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Michael A. Lawler, Preston, Md. Honors

UTM online MBA listed among top programs

MARTIN (University Relations) – Discover Business has included the University of Tennessee at Martin’s online Master of Business Administration program in its first Top Accredited Online MBA and Graduate Business Programs Guide, available at www.discoverbusiness.us/education/online-mba/.

The guide focuses on those programs that are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, are not-for-profit or public institutions, and offer nearly identical program versions in a physical, on-campus option.

“Our goal here is to acknowledge the best online MBA programs that are pushing the education experience into the future and building up the next generation of business leaders,” said Mark Koning, a Discover Business representative.

The guide includes the top 53 online programs in alphabetical order.

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Three Area UT-Martin Students Named to Honor Roll

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Area students who made the honor rolls are:

- Danielle P. Allison, Mayfield, Honors
- Richard A. Null, Mayfield, High Honors
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Area residents earn UTM Chancellor's Honors

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Brie A. Cobb, Cordova, Tenn., Honors; Terrence L. Bishop, Fulton, Highest Honors; Marina G. Barclay, Martin, Tenn., Highest Honors; Ashleigh M. Burton, Martin, Tenn., High Honors;

Kelsea N. Adams, South Fulton, Honors; Austin L. Akers, South Fulton, Honors; Taylor H. Allen, South Fulton, Highest Honors; Brittany D. Benjamin, South Fulton, Highest Honors; Samantha E. Connor, South Fulton, High Honors; James R. Cox, South Fulton, Highest Honors; Sarah R. Dodd, South Fulton, High Honors; John P. Fowler, South Fulton, Honors; Seth D. Friels, South Fulton, High Honors; Summer D. Friels, South Fulton, High Honors; Mikhaila M. Hardy, South Fulton, Highest Honors; Jessica R. Johns, South Fulton, Honors; Whitney H. Johnson, South Fulton, Highest Honors.

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Local colleges named among best values in state

January 6, 2016

News Staff

MARTIN, Tenn. — The University of Tennessee at Martin is among the best value colleges in the state, according to a ranking released Wednesday.

The school made it into the top 20 list of best value colleges and universities in Tennessee.

The website bestvalueschools.com compiled the list, putting UT Martin at number 17, just between Milligan College and Cookeville's Tennessee Tech.

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Local students recognized on UT-Martin's honor roll

Several local students were among those named to the fall 2015 chancellor's honor roll at the University of Martin.

To be included, a student must have completed 12 hours of coursework and achieve a grade-point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale to receive honors, 3.5 for high honors, and 3.8 or higher for highest honors.

Local students listed include:

HIGHEST HONORS


Cottage Grove — Katelin D. Brown.

Puryear — Buck E. Gore.

HIGH HONORS


Mansfield — Rachel N. Martin.

Puryear — James D. Wilson.

Springville — Kenneth R. Frizzell, Tyler A. Polanco and Morgan D. Swor.

HONORS


Buchanan — James E. Moore and Kaitlin N. Moran.

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**Adamsville**
Darby R. Congiardo, High Honors
Brittany J. Curtis, Highest Honors
Christopher D. Gattis, High Honors
Caroline H. Gray, Highest Honors
Sarah M. Johnsen, Honors
James J. Lunsford, Honors
James K. McDaniel, Highest Honors
Chloe G. Mullis, Highest Honors
Erika M. Murray, Honors
Megan E. Thomas, Highest Honors

**Bethel Springs**
Kaitlyn B. Boggs, Highest Honors
Bryanna M. Huggins, High Honors
Clayton D. Isbell, Highest Honors
Christopher A. Lambert, Highest Honors
Jeffery D. Mitchell, Honors
Jennifer S. Naillon, Highest Honors
Amber N. Powell, High Honors
Megan S. Wade, High Honors
Darryl W. Weatherford, Highest Honors

**Finger**
Darren R. Bart, High Honors

**Michie**
China L. Horton, Honors
Jacob C. Littlejohn, Highest Honors
Barbara M. Signorelli, Honors

**Milledgeville**
Jennifer A. Campbell, Highest Honors

**Pocahontas**
Rebecca L. Bodiford, Highest Honors

**Ramer**
Mikayla D. Boswell, Highest Honors
Bradley M. Chism, Honors
Emily L. Haendel, Highest Honors
Kenneth B. Hawkins, High Honors
Caitlyn M. King, Honors
Dylan C. Richard, Honors

**Selmer**
Cassidy L. Ashe, Highest Honors
Zachary P. Blakely, Honors
Darby C. Boyd, High Honors
Hannah L. Carroll, Highest Honors
Allison P. Coleman, Highest Honors
Brady H. Dancer, Honors
Brooklyn P. Holland, Honors
William J. Huff, Highest Honors
Candace D. Kirby, High Honors

**Stantonville**
Isaac Lynn, Honors

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ATTEND SUMMIT — Students from Obion County attended the WestStar Leadership Program’s RisingStar Leadership Summit at the University of Tennessee at Martin recently. The summit is held each year to promote leadership and interpersonal skills among high school juniors and seniors in West Tennessee.

Among those attending the most recent session were (from left) Brett Jackson of Obion County Central High School; Anna Oliver and Sarah Schlager, both of Union City High School; and Mario Ramirez of OCCHS. They visited with Charley Deal, executive director of the WestStar Leadership Program.

Caixa Trio to premier new pieces

The Caixa Trio — created by percussionists Dr. Julie Hill, Julie Davila and Amy Smith — will premier two newly-commissioned pieces during a concert at 3 p.m. Jan. 17 at the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Fulton Theatre.

The trio has performed internationally and presents clinics and master classes at universities and public schools across the country.

The first commission, “Van Gogh from Space” by composer Steven Snowden, displays a variety of new percussive sounds and techniques. The second, “Doubting Thomas” by composer Ben Wahlund, requires the three performers to use all four limbs simultaneously. The most difficult piece ever performed by the trio, Wahlund’s work calls for different rhythms and pitches played on multiple instruments by the same artist.

The trio will also add a new piece to their regular repertoire called “Tandori,” which is played using three Zimbabwean mbiras or “thumb pianos.”

Dr. Hill, associate professor of music at UT Martin, is the current president of the Percussive Arts Society and has received worldwide recognition for her academic and musical works. She received a bachelor’s degree in music education from UT Martin, a master’s degree in percussion performance from Arizona State University and a doctoral degree in musical arts from the University of Kentucky.

Ms. Davila, drumline instructor and adjunct professor at Middle Tennessee State University, currently serves on the Percussive Arts Society’s board of directors. She earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of North Texas and received a “Drummie” Award from Drum Magazine in 2011.

Ms. Smith, former band director for Murfreesboro City Schools, has performed with many orchestras, including the Nashville Symphony, the Evansville Philharmonic, the Boulder Philharmonic and the Sewanee Festival Orchestra. She received a bachelor of music education degree and a performer’s certificate from Pennsylvania State University and a master of music degree in percussion performance from the University of Colorado, Boulder, where she was awarded a Chancellor’s Fellowship.

There is no admission charge for this concert and the public is welcome to attend.
It's a long way from the cotton fields and watermelon patches of McNairy County to the halls of the U.S. Congress and the Chambers of the Tennessee Capitol, but an introverted young boy from Bethel Springs made that journey.

His life's work has resulted in a better life for teachers and students in the State of Tennessee. Cavit Cheshier was born in Bethel Springs in December 1929 to Atlas and Elma Cheshier during the time the stock market crashed and the Great Depression began.

For the first two decades of his life he knew nothing but poverty for almost everyone. Despite the conditions, his family was viewed as "well off" because they owned their farm, never went hungry, and owned a Model T Ford car, which they could seldom afford to drive.

Cavit's family was close-knit and many hours were spent sitting around the fireplace or on the front porch talking after their day's work ended. The family's occupations were farming and teaching school.

His grandfather taught for 35 years in one-room schoolhouses in McNairy County, his mother taught 8 years, his sister taught for 40 years, and Cavit taught some summer school classes while in college.

Prior to entering college, at what is now UT Martin, Cavit attended Bethel Springs from grades one through twelve. He dreamed of becoming a truck driver, auctioneer, or politician.

He never dreamed that the English he learned from his eighth grade teacher, Florence English, would serve him so well as he pursued a Doctor of Education degree or as he wrote legislation, publications, and editorials for the Tennessee Education Association (TEA).

