage of the cool temperatures Friday morning to move in and get settled in University of Tennessee at Martin housing. Faculty, staff, current students and area residents were on hand to

assist the students as they prepared for the fall semester. Among those on hand were (from left) parents Lori and Jeff Martin, Hunter Allen and Mallory Martin, who is a pre-veterinary major from Union City.

## More defibrillators on UTM campus



Charlie Rayburn, left, associate professor of health and human performance, recertifies Eric Phillips, center, of Dresden, and Kevin Harris, of Martin, in the operation of an AED, along with cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

The University of Tennessee at Martin is continuing to supplement the number of Automated External Defibrillators, first used on campus 10 years ago, and is gearing up for additional training for faculty, staff and students to teach them how to use the life-saving units. The American Red Cross defines defibrillation as "an electrical shock that may help the heart resume an effective rhythm for a person in cardiac arrest." In cases of cardiac arrest, the Red Cross reported that AEDs have

proven more effective in saving lives than cardio-pulmonary resuscitation alone. UT Martin installed additional AEDs on campus in February and March and recently purchased more, bringing the total number of units to 39. They are placed throughout campus in clearly-marked locations. Currently, there are 57 faculty and staff members on campus and 42 students employed by the Office of Campus Recreation trained to use the AEDs.

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## Chicago travel study trip available through UTM

Art, fashion and interior design will take center stage on a travel-study tour to Chicago. Set for Oct. 22-26, the trip is open to students, faculty, staff and community. Student participants must register for a class.

The itinerary includes the Art Institute, Field Museum, Sears Tower, Frank Lloyd Wright Tour, Interior Design Merchandise Mart, Macy's and the Arts District.

A deposit is due by Sept. 7. For more information, contact Dr. Sue Byrd, sbyrd@utm.edu; Diane Shaw, dshaw@utm.edu; David McBeth, dmcbeth@utm.edu; or Glen Byrd, rgbyrd@utm.edu.

## 'Using Social Media to Market Business' seminar topic

"Using Social Media to Market Your Small Business" is a seminar planned on September 16 by sponsors, the Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce, the University of Tennessee at Martin Small Business Development Center and the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center.

Social networking connects people and can also allow your business to connect to new and existing customers. Participants will find out how things such as Facebook, Twitter, live chat and Yammer can help you market a business and connect with customers and employees. Examples will be shown.

The seminar is from 1:00-3:00 p.m., at the South Fulton Municipal Building, Harvey Vick Room, 700 Milton Counce Dr. Instructor is Steve Holt, UT Martin Instructional Technology Center director and webmaster. There is no fee, however seating is limited.

To register, contact the chamber at 731-479-2640 or the REED Center at 731-587-7333 or register online at [www.utm.edu/reed](http://www.utm.edu/reed) or [www.tsbdc.org](http://www.tsbdc.org).

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## UT Martin advances in top tier of America's best colleges

The University of Tennessee at Martin advanced its ranking in the top tier of master's level public universities in the South in the 2011 edition of America's Best Colleges compiled by U.S. News & World Report. The rankings, released this week, rate colleges and universities using information gathered from various sources.

In the 2011 rankings, UT Martin improved its overall ranking as well as graduation rates, peer assessment score

and percentage of faculty who are full time. UT Martin moved up nine rankings and tied for 47th place among public universities in the South that grant bachelor's and master's degrees.

Colleges are ranked against their peers using information submitted in a survey completed by the institutions and other sources. Categories used to determine the rankings and to measure academic quality include peer assessment, retention, faculty resources,

student selectivity, financial resources and the alumni giving rate.

"The U.S. News & World Report rankings are among many indicators of program quality, and we are pleased to see our ranking move upward," said UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes. "Overall, there are many important factors that contribute to a high-quality education, and due to the hard work of our faculty and staff, we continue to experience rankings and recognitions from multiple sources."

UT Martin recently was named one of the best colleges and universities in the Southeast, according to The Princeton Review for 2011. The New York City-based education services company selected the school as one of 133 institutions it recommends in its "Best in the Southeast" section on its Web site feature, "2011 Best Colleges: Region by Region."

Registration for fall semester continues with classes set to begin Aug. 30. Information about UT Martin is available by calling 1-800-829-UTM1.

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## Local students named to UTM's Dean's List

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Summer 2010 Dean's Lists for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global Affairs, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the

College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

To be eligible for dean's list recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the dean's list with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or high-

est honors (3.8 through 4.0).

Included are:

•Trenton: Jennifer N. Barrette, High Honors, and Jarrod J. Slaughter, Honors;

•Rutherford: Carol A. Kail, Highest Honors;

•Humboldt: Kellie D. Kimble, Honors;

•Medina: Meredith L. Dunn, Highest Honors, and Starla E. Scott, Highest Honors;

•Milan: Paul F. Owens, High Honors; Sarah E. Parker, Highest Honors; and Benton Rimmer, Highest

Honors.

UT Martin is a comprehensive public university that maintains an excellent reputation for its high-quality undergraduate programs, its beautiful campus and caring professors.

### McWherter talks jobs

**Business tax cuts touted as way to help create jobs**

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The University of Tennessee at Martin hosted Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mike McWherter, who on Wednesday expounded on his proposals and platform while unloading more ammunition against his opponents.

The McWherter campaign stopped at UT Martin to speak to students, faculty and locals in an event hosted by UT Martin's College Democrats.

McWherter said students in attendance would be "the most affected" by the results of this year's gubernatorial race.

During the hour-long campaign stop, McWherter reiterated a number of his ideas for bringing new jobs to Tennessee. McWherter focused particularly on creating jobs for more rural counties such as UTM's home in Weakley County - which announced 13 percent unemployment for the month of July.

"I think Governor Hinesden has done a tremendous job at laying a great foundation in recruiting Henrick, Volkswagen as well as the Nissan headquarters," McWherter said. "What we've got to do is aggressively identify the associated industries with those companies. Whether they're making seatbelts or headlights or solar parts, we need to identify them and get those industries located here in Tennessee."

Another method for job creation presented by McWherter was to reduce taxes on small businesses, something he also believed would help pull the state out of the recession.

"I want a program of tax incentives and tax cuts for existing small businesses here in the state," McWherter said. "In the recessions of 1981 and 1991 it was small businesses that led to the recovery. The reason this recession is lingering so

long with us now is because small businesses are really uncertain about the economy. If you get people to work then you get consumers and if you get consumers you get revenue ... we need to get people back to work."

McWherter stated that Republican opponent Bill Haslam's major platform to tackle unemployment numbers in the state was to create economic development centers that - as the Democratic candidate puts it - "already exist."

"Those centers exist from Mountain City to Shelby County ... they're called economic development councils and they're fully staffed," McWherter said. "All [Haslam] is talking about doing is setting up a competing state agency for ones we already have in existence. That's his bright idea about how to bring jobs into Tennessee."

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# UT president hopeful despite fundraising challenges

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While droves of incoming freshmen were roaming the halls for their first week of classes at UTM, local leaders and UTM officials met with the UT President to discuss the future of the UT system.

Interim President of the University of Tennessee, Jan Simek, spoke to local leaders and UTM representatives at a banquet held Tuesday at the Boling University Center. The meeting – with guests such as Representative Mark Maddox and Weakley County Commissioner Jimmy Westbrook – was a chance for Simek to raise important guidelines that he hopes the next UT President will follow.

One of the major talking points in Simek's speech was to increase the graduation rates of students throughout the entirety of the UT system.

