Gibson County students receive scholarships to attend UT Martin

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Hannah Acuff, daughter of Paul and Sonya Acuff, of Milan, will be a sophomore. She received the Elam Transfer Promise Scholarship.

Abigail Allen, daughter of Steve and Brenda Allen, of Trenton, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor Scholarship.

Hannah Ball, daughter of Ernie and Lisa Ball, of Trenton, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor Scholarship.

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Taylor Lockhart, son of Josh and Crystal Lockhart, of Milan, will be a freshman. He received the Dean Scholarship.

Cade Milligan, son of Zack and Jill Milligan, of Trenton, will be a freshman. He received the Dean Scholarship.

Nicole Quenon, of Milan, daughter of William Quenon and Catrina Quenon, will be a freshman. She received the Excellence Scholarship.

Savanna Ramsey, daughter of Josh and Rhonda Ramsey, of Dyer, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor Scholarship.

Brent Werner, son of Mark and Cindy Werner, of Medina, will be a freshman. He received the Achieve Scholarship.

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UTM offices closed

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A UT Martin vice chancellor is among those named to a new task force created by University of Tennessee Interim President Randy Boyd.

The new task force will examine university administration effectiveness in an effort to clarify the roles and responsibilities between the University of Tennessee System administration and the individual campuses and institutes it serves.

The task force is co-chaired by UT’s chief financial officer David Miller and UT Chattanooga executive vice chancellor for administration Richard Brown.

UT Martin vice chancellor for finance and administration Petra McPhearson has been appointed to the task force to represent UT Martin.

One of the core responsibilities of the UT System administration is to perform operations on behalf of UT’s campuses and institutes that would create duplication and additional costs if each entity performed the work independently. This approach saves the institutions, taxpayers and students significant costs.

Initially, the task force will explore five departments within institutional support. These areas include capital projects, communications and marketing, human resources, information technology, and procurement and contracting.

The task force will provide recommendations to Boyd for consideration by late spring.

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**Weakley Co. Students Receive Scholarships To Attend UTM**

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• Jonathan Bailey, of Martin, son of Jarrod Bailey and Janet Bailey, will be a freshman. He received the Achieve Scholarship.
• Baylee Covington, daughter of Todd and Pam Covington, of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Achieve Scholarship.
• William Gentry, of Martin, son of Ronald Gentry, Tara Tansil-Gentry and Belinda Taylor, will be a freshman. He received the Achieve Scholarship.
• Anna Huggins, daughter of Chris and Aimee Huggins, of Greenfield, will be a freshman. She received the Excellence Scholarship.
• Dylan Ingram, son of Craig and Jan Ingram, of Martin, will be a freshman. He received the Dean Scholarship.
• Darla Mallory, daughter of Claude and Donna Mallory, of Dresden, will be a freshman. She received the Chancellor Scholarship.
• Mason Risner, of Martin, son of Ronnie Risner and Jyl Risner, will be a freshman. He received the Excellence Scholarship.
• Marisa Rubio, daughter of Ben and Debra Rubio, of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Excellence Scholarship.
• Allyson Spain, daughter of Mark and Stacy Spain, of Gleason, will be a freshman. She received the Excellence Scholarship.
• Emma Taylor, daughter of Mike and Cami Taylor, of Martin, will be a freshman. She received the Achieve Scholarship.
• Rickie Thurman, of Martin, son of Tammy and Justin Hall and Steven and Becky Thurman, will be a freshman. He received the Excellence Scholarship.
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Never give up
Woman earns master’s degree after years of personal struggle

Rachel Matlock, originally from Camden, crossed the commencement stage last month to receive her master of science degree in family and consumer sciences from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

While receiving any degree is a milestone, Mrs. Matlock has been through more heartache to reach this goal than most.

After starting her undergraduate degree in social work at UT Martin in 2010, Mrs. Matlock’s father passed away the following spring after a long battle with Parkinson’s disease.

Then in October, two months after beginning her sophomore year at the UT Martin Parsons Center, Mrs. Matlock — then Rachel Dickinson — married Matthew Draper. Exactly eight months later, Draper was killed in an automobile accident with a drunk driver.

“He would always tell me ‘school first, school first, that is what’s important. You need to focus on school.’ He always made certain that I put that first. And so, when he passed away … I wasn’t able to make my Tuesday class because my husband’s funeral was that day, but I was back in class by Thursday because all I could hear was my husband saying ‘school first. You need to focus on school.’”

The following years were difficult while Mrs. Matlock dealt with the loss of her husband. Not wanting to let go of the dream of higher education, she took a brief absence from UT Martin to earn an associate’s degree from Nashville State Community College. However, the dream never died, and she returned to UT Martin in 2013 to finish what she started. She graduated summa cum laude in the spring of 2014 with a bachelor of interdisciplinary studies.

“I’ve always known that I wanted to do something big. … It was never a question for me growing up that I would go to college. I’m one of those people that so many things interest me, and I love to learn, and I love to grow. So I could never have seen myself not getting my degree,” she said.

Having finished both two-year and four-year degrees, Mrs. Matlock intended to start immediately on a master’s, but life again had other plans.

“That fall of 2014, my mother was diagnosed with stage IV breast cancer, and she became my priority. In the spring of 2015, I found myself divorced (from her second husband) and taking care of my mother while working full time. My three brothers, their wives and I did the best we could to see after her. She lost her battle in my arms on Aug. 14, 2015,” Mrs. Matlock said. “Somewhere, very deep down, I knew I was more than this loss as well, but it took much longer to realize that.”

The following year, in 2016, Mrs. Matlock married her current husband, Doug Matlock, and learned she would give birth to her first child, a daughter she once thought would never come.

“Throughout this pregnancy, I knew I wanted more. Not just for myself any longer, but for my child. I wanted to give her the world, and I also wanted to show my stepson that you don’t give up,” she said.

She soon enrolled in the UT Martin master’s degree program in family and consumer sciences and finished her coursework during the summer of 2018.

Now, the 26-year-old lives in Paris and works in community outreach at the Henry County Health Department, where she teaches school and community classes on health issues and personal care.

Mrs. Matlock says that her background in social work helps her understand what her clients may be going through.

“I started out working in mental health when I got my bachelor’s degree from UT Martin. I worked with people who were severely and persistently mentally ill. They were coming out of psychiatric hospitals and were trying to rehabilitate them and teach them different independent living skills and life skills so they could live on their own,” she said.

She began to notice a pattern of mental health issues combined with medical health issues and now uses this connection to assist those in her community.

“I’m a firm believer that anything medical health is all going to be fueled by mental health. So many of our medical issues, they revolve around what we have going on in our minds. So I feel like they go hand-in-hand,” she added.

Looking back on her journey, Mrs. Matlock says UT Martin played a major role in helping her achieve her educational dreams.

“Especially through all of the difficult times that I’ve had, UT Martin has been so good to me. … The professors I had during that time (when her husband died), there’s not one that gave me a problem any time I needed anything. When I was at (the UT Martin Parsons Center) when my husband passed away, they were so good to me — checking on me and sending me a card. Just like a family,” she said.

Her academic adviser at the time, Michelle Horton,
professor and director of the social work program, helped support Mrs. Matlock through the uncertain time after her first husband’s death and encouraged her to continue her pursuit of higher education. Ms. Horton herself passed away in 2016 after a battle with brain cancer.

Mrs. Matlock would love to complete a doctoral degree someday, but she no longer holds to a life plan. “If I’ve learned anything, it’s that life plans are kind of a joke because you don’t know,” she said. “In five years, I hope to know more than I know now. I hope to still be loving my family. I hope to still have all of my family that I have left. I hope to be happy. I hope to be doing something I’m passionate about. I hope to still be teaching people. I hope that people can still look to me as an example of doing things with your whole heart.”

