Community members, veterans and visitors are invited to observe Memorial Day during an annual commemoration ceremony hosted by the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The ceremony will begin at approximately 9 a.m., May 27, on the front lawn of the Hall-Moody Administration Building on University Street.

Lt. Col. Lowell Howard, UT Martin professor of military science, will welcome those in attendance, and members of the UT Martin Skyhawk Battalion will present the colors.

UT Martin Chancellor Emeritus Nick Dunagan will serve as this year’s guest speaker, and the UT Martin Department of Public Safety will close the ceremony with a gun salute.

Memorial Day, observed for the first time in 1971, is held on the last Monday in May each year and serves to honor those who have died in the protection of the United States.

Originally called Decoration Day, it was officially renamed in 1882.

In case of inclement weather, the commemoration will be held in the UT Martin Student Life Center, located at 199 Moody Avenue.

For more information on the UT Martin commemoration ceremony, contact the Office of University Relations at 731-881-7615.
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NACTA Teachers of Merit

Six faculty members from the Department of Agriculture, Geosciences and Natural Resources have been recognized with North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Teaching Awards of Merit. These faculty were nominated by Dr. Wes Totten, department chair, and Dr. Todd Winters, college dean.

Recipients are (pictured left, top row, l-r) Dr. Emalee Buttrey, assistant professor of animal science; Dr. Craig Darroch, professor of animal science; Dr. Stan Dunagan, associate professor of geology; (bottom row) Dr. Paula Gale, professor of soil science; Dr. Eric Pelren, professor of wildlife science; and Dr. Mark Simpson, professor of geography and climatology.

A special ‘thank you’

The Office of University Relations would like to thank all the faculty and staff who worked with us to compile and photograph the awards given in April and May.

A total of 551 separate awards and recognitions were given between April 1 and May 7, including 16 faculty members. Approximately 445 different students received awards this season, and the announcements will soon be released to newspapers in 49 Tennessee counties and 20 other states.

This would not have been possible without the help of all those who gathered student information and submitted details to us. We greatly appreciate your help and cooperation.

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Dr. Desiree McCullough, interim director of institutional research and professor of mathematics, was recently invited to present a webinar on her paper titled “Predicting Graduation Success for Students at the University of Tennessee at Martin” as part of the 2015-16 Consortium for Student Retention Data Exchange webinar series.

ARTWORK – “Ignition,” by Jason Stout, won best of show

Jason Stout, associate professor of art, has been selected the best of show and featured artist for the 2016 Art of the South juried exhibition. The show, hosted by Number, Inc., opened May 16 and will run through June 17. It includes two separate exhibitions – one in Memphis and one in Nashville. The Memphis exhibit is open at Fogelman Galleries of Contemporary Art on Central Avenue, and the Nashville exhibit is at Gallery 121 at Belmont University.

Lane Last, professor of art, will have selections from his new series “Energi Codes” displayed at the 20th International Conference on Information Visualization, held July 19-22 at the Universidade NOVA de Lisboa in Lisbon, Portugal. This event showcases current research undertaken in industry and academia with a focus on visualization and digital imaging research and innovation.

Dr. Adam Wilson, formerly interim director of the UT Martin Somerville Operation, has transitioned to a new role as interim director of online delivery in the Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies, effective May 15.

Any faculty member wishing to have a new headshot made this summer can make an appointment at 881-7615. This is a free service provided by University Relations. Walk-ins cannot be guaranteed service.

Dr. Tom Blanchard, professor of biology, has been awarded a grant from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation through the West Tennessee River Basin Authority. Read about it in the May 2016 archives: utm.edu/departments/univrel/news.php.
The Caixa Trio performed April 27-May 2 at the Festival Internacional de Cajon in Lima, Peru. The trio is comprised of Dr. Julie Hill, UT Martin professor of music; Julie Davila, adjunct professor at Middle Tennessee State University; and Amy Smith, former band director for Murfreesboro City Schools. The weeklong festival includes concerts and masterclasses by visiting artists, as well as performances by local Peruvian musicians.