He didn't realize when Julius Hurst, his high school agriculture teacher, taught him parliamentary procedure how much he would rely on it as a lobbyist for 39 years working with the Tennessee Legislature as he tried to help teachers and students.

His Future Farmer public speaking experiences were foundational to him making hundreds of speeches during his career.

"I took the money I saved from selling watermelons, teaching summer school classes, National Guard service, profits from selling calves from my grand champion Jersey cow Goldie, and money I made from washing dishes at Maw Wilson's Boarding House, along with a $200 scholarship, and it added up to my first year of college at UTM ending with a profit," said Cavit.

During his time in college he served as the president of the Wesley Foundation for two years and his senior year joined the Methodist Church.

He was elected president of the freshman class and his junior year was named Mr. UTMB. As a senior, he was chosen as class favorite.

"Although I only made one A that first year, I eventually mastered most of my subjects and with the exception of one B, I was a straight A student my senior year," he added.

Cavit left UTM after graduation to pursue a Master's Degree in Horticulture at UT Knoxville. After receiving his Master's Degree he returned to UT in September 1954 to begin his dream job of teaching Horticulture.

Not long after starting his teaching career at UTM Mrs. Kathleen Wright suggested he apply for a new position that the TEA was creating.

He applied and was offered a job with the TEA as their expert on teacher retirement and social security, a job that he came to be passionate about and that would span almost four decades.

During his 39 years on the TEA staff, the last 19 as state executive secretary-treasurer, he wrote and lobbied numerous amendments, which completely changed the plan. After his first year on the TEA staff Cavit met his future bride.

He married Mary Evelyn Claybrook from Trenton and the couple later became the proud parents of two daughters, Lynn and Cynthia, both of whom would later become teachers.

With the help of his new bride Cavit became obsessed with changing the Tennessee Education System to better serve the students, the teachers, and the State of Tennessee.

He fought for teachers to get health insurance, sick leave, professional leave, classroom supplies, lunch breaks, professional development, planning time, and ample up-to-date textbooks.

"Having two daughters who became teachers, and a marriage that has lasted 58 years, is a personal success story for me," said Cavit.

"I've traveled thousands of miles by car and plane across Tennessee and the U.S. and I've made hundreds of speeches and was deeply immersed in politics without running for office. Now, as I sit in my retirement easy chair for the 21st year, seeing my life through my rear view mirror, I see teachers retiring in modest comfort and financial security and it's equally rewarding to know that many teachers have escaped bankruptcy, poor health, and inadequate medication because of a state-wide health insurance program, I designed and helped lobby through the Tennessee Legislature."

Cavit added that despite these accomplishments, his greatest disappointment was that more could not be achieved because when a community, state, or nation's people — especially children — are neglected, deprived, or inadequately supported, its most precious resource is wasted.

Dr. Cavit Cheshier is truly a McNairy County Success Story. Without his love for helping others many students and those working in the field of education might not enjoy many of the benefits they have been given.

A boy born in Bethel Springs, grew up, worked to get a Masters of Education Degree, and then used that degree to make a difference in the lives of many across the state!
Democrats name spokesman

Spencer Bowers will be party’s communications director

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Spencer Bowers spent a good portion of Monday morning writing his first bio as the soon-to-be-named Tennessee Democratic Party communications director.

Bowers, 24, had written bios before, but never his own. As the spokesman for the state’s Democratic Party, thousands of people would read it, and he had to make sure it was good.

“It was a weird feeling,” Bowers said. “It was a little more awkward than normal, so I had a lot of people read it.”

Bowers graduated from Camden Central High School, spent time in Paris and graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Bowers said he grew up around liberal politics in the heart of what is now a solidly red West Tennessee. His grandfather, Bennie Akers, ran numerous times for state representative as a Democrat. Since he was a child, all Bowers wanted to do was work in politics.

His family, currently in Paris, is thrilled about his new job, he said.

“They’re over the moon,” Bowers said. “Parents are always happy when

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for all things Democrats when the state legislative session begins next week, but he admits there are few Democrats in Nashville with the Republican supermajority, which includes a Republican governor. Republicans hold 28 of the 33 state senator seats and 72 of the 98 representative seats.

The numbers don’t change his motivation. If anything, it will make him work harder, he said.

“I think the Democrats are the party that is focused on the middle class and working Tennesseans,” Bowers said. “Every day we see another story about the Republicans caring about themselves, and then you see Rep. Andy Holt (R-Dresden) supporting armed extremists. Democrats are the level headed lawmakers in the room who want to get things done.”

The state’s legislative session begins next Tuesday.

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UT Martin ranked in top-20 best value universities in Tennessee

Bestvalueschools.com has included the University of Tennessee at Martin in its recent top-20 list of the best value colleges and universities in Tennessee for 2015.

UT Martin’s listing describes the institution as one producing leaders in green and environmental technology on an “ecologically friendly and sustainable campus.”

All schools included were evaluated based on graduation and acceptance rates, net price and a 20-year return on educational investment.

A school’s graduation rate is determined by how many students complete their degrees in six years or fewer, and acceptance rate is calculated based on the percentage of applicants who receive acceptance letters.

These criteria help determine how selective an institution is, which often indicates popularity and quality, as well as how likely an accepted student is to remain at the same institution for a four- to six-year period.

Net price is determined by the average cost of attendance each year, taking into account tuition, room and board, fees and living expenses, as well as offsets such as scholarships, grants and other financial aid packages.

Information used to determine a student’s 20-year net return on investment is taken from the National Center for Education Statistics’ information on average income per year for alumni from a particular institution.

Bestvalueschools.com estimated a graduate’s average salary earned over the first 20 years after graduation and subtracted the cost of tuition to calculate the figure.

For more information on the University of Tennessee at Martin or any of its academic programs, contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at (731) 881-7020.
CODE WRITERS — (From left) James Nail, Tyler Molands, Jacob Romans and Alex Molbert enjoyed learning about writing computer code the first night of classes at TN Code Academy in Martin. Last night’s class kicked off the 6-week course for youth in northwest Tennessee. The course is sponsored by the Weakley County Extension 4-H program, the Northwest Tennessee Entrepreneur Center, the UTM Department of Agriculture and Applied Sciences and UTM Information and Technology services.

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Haslam selects Jackson judge for Tenn. Supreme Court

Page to replace retired Justice Wade

By Richard Locker
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The appointment will create a Republican majority on the court for the first time at least in modern Tennessee history.

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Judicial confirmation process near top of Tenn. legislature agenda. 3B

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PDF: Judge Page's extensive application for the judgeship

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University of Tennessee at Martin

Reid F. Rickett of Tuscaloosa has been named to Chancellor's Honor Roll at the University of Tennessee at Martin with highest honors (3.8-4.0 grade point average) for the Fall 2015 semester.
UT Martin hosts ACT Prep in Jackson

High school students hoping to raise their ACT scores are invited to register for a one-day ACT Prep course offered Jan. 16, 23 or 30 at the University of Tennessee at Martin Jackson Center. Students can choose from an 8 a.m. to noon, or 1-5 p.m. time slot each day.

Students will learn to boost their scores and improve test performance by practicing test problems based on question frequency, difficulty, substantive knowledge, curriculum and alternative test-taking strategies. These quick, efficient tips for test-taking will be offered by course instructor Alex Beene, college and ACT adviser for Fayette County Schools.

The registration fee is $30 per person.

For more information or to register, call (731) 881-7082 or visit the course website at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecos/nondegree.php.