Her lesson to her children is this: “No matter what you choose to do, no matter what path you come across, no matter what cards you get dealt, whatever you do, do it with your heart. Put everything you’ve got into it. Don’t halfway do anything. Anything worth doing is worth doing with your whole heart.”

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LOCAL BRIEFS

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Holland will interview on campus Jan. 14. He has worked with UT Extension since 1993. He has filled a variety of positions throughout his tenure and is currently responsible for the development, implementation and reporting of UT Extension educational programs in value-added enterprise development, among other duties. He received the 2018 UT Institute of Agriculture Downen Award for Leadership Development.

Holland holds a bachelor’s degree in agricultural business from UT Martin and a master’s degree in agricultural economics from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He has also completed the Corporate Leadership Development program at Belmont University and the LEAD2I program for land-grant university leaders.

Deal will complete his interview Jan. 15. He has worked with UT Martin since 2002 and has held positions in the Division of Student Affairs, Division of University Advancement and Office of Intercollegiate Athletics before accepting a position as associate vice chancellor for alumni relations and annual giving, which he held from 2004-2018. Deal currently oversees the Office of Research, Grants and Contracts. He is also executive director of the university’s regional WestStar Leadership Program.

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Smith receives degree from UT-Martin

Jan 8, 2019

An Overton County resident was among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during fall commencement held Saturday, Dec. 15 in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin campus.

Katlyn Victoria Smith, of Monroe, received a graduate degree.
Applications for spring semester still being accepted

The University of Tennessee at Martin is still accepting applications for the spring 2019 semester. Recent high school graduates, non-traditional students, returning adult learners and transfer students are all eligible to apply. Academic advising begins Jan. 9, and registration extends Jan. 10-16. Spring classes begin Jan. 10 on the UT Martin main campus and at all five centers in Jackson, Parsons, Ripley, Selmer and Somerville. Online and hybrid courses are also available to accommodate individual academic needs. UT Martin currently offers more than 100 undergraduate areas of study within 18 degree programs, as well as five graduate-level degree programs with 17 specialized concentrations. Approximately 71 percent of UT Martin faculty hold the highest degree in their field, and more than 81 percent of classes have fewer than 30 students. Approximately 92 percent of degree-seeking undergraduate students receive some form of financial aid, which included $16.3 million awarded in grants and $22.6 million awarded in scholarships during the 2017-18 academic year.

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"We are excited to help offer these opportunities to students in the Fayette County region who may be looking for an alternative route to higher education," said UT Martin Chancellor Keith Carver. "We look forward to being able to serve the region in bigger and better ways, and collaborating with Southwest Tennessee Community College will help us better serve area residents where they are."

The Somerville site will be Southwest's seventh location in the region and will allow students in the Fayette County area to complete community college coursework without commuting into Shelby County. Faculty from Southwest will move into the UT Martin Somerville Center over the winter break, and classes will begin with the spring 2019 semester.

"Southwest is proud to partner with the University of Tennessee at Martin to extend our reach and better serve the residents of Fayette County," said Dr. Tracy Hall, president of Southwest Tennessee Community College. "Our goal is to provide access to education that leads to careers and continued education, and having a presence at the UT Martin Somerville Center is an excellent way to do just that. Southwest students in Fayette County will benefit from convenient access to a tuition-free education while they travel a seamless pathway to a bachelor's degree and beyond at UT Martin. It's a win-win-win for Southwest, UT Martin and Fayette County residents."

Initially, Southwest will offer an associate of applied science degree in business management with co-requisite courses in English, reading and mathematics, as well as additional courses to complement existing UT Martin offerings at the center.

Additional degree programs will become available over the next year to allow full degree availability within the next 12-18 months. Courses completed through Southwest will be transferrable to UT Martin through the Tennessee Transfer Pathway for those wishing to complete four-year degrees.

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Water aerobics is a low-impact fitness method and is recommended for those with joint problems or chronic pain and those who are recovering from injuries. This course will build cardiovascular stamina, strength, flexibility and balance, as well as increasing circulation and helping to burn body fat. A lifeguard is on duty during all class sessions.

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Local residents receive degrees from UT Martin

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Several Sumner County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during fall commencement held Dec. 15 in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin campus.

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were: Bailey Elizabeth Forester; Kimberly D. Harding; Hannah M. Haynes; Amanda Diane Ross; Charity Melinda Seagriff-Douglas, all of Gallatin and Shannon Kristine Boggess; Kirsten Ford; Logan Taylor Fulks; Madelyn Victoria Kendal Newman, all of Hendersonville.
MARTIN, Tenn. - Art Sparks of Union City was elected chairman of the University of Tennessee at Martin Advisory Board at its inaugural meeting Wednesday, at which Governor Bill Haslam was a guest and addressed the members.

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Sparks was selected by unanimous vote. Sparks is a partner with Alexander Thompson Arnold and is a 1976 UT Martin graduate. He will serve as chair until June 30, 2019. Future chairs will serve two-year terms beginning July 1, 2019.

Haslam said to the panel, "As you know, when we passed the UT FOCUS Act last legislative session, one of the key pieces of that was to shrink the board for the UT System from 26 members down to 11. ... But I didn't want to lose the fact that we are a system, and that system has very different pieces and parts to it, all of which play a very different and important role to making the system whole. I want to make certain that each campus has the attention that I feel like it deserves."

Haslam discussed the responsibilities of the new advisory board and charged board members to use insight from their areas of personal and professional experience to help UT Martin continue to grow and serve its student population in the best ways possible.

Board members also passed bylaws to govern the board and elected a board secretary and student representative. Edie Gibson, executive assistant to the UT Martin chancellor, will serve as advisory board secretary until such time as the board should elect a new secretary. Devin Majors, a junior political science major from Nashville, will serve as student representative. Majors is UT Martin's current Student Government Association president and will serve as a voting member of the board until June 30, 2019. Future student representatives will serve a full year beginning July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020.
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Top photo: Governor Bill Haslam speaks to members as UTM Chancellor Keith Carver looks on; Haslam congratulates Art Sparks. (UTM photos).
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January 9, 2019 by Teri Jelks (https://www.wbbjtv.com/author/terijelks/)

MARTIN, Tenn. — Outgoing Gov. Bill Haslam visited the University of Tennessee at Martin Wednesday afternoon to meet their new advisory board.

The board is made up of representatives from across West Tennessee. Those members say they hope to make more people aware of programs the university offers for the area.

"It's always good to have several sets of eyes, and obviously students with 7,000 voices here, it's nice to have a student representative on the board," Carver said.

"Things that students want to see, I want to be able to use my spot in SGA to bring it right to the people who are making the decisions," Majors said.

The board says their top priority will be budgeting for the 2019-2020 school year.

During the meeting, board members voted to appoint chairperson Art Sparks to represent the group.

"The governor has given us expectations of what he expects us to do," Sparks said. "I told the board really we have a responsibility to do those, but also an opportunity."
Gov. Bill Haslam (right) addresses the University of Tennessee at Martin Advisory Board during its inaugural meeting Jan. 9. UT Martin Chancellor Keith Carver (left) and student board member Devin Majors (foreground) listen. / Photo courtesy of UT Martin

"I will be moving from the sidelines to the stadium seats, but I can assure you that I will be cheering just as hard for what happens here," Gov. Haslam said.

"For the governor, who has to be in a million places at once, to take time out of his day to come to UT Martin, it reassures me and probably everyone else in Martin that UT Martin is a priority of the state," advisory board student representative Devin Majors said.

The meeting was the first for the advisory board, and board members say they are looking to other schools in the University of Tennessee family for advice on how to move forward.

"They are going to give us great advice in terms of budget, strategic plan and tuition," UT Martin Chancellor Keith Carver said.
Lamarus Williams of Brownsville graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin last month with a bachelor's degree in sociology — a degree he says he would never have earned if not for the military.