"I honestly believe that the more of a commitment you make to taking freshmen as they come in and guiding them through their transition, the better your graduation rate will be," Simek said. "Most important of all is advising. The more attention that is put to that, the more



**PRESIDENT'S UPDATE** – University of Tennessee Interim President Jan Simek was at UT Martin on Aug. 31 as part of his annual fall tour of UT campuses. Simek is welcomed by UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes.

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Simek states that the UT system is doing everything it can to bring graduation time down to four years, and that it can do this by utilizing surrounding community colleges. The current national average for graduation time is roughly six

years.

Simek also hopes that UT can increase the value of bachelor's degrees in a flooded job market.

"With resources you can do a whole lot more," Simek said. "By making classes smaller and making more classes available. As we work through these fiscal difficulties ...

we have to be very strategic in how we invest that money. We have to invest it to make sure these ends are met."

When asked how UT hopes to improve the competitiveness of their diplomas, he states that the UT system is constantly working to increase the value of their undergraduate degrees.

"We're always in the process of making sure the degrees are as good as they can be. That's our strength," Simek said. "Setting your sights high and really competing to get there is the best thing we can do so that when students come out their degree is worth something."

The current national average for the time it takes to attain an undergraduate diploma is roughly six years. Currently college graduates hold a 4.5 percent share of national unemployment numbers, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Simek went on to say that fundraising is an important part of making sure the UT system reaches these goals. He said that hard time for faculty and students could be ahead if fundraising challenges aren't met. Stimulus monies re-

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ceived by the UT system will be running out at the end of this year, meaning UT will take a hit from the budget restructurings that have occurred over the course of the past two years.

"When the stimulus funds go away, there will be pain," Simek said. "Classes will be larger, there will be fewer sections because there will be fewer faculty. We're going to work very hard to minimize that and we're already working on it, but there will be pain. Students will still be able to get their degrees in a timely manner."

According to Simek, the last resort for increasing funding should be tuition

increases; he pointed out that hikes in costs for attendance are inevitable. UT Martin recently implemented a nine percent tuition increase, bringing average full-time tuition to roughly \$3000 a semester.

In regards to the search for the next UT President, Simek only offered guidelines for whoever his replacement will be.

"We don't know who the candidates are being developed, and we won't know that until September," Simek said.

"A vocal spokesperson for higher education in the state of Tennessee needs to be a key internal advocate for why higher education is important. Without such a voice, the value of institutions like this is frankly lost among many of our

citizens."

UTM Chancellor Tom Rakes, who doted on Simek's track record as Interim President, stated that UTM was right in line with many of these changes.

"[Simek] has been a great supporter of this campus and has also demonstrated that the University of Tennessee really does cover the state in mission and service to our citizens," Rakes said. "In this capacity he wasn't just a placeholder. He has been and continues to be very active and that's the kind of individual we need in that spot."

In the Chancellor's strategic plan to faculty he stated that UTM's budget – which implemented a major restructuring in the Fall of 2009 – is currently "in good shape."



GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Country star John Michael Montgomery is set to perform at the West Tennessee Soybean Festival at 9 p.m. Sept. 11. The festival, which runs Sept. 4 through 12 in Martin, also features performances by .38 Special, Jason Michael Carroll, Selah and much more. For a complete guide to the event, visit [tnsoybeanfestival.org](http://tnsoybeanfestival.org).

#### TN SOYBEAN FESTIVAL IN MARTIN

John Michael Montgomery, .38 Special headline Tennessee Soybean Festival in Martin, Sept. 4-12. Free musical entertainment, along with a carnival, disc golf tournament, pageants, talent contest, parade, 17th annual barbecue cook-off and 14th annual car and bicycle show. The 2010 festival will include the finals of the Soybean Idol Competition after the parade at 6:30 p.m. as the Tuesday night feature; the sixth annual Faith and Community Night, with The Peacemakers and Selah as the Wednesday night entertainment; and Jason Michael Carroll and Kip

Moore performing Thursday night. On Friday, .38 Special, The Return Beatles Tribute Band and the Ryan Holladay Band are slated to perform. Montgomery is the Saturday night concert. All concerts are free. Festival information, the schedule and sponsors are posted at [www.tnsoybeanfestival.org](http://www.tnsoybeanfestival.org). For additional information, call Kimberly Craddock, at (731) 588-2507, or email [mcd@martintennessee.org](mailto:mcd@martintennessee.org).

#### The Commercial Appeal

Saturday, September 4, 2010

Tipton County students receiving degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the spring commencement were:

Undergraduate degrees — Jennifer Elaine Sims and Kimberly West, both of Atoka; Teresa Diane Harris, Kelly Nichole Harrington, Terri Lynn West, Sarah Olive Cavin and Ariys Jeanetta Kimes of Brighton; William Clay Kelley of Burlison; Precious Monique Dyson, Jared Wallace Burdette, Abraham Adrian Pruitt, Samiria Yvette Jackson, Nikki Danielle Smith, Cassandra F. Tate, Jennifer Kathleen Jones-Winkler and Alyssa Nicholle Folk of Covington; Marci Lynn Mills of Drummonds; Ann Margaret Christmas, Justin Bradford West and Ashley Danielle Harvey of Mason. Millicent Ashley of Brighton received a graduate degree.

# Buffalo River Review

## LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES DUNCAN RETIRES FROM U.S. MARINE CORPS

Lieutenant Colonel (LtCol) James Carl Duncan will retire from the United States Marine Corps on August 31, 2010, in the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes. He has served more than 28 years.

James grew up in the rolling hills of southern middle Tennessee, and in 1977, graduated "with highest honors" from the University of Tennessee at Martin with a B.S. degree in History and a minor in Mathematics. In 1981, he graduated in the top third of his class from the University of Tennessee College of Law in Knoxville, with a J.D. degree.

LtCol Duncan was commissioned in December 1982 after completing Officer Candidate School at Quantico, Virginia. In 1983, he completed Naval Justice School, and he was certified as a Judge Advocate in the U.S. Marine Corps. From 1983 to 1985, LtCol Duncan served as Trial Counsel and Defense Counsel at MCAS, Cherry Point, North Carolina.

In 1985, LtCol Duncan was transferred to Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (HQMC) where he served as the Assistant Head, Legal Assistance Branch from 1985 to 1988. In 1988, he was selected for the Special Education Program (SEP), and he attended George Washington University where he graduated "with highest honors," receiving a Masters of Law Degree in International Law in 1989.

Upon completion of his Masters of Law Degree, LtCol Duncan was transferred to the Legal Service Support Section, 3d Force Service Support Group in Okinawa, Japan, where he served as the Operations Law Officer from 1989-1992. During the Summer of 1992, he was transferred to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. From 1992-1996, he served as the Deputy SJA, II Marine Expeditionary Force and as the Deputy SJA, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Atlantic.

During the Summer of 1996, LtCol Duncan was transferred to the Oceans Law and Policy Division (now known as the International Law Division) at the Naval War College. At the Naval War College, he served as an instructor from 1996-1999. From 1999-2002, LtCol Duncan served as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Joint Forces Command.

During the Summer of 2002, he was transferred to HQMC, where he has served in three distinct billets. First, in the Programs and Resources (P&R) Department, HQMC, where he served as the Head of the Coordination Section, Resources and Programs Development Branch from 2002-2004; second, in the Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Navy (OJAG) from 2004-2006 where he served as the Head of the Operations Law Department, International and Operational Law Division (Code 10); and third, in the Office of the

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General Counsel of the Navy as the Military Assistant and Special Counsel to the General Counsel for the Department of the Navy from 2006 to the present.

LtCol Duncan's personal decorations include: one Joint Meritorious Service Medal, five Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), one Navy Commendation Medal, and Navy Achievement Medal (two awards).