UTM named a ‘top value college’

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Bestvalueschools.com estimated a graduate’s average salary earned over the first 20 years after graduation and subtracted the cost of tuition to calculate this figure.
UT MARTIN ANNOUNCES CHANCELLOR’S HONOR ROLL

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Students from Hardeman County that made the list include:

Bolivar: Tavonrose J. Allen, High Honors; Emily C. Clark, Highest Honors; Von M. Griffin, Honors; Kelly M. Lance, Honors; Kayla N. Marquem, Highest Honors; Myrtan San, High Honors; Sarah G. Sanders, Highest Honors; Kirsten M. Woody, High Honors

Hornets: Marianne P. Dorrie, Honors; Jack S. King, Highest Honors; Hunter R. Moore, Honors

Middleton: Lindsay N. Baldwin, High Honors; Tannahla S. Johns, Highest Honors; Andrew T. Webber, Highest Honors

Sautsburry: Kassa L. Rosandahl, Highest Honors

Toons: Natalie C. Denton, High Honors

Whiteville: Lindsey A. Bass, Highest Honors; Shelby L. Jostib, Honors; Corrinna A. Minter, High Honors

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS -- Twelve students from the University of Tennessee at Martin were recently chosen as AT&T Distinguished Scholars for the 2015-16 academic year. The Distinguished Scholars Program, created by AT&T in 2013, provides scholarships for students at the three main UT System campuses in Knoxville, Chattanooga and Martin each year. Eight of the selected students are from the West Tennessee area. They included (from left, front row) Darren Gibson, a senior finance major from Memphis; Cassidy Shambeau, a sophomore agriculture major from Selmer; Samantha McNeal, a freshman social work major from Somerville; Alexi Orr, a sophomore criminal justice major from Savannah; Rebecca Wisdom, a sophomore mathematics major from Rives; and Brittany Hatfield, a senior biology major from Milan. Not pictured were Brooklyn Holland, a sophomore agriculture major from Selmer, and Madison Lewis, a freshman education major from South Fulton. They were joined by (from left, back row) Dr. Lynn Alexander, dean of the UT Martin College of Humanities and Fine Arts; Andy Wilson, vice chancellor for university advancement; Dr. Bob Smith, interim chancellor; Chuck Thomas III, regional director, AT&T External and Legislative Affairs; Dr. Cindy West, dean of the College of Education, Health and Behavioral Sciences; Dr. Todd Winters, dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences; and Dr. Chris Baxter, associate professor in the College of Business and Global Affairs.
UTM names local students to Fall Chancellor’s Honor Roll

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**Bath Springs:** William A. Jones, Highest Honors; Zachary S. Jowers, Honors; Melanie N. Tuten, High Honors; Zachary J. Vannacker, Honors; and Charlene D. Wyatt, High Honors

**Darden:** Jennifer L. Myracle, Honors; Jennifer N. Pratt, High Honors; and Rachel S. Reeves, Highest Honors

**Decaturville:** Brooke H. Barnett, High Honors; Haley A. Carpenter, High Honors; Michael A. Dickson, High Honors; Ryne A. Fisher, Honors; Rae L. Green, Highest Honors; Ethan F. McKenzie, High Honors; Zachary M. McLin, Honors; Michaela L. Parish, High Honors; Pamela J. Peary, High Honors; Rachel L. Pope, High Honors; LaKrista D. Stoneburner, Honors; Zachliay A. Thompson, Honors; and Katie B. Tubbs, High Honors

**Jackson:** Deshea M. Mays, Highest Honors

**Martin:** Brooklyn A. Kennedy, High Honors; Ivory L. Russell, High Honors; Joanna L. Vise, Honors; Ariel L. Waits, Honors; and Raymond J. Yates, Honors

**Parsons:** Chesley J. Baker, Honors; Cary B. Bivens, Honors; William B. Blankenship, High Honors; William B. Crosby, Highest Honors; Kandi M. Cruse, High Honors; Dillon C. Gibson, Honors; Ciara J. Haas, High Honors; Edward J. Hearns, Honors; Jesse E. Jones, Honors; Katelyn E. McFall, Honors; Dustin W. Menzies, High Honors; Frank G. Palina, Highest Honors; Casey E. Parrish, Honors; Twyla K. Pratt, Highest Honors; Hunter L. Reeves, Highest Honors

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Somerville Hosts Open House for UT Martin Chancellor Dr. Robert Smith

Somerville Mayor Ronnie Neill, the Somerville Aldermen and the Town of Somerville welcomed UT Martin Interim Chancellor Dr. Robert Smith at the Open House held January 4, 2016 at the former Methodist Fayette Hospital building. This will be the location for future classes for UT Martin. A large crowd attended the event to meet Dr. Smith and to tour the facility. Guests also enjoyed delicious refreshments and fellowship.

Left to right, Somerville Mayor Ronnie Neill, UT Martin Interim Chancellor Dr. Robert Smith, and Somerville Alderman Judy Accardl and her husband, Mike at the Open House.

State Senator Dolores Gresham, School Board member Sally Spencer, and Rossville Mayor Judy Watters at the event.
Ms. Shirley Kee and Fayette County Mayor Skip Taylor enjoy the Open House.

Somerville Alderman Mike French, Chancellor Dr. Robert Smith, Molly McCarley and Vanessa Wright of the Fayette County Career Center.

Circuit Court Clerk Ed Pulliam and his wife, Joyce, speak with UT Martin Somerville Director Adam Wilson at the Open House.

Somerville City Hall staff, left to right, Tammy Lewis, Judy Sides and Amanda McClain served the refreshments.

Fayette County Commissioner Steve Reeves and NHC Healthcare Administrator Joe Shelton at the event.
Reading clinic sessions offered for students

The ability to read well is a cornerstone of lifelong learning.

The University of Tennessee at Martin Reading Center offers personalized reading clinic sessions for students in grades 2-12 who have difficulty reading or are falling behind grade level reading standards.

Students may enroll in one of three sessions early this year and this spring: Jan. 20-Feb. 17; Feb. 18-March 23; or March 24-April 27.

Each session will meet twice per week for one hour each on either a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule.

The registration cost is $100 per session (not per meeting), plus $25 for a required workbook.

Students are individually tested to determine specific needs in phonics and reading comprehension before being placed into a course of study designed to fill gaps in their skills and strategies.

All lessons are taught by experienced reading professionals from the UT Martin Reading Center, a spokesman said.

Contact the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies at (731) 881-7082 to schedule a testing appointment.

Huss appointed Bethel finance VP

David Huss of McKenzie, former Obion County director of schools, has been appointed vice president of finance for Bethel University in McKenzie.

The announcement was made Monday by Bethel President Dr. Walter Butler.

Huss most recently served as Bethel's director of business affairs. In his new position, he will oversee all business and finance functions and will serve on Butler's administrative cabinet.

"In his role as director of business affairs, David has shown exemplary work — work that has made me confident that he can successfully take on these additional responsibilities," Butler said.

Huss had served as director of business affairs at Bethel since 2013. He is also a practicing attorney who has authored and published "School Finance, with Related School Law, for Principals, Assistant Principals and Administrative Assistants."

Prior to coming to Bethel, Huss served for seven years as director of the Obion County School System, where he was responsible for all aspects of the operation of the school district.

From 1999 until 2003, he served in the same capacity as director of schools for the South Carroll County Special School District. He also served the McKenzie Special School District as director of finance from 1996-98.

Huss has also served as executive director of LEA Support Services and as a fiscal consultant with the State of Tennessee Department of Education and as a legislative auditor for the State of Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury.

He holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Tennessee at Martin, a master of education degree from Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville and a doctor of jurisprudence from the Nashville School of Law.

"I am honored to serve Bethel University in the capacity of vice president of finance and equally honored to serve on Dr. Butler's cabinet," Huss said.

"I will continue to work tirelessly as part of the team that will make Bethel University the most dynamic educational institution possible. My role is to concentrate on building and maintaining a sound financial base to ensure financial stability."

UT Martin ranked among best values

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UT Martin names local students to Honor Roll

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been recognized by selection to the Chancellor’s Honor Rolls for the 2015 fall semester.

Honored students are enrolled in various programs of study through the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global Affairs, College of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences, and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

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Camden natives who were singled out for the achievement of Highest Honors were Ashby Reed and Meagan Walker. Students who accomplished High Honors were Cobey Abbott, Makensie Bawcum, Ressa Herndon, Shelby Hicks, Breydon Horton, Jordan Kee, Raegan Taylor, Devon White, and Janathan Williams.

Undergraduates Taylor Brewer, Jeremy Coleman, Crystal Floyd, Lisa-Marie Harris, Brittany Maiden, James McGuire, Melanie Patterson, and Jacob Scott made the list with Honors.

Several students from Holladay were recognized for Honors, including Holly Cannady, Chelsea Oakes, James Secoy, and Stephen Stinson. Elijah Carpenter and Jordan Mitchell both attained High Honors, while Heather Coleman, Taylor Douglas, and Amber Malin-Robinson achieved Highest Honors.

Big Sandy students recognized for the 2015 fall semester were Kristina Reed (Highest Honors), Autumn Ratliff (High Honors), and Ariel Vines (Honors). From the Eva, noted students included Deven Wilson (Highest Honors), Dylan Kelley (High Honors), and Zachary Wofford (Honors).

Amanda Mason of Springville (Highest Honors) and Haley Baker of Huntingdon (High Honors) also were recognized for their achievements.

Democrats tap Bowers as Communications Director

Spencer Bowers, a 2010 graduate of Camden High School and 2014 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin (UTM), was named Communications Director.