"When I joined the (Tennessee) Army National Guard, I found a brotherhood that I never had growing up. I found friendships; I found a bond that I was never exposed to (before). Being part of that, it created something inside me that I wanted to bring to others as well," he said.

"It's been a very big part of my life. I definitely would not be here if it hadn't been for the military. They have helped me out tremendously — personally, professionally and academically."

When he first enrolled at UT Martin, Williams was fresh out of basic training with the Tennessee Army National Guard. Unsure of his future plans, he turned to classmates and teachers to help find his way.

"When I first came, I had a hard time. I was studying a lot, yet I wasn't getting the grades that I wanted," he said. "So I met some students who were getting the grades that I wanted as well, and I saw how they aligned their free time and their workload and how they balanced all of that out. They all helped me along the way to make sure that I kept coming back each semester and putting my best foot forward."

However, he didn't always have a clear path ahead of him. After rejecting suggestions to follow a career in computer science or engineering, Williams chose to study sociology after discovering an interest in the forces that shape society and the personal choices of each individual.

"I really had to do some soul-searching. I really had to find out 'What do I like to do?' and find out what my hobbies are," he said. "(Sociology) has allowed me to get a better understanding of different cultures around me and how people interact. ... It challenges different biases that I had growing up, and it makes me reevaluate the world around me and look at it from a different perspective."

While Williams does have a job offer following graduation, he says he won't commit himself to just one career choice just yet.

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"Before I came (to Martin), I had this mindset of survival — doing anything I've got to do to survive, no matter what it takes, no matter what happens, no matter who gets hurt. So coming here allowed me to have a bit of a less-hardened heart," he continued. "It allowed me to develop compassion, empathy and sympathy. These are all traits that I didn't have before. It was a whole lot of personal growth."

"A lot of times that I've been backed up in a corner and I didn't meet the expectations that I've set, what kept me going is the love that I have for my fellow brothers and students, different connections I've made in the Army, and now a new compassion for my family at home."

His advice to the students who follow him is to keep an open mind and remember there is often more than one way to think about a subject or reach a goal.

"You don't know everything," he said. "Everybody's opinion matters. Every voice matters. ... The person making the goal in high school probably won't be the same person who will be graduating (from college), so you've got to keep an open mind and find a way to establish who you are and find your true identity because as you find yourself, then will you be able to find out your true purpose in life."

Williams was an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated and the UT Martin Black Student Association.
UT Martin enrolling for spring semester

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The ensemble is the third group to participate in UT Martin's Allison Nelson Guest Artist Series, which brings high-profile musical artists from around the globe to UT Martin's campus. It was established in fall 2018 to honor Dr. Allison Nelson, UT Martin professor emeritus of music.

Nelson, a native of Australia, has performed worldwide as a soloist and as a member of the Nelson and Neal piano duo with her late first husband Harry Neal, a native of Paris, Tennessee. Nelson served on the UT Martin faculty for 20 years and helped establish the Bachelor of Music in piano performance and founded the UT Martin Piano Ensemble.

Tickets are available online now at utm.edu/musicevents and at the door on the night of the performance. General admission tickets are $10 and school-aged children at $5 each. UT Martin students can enter free with a valid UT Martin ID. A post-concert question-and-answer session will begin at 8:45 p.m.

Khemia Ensemble includes 10 members, two of whom are currently faculty members at UT Martin. The husband-and-wife duo of Dr. Shane Jones and Chelsea Jones both play percussion in the ensemble. Shane is the group's logistics manager and a UT Martin assistant professor of music and director of percussion studies. Chelsea serves as ensemble manager and is a UT Martin lecturer of music and coordinator of events and programs.

Other members include Carolina Heredia, composer-in-residence and assistant professor of composition at the University of Missouri; Bret Bohman, composer-in-residence and lecturer of music at the University of Missouri; Amy Petrongelli, soprano and assistant professor of voice at Baylor University; Mary Matthews, flute and assistant professor of flute at Tennessee Technological University; Thiago Ancelmo, clarinet and adjunct instructor at the University of Dubuque; Minju, violin and visiting professor at the University of Akron; Eli Lara, cello and assistant professor of cello at the University of Missouri; and Cole Anderson, piano and adjunct instructor at Jackson College.
The series will continue Jan. 28 with a performance by Simone Parker, adjunct instructor of music at Austin Peay State University and private instructor of piano, violin and viola.

For more information on Khemia Ensemble or the Allison Nelson Guest Artist Series, or for assistance purchasing online tickets, contact the UT Martin Department of Music at 731-881-7402.

PHOTO ID: Khemia Ensemble is shown during a previous performance. Photo by Jill Steinburg; used with permission.
West Tennessee women's athletics legend turns 90 this week

January 10, 2019 by Julia Ewoldt

MARTIN, Tenn.— A West Tennessee women's athletic's legend turns 90 on Jan. 11.

Bettye Giles started as a physical education teacher at the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1952. At that time, there were no competitive women's sports on campus.

“There were a lot of athletic events on campus, but we didn’t go to other schools at that time,” Giles said.

Women's athletics had little funding because Title IX had not yet been created.

“Women students started fussing with me, or letting me hear them complain, that why can't we women students do what the men are doing?” she said.

In 1969, Giles became the first women's athletic director at the school and a cheerleader for women's equality.
"Going and talking about this at various state meetings and so forth, and it finally ended up that it became a big part of my life," she said.

Giles went on to work with some women's athletics legends, including University of Tennessee Volunteers Head Coach Emeritus Pat Head Summitt.

"I knew what kind of an athlete she was, and I wanted her here, and she ended up here, and she was great for us," she said.

Her work impacted thousands of students throughout nearly a half-century at the school.

"Well, gosh, I don't consider it any great... well, it is an accomplishment," she said.

Friday, Jan. 11, is Giles' 90th birthday. If she has impacted your life and you would like to thank her for her work, send her a card at 153 Buckley Drive, Martin, TN 38237.
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EDUCATION

School News
By Staff Reports - January 10, 2019

Wilson County students graduate from University of Tennessee at Martin

MARTIN — Four Wilson County students were among those who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during fall commencement Dec. 15 in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the University of Tennessee at Martin campus.

Students from Wilson County who received undergraduate degrees were William Denton Myers and Stasha J. Prince, of Lebanon; Terry L. Moore Jr., of Mt. Juliet; and Tyler Robertson, of Watertown.
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UTMartin Spring Semester Slated

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Spring classes begin January 10th on the UT Martin main campus and at all five centers in Jackson, Parsons, Ripley, Selmer and Somerville. Online and hybrid courses are also available to accommodate individual academic needs.

UT Martin currently offers more than 100 undergraduate areas of study within 18 degree programs as well as five graduate-level degree programs with 17 specialized concentrations.

Approximately 71 percent of UT Martin faculty hold the highest degree in their field, and more than 81 percent of classes have fewer than 30 students. Approximately 92 percent of degree-seeking undergraduate students receive some form of financial aid, which included $16.3 million awarded in grants and $22.6 million awarded in scholarships during the 2017-18 academic year.

Visit utm.edu/apply to submit an online application today. For assistance or more information, contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 731-881-7020 or the Office of Graduate Programs at 731-881-7012.
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Community course offered in Adobe Photoshop

Dr. Tom Gallien, Martin-area photographer, will instruct a community course on using Adobe Photoshop from 6-9 p.m., Tuesdays, Jan. 22-Feb. 26, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Registration is $145 per student, and pre-registration is required to reserve a seat.

This course, taught once each year, focuses on manipulating digital photos with a variety of techniques available in the Adobe Photoshop software. Each class builds on the previous week's work, so attendance at all sessions is advised.

Gallien has experience with digital photography since its early development and has taught photography courses at UT Martin at a variety of skill levels. Examples of his work can be found at mollybiscuit.com.