James is the son of Alvin and Hazel Duncan of Linden.

He is married to the former Brenda Kay Langham, daughter of Alice and the late Leon Langham of McAlester, Oklahoma. He and Brenda have two children: Daniel, age 33, and Elizabeth, 27.

## Chicago travel-study scheduled in October

Art, fashion and interior design will take center stage on a travel-study tour to Chicago.

Set for Oct. 22-26, the trip is open to students, faculty, staff and community. Student participants must register for a class.

The itinerary includes the Art Institute, Field Museum, Sears Tower, Frank Lloyd Wright Tour, Interior Design Merchandise Mart, Macy's and the Arts District.

A deposit is due by Tuesday.

For more information, contact Dr. Sue Byrd by e-mail at [sbyrd@utm.edu](mailto:sbyrd@utm.edu); Diane Shaw at [dshaw@utm.edu](mailto:dshaw@utm.edu); David McBeth at [dmcbeth@utm.edu](mailto:dmcbeth@utm.edu); or Glen Byrd at [rgbyrd@utm.edu](mailto:rgbyrd@utm.edu).

## UT Martin fourth in state in international website rank

The University of Tennessee at Martin's Web presence and the interest it attracts worldwide has placed it fourth among four-year institutions statewide, as noted in a recent ranking completed by 4 International Colleges & Universities.

"As an increasing number of students and their families turn to the Web in search of colleges and universities, the importance of an institution's Web site and the 'traffic' it receives has increased. A well-designed Web site that provides easy-to-access university information about everything from admissions requirements to university housing and financial aid is a great recruitment asset," UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes said.

"Just as important, UT Martin's website gives a practical option as international students view the campus, its programs and quality of life," he added.

4 International Colleges and Universities is an international higher education search engine and directory reviewing accredited universities and colleges worldwide. The listing includes 10,000 colleges and universities in 200 countries.

Institutions included in the listing are officially recognized, licensed or accredited by national or regional bodies such as ministries of education and/or accreditation organizations. They are officially entitled to grant four-year undergraduate degrees and/or post-gradu-

ate degrees, provide traditional face-to-face learning facilities, programs and courses and have an official website.

Universities and colleges are sorted by 4icu.org university web ranking based on three web metrics extracted from three different search engines — Google Page Rank, Yahoo Inbound Links and Alexa Traffic Rank. The goal of the 4 ICU website is to gauge popularity ranking of world universities and colleges based upon the popularity of their websites. It is intended to assist international students and academic staff to understand how popular a specific university/college is in a foreign country.

[www.commercialappeal.com](http://www.commercialappeal.com)

## Memphis Photos



Southwind High's Latranee Knight and Houston High's Anthony Rosser II were invited to attend the Young Scholars Academy at the University of Tennessee at Martin. During the weeklong camp, the students focused on aptitude development, personal and social development and college/major exploration.

## C&C Pharmacy brings family values to area customers

Saturday, September 4, 2010

Dyersburg State Gazette

With the opening of C&C Pharmacy in the Lewis Creek Place shopping center on Parr Avenue, Dyer County residents have a new choice when it comes to their pharmacy needs. But residents



These two pharmacists with small-town values plan to extend that family atmosphere to their customers.

"We want to create a real mom-and-pop feel," said Cook. "When you walk in the door, you are going to be recognized. We talk about other things than medicine. (We will provide) that warm and fuzzy feeling that people are used to in a traditional independent pharmacy; a place

where customer service is a number-one priority."

Business policies that reinforce those values include a friendly atmosphere in the store, delivery services and professional care

who walk into the recently constructed drug store will find both old-fashioned values and customer service.

Curtis Colbert and Kevin Cook are more than just good friends and co-workers. They are family.

Longtime employees of Belew and Ray Drug Store, the two worked so well together that Colbert introduced Cook to his wife's sister. The duo are now brothers-in-law as well as business partners.

"Curtis introduced me to my wife," said Cook. "So not only did we work 40-hour weeks together, we did weekends and holidays together with the family. We had worked for Belew and Ray for many years when the owner decided to sell the store to Super D."

Although Super D representatives wanted Colbert and Cook to remain after the changeover, a required long-term contract had them thinking twice.

"Curtis and I had always wanted to start our own pharmacy," said Cook. "We had always talked about having our own store. We knew if we signed a long-term contract, it would be years before we could do it. This is the way the Lord presented it to us, so we decided this is what we wanted to do and we preceded from there."

"It has always been a dream of ours to own our own store, individually," said Colbert. "But since we've become brothers-in-law, we've learned how one of us complements the other in different ways. This was the perfect way for each of us to realize our dream."

that is available 24 hours a day. The pharmacy is open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., on Saturdays. However, both Colbert and Cook have made themselves available to their customers around the clock.

"Both of our business cards have our home numbers on them," said Cook. "You can't just be sick from 9 to 6, Monday through Friday. We are working for (our customers) 24 hours a day. We both grew up working in independent pharmacies and we both feel that people who work in independent pharmacies have a passion for helping others."

Another way C&C Pharmacy plans to help Dyer County residents is to continue to provide flu immunizations throughout the community.

"For many years, we have sort of done our own flu immunizations in the community," said Cook. "We do an open clinic at Dyersburg Activity Center and different facilities around town, at industries and nursing homes."

Colbert grew up in Obion County. He attended the University of Tennessee at Martin for four years and pharmacy school at the University of Memphis. He and his wife, Camille, have two daughters, Hope and Claire.

"I'm not far from home," said Colbert. "My purpose in moving here 10 years ago was to hopefully have the opportunity to own my own business and it has finally made its way into reality."

Cook also worked at Belew and Ray as a youngster, a college student and a pharmacy student. He graduated from Dyersburg State Community College, attended UTM and pharmacy school at the University of Missouri. He and his wife, Damaris, have a daughter, Henley.

"I grew up in Dyersburg," said Cook. "Both of my parents were city school teachers. I am proud to be a product of Dyer County and to have the opportunity to come back and serve the community that raised me."

Both Colbert and Cook are excited to continue providing quality services to residents of the Dyer County community as they begin this new venture.

"We've made Dyersburg and Dyer County our home and are so proud we are able to do that -- to make a living and raise our children here," said Cook. "That's something that is important to both of us, and that's definitely a great reward in itself."



C&C Pharmacy owners and pharmacists Curtis Colbert and Kevin Cook stop in the middle of a busy morning to snap this photo

with their staff. The pharmacy, located in Lewis Creek Place shopping center, provides old-fashioned values in a beautiful new facility. From left, seated, Crystal Warden, Ginger Sandage, Brandy Edgell, Tina Reed; Colbert, Chasity McAlister, Cook.

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THE JACKSON SUN

SATURDAY, SEPT. 4, 2010

## UTM places 4th in state in website ranking

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4 International Colleges and Universities is an international higher education search engine and directory that reviews accredited universities and colleges worldwide, according to a news release. The listing includes 10,000 colleges and universities in 200 countries.

"As an increasing number of students and their families turn to the Web in search of colleges and universities, the importance of an institution's website and the traffic it receives has increased," UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes said in the release. "A well-designed website that

provides easy-to-access university information about everything from admissions requirements to university housing and financial aid is a great recruitment asset.

"Just as important, UT Martin's website gives a practical option as international students view the campus, its programs and quality of life," he said.

## Social media featured at event

"Using Social Media to Market Your Small Business" is a seminar planned for Sept. 16 by sponsors the Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce, the University of Tennessee at Martin Small Business Development Center and the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center.

Social networking connects people and can also allow a business to connect to new and existing customers.