Noted Mary Mancini, Chair of the TNDP, “Spencer brings a wide range of skills and experience to the office, having worked extensively in both communications and politics his entire career. We are happy to have someone with his skills and experience as the top communications adviser for the TNDP.”

Bowers will be the “go-to” press person for all things Democrat when the state legislative session begins mid-January, but he admits there are few Democrats in Nashville with the Republican supermajority. Republicans currently hold the governor's seat, 28 of the 33 state senator seats, and 72 of the 98 representative seats.

Bowers stressed that the numbers don’t change his motivation, if anything, they make him want to work harder. Commented Bowers, “We are here to support Democrats who want to get elected or are seeking re-election in the state. We also will do everything we can for the Democratic Presidential Nominee, to see that they have a chance to win this state.”

“Democrats are the party that is focused on hard-working Tennesseans,” Bowers said. “Every day we see another story about the Republican self-interests. Democrats are the level-headed lawmakers in the room who want to get things done. This is the party that cares about the middle class and works for their interests.”

Regarding his upbringing in Benton County, Bowers said, “I am proud of my West Tennessee roots. They are a big part of how I got where I am today.”

His family, now in Paris, is thrilled about his new job, Bowers reported. “Parents are always happy when their children get full-time employment. They’re happy for me and very supportive. I come from a long line of Democrats, so there were no conflicts there,” he said.

Bowers grew up around Democratic politics even in the heart of what is now a solidly Republican West Tennessee. From childhood, all Bowers wanted to do was work in politics. His grandfather, Bennie Akers, ran numerous times for state representative as a Democrat, although he was never elected. Bowers started formally volunteering in political activities and campaigns during his high school years.

During his freshman year at UTM, Bowers served as the communications director and deputy campaign manager for former state Representative Willie “Butch” Borchert. Bowers majored in political science with a minor in legal studies, and upon graduation in 2014, moved to Nashville. He worked with other campaigns, like Brad Thompson’s attempt at state senate, and as a research analyst consultant for Nashville-based Grindstone Research.

Bowers came to the TNDP after working as a consultant on many state and national campaigns for the past five years. Most recently, he served as Communications Director for Howard Gentry’s mayoral campaign. Prior to working for Vice Mayor Gentry, Bowers was the Deputy Communications and Scheduling Director for the “Keep Tennessee Courts Fair” retention election of Justices Gary Wade, Sharon Lee, and Connie Clark.

Concluded Bowers, “I am very honored and excited about this opportunity to speak for my party, and to work for positive change in my home state.”
April Stepp of Bruceton graduated with Honors from the University of Tennessee - Martin (UTM) on Saturday, Dec. 12. She completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education.

April is the daughter of Tim and Sandy Stepp of Bruceton. Her grandparents are Hilda and the late Jim Stepp of Camden, and the late John and Ellen Riggins of Clarksville. She is a 2011 graduate of Hollow Rock Bruceton Central High School.

While at UTM, April was involved with the Leaders in Residence Class, the St. Jude Up Till Dawn committee, a Relay for Life Board Member, a Student Ambassador, a Skyhawk Football Recruiting Hostess, and a member of Kappa Delta Pi Educators Honor Society and the Student Tennessee Education Association.

Currently substitute teaching at Martin Primary, April would like to find a permanent teaching position in the Weakley County area. April is excited about her future in education, commenting, "Teaching is all about the kids. Each one is unique and learns in a different way. Watching the students learn and grow is the most rewarding part of being an educator."
UT - Martin In Top 20 Schools

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Achieving result requires reaching out to low-income and adult students

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Achieving Drive to 55 will require reaching out to low-income and adult students, according to participants at a roundtable called "Affording our Aspirations."

The first of three roundtables held by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission was held at Jackson State Community College on Wednesday. The others will be held in Nashville and Chattanooga.

The roundtable considered the financial obstacles to achieving Gov. Bill Haslam's Drive to 55 initiative, which seeks to have 55 percent of Tennesseans equipped with a college degree or certificate by the year 2025.

"A lot more students are going to have to come into your colleges," said Dennis Jones, president emeritus of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems. "They're going to be students that have low incomes in the main, they're going to have to be adults in the main. This is going to put stresses on the enterprise to fund both institutions and students."

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Representatives from the University of Tennessee, the Tennessee Board of Regents, Jackson State, two Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology, Dyersburg State Community College and more participated.

Only about one-fourth of Tennessee financial aid is need based, Jones said. However, people in the lowest 40 percent of income levels are those who must be attracted to reach Drive to 55, he said.

“If you can’t address student financial aid, you are very unlikely to be able to succeed,” Jones said. “If low-income students can’t come in and afford to stay in, you can’t get there from here. That’s particularly true for adult students.”

According to Jimmy Clarke, senior director of state policy for HCM Strategists, merit-based scholarships tend to go to students from higher income brackets.

Most financial aid nationwide also is geared toward high school graduates, not adults, Clarke said.

Crystal Collins, director of fiscal policy analysis at the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, said need-based aid only funds about one-fourth of students eligible to receive it in the state. Average debt for graduates is increasing, Collins said, and the commission does not know how much debt students accrue when they do not graduate.

Brian Donavant, associate professor at the University of Tennessee at Martin, said faculty must be involved in addressing these dilemmas.

The issue is everyone’s problem, Donavant said, not just that of administrators.

Bruce Blanding, president of Jackson State, said one way to grow student success has been to increase dual enrollment.

About 40 percent of Jackson State’s enrollment comes from dual enrollment, he said. The school might not receive financial support for dual enrollment, Blanding said, but it is one way to dramatically increase success rates for students.

Jones said people must consider that financial aid like Tennessee Promise is based on tuition, not cost of attendance. While students in the past were often put through college by their parents, today they are paying for it themselves, he said. If they cannot afford both living expenses and college, they cannot afford college at all, he said.

“There seems to be some disconnects between the current financial aid disbursement and the Drive to 55,” Clarke told The Jackson Sun. “In order to meet the numbers, aid is not only going to have to be in greater dollars, but maybe rethought in terms of who gets it and how they get it.”

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With PerfectForms, University of Tennessee Martin Saves Millions of Dollars, Thousands of Man-Hours with Automated Workflows

By PR Rocket on January 15, 2016

With PerfectForms, Martin campus inspires other schools in the University of Tennessee system to replace inefficient paper processes

Carlisle, CA (PRWEB) January 15, 2016

With PerfectForms. The University of Tennessee (UT) Martin has announced they have saved eight million dollars since 2008, by automating inefficient, manual workflows. In doing so, UT Martin—a campus of 7,000 students in the northwest corner of the state—has set the standard throughout the University of Tennessee system, inspiring other campuses (including the flagship in Knoxville) to replace outmoded workflows with streamlined, automated ones using PerfectForms.

Student IDs used to be created with the help of six manned digital cameras, with students waiting in line for long periods both when photos were taken and when it was time to pick up IDs. Now, the entire process can be initiated online, as students upload their own photo and collect their ID when they arrive on campus.

The dual enrollment process, which often was completed after a deadline that helped determine funding levels, is now consummated in a timely manner. Not only are students enrolled more quickly, but the school is able to maximize funding levels based on enrollment.

Not only are the automated electronic workflows more efficient and easier to use, UT Martin saves $1.1 million per year in direct and indirect costs, having acquired 48 on-demand licenses from PerfectForms that support 1,200 forms and nearly 300 report types. A large percentage of the cost savings is realized through employee time saved, with everyone from department chairs to department supervisors to students having access to sleek, electronic processes that have replaced cumbersome, error-prone, paper-based processes.

This is particularly significant for a public university. "We've partially evaluated on how our personnel time is spent," notes Mike Abney, Effectiveness and Efficiency Facilitator at UT Martin. "PerfectForms has liberated personnel from slow processes that involve handing papers back and forth and manually tracking down mistakes."

Two processes that have particularly benefited from automation are the student ID creation process and the dual enrollment process, the latter involving local students attending both high school and classes at UT Martin.

"Numerous processes have been completely transformed using PerfectForms, from the contract review process to recreation administration," Abney notes.

"Since 2001, organizations all over have used PerfectForms to automate forms and workflows," adds PerfectForms CEO Paula Shevridge. "We serve a diverse customer base with a simple, remarkably powerful Web-based development platform."