Future photography courses taught by Gallien will be hosted on the UT Martin main campus in March (basic level) and April (intermediate and advanced students).

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Families are invited to attend. Refreshments will be provided, and university administrators and personnel from the areas of housing, financial aid and the academic colleges will be present to answer questions and help students navigate the next steps in the registration process. UT Martin Chancellor Keith Carver is also scheduled to attend these events.

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On Wednesday, Haslam was in West Tennessee to oversee the first-ever University of Tennessee Martin Advisory Board meeting.

“Tennessee’s future lies in public education,” Haslam said in his opening remarks. “Each piece of the UT system has an important role in making the system whole. These boards were created to make sure each campus got the attention I feel it deserves.”

The UT Martin Advisory Board was created under the UT Focus Act passed by the Tennessee General Assembly in 2018. The act restructured the University of Tennessee system.

The UT board was reduced from 27 to 11 members, and advisory boards were created at UT campuses in Knoxville, Chattanooga, Martin and the Health Science Center in Memphis.

The advisory board members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the General Assembly. Each board is comprised of five public members, one faculty member and one student member.

The University of Tennessee Martin Advisory Board:
- Hal Bynum, of Sharon
- Monice Hagler, of Memphis
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- Julia Wells, of Bells
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“The governor has given us a great responsibility here, and that is to oversee the best chancellor in the University of Tennessee system,” said Art Sparks, who was appointed chairman of the UT Martin board. “I look at it as much as an opportunity as a responsibility. How many times are we given the opportunity to help 7,000 students every year try to obtain their goals?”

The boards’ responsibilities include approving the schools’ budgets, tuition, fees and the master plan framework of the university.

UT Martin Chancellor Keith Carver said he welcomed the input of the advisory board, especially from the student and faculty members, to be the eyes keeping his administration accountable.

Reach Adam Friedman by email at afriedman@jacksonsun.com or phone at 731-431-8517.
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By Kyle Hinton | January 14, 2019 at 8:32 PM CST - Updated January 14 at 8:32 PM

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"Things are not totally equal, but they are getting that way. So, things are getting better as far as women in colleges with athletic opportunities," said Giles in a recent interview with WBBJ-TV.

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For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of University Relations at 731-881-7615.
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Jan 15, 2019

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Christian Davis, son of Aaron and Nancy Davis, of Waynesboro, will be a freshman. He received the Excellence Scholarship.

James Hatcher, son of Keith and Celisa Hatcher, of Waynesboro, will be a freshman. He received the Elam Transfer Promise Scholarship.

Steven Stegall, son of Steven and Michelle Stegall, of Collinwood, will be a freshman. He received the Achieve Scholarship.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting the UT Martin Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, TN, 38238, or by calling (731) 881-7040.
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UTM ADVISORY BOARD — Gov. Bill Haslam (center) and University of Tennessee at Martin Chancellor Keith Carver (third from right) are pictured with current members of the UT Martin Advisory Board. Pictured are (from left) Dr. Chris Caldwell, faculty representative; Monica Hagler, of Memphis; Hal Bynum, of Sharon; Devin Majors, student representative; and Art Sparks, of Union City. Julia Wells, of Bells, participated in the meeting via telephone.

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UT Martin Chancellor Keith Carver recommended an election procedure that would allow the UT Martin student body to have a formal voice in the selection of their representative in future years. The process would allow the student body to select three potential representatives by popular vote, who would then be interviewed by the chancellor, board chair and board faculty representative before a final name is presented to the board for approval. These procedures were passed by unanimous vote and will begin with the next student government election in April.
CONVENIENCE WITH A SMILE — Sellars Gas and Food is now open in east Martin. Employees are (left to right) Marsha Clements, Michelle Borgens, Dontrel Owens, Christioni House, Gloria Patton, Esther Sellars, Annikka Avent and Charles Sellars.

Sellars brings convenience to east Martin

By LAUREN TAYLOR
Special to the Press

Dreams in the night are often taken for granted; people do not remember them or give them much thought, but for one Martin resident, her dream presented her with a need for the community and she followed it.

Dr. Esther Sellars, local resident and professor at The University of Tennessee at Martin, had a dream one night of opening a gas station on the MTD side of town. She said the dream explained everything she needed to do. With the help and amazing support system of her husband (who has a great and helpful attitude and does everything behind the scenes) and five sisters (who share the dream of hers and are her own personal cheerleaders), she was able to make it a reality.

She always heard people expressing how there should be a gas station on that side of town to cater to the MTD employees and residents in that area, but no one was doing anything about it. "Everybody said somebody needs to do something, but nobody did anything, so nothing got done," said Dr. Sellars, which helped her continue on with her dream and she thought "Why not me?"

The unique aspect about Sellars Gas and Food is the wonderful owners and 20 employees they have from the community. They are a minority, female-owned and operated company with an outstanding manager, Annikka Avent. Dr. Sellars wanted to utilize the community and help bring more jobs into the Martin area.

The grand opening for Sellars Gas and Food which is located at 975 Main St., will be Jan. 25, and the store hours will be from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m. Current hours are 5:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 5:30 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and they are closed on Sunday. The convenience store will offer gas, drinks, fresh hot food and snacks. Twice a week, Donald Southern will be there with his Southern barbecue.

Dr. Sellars would like to thank her five sisters, husband, employees, Michele Siler at Fuller Partners, Inc., Landy Fuqua at the Reed Center, Dustin Frazier with First Community Bank of the Heartlands, and Allen Garner of Farm Bureau for helping her dream come to life.

Community support and involvement is exactly what Dr. Sellars has done with Sellars Gas and Food. This convenience store not only provides jobs to the locals but it also helps out the local businesses around and the community with putting in a gas station where the town had a scarcity. This will make it easier for MTD employees, as well as the surrounding residents, to meet food, drink and fuel needs.
Pioneer in UTM athletics celebrates 90th

In her thanks to the many gathered to celebrate her 90th birthday on Friday evening at her beloved University of Tennessee at Martin, Bettye Giles quipped that she didn’t know that being 90 was that special because “all you got to do is live.”

But “living” for this NCAA women’s college athletics pioneer and legend has included seven decades of firsts, victories, setbacks and honors.

In 1969, after 17 years on campus – eight as women’s tennis initiator and head coach – she became UTM’s first director of women’s athletics. She served on numerous national committees promoting the growth of women’s sports, received the Pathfinder Award from the National Association of Girls and Women in Sports and founded the Tennessee College Women’s Sports Federation.

The late Pat Head Summitt, who coached her way to eight national championships at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, credited Giles with her success and established the Bettye Giles/Nadine Gearin Endowed Scholarship at UTM in 2003 in honor of Giles and her first head women’s basketball coach.

Perhaps not as commonly known but certainly equal in impact on individuals’ lives is the long-running commitment Giles has had in her volunteer work for adults with developmental disabilities. She has received the Tennessee Community Organizations Community Leader of the Year Award, the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation Special Olympic Appreciation Award, and the Tennessee Society for Crippled Children and Adults Honor Award for her work with Special Olympics.

In his opening remarks captured on video at the UTM Athletics Facebook page, Dr. Charlie Deal, Special Advisor to the Chancellor noted, “I don’t think we can be in a better spot than the Champions Club Room because of what Bettye Giles did for women’s athletics in the state and across this great nation. She made champions out of the people that at one time did not even have the opportunity to do so.”

Dennis Taylor, the head coach of the UTM’s women’s tennis program, admits that he assumed women’s athletes were familiar with the impact of Giles and her work with Title IX, the education amendment that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any education program or activity that is federally funded. But after mentioning it to his current team, many confessed to being unaware. He immediately arranged for Giles to address the group.

“Our girls were dumb-founded,” he said. “A lot of them are internationals and they were surprised to see that the person who had one of the biggest impacts on Title IX was at our university.”