Participants will find out how things such as Facebook, Twitter, live chat and Yammer can help market a business and connect with customers and employees. Examples will be shown.

The seminar is from 1-3 p.m. at the South Fulton Municipal Building's Harvey O. Vick Community Room at 700 Milton Counce Drive.

The instructor will be Steve Holt, UT Martin Instructional Technology Center director and webmaster.

There is no fee, but seating is limited.

To register, contact the chamber at (731) 479-2640 or the REED Center at (731) 587-7333 or register online at [www.utm.edu/reed](http://www.utm.edu/reed) or [www.tsbdc.org](http://www.tsbdc.org).

The University of Tennessee at Martin Center for International Education will offer several travel-study programs for the 2010-2011 academic year, with the first trip beginning in October.

The first travel-study trip to Chicago is set for Oct. 22-26. Dr. Sue Byrd, professor of textiles, clothing and fashion merchandising, and Diane Shaw, associate professor of art, will be the trip leaders.

In January, Dr. Mahmoud Haddad, professor of finance, will lead a trip to Egypt.

Other trip dates, destinations and department leaders include:

- March 11-17: New York, led by Dr. Sue Byrd, professor of textiles, clothing and fashion merchandising.
- March: London and Paris led by Dr. Jeff Hoyer, associate professor of communications.
- March: Germany, led by Dr. Arthur Hunt, associate professor of communications.
- March: London, Orleans and Paris, led by Dr. Tom Payne, interim chairman of the department of accounting, finance, economics and political science.
- March: South Korea; led by J.C. Kim, assistant professor of sport management.
- May: Natchez Trace tour; led by Anna Clark, instructor of English.
- May: Saltillo, Mexico; led by Dr. Joey Mehlhorn, professor of agricultural economics.
- May: Greece and Istanbul; led by Dr. Nathan Howard and Ricky Gallitz, assistant professors of history.
- May: Mediterranean cruise; led by Lorie Jackson, Center for International Education administrative specialist.
- May: Washington, D.C.; led by Darrell Simmons, department of public safety police lieutenant.
- May: Italy; led by Dr. Lionel Crews, associate professor of physics.
- June: Australia and New Zealand, led by Dr. Brad Ray, assistant professor of fisheries science.
- July: Switzerland, Austria and Germany; led by Stan Sieber, professor of history.

## THE WEAKLEY COUNTY PRESS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

# Basic sewing, Illustrator, Excel and ACT courses planned at UT Martin

Several classes are planned this fall by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies for those with an interest in sewing, Illustrator and Excel, as well as ACT preparation.

"A Stitch in Time - Beginning Basic Sewing" is slated from 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 14-Oct. 7.

Instructor is Denesa Gatewood. The fee will be \$75, with a \$5 supply fee paid to the instructor. Participants should provide scissors.

Using a needle, thread and a couple of minutes a day, participants will learn how to mend clothes, repair hems and sew on buttons.

The same tools used on apparel, can also be used to create window treatments and gifts. The same basic skills can be used for quilting.

"All About Illustrator" is planned for 6:30-7:45 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 14-30.

Instructor is Natalie Carroll, UT Martin graphic designer/print specialist, and the fee is \$95.

Learn how to utilize the basic functions and tools of Adobe Illustrator to cre-

ate logos, illustrations and more.

Becoming comfortable and familiar with the Illustrator workspace is a major factor in experimenting with its capabilities.

"Beginning Excel" is scheduled from 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesday and Thursday, Sept. 21 and 23.

Instructor is Doug Bloodworth, UT Martin analyst and programmer, and the fee is \$85.

Participants will learn to build spreadsheets with easy-to-use techniques. They will learn how to use functions, manage files, move and copy, format sample worksheets and use multiple worksheets and summarize.

Participants also will learn how to create graphs, use drawing tools for special emphasis and work with the new Excel 2007 and Vista.

"Making Sense of the ACT - ACT Prep Course" is planned on Saturdays

from 9 a.m.-noon, Sept. 25-Oct. 16.

Instructor is Ron Ramage, and the fee is \$65, plus the cost of the book.

This course will help students plan a strategy to make the highest score possible on this test.

The course is designed for first-time test takers as well as seasoned veterans. Students will be using The Real ACT Prep Guide and should have the book at the first class meeting.

The cost of the text is not included in the registration fee.

The book may be purchased on the UT Martin campus at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore.

Call the bookstore, 713-881-7760, to obtain a copy. The class limit is 20.

Pre-registration is required for classes. To register, call ECOS at 731-881-7082 or for online registration, go to <http://www.utm.edu/departments/eccc/nondegree/home.php>.

## Four area business people join WestStar Board of Trustees



Payne



Sullivan



Ross



Barker

Four area business people have been named to the WestStar Board of Trustees. Serving three-year terms through 2013 are Joe Barker, Dr. Tom Payne, James Ross and Emily Sullivan.

Barker is a 1997 WestStar graduate from Hardin County. He is the executive director of Southwest Tennessee Development District in Jackson.

Payne is a 2005 WestStar graduate from Weakley County. He is the Dumanan Chair of Excellence in Banking at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Ross is a 2004 WestStar graduate from Madison County. He is the chief operating officer of West Ten-

nessee Healthcare in Jackson.

Sullivan is a 2002 WestStar graduate from Gibson County. She is the director of energy services and economic development at Gibson Electric Membership Corporation in Trenton.

They join 15 other trustees in shaping the future of WestStar at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Celebrating its 21st year, WestStar serves the 21 counties of West Tennessee and is the state's oldest and largest regional leadership development program.

For more information about WestStar, contact Virginia Grimes, coordinator, at 731-881-7298.

## Carroll to speak about experiences on Human Terrain team in Iraq

Katherine Blue Carroll, who served from January 2008-April 2009 as a social scientist on a Human Terrain Team in Baghdad, Iraq, will speak at the University of Tennessee at Martin, at 1 p.m., Sept. 9, in Watkins Auditorium.

Human Terrain Teams were developed to provide expert social and political advice to brigade commanders and soldiers on the ground in war zones.

A native of Knoxville, she joined Vanderbilt University in 2001 as College of Arts and Science assistant dean.

Since 2006, she has been an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science, where she directs the undergraduate program in public policy studies and teaches courses on terrorism, political Islam, Middle East politics and the war in Iraq.

She received a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Indiana University and Master of Arts and doctorate in po-

litical science with a specialization in Middle East Politics from the University of Virginia.

Her dissertation, "Business as Usual? Economic Reform in Jordan," was published in 2003.

Her work since returning from Iraq is on various aspects of Iraqi culture and politics, as well as on the interaction of the American military with Iraqi society.

She is working on a book about her personal experiences in Iraq and has also just begun a book-length academic project on military detention post-Abu Ghraib.

She also works frequently as a consultant for Decisive Analytics Corporation, a defense contractor, and has given several invited talks on her experience in Iraq and on Arab culture and politics to military audiences.

For more information, contact Dr. Malcolm Koch, Center for Global Studies and International Education executive director, at 731-881-1023.

## *UTM Chancellor draws on strategic plan for fall faculty meeting address*

Priorities from the University of Tennessee at Martin's strategic plan and outcomes-based state funding were the focus of remarks made by UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes at the annual fall faculty meeting this week.

Actions related to instructional delivery and curriculum adjustments; campus communications/branding; diversity among faculty, staff and student groups; international initiatives; budget; and compensation issues were among the priorities he discussed.

"Welcome back. I know it is going to be a busy, productive and successful year," Rakes told the group. He opened his remarks expressing appreciation to faculty members, thanking them for keeping the university focused on its mission and providing students with the mentoring and guidance they need.