About PerfectForms

With over 200,000 customers, PerfectForms provides cloud-hosted or on-premises solutions that allow easy creation of fully customized electronic forms and workflows with drag-and-drop simplicity and no programming required. Schools, healthcare providers, and insurance companies are just a few of the businesses that have simplified, streamlined, and automated forms and workflows quickly using PerfectForms: Users can expect increased productivity, efficiency gains, monetary savings, and a lighter environmental footprint when paper forms and manual processes are made electronic. Founded in 2001, PerfectForms began with a focus on forms, but quickly expanded to include more complex workflows and integration with legacy systems.
UTM chancellor addresses academic probation

UT-Martin Interim Chancellor Dr. Bob Smith is assuring students and staff at the university that he is steadfast in addressing the recent academic probation issued by the Southern Association of Colleges.

Chancellor Smith says he plans to fulfill the accrediting body’s requirements and submit a progress report in early fall of this year.

Dr. Smith says he also anticipates an on-campus visit by the commission in the fall with an expectation of a new decision in December or earlier.

In the meantime, Chancellor Smith says UTM is still accredited and will remain accredited throughout the process and that federal funding and student aid are not threatened.
The Caixa Trio, created by percussionists Julie Hill, Julie Davila and Amy Smith, will premiere two newly commissioned pieces during a free concert at 3 p.m. Sunday in the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Fulton Theatre.

The trio has performed internationally and presents clinics and master classes at universities and public schools across the country.

The first commission, “Van Gogh from Space” by composer Steven Snowden, displays a variety of new percussive sounds and techniques.

The second, “Doubting Thomas” by composer Ben Wahlund, requires the three performers to use all four limbs simultaneously.

The most difficult piece ever performed by the trio, Wahlund’s work calls for different rhythms and pitches played on multiple instruments by the same artist.

The trio also will add a new piece to their regular repertoire called “Tandori,” which is played using three Zimbabwean mbaras or “thumb pianos.”

The associate professor of music at UT Martin, Hill is the current president of the Percussive Arts Society and has received worldwide recognition for her academic and musical works.

She received her bachelor’s degree in music education from UT Martin, a master’s degree in percussion performance from Arizona State University and a doctoral degree in musical arts from the University of Kentucky.

Davila is drumline instructor and adjunct professor at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro. She currently serves on the Percussive Arts Society’s board of directors.

She earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of North Texas and received a “Drummie” Award from Drum Magazine in 2011.

Smith, former band director for Murfreesboro City Schools, has performed with many orchestras, including the Nashville Symphony, the Evansville Philharmonic, the Boulder Philharmonic and the Sewanee Festival Orchestra.

She received a bachelor of music education and a performer’s certificate from Pennsylvania State University and a master of music in percussion performance from the University of Colorado, Boulder, where she was awarded a Chancellor’s Fellowship.
'Miracle on the Hudson' survivor to speak at UT Martin conference

Vallie Collins, a passenger on US Airways Flight 1549 that landed in New York’s Hudson River in January 2009, will be the keynote speaker Feb. 5 for the annual Working Women’s Conference at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The WestStar Leadership Program sponsors the annual conference, which will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. in the Boling University Center’s Duncan Ballroom.

The conference theme is “Super Powers,” and speakers will cover topics that will empower participants to make the most of life’s opportunities.

Registration and a continental breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. Dr. Bob Smith, UT Martin interim chancellor, and Charley Deal, WestStar executive director, will give opening remarks at 9.

Ms. Collins, a Maryville resident and University of Tennessee biomedical engineering graduate, will follow as the opening speaker. She will share her experiences during the flight and rescue that has become known as the “Miracle on the Hudson.”

Ms. Collins, who is a senior account manager for a Minnesota-based company and travels extensively in her work, will discuss what she learned from surviving the experience and encourage the conference audience to live each day to the fullest.

Later in the program, 2015 Miss Tennessee Hannah Robison of Buchanan will serve as the conference’s lunch speaker. She is a senior UT Martin chemistry major and placed in the top seven during the 2016 Miss America Scholarship Pageant last September.

Ms. Robison eventually earned more than $37,000 in scholarships through the Miss America Organization, as well as the Miss America STEM Scholarship and a gold medal for the Duke of Edinburgh International Award.

Other presentations will also focus on the “Super Powers” theme, addressing topics such as physical survival, personal defense, mental health, exploring hidden treasures of West Tennessee and the value of laughter. Dee Henderson, executive director for institutional advancement at Jackson State Community College, will be the conference emcee.

Registration is taken on a first-come, first-served basis and seating is limited. The registration fee is $40 per person and is due before Jan. 27. Register online at www.utmforever.com/wc2016 or contact Virginia Grimes, WestStar coordinator. She may be reached by email at vgrimes@utm.edu or by phone at (731) 881-7298.

The Working Women’s Conference is made possible by the UT Martin WestStar Leadership Program in partnership with the Tom E. Hendrix Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise.

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Hampshire happenings

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Collins, a Maryville, Tenn., resident and University of Tennessee biomedical engineering graduate, will follow as the opening speaker. She will share her experiences during the flight and rescue that has become known as the “Miracle on the Hudson.” Collins, who is a senior account manager for a Minnesota-based company and travels extensively in her work, will discuss what she learned from surviving the experience and encourage the conference audience to live each day to the fullest.

Later in the program, 2015 Miss Tennessee Hannah Robison, of Buchanan, will serve as the conference’s lunch speaker. Robison is a senior UT Martin chemistry major and placed in the top seven during the 2016 Miss America Scholarship Pageant in September 2015.

Robison eventually earned more than $37,000 in scholarships through the Miss America Organization, as well as the Miss America STEM Scholarship and a gold medal for the Duke of Edinburgh International Award. Robison uses her Miss Tennessee title to support arthritis research and awareness, act as a spokesperson for the Tennessee Children’s Miracle Network of hospitals and serve as Gov. Bill Haslam’s ambassador for character development in schools.

Other presentations will also focus on the “Super Powers” theme, addressing topics such as physical survival, personal defense, mental health, exploring hidden treasures of West Tennessee and the value of laughter. Dee Henderson, executive director for institutional advancement at Jackson State Community College, is the conference emcee.

Registration is taken on a first-come, first-served basis and seating is limited. The registration fee is $40 per person and is due before Jan. 27. Register online at www.utmforever.com/wc2016 or contact Virginia Grimes, WestStar coordinator. She can be reached by email at vgrimes@utm.edu or by phone at 731-881-7298.

The Working Women’s Conference is made possible by the UT Martin WestStar Leadership Program in partnership with the Tom E. Hendrix Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise.
UTM grads win national award for farming innovation

By SUZANNE HARPER
The Press

Farm Specific Technology (FarmSpec) of Bolivar recently won the People’s Choice Award in the national Rural Entrepreneurship Challenge and an additional $10,000 in prize money for their invention and development of a no-till crimper for cover crop production.

The American Farm Bureau Federation announced the award last week at the 97th Annual Convention and IDEAg Trade Show in Orlando, Fla. Members of the live audience at the finals competition and members of the general public voted online to select the People’s Choice winner, with FarmSpec garnering 49 percent of the vote.

Four finalist teams competed for the award by presenting their business ideas to a panel of judges in a "shark tank" style pitch competition before a live audience. The finalist businesses were chosen from 165 applicants.

In addition to the prize money awarded at the convention, each of the four national finalists received $15,000 in October for advancing in the competition.

"Congratulations to all the finalists. We wish them well in their future business endeavors," AFBF President Bob Stallman said. "We are pleased to be growing the Rural Entrepreneurship Challenge by providing more startup funding and mentorship opportunities for entrepreneurs."

FarmSpec president Shawn Butler is a Jackson native and a University of Tennessee at Martin graduate. He is currently working toward a master’s degree in plant pathology at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

"The experience of applying to, being chosen as a finalist and competing on the final stage in the AFBF Rural Entrepreneurship Challenge was simply amazing," Butler said. "Being selected as the People’s Choice winner is an invaluable honor. Receiving the majority of the votes from farmers and ranchers across the country truly shows that our product has great potential, and our future customers believe in us as a company as well as our concept. It also shows the support we have from many within our universities, the Tennessee Farm Bureau, people involved in all facets of agriculture across our state, the support of many in our hometowns and also our friends and family."

Butler said possessing this magnitude of support motivates the team to continue to push forward with developing their company.

Austin Scott, vice president of FarmSpec, was born and raised in Hickory Valley and is a UT Martin graduate. He recently received his master’s degree in crop sciences from UT Knoxville. Vice president Daniel Wiggins of Friendship is also a UTM graduate and is currently looking to begin his graduate work in weeds.