Judy Suiter a retired teacher and girls’ basketball coach summed up the observance of the history-making icon well, “Ms. Giles, to me, is UT Martin … not only UT Martin Athletics but Academics. That’s what she’s all about, not only at UT Martin but UT Knoxville. She’s known all over the country for everything she’s done and still does.”
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“Things are not totally equal, but they are getting that way. So, things are getting better as far as women in colleges with athletic opportunities,” said Giles in a recent interview.

Giles began her UT Martin career as an associate professor of physical education and served as UTM’s cheerleader sponsor from 1952-1973.

She also started the women’s tennis program in 1952 and coached that team for eight years.

Tennis ultimately became the first women’s sport to achieve varsity status at UT Martin. Giles became the university’s first and only director of women’s athletics in 1971 and held the position until 1994.

Giles influenced countless athletes during her decades at UT Martin, including the late Pat Head Summitt, the basketball player who would later become the winningest coach in the history of women's basketball during her tenure as head coach of the Tennessee Lady Vols, and Jerry Reese, former general manager of the New York Giants.

She is the recipient of numerous awards from both academic and athletic organizations, and she was inducted into the UT Martin Athletics Hall of Fame in 1985.

The UT Martin Bettye Giles Softball Field is named in her honor, as is the university’s Bettye Giles Female Athlete of the Year Award. Summitt also established the Bettye Giles/Nadine Gearin Endowed Scholarship in honor of her mentorship as well as that of Nadine Gearin, who coached the women’s basketball team of which Summitt was a part.

All three women are memorialized in a bronze statue titled “Coaches,” which stands outside the main entrance of the Elam Center, where the basketball teams play on Pat Head Summitt Court.
Chancellor’s Honor Roll at UT-Martin announced

The University of Tennessee at Martin recently released the Fall 2019 Chancellor’s Honor Roll. Residents receiving Highest Honors from Fulton County were Caroline A. Jones, and Drew W. Love. Obion County students receiving Highest Honors from Fulton County were Melissa A. Mora. Obion County students receiving Honors were Claudia A. Cheatham, Mason T. Chandler, Keaton N. McGuire, Lucian P. Freeze, Morgan A. Martin, Mason S. Parker, Connor D. Rinker, Alexis P. Barnett, Carigan L. Grimes, Christina M. Hinton, Billy R. Mayfield, Lyndsey K. Patterson, Dylan M. Armstrong, Hayden G. Cary, Ethan W. Ellison, Rebecca L. Strickland, Logan P. Brimm, Alyssa N. Burrous, Abbey L. Fulcher, Ariabella E. Kinney, and Kelly A. White.

Brittany J. Gray of Obion County received High Honors.

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Lawyer, author to discuss book, ‘Full Court Press’

Bill Haltom, a Memphis lawyer and author of six books, will discuss his latest publication, “Full Court Press,” during a reading and signing event at 3 p.m. Jan. 24 at the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Paul Meek Library.

“Full Court Press” discusses Victoria Cape vs. the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, a 1970s legal case that won female basketball players the right to play full-court basketball and featured star witness Pat Head Summitt, a UT Martin alumna and newly-appointed head coach of the Tennessee Lady Volunteers.

Haltom has partnered with Amanda Swanson, a law student and former women’s basketball operations assistant at Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati, Ohio, to tell the story of the historic case. Cape, a high school player, sued the TSSAA in protest of their stance that female basketball players only play half-court basketball, and her lawsuit changed the rules of the game.

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Haltom is an attorney with the firm of Lewis Thomason in Memphis and has been a practicing attorney for four decades. He has served as president of the Tennessee Bar Association and the Memphis Bar Association, and he is the author of six books and countless newspaper columns. “Full Court Press” is published by UT Press and available on Amazon.com. Books will also be available for sale at the Jan. 24 event and in the UT Martin Barnes and Noble Bookstore.

For more information on Haltom’s work, visit billhaltom.com. For information on his UT Martin appearance, contact the UT Martin Paul Meek Library at (731) 881-7094.

At the college level

Audrey Adams and Lonna Kennedy, both of Union City, were recently initiated into the Alpha Epsilon Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Miss Adams, a 2017 graduate of Union City High School, is studying music education.

Mrs. Kennedy, a 1989 graduate of Obion County Central High School, graduated from UT Martin in 1993 with a bachelor of science degree in animal science and in 1996 from Louisiana State University with a master of science degree in food science. She is currently studying for a licensure in preK-3rd early childhood education.

Of the 15 students initiated last month, they were the only two honorees from Obion County.

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He earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from UT Martin and a Master of Business Administration degree from Bethel University.

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Thursday, January 17, 2019
User-submitted story by Norma Coalter

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Jan. 17, 2019

Contact: Nathan Morgan, University Relations, 731-881-7615

Editors: Below is a list of students who requested that your paper receive notification that they have been named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Each listing includes the student’s name, hometown and honors.

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• Cape Girardeau – Carson L. Stroup, Honors.

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Hardin County, Adamsville students named to UT Martin honor rolls

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- Adamsville – Lori M. Stutts, High Honors.
- Crump – Kenlee S. Stanfill, Honors.
- Morris Chapel – Justin R. Thompson, Honors.
- Saltillo – Zachary M. Roach, High Honors.
- Savannah – Lani R. Alexander, High Honors; Amber B. Barnhill, Highest Honors; Susanna L. Brown, High Honors; David C. Gobbell, Honors; Chase Y. Hampton, Honors; Elizabeth A. Hurt, Honors; Savanna C. Liford, High Honors; Rachel N. McFerson, Highest Honors.

In addition, Chancellor's Honor Roll honorees with ties to Hardin County include:

REMEMBERING CONNER — The Rev. Harold Conner Sr., the University of Tennessee at Martin's first black administrator, died in 2017 at the age of 97. He last attended the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Breakfast in 2014. Students who knew of his legacy asked for the opportunity to capture this photo with the icon.

Conner, known by many as "Dean Conner," first came to UT Martin in 1969 as assistant dean of students and was later named assistant vice chancellor for student affairs. He continued as a university administrator until his retirement in 1981. Conner was instrumental in starting many campus organizations and programs that still play significant roles at the university, including the Black Student Association, the Freshman Studies Program, the Highest Praise Gospel Choir and the Peer Enabler Program that mentors entering students.

Conner is remembered in the commemorative publication "Celebrating 50 Years of African-American Achievement" for his role in the successful integration of Weakley County Schools and UT Martin. Jesse Arnold Pryor, the first African American student to enroll at the university in 1961, credited Conner during the September 2011 dedication of Unity Circle near Clement Hall for encouraging her to attend the Martin campus.

Conner was the first recipient of the UT Martin Black Student Association's annual Legacy Award honoring his university achievements. The university's Harold Conner Scholarship is named for him, and the city of Martin annually presents the Harold Conner City of Martin Award that recognizes outstanding achievement and innovative leadership in the community.
Reading challenge winners to report on Globetrotters game

A quarter of a million words read in one week is a milestone for anyone.

But when a third-, fourth- or fifth-grader just back from Christmas vacation not only reads the books but also scores at least 85 percent when quizzed on the content, it is a feat worthy of recognition and rewards.

That's exactly what we at the Weakley County Press did for Martin Elementary fourth-grader Ethan Brewer and Gleason fifth-grader Luke Lawrence when they stepped up to the challenge presented and broke records with the most words read Jan. 7-11. Their efforts netted them four tickets to the Jan. 25 Harlem Globetrotters’ game in the University of Tennessee at Martin Kathleen and Tom Elam Center and the chance to become “junior reporters” for the Press as they interview players and write up reports to appear in our pages.

The top reader for the week was 9-year-old Ethan who read 257,154 words. Ten-year-old Luke was a close second with 249,712 words.