Percussion directors Hill and Dr. Dan Piccolo and the UT Martin Percussion Ensemble performed May 7 at both the Latino Memphis Festival and the 100th birthday celebration of the Brooks Museum of Art in Memphis.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – Kelly McClanahan is the May 2016 Physical Plant Employee of the Month. Recipients of this award are decided by staff vote and are those who give above and beyond to support the Physical Plant and the UT Martin campus. McClanahan serves on the custodial staff and works the 5 p.m.-1 a.m. shift.

SACS WORKSHOPS – SACS faculty and staff assessment workshops were held May 10-11 in the Duncan Ballroom. Speaker Dr. Tami Eggleston (above, standing) addressed improvements to be made to unit reports and helped participants refine their previously submitted materials. The deadline to submit reports to Dr. Stephanie Kolitsch is May 31.

MEMPHIS FESTIVAL PERFORMANCES – The UT Martin Percussion Ensemble performed May 7 at both the Latino Memphis Festival and the 100th birthday celebration of the Brooks Museum of Art in Memphis. The ensemble is directed by Dr. Julie Hill (pictured, center), professor of music, and Dr. Dan Piccolo, lecturer of music, and often tours the region demonstrating musical styles and instruments found around the world.

Congratulations to Greek Life students for earning a collective overall GPA of 3.02.
Bettie Graham Special Education Seminar to be held June 7

The UT Martin College of Education, Health and Behavioral Sciences will host the 2016 Bettie Graham Special Education Seminar from 8:15 a.m.-noon, June 7, in room 230 of the Boling University Center.

The seminar will feature “make it and take it” workshops on the TouchMath program and low-tech assistive technology. TouchMath is a multisensory mathematics program to make concepts appealing and accessible for students who struggle to understand grade-level content.

Assistive technology is any piece of equipment used to increase, maintain or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities in all aspects of life.

Seminar participants will use the Boardmaker software to create low-tech assistive technology items for use in the classroom.

Area teachers and interested students are welcome to attend, although space is limited to the first 50 people. Three hours of professional development will be offered for participation.

Dr. Clinton Smith, assistant professor of special education, and Dr. Beth Stratton, instructor of special education, will direct the seminar. The Bettie Graham Seminar Series on Diagnosis and Early Intervention of Learning Difficulties is made possible by Newell and Bettie Graham.

The Graham family owns and operates the Coca-Cola Bottling Company in Union City, and Bettie dedicated years of service to northwest Tennessee and the University of Tennessee at Martin.

For more information, contact Smith at 731-881-7167 or csmit279@utm.edu.

In Memory

Michelle Horton (pictured above), recently retired professor and director of the UT Martin Social Work Program, passed away May 20 at the age of 45.

Horton, a Humboldt native, graduated from UT Martin in 1993 with a bachelor’s degree in social work. She later earned her master’s degree at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Before joining the UT Martin faculty, Horton served as a youth service officer for Obion and Carroll counties; Pathways, Inc.; and Carey Counseling Center, Inc., where she became site director of their Huntingdon office.

She began her career at UT Martin in 2002 and continued with the Skyhawk family until she was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2014.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. today and noon-2 p.m. tomorrow, May 24, at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m., May 24. Family friends are establishing a scholarship in her name.

Correction

In the article “UT Martin to welcome Governor’s School students next month” in the May 9 issue of Addenda, Dr. Joey Mehlhorn was listed as an associate professor. He is actually a full professor and the Parker Chair of Excellence in Agriculture. He has directed the Tennessee Governor’s School for Agricultural Sciences since 2010. Dr. Jerry Gresham was director from 2004-2009. UT Martin is also one of three institutions to host more than one Governor’s School program.

We are pleased to offer these corrections and regret the misinformation.
Notes from the Physical Plant

This is a recurring section to give updates on capital construction projects, maintenance efforts and other Physical Plant activities. Contact Tim Nipp, director, at 731-881-7601 or timnipp@utm.edu for more information.

Capital Projects
- Boling University Center improvements, which include the new second-floor offices spaces and the first-floor Welcome Center, are complete.
- Window replacements are completed in the Sociology Building, the Communications Building and the Holland McCombs Center. Replacements will begin soon in the Andy Holt Humanities Building and the Hall-Moody Administration Building. Detailed timelines have been sent to building managers and should have been distributed to occupants. Contact your building manager for more information.