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science.
What started as just an idea formed by three college students is now a nationally recognized, patent pending product called the Flex Roller Crimper. FarmSpec has been striving since day one to identify problematic issues in production agriculture and to produce solutions that are efficient, safe and cost reducing. This technology is designed to manage cover crops and weed pests without using excessive herbicides or tillage. The result is an alternative method to produce food that is safe and affordable to both customers and producers.

"It's within our mission statement to improve the efficiency and sustainability of food production, not only throughout our state and country, but as well the entire globe," Butler said.

Since the beginning of their entrepreneurial journey, FarmSpec has worked closely with the Northwest Tennessee Entrepreneur Center in Martin. The team started gaining its momentum after winning the first collegiate business plan pitch hosted by NTEC and UTM College of Agriculture and Applied Science in November 2013.

"I didn't have the opportunities presented to me to talk about my idea like I have had now with collegiate pitch contests hosted by UTM, NTEC and UTK, as well as national contest like the AFBF Rural Challenge," Butler said. "I hope to see a continued growth in support for startups and entrepreneurs, because these opportunities will be the areas of conception for many of the latest and greatest technologies introduced for the future."

What is next for FarmSpec? There is no end in sight, according to the young entrepreneurs.

"Our goals in advancing our company are to first fully develop and commercialize the Flex Roller Crimper," Butler said. "After doing so, we would like to continue to work on other innovative products that improve efficiency and sustainability."

The team members say they would also like to eventually grow into a contract research firm conducting seed and chemical research and incorporate crop consulting into the business.

"All in all, no matter where or to what magnitude we are able to grow our business into, we would not have been capable of doing so without the support of the AFBF and Farm Bureau Rural Entrepreneurship Challenge," Butler said.

The Northwest TN Entrepreneur Center is located at 206 White St. in Martin. To contact them or find out more information about the next collegiate business pitch contest, call 587-4213 or visit www.ntecconnect.com. This project is funded under an agreement with Launch Tennessee and the State of Tennessee.
City of Martin, UTM honor the legacy of MLK Jr.

The City of Martin and the Black Student Association at the University of Tennessee at Martin joined together for the fourth year to honor the memory of slain Civil Rights Movement leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A breakfast and celebration were held beginning at 9 a.m. in the Boling University Center's Duncan Ballroom. Approximately 200 people attended, including local elected officials, university faculty and staff, and UT Martin students.

Martin Alderman David Belote, of the university's Office of Student Engagement, emceed the event and welcomed Martin Mayor Randy Brundige and UT Martin Interim Chancellor Bob Smith for opening remarks, followed by Pastor Orrin Cowley of McCabe United Methodist Church who gave the invocation.

Following the meal, Sarah Yarbrough, of Jackson, 2016 Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival, spoke about her persistence in pageant competition that has earned her a spot in the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant in June. Asha Moody, UT Martin senior vocal music education major, then presented special music, accompanied on her final song by Dr. Danny Donaldson, Martin optometrist and UT Martin graduate.

University student Corri Chanel Oliver, of Memphis, and Marchell Gardner, long-term care ombudsman for nursing homes and assisted living facilities, Northwest Tennessee Development District, shared the keynote speaking duties.

Oliver, a sophomore marketing major and graduate of White Station High School, pointed to the example set by Dr. King in living his life and spoke to the importance of having passion, dedication and discipline in achieving goals. “Until you dream with a vision, you can’t see where you’re going,” she said. Her personal faith and her own passion, dedication and discipline for achieving goals led her to attend UT Martin, where she is active in several organizations and is president of the Residence Hall Association.

Gardner, of Martin, has a history of serving others both in health care as a licensed practical nurse and also in the community by serving on several local boards. She returned to complete her bachelor’s degree from UT Martin in 2013 after seeing her husband, Rusty, and children, Jordan and Amy, all receive their UTM degrees on the same commencement day in spring 2012. She referenced a poem by Langston Hughes, “A Dream Deferred,” and “A Rainbow in the Sun,” a play written by Lorraine Hansberry, as literary works that “championed the power of pursuing dreams.”

“Dr. King dreamed a big dream that we still dream today,” Gardner told the audience. “The time has come for dreams to be fulfilled. … The time is now that we stop deferring our dreams.”

Dr. David Barber, associate professor in the UT Martin Department of History and Philosophy, briefly previews the 16th Annual Civil Rights Conference, that happens Feb. 14-20, with the main conference day planned for Feb. 18. UT Martin is one of only two higher education institutions in the country to sponsor a conference devoted to highlighting the Civil Rights Movement.
Frostic on honor roll

MARTIN, TENN. — The University of Tennessee at Martin has announced the publication of the Fall 2015 Chancellor’s Honor Rolls. To be eligible for the recognition, a student must achieve a 3.2 grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Gabrielle R. Frostic of Applegate is among the students attaining the honor.

Artist’s work to be shown at UT Martin

Memphis artist Lurlynn Franklin will have her work on display from Tuesday through Feb. 13 in the University of Tennessee at Martin Fine Arts Building Gallery. Ms. Franklin will be present during an opening reception to be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the gallery. The public is invited to attend.

Ms. Franklin’s show is titled “Fabled Truth” and consists of mixed media artwork with accompanying poetic essays. Her work merges mirror images with both specific iconography and mainstream generalizations to create what she calls “self-portraits of social guises and situations.” This display is sponsored by the UT Martin League of Striving Artists. The gallery will be open to the public from 9-7 p.m. Tuesdays; 1-7 p.m. Wednesdays; and 1-5 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays.

For more information, contact Grace Eckert, gallery coordinator, at (731) 881-7400 or by email at geckert@utm.edu.

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From Medina are: Noah S. Allen, honors; Summer A. Bradley, honors; Anthony C. Brown, highest honors; Casey A. Dunavan, honors; Jason R. Kail, high honors; Benjamin M. Ort, highest honors; Marshall W. Pearson, honors; Emily M. Poole, high honors; Emily A. Rice, high honors; Haley E. Riggs, honors; Anna B. Santaniello, highest honors; Cassidy N. Sheehan, honors; Kathryn L. Woods, highest honors; From Three Way is: Lucas J. Mercker, highest honors.

From Gibson are: Hannah R. Houck, highest honors; Jessica L. Newell, high 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.
Former Mule Day queen Tanna Norman has won a $250 national leadership scholarship.

The junior at the University of Tennessee-Martin will receive the funds through a Sigma Alpha Sorority Leadership Foundation grant.

Norman, who was Mule Day queen in 2012, plans to attend a leadership seminar for her sorority Feb. 19-20 in Atlanta.

"The scholarship recognizes your leadership skills within Sigma Alpha, the community and the university," an award letter to Norman from Sigma Alpha’s leadership foundation said.

Norman, 20, is serving as the sorority’s president of the Beta Theta chapter at UT-Martin. She’s a 2013 Santa Fe Unit School graduate.

"I feel honored and blessed to win this national scholarship," Norman said.

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Brittain among Super Bowl 50 hospitality workers

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Register Now For Korean Language, Culture Classes Available At UT Martin

Community members interested in learning the Korean language and culture are invited to participate in beginner, intermediate or advanced classes held Mondays, Feb. 8-May 2, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. There will be no classes March 7.

The beginner class is from 5:30-6:30 p.m., the intermediate class is 6:30-7:30 p.m. and the advanced class is 7:30-8:30 p.m. Participants will learn Korean alphabets and basic conversation. The class will also be invited to the annual Korean New Year party and Kimchi festival to experience Korean culture and food.

The registration fee for this course is $30 per person, which includes the textbook.

For more information or to register, contact the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies at 731-881-7082 or visit the course website at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecos/nondegree.php.

Fall Semester

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Dresden
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Gleason
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Julie E. Arnold, Highest Honors; Jacelyn N. Bates, Honors; Daniel A. Bethel, Honors; Bethany J. Cole, High Honors; Lauren P. Coleman, Honors; Karsen N. Cook, Honors; Heath A. Crouse, Honors; Hunter J. Crouse, Highest Honors; Allen M. Dees, High Honors; Meredith L. Eubanks, Highest Honors; Joseph P. Frazier, High Honors; Benjamin C. Garner, Honors; Rachel L. Graves, Honors; Austin R. Gullett, Honors; William J. Harrison, Honors; Andrew W. Lannom, Honors; Eric G. McCartney, Honors; Payton M. Page, High Honors; Austin B. Pence, Honors; Lauren E. Rush, High Honors; Kaitlyn L. Sanders, Highest Honors; Brody G. Stanford, High Honors; and Cassidy M. Wren, Highest Honors.