Rakes also thanked staff members and others who provide leadership and service across the campus.

In discussing instruction and curriculum, he said, "We are going to continue to study, from a data basis, where our online programs may be most effective."

As an example, he cited the new undergraduate program in business management with an enrollment that has doubled in one year.

Rakes said online graduate programs in education continue to grow and the demand for online offerings in agriculture has shown a noticeable increase.

"Our academic units continue to adjust curriculum offerings," he said, and changes will be reviewed to make sure the delivery is appropriate.

Another change relating to restructuring entry-level mathematics classes and no longer offering developmental courses is also being studied for implementation in fall 2011.

He said that on-campus academic programs continue to evolve to meet a broad range of needs, and there are extensive renovation and new construction projects under way to accommodate them.

Finally, he added that instructional delivery matters also involve managing growing student interests and needs at off-campus centers and dual-enrollment programs, two segments significant to enrollment.

Rakes spoke of the importance of efforts involving faculty, staff and student diversity, with data reflecting employment and enrollment trends being reviewed.

He also pointed to the value of international initiatives, now led by the Center for Global Studies and International Education.

A 30-year partnership with Hirosaki University was highlighted as an example of the international

programs' history on campus.

"The mission we have is to prepare our students ... for a much more global world."

The chancellor also discussed a recently unveiled campus communications/branding campaign that was the result of a lengthy process by a campus committee working with STAMATS, Inc., a higher education marketing company.

Thirty-two recommendations to enhance how UT Martin is marketed will span the coming months and years. The effort will also work in tandem with another plan to improve customer service and process management of services.

In comments related to the university's budget, Rakes said, "We're in good shape. We're getting things done."

He pointed to the use of one-time federal stimulus funds that enabled the university to secure equipment for academic programs, provide for infrastructure needs and make faculty adjustments.

"We're still growing in several ways," he said, and added, "We have to be ready for what could come." One of those challenges, he noted, is keeping pace in employee compensation.

The chancellor also highlighted the fact that UT Martin exceeded by nearly 100 percent its original goal in the Campaign for Tennessee, a \$1 billion fundraising campaign to enhance programs of excellence at all of the university's campuses and institutes.

"I thank so many of you who continue to join our alumni and friends with ongoing financial support," said Rakes.

Attention was also shared as to the importance of civic engagement and service-learning types of outreach including a variety of internship and professional leadership experiences.

Finally, he reviewed the outcomes-based funding model that will be used to determine state assistance for higher education in the future. Performance weights for categories such as the number of bachelor's and master's degrees granted, number of students who transfer to other institutions, enrollment levels and quality of the student body will all serve as factors in the funding formula. Factors related to retention and research/outreach are also included in the outcomes formula.

"I couldn't be prouder of the job you do," Rakes told the faculty group. He added that he recognizes the quality and professional expertise faculty showcase daily, and added that the university community has every reason to be positive, hopeful and take pride in the students, alumni, faculty and staff.

## *Korean culture language course offered at UTM*

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies is offering a course to help participants learn about the Korean language and culture. The class will be from 4-5 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept. 29-Nov. 17. The instructor is Dr. Yeon Sook Cho, and the fee is \$30 plus the cost of the book.

The course is designed for beginners with no prior knowledge of Korean and will provide students with essential information on the language and culture. Course content includes the Korean alphabet, greetings, and communicative skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing in Korean.

For more information, contact ECOS at 731-881-7082 or online at <http://www.utm.edu/departments/eccc/nondegree/home.php>.

## Last graduates before integration reunited

Dozens gather from last all-black class of Humboldt's Stigall High

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They came to see if everyone was happy and healthy and if the children and grandchildren were also fine.

But mostly the nearly 30 men and women who attended last weekend's reunion of the last all-black graduation class of Stigall High School in Humboldt came to reminisce about things that were, talk about things that are, rejoice in what's better and shake their heads in dismay about what's not.

They were a class of about 75 who graduated 40 years ago — not just the last all-black class to accept their diplomas from their neighborhood high school in 1970, but the last class ever. Stigall High School was closed for good after their graduation, its students swept into Humboldt High School as part of Tennessee's integration process.

"It was sad, but it was good, too," said Erna Fair-Boykin, who graduated fourth in her class that year.

Fair-Boykin ran track, sang in the choir and played clarinet in the band. She graduated from UT Martin with a degree in home economics, now called family and consumer sciences. She lives in Paducah, Ky., now.

But her memories of gathering around a table in home economics class and solving the world's problems with her classmates remain and are her favorite. Trouble is, Fair-Boykin said, the problems they once tried to solve now seem out of control and completely acceptable.

"Premarital sex was not approved of at that time," she said. "You were shunned if you were pregnant and not named. Birth control methods were not as prevalent, and if a parent heard you were having sex, you got a whipping. Now that's child abuse."

Alumni of the school system, which included grades one through 12, met for the entire weekend, starting with a gathering Friday night and ending with a church service on Sunday.

Those who attended Saturday night's gathering at the Veteran of Foreign Wars banquet hall on North Highland Avenue said attending their former school was more like being with family than with other students.



**Purchase the Photo**

Guests review yearbook photos of classmates during the Stigall High School 40-year class reunion banquet Saturday at the Cocks-Danuels Post 1648 Veterans of Foreign Wars on North Highland Avenue. (AMANDA HERRON/The Jackson Sun)

## UT Interim President says public higher education to be outcome-focused



University of Tennessee Interim President Jan Simek visited UT Martin on Tuesday, August 31, as part of his annual fall tour of UT campuses. Simek discussed the Complete College Tennessee Act of 2010 and also provided an update on the UT presidential search during the visit. He spoke to an invited group of community leaders, elected officials, university supporters and employees at a noon luncheon in the Boling University Center.

Outcomes instead of enrollments. That's how public Tennessee higher education institutions will be judged in the future, and Interim President Jan Simek says that the University of Tennessee is positioned to succeed following passage in February of the Complete College Tennessee Act of 2010. Simek discussed the new law and also provided an update on the UT presidential search

during the first stop of his annual fall tour Tuesday at UT Martin. He spoke to an invited group of community leaders, elected officials, university supporters and employees at a noon luncheon in the Boling University Center.

Simek, named acting president on March 1, 2009, became interim president July 1 of that year and has continued a fall tradition of touring UT campuses and units. His term as interim president will end with the anticipated naming of a new president in October. He will then return to his faculty position as Distinguished Professor of Anthropology at the Knoxville campus.

As Simek was named to lead UT, and a search was delayed for a new Tennessee Board of Regents chancellor, he recalled

that discussions began for reorganizing state public higher education into one system. The Complete College Tennessee Act of 2010 emerged from these early discussions, a law that requires, among other directives, a statewide master plan for higher education, now referred to as the Public Agenda for Higher Education. Simek described the law as "a remarkable and important roadmap for the future of higher education in our state" and "one that I think we are obliged and obligated and should feel privileged to implement."

"It wasn't the organization, the structure that was at issue, it was what we did. It was how we performed. It was how we served the people," Simek said. "And very quickly, the conversation turned from structure to outcomes, focusing on how to increase the proportion of our population that has college degrees - how to maximize the quality of those degree. ... Those became the central issues." Simek credited all involved for the discussion not becoming politically charged and added, "We began very quickly to focus on what really mattered, and the Complete College Act was the result."

Simek reported that UT is already implementing the law's directives. "Central to the Complete College Act is a change in the emphasis of the funding of higher education, in particular, an aspect of that funding called performance funding." He explained that higher education funding for several decades was based on several performance criteria. The formula originally focused on enrollments, and institutions that grew in student numbers received more funding. "It was an admirable and an important

incentive when it was brought into play, because in point of fact, we needed more of our people in higher education," he said. "But we got there. We have very large institutions."