Jessica Wade of Weakley County Schools helped coordinate the week-long emphasis and praised the educators who encouraged students to participate. In a letter announcing the winners, she noted that reading records had been broken.

The competition was launched as a partnership event with the Harlem Globetrotters, who provided the tickets and set up the interviews. The Press eagerly accepted the challenge to discover the would-be journalists and worked with Wade to connect the opportunity to reading.

To honor their achievement, both boys received the tickets, a reporter’s notebook, and two pens—one black and one red.

Press reporter Karen Campbell presented the items to the boys Tuesday, along with two tickets for their teachers and the school librarians.

“Meeting these obviously-dedicated readers was a delight,” said Campbell. “And I especially liked pointing out that the black pen was for writing their stories and the red was for editing for mistakes because we all make them.”

She also offered a few writing tips, including a review of the all-important who, what, when, where, why and how words that are key to interviewing.

“Reading the work of the two new reporters will be fun,” Campbell observed, “because they are extremely articulate and well-read but they are also very different. Ethan was a little shy initially but lit up when talking about his love of reading and Luke eagerly shook my hand and by the time we were through, was proudly acting as tour guide and offering a detailed explanation of how the reading point system worked.”

Martin Elementary Principal Terri Stephenson was clearly pleased when Ethan told Campbell that meeting the reading challenge was part of his ongoing goal of reading one million words or more at least a couple of times during the school year. She said that a focus on goals helped Martin reach the Reward School status awarded in September.

The Globetrotter challenge pushed Luke over his one-million-word goal. To put the achievement in perspective: the seven books in J.K. Rowling’s Harry Potter series contain 1,084,170 words. The series are favorites of both boys.

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that each of the student's support system made in the boys' accomplishment, the Press gave Martin fourth-grade teacher Kym Sanders and librarian Charleigh Stephens and Gleason fifth-grade teacher Melody Hopper and librarian Amy Lawrence two tickets each.

That proved to be quite the bounty for the Lawrence family as Luke is the son of Amy and principal Lee Lawrence. Ethan is the son of Brad and Lindsey Brewer.

Mom/librarian Amy was visibly moved when Ethan readily answered Campbell's query on what he might want to do with his love of reading.

"Become a librarian," he quickly replied. When asked why, he didn't hesitate, but he did lean a little closer to his inspiration as he responded, "Because I'm her son."

Hopper pointed out that Luke was well on his way to a literary-centered career path as she explained that already when she reads his reading logs he's so enthusiastic and descriptive that "it's like you're reading the book with him."

Campbell reported that the morning of delivering tickets and providing a small amount of coaching to the two winners was a highlight of her time thus far at the Press. Recently returned to the area after a few decades away, she found it particularly moving to see Ethan's quiet passion for reading and Luke's enthusiasm.

"I thought back to my time at Greenfield and the gift that my seventh-grade teacher Mrs. Nancy Ward and principal Richard Ward gave me when they returned a story I'd written covered in red ink," she explained. "I thought I had failed miserably until I read their comments. They were almost all positive and ended with strong encouragement to pursue a career in writing."

"I can only hope that Globetrotter tickets and a chance to write their first printed pieces might be equally encouraging to Luke and Ethan," she concluded.

If not yet life-changing, the rewards seem to have been well-received. Luke's love of basketball was clearly evident as he was wearing a Houston Rockets jersey when he collected his reward. And Ethan, when asked why he is such an avid reader, gave a very honest answer, "I know I like to read because it helps me learn new things and..." he beamed, "get prizes."

The boys weren't the only ones to express appreciation. Lawrence was so pleased with the outcome of the challenge and the new readers that it inspired at the Gleason library that she wrote a letter to the editor (see page 2).

Campbell says she may have come away with the biggest prize, however, as she was leaving Martin Elementary Sanders, who had helped her sweet, but perhaps slightly overwhelmed Ethan with some of the social graces of meeting a reporter and responding to questions with a friendly, "What do you say? What do you do?" prompted him to conclude the morning's activities with a proper goodbye.

As Campbell held out her hand for shake, Ethan instead dived in for a hug.

"I'm never going to dunk a ball like a Globetrotter, but with that hug, I scored," she reported.

When Courtney Price reflects on the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., she focuses on the fact that "he was never afraid to fight for what was right, to speak up for righteousness."

On Monday morning, Price, who serves as president of the University of Tennessee at Martin Black Student Association that is helping host the MLK Celebration and Breakfast in Boling University Center's Duncan Ballroom, will have a chance to publicly honor the civil rights leader.

A junior studying health and human performance with her eye on a health administration career and possible Masters, Price gets inspiration from Dr. King as she leads the 25-30-member organization that seeks to foster relationships between minority groups on campus.

"We are so used to going with social norms or status quo," Price further explained of her admiration of King and desire to see his legacy live on. "We are afraid to speak up regardless of who is watching."

As president, Price's goal this year is to unite the student body starting with the African-American students, building strong relationships and then reaching out to the entire student body.

"With this being a predominantly white institution, there aren't many spaces that cater to us," said Price. "So, we can be there for one another, help one another."

Price believes that currently the nation is not prioritizing social justice as it grapples with immigration laws, police brutality and institutional racism and discrimination and that therefore the breakfast's emphasis on love is critical.

"Love drives out all hate," she noted. "I believe if we love one another there will be no discrimination."

On campus, Price acknowledges that often students experience a separation between the different populations.

"We have segregated ourselves from each other," she said.

BSA focuses on love for 2019 MLK Celebration
To counter that the BSA puts on or participates in events with different organizations to bring people together. “We don’t cater our events to only black people,” she added. BSA activities include a co-hosting a Skate Party with the Student Government Association and Multicultural Affairs Council, participating in the Civil Rights Conference scheduled for Feb. 18-22, providing an informational tent and music during homecoming festivities and high school Preview Days, and celebrating Black Student Recognition prior to graduation with Kente Cloth stole for each graduate.

Price will join Martin Mayor Randy Brundige and UTM Chancellor Dr. Keith Carver during the welcome at Monday’s breakfast. The agenda also includes keynote addresses by UTM Coach Anthony Stewart and Tara Hawkins, a senior and past BSA president. Jarvis Banks-Lee, a junior, will provide musical entertainment. Awards planned for the day are The Alpha Award (as King was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha), The Black Student Association Torch Award to a faculty or staff member, and the Harold Conner/City of Martin Award recognizing exemplary innovative leadership in service to the community.

MLK Celebration has tradition in community

A morning of celebration, reflection and remembrance highlighted the fifth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Breakfast held two years ago in the Duncan Ballroom of UTM Martin’s Boling University Center. The annual event, sponsored by the city of Martin and the university’s Black Student Association to honor the memory of slain Civil Rights Movement leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., had to skip last year’s planned observance due to weather. This year, organizers are reporting a potential sell-out.

At the last event, Kameron Echols and Beverly Claybrooks served as keynote speakers. Echols, a criminal justice major from Memphis and a volunteer in the Martin Housing Authority’s after-school program, asked the question, “What does it mean to dream with vision and live with passion?” He credits having both a plan and a purpose for his achieving success as he pursues his passion to earn a degree and also make a difference in the community. “Vision without action is merely a dream. ... Vision with action can change the world,” he said.

Beverly Claybrooks, an award-winning educator with an undergraduate degree from Tennessee State University and a master’s degree from UT Martin, questioned whether Dr. King’s dream has been fully realized and recalled moving as a child from Michigan to Martin, where she experienced segregation first hand. She credited many local black community leaders with pushing for change. “As younger black students at that time, we didn’t understand what extraordinary, prolific, outstanding, devoted, concerned, intelligent teachers that we had, but we do now,” she said, crediting these individuals with preparing her and others for the challenges they would face in life.