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A number of local students have taken top honors in the 2016 Aviation Art Contest sponsored by Everett-Stewart Regional Airport and the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Allison Julian of Kenton won first place in the junior division.

In the intermediate division, winners were Luke Moses of Union City, first place; Emily Brown of Troy, second place; and Audrey Nash of Union City, third place.

Senior division honors were won by Kiran Last of Martin, first place; Jon Ryder of Union City, second place; and Vladimir Martinez of Union City, third place.

Among the students who earned honorable mention were Olivia Julian of Kenton; Brady Craddock of Troy; and Matthew Chesser, Octavious Van Dyke and Trenton Wills, all of Union City.

First-place winners in each division received $35, while second-place winners were awarded $25 each and third-place winners took home $15 each.

The top three finishers in each division also each received a one-day ticket to Discovery Park of America.

This year’s theme was “Air Sports in Harmony With Nature.”

Airport manager Jo Ann Speer said the artwork submitted was judged, at least in part, for its creative use of this year’s theme in relation to the aviation world.

“With 66 entries — I believe the most we have ever had — this turned out to be a very successful event,” Mrs. Speer said.

“The entries were all fantastic and I want to thank all of the students for participating, as well as the art instructors and parents for their encouragement.”

Mrs. Speer also expressed appreciation to UT Martin for its “partnership and assistance in making this annual contest one that is looked forward to and anticipated.”

University’s online MBA program ranked the highest in Tennessee

U.S. News & World Report has named the University of Tennessee at Martin’s online master of business administration program the highest ranked program in Tennessee and in the top 25 programs nationally, according to a recently released list of the best online MBA programs for 2016.

The UT Martin program ties for the 22nd spot and is one of only four Tennessee institutions to be published in this year’s rankings.

U.S. News & World Report evaluated institutions in the 2016 list based on student engagement, admissions selectivity, peer reputation, faculty credentials and training and student services and technology capabilities make up the final category, which identifies what types of online technology are available to make distance learning a flexible option for online students. This category also includes services such as career guidance, financial aid resources and student support structures and the extent to which these are made available to online students.

The UT Martin program is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

For more information, contact the College of Business and Global Affairs at (731) 881-7208 or bagrad@utm.edu.

Korean language, culture class slated

Community members interested in learning the Korean language and culture are invited to participate in beginner, intermediate or advanced classes held Mondays from Feb. 8 through May 2 at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

There will be no classes March 7.

The beginner class is set for 5:30-6:30 p.m., the intermediate class from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and the advanced class from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Participants will learn Korean alphabets and basic conversation. The class will also be invited to the annual Korean New Year party and Kimchi festival to experience Korean culture and food.

The registration fee for this course is $30 per person, which includes the textbook.

For more information or to register, contact the UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies at (731) 881-7082 or visit the course website at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecos/nondegree.php.
‘SUPER’ STUDENTS — Six students from the University of Tennessee at Martin’s sport business program will travel to San Francisco to work hospitality events at Super Bowl 50 on Feb. 7. The local delegation will include (from left) students Jennifer Dinning of Joelton, Luke Brittain of Humboldt and Casey Dowty of Fulton; Dr. Dexter Davis, assistant professor of sport business; and students Twyla Pratt of Parsons, Rebecca Lund of Martin and Cayce Wainscott of Dresden.

UTM sport business students prepare for ‘Super’ adventure

A group of students from the University of Tennessee at Martin’s sport business program will have the experience of a lifetime Feb. 7 while working hospitality events at Super Bowl 50 in California.

Dr. Dexter Davis, assistant professor of sport business, will lead the group.

This is Davis’ 11th Super Bowl and the third for UT Martin students.

Senior students Luke Brittain of Humboldt, Cayce Wainscott of Dresden, Twyla Pratt of Parsons, Rebecca Lund of Martin, Casey Dowty of Fulton and Jennifer Dinning of Joelton will leave Tuesday and return Feb. 9, after the game.

The group will help staff an NFL Experience event at the San Francisco Convention Center in the days leading up to the big game.

At the Super Bowl itself, students will likely work with Davis, who helps manage player appearances at the event. This includes assisting with arrival and departure, coordinating autograph signing venues and escorting players between events.

The UT Martin students will be joined by students from Houghton College in Houghton, N.Y., and a group from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, among others. Davis is a graduate of Houghton College and has been working with that institution to develop a new data science degree to focus on sport analytics.

Students interested in participating each year are required to submit a cover letter and resume and complete a formal interview with Davis before being selected. Davis treats the process like a job application because he believes involvement with the NFL opens doors only the NFL can open.

For more information, contact Davis at (731) 881-7369 or by email at ddavis78@utm.edu.
The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Fall 2015 Chancellor’s Honor Roll for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global Affairs, College of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

To be eligible for Chancellor’s Honor Roll recognition at UT Martin, a student must meet at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not counted) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the Chancellor’s Honor Roll with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

Included are:

**Trenton:** Collin A. Abbott, Highest Honors; Brant M. Allen, Honors; Molly K. Barker, Highest Honors; Allison N. Breese, Highest Honors; Remington L. Burch, Highest Honors; Bethany L. Cobb, Honors; Holly B. Cole, Highest Honors; Taylor P. Coomer, High Honors; Olivia L. Fernandez, High Honors; Lilian M. Forester, Honors; Kory T. Galloway, Honors; Maria B. Gonzales, Honors; Anthony F. Hunt, Honors; Kayla C. Mathenia, High Honors; Eli T. McCaaig, High Honors; Damian C. McElroy, Highest Honors; Logan W. Morris, Honors; Marquita J. Mosley-Valadez, Honors; Peyton Nee, Highest Honors; Eric H. Partee, High Honors; Hugh E. Pinckley, Honors; Hoineer K. Porter, Highest Honors; Cynthia D. Reeves, Honors; Parker D. Reeves, High Honors; Jan M. Smith, Highest Honors; Callie L. Summers, Highest Honors; Johnathan D. Temple, Highest Honors; Deonza W. Turner, Honors; Amber N. Wallsmith, Highest Honors; Jennifer I. Williams, Honors; Michael S. Wofford, High Honors;

**Bradford:** Madison K. Adams, Highest Honors; Colton D. Barber, Honors; Katherine L. Cardwell, High Honors; Tanya Chopra, Highest Honors; Scarlett E. Cornell, Highest Honors; Kendall P. Daniels, Highest Honors; Keeley A. Davis, High Honors; Elisabeth C. Dowland, Highest Honors; Autumn D. Greene, High Honors; Grant D. Hampton, High Honors; Jessica A. Holt, High Honors; Hannah K. McDiade, Honors; Jeremy B. Reynolds, High Honors; Katherine L. Smith, Highest Honors; Holly J. Terry, High Honors; Andrew C. Walter, Highest Honors; Cate M. Walter, High Honors; Lisa M. Warren, Highest Honors;

**Dyer:** Zach W. Bruketta, Highest Honors; Brennan C. Cooper, Honors; Billy W. Duck, Honors; Cal M. Griffin, High Honors; Chelsea K. Joyce, Honors; Jennifer N. O’Brien, High Honors; Cory E. Oliver, High Honors; Danielle E. Rickman, Highest Honors; Joseph W. Turner, Highest Honors;

**Rutherford:** Shelby N. Dotson, Highest Honors; Taylor B. Fuqua, Highest Honors; Jessica L. Lagrone, Highest Honors; Charles M. Morris, Honors; Garner A. Perkins, Highest Honors; Logan C. Rahm, Highest Honors; Lexi M. Whitley, Honors; Grayson R. Whitworth, Honors;

**Kenton:** Brian L. Hill, Highest Honors; Matthew J. Littleton, Highest Honors; Kendal O. Walker, Highest Honors;

**Yorkville:** Melody Pafford, Highest Honors;

**Newbern:** Kaitlyn B. Carlton, Highest Honors; Jaden T. Cole, High Honors; Chad L. Zarecor, Highest Honors;

**Gibson:** Hannah R. Houck, Highest Honors; Jessica L. Newell, High Honors;

**Humboldt:** Bailey N. Alexander, High Honors; Cody C. Black, Honors; Luke H. Brittain, High Honors; Morgan N. Conder, Highest Honors; Presley A. Goolsby, Honors; Jonathan H. Heffley, Highest Honors; Isabella G. Linney, High Honors; Joshua M. Matthis, Highest Honors; Amber J. Pearson, High Honors; Tanner R. Petty, Highest Honors; Grady L. Potts, Highest Honors; David D. Rodamaker, High Honors; Maya M. Thornton, High Honors; Avery M. Wesson, Honors;