Higher education now needs to focus on outputs instead of growth, "on generating college graduates," he said. In the future, Tennessee higher education institutions will be judged on criteria such as graduation rates, graduating "a more diverse array" of students, and accomplishing these goals faster and more effectively. Criteria are now being implemented to make this happen, he said, adding, "It's a great change for higher education in the state. We are a hundred percent behind it. All of our campuses are behind it as well."

Simek noted the law's recognition of differences among higher-education institutions and their roles. "We are not all the same. A community college is not the same thing as the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and should not be expected to perform, even in general measures, in the same way as a large four-year institution does," he said. Under the law, the individual institutions are incentivized "to do what they do well and improve their performance in that regard."

Simek said this change would benefit a university like UT Martin. "It's critically important, because what it allows is for an institution like Martin, that does a powerful job of high-quality education in a small-university

context, focusing on students who may not do well in (larger) institutions, and nurturing them through that experience. ..."

The law also addresses articulation, the process by which students transfer among higher-education institutions. Simek said "Tennessee has never had straightforward, stipulated processes for students who want to go from one campus to another." Higher education faces a 2011 deadline for completing articulation agreements with community colleges, and he told the audience that UT is making significant progress in meeting this requirement. He added, "This is very important, because in terms of the effective use of higher education, we have sorely underutilized our community colleges as part of the higher-education system."

Simek noted that these changes are coming in difficult economic times. Beginning with the 2011 academic year, UT's state appropriation will be reduced by 20 percent or \$112 million from the base budget, he said. Federal stimulus funds have helped to offset cutbacks in state funding, but those funds won't be available starting in July 2011. "Next year, those (funds) are gone, but I also assure you that every single campus has a plan to absorb those cuts. In most cases, they've already absorbed them, and the stimulus funds are simply being used to fill in behind the budget cuts that have already occurred, have already been made."

Even so, Simek said that the funding decrease would be

noticed. "When the stimulus funds go away, and I think it's important to say this, there will be pain," he said. "Classes will be larger. There will be fewer sections, because there will be fewer faculty. There was no way to absorb these kinds of budget reductions and not have an impact on the classroom." Still, he said that the high quality of education at the University of Tennessee has been preserved, and he thanked the General Assembly for its support.

"The times are difficult, but you've heard me say it before. The University of Tennessee and every one of its campuses is a great institution, and I would still argue, even harder than I have before, that we are the best institution we've ever been in our history," he said.

Although Simek talked about his return to teaching, he said that he remains focused on his current duties and his involvement in the presidential search. He is a non-voting member of the search advisory committee, and in late September, this committee will present a list of candidates to the main search committee. The search committee will then recommend a short list of candidates for interviews by the UT Board of Trustees. A new president will be elected during the next board meeting on Oct. 21 in Knoxville, and Simek sees a successful conclusion to the search. "I'm convinced, folks, that we're going to get a great president for the University of Tennessee," he said.

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Emily Sullivan



Joe Barker



James Ross



Dr. Tom Payne

## Four new members join WestStar Board of Trustees

Four area business people have been named to the WestStar Board of Trustees. Serving three-year terms through 2013 are Joe Barker, Dr. Tom Payne, James Ross and Emily Sullivan.

Barker is a 1997 WestStar graduate from Hardin County. He is the executive director of Southwest Tennessee Develop-

ment District in Jackson.

Payne is a 2005 WestStar graduate from Weakley County. He is the Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Ross is a 2004 WestStar graduate from Madison County. He is the chief operating officer of West Tennessee Healthcare in

Jackson.

Sullivan is a 2002 WestStar graduate from Gibson County. She is the director of energy services and economic development at Gibson Electric Membership Corporation in Trenton.

They join 15 other trustees in shaping the future of WestStar at the University of Tennessee

at Martin. Celebrating its 21st year, WestStar serves the 21 counties of West Tennessee and is the state's oldest and largest regional leadership development program.

For more information about WestStar, contact Virginia Grimes, coordinator, at 731-881-7298.

## See the world via UT Martin travel study

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Hoyer; March, Germany, Dr. Arthur Hunt; March, London/Oriens/Paris, Dr. Tom Payne; March, South Korea, J.C. Kim; May, Natchez Trace Tour, Anna Clark; May, Saltillo, Mexico, Dr. Joey Mehlhorn; May, Greece/Istanbul, Dr. Nathan Howard and Ricky Garlitz; May, Mediterranean cruise, Lorrie Jackson; May, Washington D.C., Darrell Simmons; May, Italy, Dr. Lionel Crews; June, Australia/New Zealand, Dr. Brad Ray; July, Switzerland/Austria/Germany, Stan Sieber.

For more information, visit the website, at [www.utm.edu/departments/globalstudies](http://www.utm.edu/departments/globalstudies), or call the center at 731-881-1023.

# Witty family remembers daughter during Vols game

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Some UT Martin fans might have had a cheering dilemma when the Skyhawks played Tennessee this past Saturday.

But Tom Witty, a Vols fan from Kansas City, had something else on his mind.

Lauren Witty, Tom's daughter, received a UTM undergraduate degree and was working on an MBA when she died in a single-car accident on May 23, 2009.

Tom Witty said his daughter loved Tennessee football as a child, and would have been one of those fans with a decision to make on who to root for.

"Everybody's heart was thinking about Lauren," Witty said. "She would have really enjoyed the game, and she would have had similar feelings to (UTM graduate) Pat Summitt."

"Lauren always loved the Big Orange and grew up a lil' Volunteer ... but she loved UT Martin even more for other reasons."

Tom Witty sat in the eighth row in the end zone Saturday to watch the Vols win 50-0.

Tom Witty said his daughter donated her time generously. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi and volunteered with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital among other causes.

But Lauren may have had her largest impact on UTM's Peer Enabling Program, which helps incoming freshman adjust to college life.

At UTM's 2009 fall commencement, the school established the Lauren Witty Peer Enabling Program Outstanding Service Award Endowment to recognize students for their community service.

"She was always there to help with a smile," Tom Witty said.

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## Gibson County students awarded scholarships to attend UT Martin

Three Gibson County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Included are:

•Matthew Norvell, son of John and Linda Norvell of Trenton, will be a freshman. He received the Chancel-

lor's Award.

•Lisa Johnson, daughter of W.E. Lewis and Virginia Stegall, both of Humboldt, will be a senior. She received the University of Tennessee Alumni Association Transfer Scholarship.

•Kimberly Rimmer, daughter of Delbert and Tamira Cody of Milan, will be a junior. She received the University of Tennessee

Alumni Association Transfer Scholarship.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, Tenn. 38238. In-state residents telephone 800-829-UTM1; out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.

# UT Martin's chancellor draws on strategic plan

Priorities from the University of Tennessee at Martin's strategic plan and outcomes-based state funding were the focus of remarks made by UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes at the annual fall faculty meeting recently.

Actions related to instructional delivery and curriculum adjustments; campus communications/branding; diversity among faculty, staff and student groups; international initiatives; budget; and compensation issues were among the priorities he discussed.

"Welcome back. I know it is going to be a busy, productive and successful year," Rakes told the group.

He opened his remarks expressing appreciation to faculty members, thanking them for keeping the university focused on its mission and providing students with the mentoring and guidance they need. Rakes also thanked staff members and others who provide leadership and service across the campus.

In discussing instruction and curriculum, he said, "We are going to continue to study, from a data basis, where our online programs may be most effective." As an example, he cited the new undergraduate program in business management with an enrollment that has doubled in one year. Rakes said online graduate programs in education continue to grow and the demand for online offerings in agriculture has shown a noticeable increase.