“Yes, the dream has been realized but not recognized to the extent that it should be,” she added. “His dream, Dr. King’s dream, brings freedom in a world filled with national disaster, racism, greed, deception and injustice. But the dream breeds love, love for all of us, for we are all God’s people and the sheep of his pasture.”

2017 award recipients were: Dr. Henry Parker, UT Martin professor of philosophy, Alpha Award of Merit; Janese’ Coleman, UT Martin senior integrated studies major, Alpha Award of Merit; and Anthony Pre-witt, UT Martin Office of Housing, the Black Student Association Torch Award. The Alpha Awards were presented by the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

The Harold Conner City of Martin Award was presented by Mayor Brundige to Martin resident Clara Hamilton. The award recognizes longtime service and dedication to the community and is named for the Rev. Harold Conner, the first African American administrator employed by UT Martin after the university was desegregated in 1969.
Welcome reception planned for future UTM Skyhawks

By GREGORY COOPER
Special to The Messenger

As high school seniors rush their way into the spring semester, many are already either making or have made college plans. For students attending the University of Tennessee Martin this fall, all incoming students have been invited to the Future Skyhawk Reception on Jan. 22 at 6 p.m.

This event allows future UTM students and parents to meet with administration, staff and Chancellor Keith Carver to learn what to expect when starting college and what their next steps should be. Even better, students who attend will be entered into a drawing for a $1,000 scholarship.

Many students are looking forward to this event and the upcoming SOAR registration date. SOAR stands for Summer Orientation and Registration.

This orientation allows incoming students to register for their fall semester classes, learn their way around campus and make new friends. “I’m very thankful for an event like this, because I want to learn more about it,” said Obion County Central High School senior Alex Morris.

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Annual Chamber of Commerce awards banquet set Feb. 2

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Community course offered in Adobe Photoshop

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This course, taught once each year, focuses on manipulating digital photos with a variety of techniques available in the Adobe Photoshop software. Each class builds on the previous week’s work, so attendance at all sessions is advised.

Gallien has experience with digital photography since its early development and has taught photography courses at UT Martin at a variety of skill levels. Examples of his work can be found at moliebiscuit.com.

Future photography courses taught by Gallien will be hosted on the UT Martin main campus in March (basic level) and April (intermediate and advanced students).

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City and University Honor the Memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

January 21, 2019 | By: Shemar UT Martin

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Martin Alderman David Beige, a staff member in the university's Office of Engagement, opened the event that included welcoming remarks from Martin Mayor Randy Brundidge, UT Martin Chancellor Keith Carver and Courtmier Black. UT Martin Black Student Association president Jackie, Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church pastor, offered the invocation.

Following the words, UT Martin students Tyrone Hawkins and Skyhawk head men's basketball coach Anthony Stewart delivered a keynote speaker. Hawkins is a psychology major from Jackson and is the current president of the Black Student Association. He spoke about the importance of education and the impact that it plays in college and achieving life's goals. He told of entering the university in 2011 as a nursing major, being accepted into the program in spring 2015, but doubting that she would be able to continue. She also remembered a Timber project she saw on TV and asked, "Are you living, or are you just existing?"

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Carver discusses recent UTM Advisory Board meeting

Posted on January 21, 2019 by Steve James in Local News

The new UT Martin advisory board, created by the UT FOCUS Act passed last year by the state legislature, recently held its inaugural meeting.

Each UT campus across the state is served by an advisory board comprised of five public members, one faculty member and one student member.

UTM Chancellor Dr. Keith Carver talks about the purpose of the Advisory Council.

As for the role of the Advisory Council, Dr. Carver says...

Art Sparks of Union City is the Chairman of the Advisory Council, with other members including: Hal Bynum of Sharon, Monice Hagler of Memphis, Julia Wells of Bells, UTM faculty representative Dr. Chris Caldwell, and UTM student representative Devin Majors.

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Woods Named to UT Martin Fall Semester Chancellor’s Honor Roll

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Jennifer L. Woods of Downing was named to the list with high honors. To be eligible for the Chancellor’s Honor Roll recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the 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).

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Students will work with On Location Experiences, the National Football League's premium hospitality business, serving as talent concierges on game day. This role includes coordinating player appearances, escorting players between venues and helping with on-field activities. Throughout the week, students will also assist with Super Bowl Live and be on call for the Local Organizing Committee.

"It seems chaotic and stressful in the moment, though it really isn't," said Leighton Chappell, a junior from Flushing, Michigan, who will work the event for the second time after attending last year in Minnesota. "Dr. Davis does a great job ensuring that his students are having a good time and that we gain valuable experience from the event."

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Celebration, Reflection, Remembrance At UT Martin MLK Day Event

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Kendall L. Muhn of Knob Noster has received High Honors.

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UT Martin students to work at Super Bowl LIII in Atlanta

January 22, 2019 by WBBJ 7 Eyewitness News Staff (https://www.wbbjtv.com/author/wbbj7eyewitnessnewsstaff/)

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Local students earn dean's list for fall 2018

Jan. 22, 2019

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Plainfield: Thomas J. Ricko
Violins for Hope

By: Angela Ammerman
The children didn't speak English and they did not own any instruments, but they did understand a smile, the tilt of your head, the open hand toward the violin case. They knew that I was there to teach songs, and they were captivated by the gift of music. Mayuree, who had witnessed the beheading of her own mother, caught on to playing the violin like wildfire. Her passion for music extended far into the wee hours of the night until she had to be told to pack up and over again. At last she would say sweetly in Thai “Just one more song?” Anurak, who had been living in a makeshift dog house before coming to Hope House, loved dancing so much that he would break into the biggest smile and immediately run to get his best friend the minute the music started.

This holiday season, I traveled to the Hope House Children’s Home in Thailand to teach songs, dances, and violin to prepare the children for their Cowboy Christmas Festival. Going in with the mindset that I was there to teach them, I had no idea how much they would actually teach me.

The children of the Hope House are mostly from the mountainous regions of Chiang Mai where they often have been abandoned and neglected with no means for an education, for love and even for survival. Children are sometimes dropped off at the orphanage, other times, they are brought in by tribal elders. Sometimes, the parents themselves will throw the children into the Hope House truck and run away, knowing that the child will be cared for and protected. Hope House takes these children and provides them with a home, an education and a family. Many of the kids don’t speak Thai when they first arrive. Rather, they speak a tribal language that few understand. The children take it upon themselves to look after one another, the older kids teaching the younger, protecting their “siblings,” and embracing each other regardless of language, or skin color or tribe.

On the first day of my visit, the children had been so excited that they arrived 30 minutes early! In that first lesson, I assigned instruments, taught them how to hold and play the violins, and constantly reinforced posture and instrument care. The first time they opened the cases, many of the children were hesitant to even touch the instruments. When asked about this, the director said, “They believe the violin is for the rich. They are afraid to touch something so valuable.”

Although I rarely spoke English during lessons and they rarely spoke Thai, there was no question that the students understood to lift their instruments when I did, to place their fingers upon the strings when I nodded, and to pluck the string after they heard me pluck. Direct eye contact and a smile indicated success and a quick individual demonstration indicated the need to fix something. Soon, we developed a kind of a language of our own, in which my students completely understood my various facial expressions, gestures and sound effects.

In spite of the language barriers, the students progressed remarkably quickly. By the end of day one, the students could pluck “Hot Cross Buns.” By the end of day two, they could play traditional Thai folk songs. On day three, I happened upon Batira, who had been abandoned in the woods multiple times by her mother, until one day, exhausted by the constant rescue efforts, the Tribal Elders brought her to Hope House. Batira was not old enough for the violin just yet, but there she was, holding a violin. Next to her was Rattan, demonstrating where to put her fingers, speaking rapidly in a language I had never heard. By the end of day three, Batira (second grade), under the direction of fourth grade Rattan, had already caught up to all of the other fourth grade violinists. On the 10th Day, the students had performed successfully in the Cowboy Christmas Carnival with near perfect posture, using their bows to play a variety of songs. The children were exploring the instrument and were teaching one another with a fervor never before seen.