**Medina:** Noah S. Allen, Honors; Summer A. Bradley, Honors; Anthony C. Brown, Highest Honors; Casey A. Dunavan, Honors; Jason R. Kail, High Honors; Benjamin M. Ort, Highest Honors; Marsall W. Pearson, Honors; Emily M. Poole, High Honors; Emily A. Rice, High Honors; Haley E. Riggs, Honors; Anna B. Santanello, Highest Honors; Cassidy N. Sheehan, Honors; Kathryn L. Woods, Highest Honors;

**Milan:** Lucas B. Bledsoe, Honors; Beth A. Brady, High Honors; Caitlyn N. Brown, Highest Honors; Rachel K. Curry, Honors; Seth K. Dorch, Honors; Morgan C. Fitzgerald, Highest Honors; Kaitlyn M. Frandsen, Highest Honors; Ashly N. Glover, Honors; Brittany P. Hatfield, Honors; Kyndal K. Hayes, Honors; Haleigh N. Hoke, High Honors; Lauren E. Hoke, Highest Honors; Graham T. Hopfer, High Honors; John M. Horton, High Honors; Lauren N. Hughes, Highest Honors; Catherine D. Ing, Honors; Summer F. Lindsey, Honors; Robin M. Luten, High Honors; Julianna C. McMin, High Honors; Cy A. Pemberton, Honors; Hope E. Renfroe, High Honors; Adam R. Rimmer, Highest Honors; Zack L. Rowan, High Honors; Jessica R. Schaefer, High Honors; Jenna M. Sellers, Highest Honors; Aubrey N. Walgren, Honors; Chad A. Warden, High Honors; Anna E. Warren, Highest Honors; Benjamin T. Webb, Honors; Tara K. White, Honors; Kenneth P. Wilson, Honors; Adrienne M. Wood, Honors.
FEATURED GUESTS — The UT Martin University Singers, conducted by Dr. Mark Simmons, will be the featured guest choir during Jackson Symphony’s evening with Irish Tenor Anthony Kearns at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson.

University Singers at Jackson Symphony

MARTIN, Tenn. — The University of Tennessee at Martin’s University Singers ensemble will perform as the featured guest choir during the Jackson Symphony Orchestra’s performance “An Evening with Anthony Kearns” at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 13. The show will be held at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson.

The concert will feature tenor Anthony Kearns, a member of The Irish Tenors, in a performance of opera classics, American standards and traditional Irish songs. His selections will include Kitty of Coleraine, Shenandoah, Nearer My God to Thee, Danny Boy and God Bless America.

The University Singers will also present several popular pieces accompanied by the orchestra.

Event tickets are available online at thejacksonsymphony.org and may also be purchased over the phone by calling the box office at 731-427-6440. The box office opens at 6 p.m. before each performance, and remaining tickets may be purchased before the show.

For more information, contact Dr. Mark Simmons, associate professor of music and ensemble conductor, at 731-881-7412 or by email at marks@utm.edu.

University Singers is the largest ensemble on campus, made up of between 100-120 singers from across campus. This ensemble is non-auditioned and students from majors all across UTM participate. Generally most singers have some choral singing experience, but everyone is welcome to join regardless of previous experience.

The ensemble performs one concert each semester on campus and frequently performs with the Jackson Symphony Orchestra. Recent performances with the JSO include Beethoven’s 9th Symphony and Carl Orff’s Carmina Burana.

For concerts on campus, the ensemble focuses on collegiate literature from all major compositional periods.

To join the University Singers, simply register for the ensemble. If you have questions, contact Dr. Mark Simmons at marks@utm.edu.
TORCH AWARD — John Paul Robinson, of Martin, received the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Black Student Association Torch Award during the fourth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Breakfast, Jan. 18, in the university’s Duncan Ballroom. The Torch Award goes to an individual in appreciation of his or her support of the BSA and its students above and beyond expectations. Robinson is a hall director in the UT Martin Office of Housing and is responsible for Cooper Hall. Presenting the award is Kache Brooks, Black Student Association president.

MISS TENNESSEE SPEAKS TO ROTARY — Hannah Robison, Miss Tennessee, spoke about her platform and experiences at the Miss America Pageant during a recent meeting of the Martin Rotary Club. Robison is a student at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016
Data Science Students to Attend Superbowl

Housed by Mary Cronk

Last weekend, the first look for Super Bowl 50 was set. On February 7 at 6:30 p.m., Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos will face Cam Newton and the Carolina Panthers. While many Houghton students are sure to be watching the game in their dorms or Big A's, several data science students will experience the game live at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California.

Jacob Dunnett '17, Anna Coryell '18, Ashley Schenk '16, Theresa Taggart '18, Ethan Huyser '18, Isaac Hays '16 and Ryann Welch '18 will team up with Dr. Davis of the University of Tennessee Martin (UTM) and his sports management students to do a mix of volunteer and compensated work for the National Football League (NFL). Davis said, "Current and former players (like the Hall of Famers) come to the hospitality events and do "meet and greets" with the attendees." Broadly, "The students will function as "personal assistants" for these players." Davis will include making sure they have the correct materials for autograph signings, making sure they have water, snacks, and helping move them from venue to venue as needed."

Davis added the students "are also going to work a shift at the NFL Experience, which is the "fan zone" for the Super Bowl. Thousands of fans a day pass through this interactive activity area that is set up for their entertainment." Through this experience Davis said, "Students will have an opportunity to observe how the NFL meets the needs of its many fans [who] will not have an opportunity to attend the actual game.

All participants will also meet representatives from Tableau, a software company that produces interactive visualization products focused on business intelligence. The objective of the meeting is educational as Davis stated the group hopes to learn about the company's data visualization tools "up close from some [data science] industry leaders."

Welch, a participating student, expressed his excitement about the learning opportunity of the upcoming trip. He said, "I hope to learn a lot by asking questions and simply observing what goes on from a business perspective at an event like this. I am most looking forward to seeing how the NFL treats the people who play the big bucks and how they control the atmosphere.

Davis emphasized that while the staff and students will certainly be near celebrities, any attempts to interact with them will result in being stopped at Super Bowl Vector, a dedicated section and separation from the premises. "It's not about interacting with celebrities," he said. "It's about making sure that everyone has a good experience."

According to McKee, Center for Data Science Analytics staff will produce a video documenting the students' and staff's experiences. The video will be released shortly after the game returns.

Dyer County Teachers of the Year announced

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Special Education teacher Peggy Arnold is Teacher of the Year for Troubled Elementary School. Arnold has been teaching for the Dyer County School System for the past three years, and is currently serving her second year on the school's leadership team.

Arnold is also mentoring a special education student teacher from the University of Tennessee-Martin. She is married to Ricky Arnold and is the proud mother of two sons, Cody and Chase. Arnold's family attends the Dorris Chapel Church of Christ.

Hilary Norrild was chosen as Three Oaks Middle School's Teacher of the Year. Norrild is a graduate of Obion County Central High School, and received her bachelor's degree in English from the University of Tennessee-Martin. Norrild also holds a master's degree in secondary education.

Norrild has been a teacher at Three Oaks Middle School since 2012, where she teaches seventh-grade English and language arts. Norrild is also the tennis coach and sponsors the theater club.

Brian Carroll Honored as TN Outstanding Educator

By West Kentucky Star Staff

MARTIN, TN - Brian Carroll, nutrition lecturer and director of the UT Martin Dietetic Internship Program, was named the 2016 Outstanding Dietetic Educator by the Tennessee Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. This honor is awarded annually to recognize the accomplishments of organization members and the elected officials who support their efforts. According to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Carroll demonstrated active member participation, innovative teaching skills and techniques, leadership in the profession and the promotion of optimal health and nutrition for the community.

Before receiving the state award, Carroll was also named 2016 Outstanding Dietetic Educator by the regional Nashville Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. He is the first UT Martin faculty member to receive either of these awards.

"Brian, who worked professionally as a dietitian for a number of years, has definitely found his calling," said Dr. Todd Winters, dean, UT Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences. "He exemplifies the quality of the faculty in our food and nutrition and dietetics programs."

Carroll holds both a Master of Science degree and a Bachelor of Science in food and nutrition from Southern Illinois University.

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