"Our academic units continue to adjust curriculum offerings," he said, adding that changes will be reviewed to make sure the delivery is appropriate.

Another change relating to restructuring entry-level mathematics classes and no longer offering developmental courses is also being studied for implementation in fall 2011. He said that on-campus academic programs continue to evolve to meet a broad range of needs, and there are extensive renovation and new construction projects under way to accommodate them. Finally, he added that instructional delivery matters also involve managing growing student interests and needs at off-campus centers and dual-enrollment programs, two segments significant to enrollment.

Rakes spoke of the importance of efforts involving faculty, staff and student diversity, with data reflecting employment and enrollment trends being reviewed. He also pointed to the value of international initiatives, now led by the Center for Global Studies and International Education. A 30-year partnership with Hirotsuki University was highlighted as an example of the international programs' history on campus.

The chancellor also discussed a recently unveiled campus communications/branding campaign that was the result of a lengthy process by a campus committee working with STAMATS Inc., a higher education marketing company. Thirty-two recommendations to enhance how UT Martin is marketed will span the coming months and years. The effort will work in tandem with a plan to improve customer service and process management of services.

In comments related to the university's budget, Rakes said, "We're in good

shape. We're getting things done."

He pointed to the use of one-time federal stimulus funds that enabled the university to secure equipment for academic programs, provide for infrastructure needs and make faculty adjustments.

"We're still growing in several ways," he said. "We have to be ready for what could come."

One of those challenges, he noted, is keeping pace in employee compensation.

The chancellor also highlighted the fact that UT Martin exceeded by nearly 100 percent its original goal in the Campaign for Tennessee, a \$1 billion fundraising campaign to enhance programs of excellence at all of the university's campuses and institutes.

"I thank so many of you who continue to join our alumni and friends with ongoing financial support," Rakes said.

Attention was also shared as to the importance of civic engagement and service-learning types of outreach including a variety of internship and professional leadership experiences.

Finally, he reviewed the outcomes-based funding model that will be used to determine state assistance for higher education in the future. Performance weights for categories such as the number of bachelor's and master's degrees granted, number of students who transfer to other institutions, enrollment levels and quality of the student body will all serve as factors in the funding formula. Factors related to retention and research/outreach are also included in the outcomes formula.

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## UTM lecturer reads from book

Dr. Tim Smith, lecturer of History at the University of Tennessee at Martin Selmer Center, will be reading from his book, *Shiloh and the Western Campaign of 1862*, on Friday, Sept. 10th, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., in the UT Martin Bookstore.

# Wilson to present 'Commedia dell'Arte' in lecture, performance

Matthew Wilson, founding artistic director for faction of fools Theatre Company, Inc., of Washington, D.C., and adjunct professor of acting at George Mason University, will present "Commedia dell'Arte" lecture and performance on Sept. 20.

The lecture, set for 7:30 p.m., in Watkins Auditorium, is the first event in the University of Tennessee at Martin Academic Speaker Series. The performance will follow.

"Commedia dell'Arte is the grandfather of all contemporary improvisational comedy," said Doug Cook, UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts chair.

"Monty Python, The Second City, The Groundlings, Saturday Night Live, The Kids in the Hall and countless other improvisational comedy troupes all follow the same basic formula." He added,

"Commedia dell'Arte is incredibly relevant today because comedy is still basically the same, updated for sure, but still the same."

A graduate of the Shakespeare Theatre Company's Academy for Classical Acting at George Washington University in Washington, Wilson studied Commedia dell'Arte with Antonio Fava and, since 2004, has been on the faculty of Fava's Stage Internazionale di Commedia dell'Arte in Reggio-Emilia, Italy.

Commedia dell'Arte originated in Italy during the early 16th century and spread through Europe during the Renaissance.

The term means "theatre of the professional." It involves elaborate costumes, stagecraft and lengthy training for the actors.

Instead of full-length scripts, actors create sce-

narios or outlines of the stories, providing for the plot and considerable improvisation.

Wilson created faction of fools Theatre Company, Inc., as a non-profit theatre company devoted specifically to Commedia dell'Arte.

In addition to Commedia dell'Arte, Wilson continues to act in other venues, particularly Shakespearean, performing at the Folger Theatre and the Kennedy Center in Washington, among others.

He is an associate teaching-artist with the Shakespeare Teaching Company and the Folger Shakespeare Library and has served as guest artist/lecturer at several universities, including Columbia, Georgetown and New York University.

"This promises to be an interesting evening of entertainment, as Matt Wilson introduces us to the exciting concept of Commedia dell'Arte," said Dr. Dan McDonough, Honors Programs director.

"He has performed to packed houses and rave reviews, which should again be the case during his visit to Martin."

Sponsors are UT Martin Honors Programs and the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts. For more information, call 731-881-7436.

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## UTM student completes internship at Youth Villages

Brandon Powell, a senior at the University of Tennessee at Martin, spent his summer interning at Youth Villages, a private nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children and families live successfully.

Youth Villages provides a wide variety of programs to help children who have suffered abuse or neglect, or who have emotional and behavioral issues. Powell interned in a Cordova, Tenn., residential facility, helping children in residential treatment learn more positive behavior patterns and deal with past trauma.

Powell, who is from Greeneville, Miss., is majoring in psychology. His career goal is to be a psychologist.

Headquartered in Memphis, Youth Villages this year will help more than 15,000 children and families in 10 states and Washington, D.C., through a wide array of programs, including intensive in-home services, residential treatment, foster care and adoption, transitional living services, mentoring and crisis services. Youth Villages' focus on strengthening families consistently produces an 80 percent success rate of children living successfully at home or in a home-like setting two years after com-



Brandon Powell

pleting a Youth Villages program. Named one of the Top 50 Nonprofits to Work For by Nonprofit Times and Best Companies Group in 2010, Youth Villages has been recognized by Harvard Business School and U.S. News & World Report, and recently was identified by The White House as one of the nation's most promising results-oriented nonprofit organizations.

For more information about Youth Villages, visit [www.youthvillages.org](http://www.youthvillages.org).



**BALANCED MAN BANQUET** — The Brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon held their annual Balanced Man Scholarship Banquet Friday, Sept. 3. The scholarship this year was sponsored by Dr. Toby Hampton, a brother from the UT Martin Sig Ep Chapter who owns Tri-County Family Medicine and Urgent Care in Martin, Paris and Huntingdon. The scholarship is awarded every year to incoming freshman who uphold the ideals of leadership, academics and athletics. Applicants went through an extensive selection process that took place over a two-month span that started with more than 50 applicants and ended with three winners. The winners this year were (from left) Dustin Whitlock, Nathan Rhea and Colin Johnson (not pictured). There are over 150 Sigma Phi Epsilon Chapters nationally, that offer the Balance Man Scholarship. Sigma Phi Epsilon does not require the winners of the award to become members of the fraternity.

The Messenger, Union City, Tennessee, Thursday, September 9, 2010

## Local professor featured in organ recitals

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## SF student to present piano recital

Andrew Moore of South Fulton will perform his junior piano recital at 3 p.m. Sept. 19 in Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

He will perform works by Chopin, Haydn, Bach, Bartok and Rachmaninoff.

Moore is a University Scholar with a double major in piano performance and chemistry.

For more information, contact Dr. Elaine Harris, professor and interim chair of the Department of Music, at (731) 881-7402.

## UT offering travel-study program

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- March: Germany; led by Arthur Hunt, associate professor of communications.