Maintenance
- The Physical Plant is working to help the campus conserve energy through energy-saving building improvements. From 2006-2015, the campus saw an increase in public utility unit costs of approximately 37 percent, as well as a square footage increase of almost 11 percent. However, the campus has shown a five percent decrease in electrical usage per square foot during this time period. These efforts will continue with the installation of energy efficient light fixtures and upgrades to aging HVAC equipment.
- The Physical Plant completed 623 work orders in the month of April.

FOOTBALL CONSTRUCTION – Renovations to the west side of Hardy Graham Stadium are progressing and are scheduled for completion before the first Skyhawk home football game Sept. 17. Employees from Allen Searcy Builder-Contractor, Inc., are on site seven days a week to make sure the project stays on schedule.

FLYING HIGH – An American flag flies proudly atop the stadium construction site.

WELCOME CENTER – The new Welcome Center for students and parents is located on the first floor of the Boling University Center outside Watkins Auditorium in a space that was once the mailroom.

Let the Physical Plant know how they are doing at www.utm.edu/departments/physplant/survey.php.
Skyhawks take flight and travel the globe

It’s a big world out there, and Skyhawks are out making it their own! Travel-study, study abroad and language immersion groups from all areas of campus are traveling the globe this summer in search of knowledge and adventure.

More trips are still to come, and we’ll be watching social media to see what you’re up to.

Take a look at where some of our groups have gone so far, and let us know what you’re doing with the hashtag:

A TOUR THROUGH MIDDLE EARTH – The New Pacer Singers are on tour in New Zealand with Drs. Mark Simmons (left) and Roberto Mancusi (right). Students are visiting significant musical sites in the area and giving several local performances.

(top, left) A group of students traveled to Iceland with Dr. Stan Dunagan, associate professor of geology, to study rock formations and tectonic plates. (above, right) Students are studying nature conservation, marine life and agriculture on the Galapagos Islands and in the Cloud Forest of Ecuador. This trip is jointly led by faculty from three departments. (bottom) Dr. Richard Garlitz, associate professor of history, is leading a group through London. Here they are pictured outside the Tower of London along the river Thames, with the famous Tower Bridge in the background.
**Calendar**

- May 24 – Biweekly pay date
- May 26 – Open forum for admissions director candidate: Destin Tucker; Boling University Center, room 111; 11-11:45 a.m.
- May 27 – Memorial Day commemoration; Hall Moody Administration Building lawn; 9 a.m. (Inclement weather location – Student Life Center)
- May 29 – Biweekly pay period 12/2016 ends
- May 30 – Memorial Day observed; administrative offices closed; no classes
- May 31 – Biweekly pay approval due by 5 p.m.
- May 31 – Open forum for admissions director candidate: Melodie Patterson-Terry; Boling University Center, room 111; 11-11:45 a.m.
- June 3 – Maymester classes end
- June 3 – SOAR II; Boling University Center
- June 4-5 – Students arrive for Governor’s School programs in humanities and agriculture
- June 6 – Summer I classes begin

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**YoU Tell Me**

"Questions and Answers" about UT Martin

**Question** – The proposed new Engineering and Science Building would be a great addition to the main campus. Given the projected location near the Business Administration Building, are parking needs for that part of campus being considered along with the building’s construction?

**Answer** – The parking situation for the east side of campus is still being studied in conjunction with construction of the new Engineering and Science Building. Besides this new building, parking considerations will need to be made for the Clement Hall renovation. The availability of parking and possible solutions will be part of the Engineering and Science Building construction project, and more will be known as this planning begins.

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

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SOMERVILLE MEET AND GREET – The Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies hosted a meet and greet event May 17 in Somerville to give community members and local students a chance to meet the new center director, Kara Tapp (center, right). Tapp began her duties as director May 1. She is pictured with (from left) Fayette County Mayor Rhea “Skip” Taylor, state Senator Dolores Gresham (R-26th district), and Dr. Brian Donavant, interim executive director of ECOS.

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