- March: London, Orleans and Paris; led by Tom Payne, interim chairman of the department of accounting, finance, economics and political science.

- March: South Korea; led by J.C. Kim, assistant professor of sport management.

- May: Natchez Trace tour; led by Anna Clark, instructor of English.

- May: Saltillo, Mexico; led by Joey Mehlhorn, professor of agricultural economics.

- May: Greece and Istanbul; led by Nathan Howard and Ricky Garlitz, assistant professors of history.

- May: Mediterranean cruise; led by Lorrie Jackson, Center for International Education administrative specialist.

- May: Washington, D.C.; led by Darrell Simmons, department of public safety police lieutenant.

- May: Italy; led by Lionel Crews, associate professor of physics.

- June: Australia and New Zealand; led by Brad Ray, assistant professor of fisheries science.

- July: Switzerland, Austria and Germany; led by Stan Sieber, professor of history.

## UT offers extended campus online

Area residents can pursue hobbies via digital photography and scrapbook non-degree courses that are planned in September by the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies.

"Scrapbook Time with a Brown Paper Bag" is planned for 7-8:30 p.m., Thursdays, Sept. 9-30.

The instructor is Vickie Lynn Higgs, and the fee is \$50 plus a \$10 supply fee. Participants will make an easy, quick scrapbook using plain brown paper bags and choice of embellishments. The \$10 supply fee is paid to the instructor the first night of class.

Participants need to provide scissors, glue stick and 15-20 photos to scrapbook. Pre-registration is required for classes. To register, call ECOS at 731-881-7082 or for online registration, go to [www.utm.edu/departments/eccc/nondegree/home.php](http://www.utm.edu/departments/eccc/nondegree/home.php).

## TN SOYBEAN FESTIVAL IN MARTIN

John Michael Montgomery, 38 Special headline Tennessee Soybean Festival in Martin, which runs through Sunday. Free musical entertainment, along with a carnival, disc golf tournament, pageants, talent contest, parade, 17th annual barbecue cook-off and 14th annual car and bicycle show.

Montgomery is the Saturday night concert. All concerts are free.

Festival information, the schedule and sponsors are posted at [www.tnsoybeanfestival.org](http://www.tnsoybeanfestival.org). For additional information, call Kim-

berly Craddock, at (731) 588-2507, or email [mcd@martintennessee.org](mailto:mcd@martintennessee.org).

The Messenger, Union City, Tennessee, Monday, September 13, 2010

## Online business the focus of seminar

An upcoming seminar, "E-Commerce and Your Business: Take Your Business Online," will explore the potential of taking business online.

The seminar — sponsored by the Martin Business Association, the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center and the Tennessee Small Business Develop-

ment Center — will be held Sept. 29 from noon-1 p.m. at the REED Center, located at 406 South Lindell St. in Martin.

The instructor will be Steve Holt, UT Martin Instructional Technology Center director and webmaster. The cost is \$10 per person, to be paid at the door. Lunch is included and pre-registration is required. Call the REED Center at

(731) 587-7333 by Sept. 27 to register.

The seminar will show businesses and individuals the many different options they have to sell their products online. Step-by-step instructions will be provided.

## Fayette cheerleaders bowl bound

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Fayette Academy varsity cheerleaders excelled during Universal Cheerleader Association camp this summer at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The team placed first in home pom, second in extreme routine and fourth in cheer. The squad also brought home nine superior ribbons and four spirit sticks.

The 2010-2011 Fayette Academy varsity cheerleaders attended the Universal Cheerleader Association camp this summer at the University of Tennessee in Martin.

The varsity cheerleading team excelled during the camp, placing first in home pom; second in extreme routine; and fourth in cheer.

The team won a total of three championship trophies, including nine superior ribbons and four spirit sticks.

Katie Grey, Haile Stephens, Hayley Harris, and Kara Lessel were chosen as All-American Cheerleaders, and they have the opportunity to perform in London at the London Parade in December.

The team's performance earned an invitation to perform at the Capital One Bowl in Orlando, Fla., on New Year's Day.

"This dedicated group of young ladies has worked extremely hard to achieve this level of success and are looking forward to cheering the Vikings on to victory," said coaches Jill Bryan and Charlotte Karcher.

This year's squad consists of seniors Kenzie Bergloff, co-captain Katie Grey, Codi Kihni, Haile Stephens, co-captain Danielle Torian, and captain Callie Wilson; juniors Kaylah Burns, Hayley Harris, and Kara Lessel; sophomores McKenzie Bullwinkel, Sarah Cogdill, Sterling Crenshaw, Shelby Rhea, and Morgan White; and freshmen Katie Childers, Courtney Ray Cliff, Jessica Price, and Margy Westbrook.

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#### West TN Police Departments Recognized

By: ABC 7 Eyewitness News Staff  
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4:20 p.m.

Several West Tennessee police departments are recognized as winners in the National Law Enforcement Challenge.

Coming in first place, the Middleton Police Department with one to 10 officers. The Brownsville Police Department won second place among departments with 26-45 officers.

In the state challenge, the Bolivar Police Department placed first in the 11-25 officer category. In the 26-45 officers category, Brownsville, Martin and Union City Police Departments placed first, second and third respectively.

In the university category, The University of Tennessee at Martin placed second.

THE JACKSON SUN

MONDAY, SEPT. 13, 2010

## UT Martin to host candidates for 8th District

Three candidates for the Eighth Congressional District seat will make presentations on the University of Tennessee Martin campus this month, according to a news release.

Democrat Roy Herron will speak at 12:15 p.m. Thursday; Independent Donn Janes will speak at 1 p.m. Sept. 23; and Republican Stephen Fincher will speak at 12:15 p.m. Sept. 30. All presentations are in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center and are open to the public.

UT Martin College Democrats, Young Republicans and the Institute for Civic Engagement are co-sponsoring all three presentations. Martin Rotary Club is co-sponsoring the Herron and Fincher visits.

UT Martin does not support or oppose any of the political candidates running for the Eighth Congressional District seat, the release stated.

For more information, contact Dr. Mike McCullough at [mccullou@utm.edu](mailto:mccullou@utm.edu)

**Morganton Teen Awarded 4-H Scholarship**  
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Students from across the state have received 4-H scholarships from the North Carolina 4-H Foundation to attend institutions of higher learning. During the recent State 4-H Congress held in Raleigh, the foundation awarded more than \$78,000 in new scholarships. The total amount of 4-H scholarships awarded this year, including renewable scholarships, amounts to more than \$130,000.

Scholarships are awarded to 4-Hers based on academic record, recommendations and need. Scholarship winners must be full-time students.

Among those selected was 18-year-old Carly James of Morganton. James, the daughter of James and Carol Lamb, received the Dr. David and Mrs. Carol Burnett 4-H Scholarship for the Western Districts and the Edward H. Leagans Equine Scholarship. A recent graduate of Robert L. Patton High School, she will attend the University of Tennessee at Martin to study general agriculture with a concentration in animal science.

The 4-H program is the youth education program of North Carolina Cooperative Extension, based at North Carolina State and North Carolina A&T State universities. More than 240,000 young people between the ages of five and 19 participate in North Carolina 4-H activities each year with the help of 21,000 adult and youth volunteers.



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Students, their families and friends took advantage of the cool morning temperatures on Aug. 29, to move in and get settled in University of Tennessee at Martin housing. Faculty, staff, current students and area residents were on hand to assist the students as they prepared for the fall semester. Helping Jessica Drake (right), a freshman accounting and finance major of Bartlett, are her grandmother, Lena Payne (left), Janessa Henderson, brother, Brian Drake, mother, Eileen Drake, and aunt, Phyllis Whitmore.