Thanks to this project, more than 30 orphans can now play the violin. On my last day, as I was leaving, the children came running up with the violins as if I had forgotten essential pieces of my luggage. I said, “No, they are yours. You keep them!” Understanding gradually came over their faces as one by one, they were flooded with relief and then joy until at last, we all came together in an enormous bittersweet hug.

There is something magical about playing a musical instrument. Suddenly, the world bursts with color, confidence soars, and the impossible seems within reach. This Holiday season was truly magical for these children, and for me. One of the teachers at the children’s home said to me, "Our children never dreamt of playing the violin. They have always believed that this was an instrument for the wealthy, the privileged. Thank you for helping our children see beyond." If you would like to donate to building a music space for the children at Hope House, please check out: gofundme.com/Musichouse.
HAPPY TUNES — Angela Ammerman, (above right), director of the UT Martin Orchestra, traveled to Thailand over the holiday season bringing the gift of music to orphans of the Hope House Children’s Home. Ammerman spent several days working with more than 30 children from tragic backgrounds. Students spent their days learning to play the violin and were left with an instrument of their very own at the end of Ammerman’s visit. This was in preparation of the children’s Cowboy Christmas Festival.
MLK Breakfast is celebration of community service

By SABRINA BATES
Press Reporter

The frigid temperatures outside Monday morning did not match the warm smiles of friendly faces as community members gathered not just to reflect on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., but to celebrate the service of people in Weakley County.

"We are all responsible to keep his dream alive," University of Tennessee at Martin Skyhawk men's basketball coach Anthony Stewart told the packed house at UTM's Boling Center Monday during the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and Breakfast. Stewart served as a keynote speaker during the event.

Now in its sixth year, the annual breakfast offers speakers, entertainment, food provided by Sodexo and awards presentations for service to members of the community.

Stewart shared a bit of his past experiences and lessons learned with the guests on hand for the celebration. The head coach said we are all beneficiaries of the man who gave his life in service so that people of this nation could enjoy basic freedoms.

"Dr. King was clearly the most important voice for Civil Rights," Stewart said. His grandparents lived during a time of segregation, yet they managed to never be angry, bitter, resentful or judgmental. Like Dr. King, Stewart said his grandparents lived a life of loving unconditionally and forgiving others.

"We have to become comfortable with being uncomfortable to be able to tear down the walls of stereotypes," Stewart said.

Coming from a corporate background in the Midwest, Stewart said although his bank account was full, his soul was empty. One experience in Tennessee many years ago could've easily prompted him to never make the move to Martin. Stewart said had he let his stereotypes, ignorance and one bad experience guide his decision, his life would have taken a different turn.

"Thanks to Dr. King, I realized all of my life I had taken. When was I going to give? Basketball found me. Basketball was my purpose. Giving was my purpose. I love what I do," Stewart added.

Tyra Hawkins, past president of UTM's Black Student Association and senior majoring in psychology at the local college, shared her voice with guests. Hawkins said two shootings nationwide prompted her passion for speaking out against social injustices. She said she realized she had a life, but she was not living.

"Remember, YOU are enough. Everything that you need to be great is already inside of you. Don't wait for someone else to push you," Hawkins said.

The current president of the Black Student Association, Courtney Price, asked guests to be the change that is needed in their community and the world.

"I hope what we learn today doesn't just stay in this room, but that each of us will go out into the community and be the change," Price shared.

UTM Music Major Jarvis Banks-Lee shared his singing talent with guests while Dr. Danny Donaldson of Martin accompanied him on the piano.

The end of the celebration was only the beginning for those who were honored with plaques in recognition of their service.

Devin Majors, UTM Student Government Association president, along with fellow fraternity brother Anthony Prewitt, presented two Alpha Awards.

UTM faculty member John Abel was recognized with the Alpha Award by

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“keeping Dr. King’s memory alive through diversity and inclusion on campus. Abel works diligently with the multi-cultural organizations on campus.

A second Alpha Award was presented to someone who “always has a smile.” Miguel Gutierrez helped create the Hispanic/Latino organization on campus. He was presented with the Alpha Award of Merit.

The Black Student Association Torch Award is given to a faculty member who goes above and beyond the call of service. David Barber has successfully led the campus’ Civil Rights Conference each year and has a “commitment to social injustice.” Barber was the recipient of the BSA Torch Award this year.

To conclude the program, the City of Martin presented its annual Harold Conner Award. Dr. Conner was a leader in the community and paved the way for many in the community. He was the first black administrator at UTM and left behind a legacy of encouraging young black men to become mentors in their community.

Donaldson, described as “no stranger to service,” was humbled to receive this year’s Harold Conner/City of Martin Award during the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Breakfast.

“I was here for the first (breakfast) when there was only about six tables filled. And today, there were no tickets left. I am so proud of our community and I see that we are constantly trying to do better every day,” Donaldson said.
ALPHA AWARD OF MERIT – UT Martin student Miguel Gutierrez (center) received the Alpha Award of Merit for his leadership roles in the Hispanic/Latino organizations on campus. Gutierrez was presented the award during the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and Breakfast held at UTM Monday morning. Presenting him with the award were (left) Anthony Prewitt and UTM Student Government Association president Devin Majors.

DARKNESS CANNOT DRIVE OUT ... – University of Tennessee at Martin men's head basketball coach Anthony Stewart shared his past experiences with stereotypes and being raised by grandparents who were models of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision of non-violence, forgiveness and unconditional love with a packed house Monday morning during the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and Breakfast event held on campus and hosted by UTM's Black Student Association, UTM, and the City of Martin. Stewart said we are all beneficiaries of the man who gave his life to service.
DON'T WAIT – Past President of UT Martin’s Black Student Association Tyra Hawkins shared how her passion for being the change was ignited by two shootings on a national level that caused cries of injustice across the country. Hawkins was a keynote speaker during the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and Breakfast on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin Monday morning. The sold-out event was hosted by the City of Martin and UTM Black Student Association. Hawkins told guests “everything you need to be great is already inside of you. Don’t wait for someone to push you.”

Here are some of Dr. King’s words of wisdom throughout the years:
“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”
“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”
“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”
“The time is always right to do what is right.”
“In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.”
“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”
“Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.”
“Morality cannot be legislated, but behavior can be regulated. Judicial decrees may not change the heart, but they can restrain the heartless.”
“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.”

“There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.”
“True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice.”
“Let no man pull you so low as to hate him.”
“Perhaps the worst sin in life is knowing right and not doing it.”

As guests filled the Boling Center Ballroom of the University of Tennessee at Martin Monday morning for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Breakfast, they were greeted with banners filled with inspirational messages of one of the greatest leaders in the history of Civil Rights in this nation – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Many of the speakers that morning offered some of their most-memorable wisdom nuggets shared by the man who practiced and preached non-violence and unconditional love.
Cups for the Cure slated for Feb. 2

The third-annual Cups for the Cure event, co-hosted by the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts and The Wesley Foundation, will be held from 2-4 p.m., Feb. 2, at the UT Martin Wesley Foundation building on Lovelace Avenue.

David McBeth, UT Martin professor of art, and his students will be selling handmade ceramic cups and mugs for a $15 donation.

One hundred percent of funds raised will be donated to cancer research foundations in the region.

McBeth and his students also provide pottery bowls as a fundraiser annually to help feed the hungry through the Empty Bowls Project each holiday season.

McBeth created Cups for the Cure in 2017 to support cancer patients and their families.

McBeth’s mother was diagnosed with cancer on Feb. 4, 2014, and passed away 21 days later.

She received financial assistance from Joliet Oncology-Hematology Associates, a foundation at the cancer center where she was receiving treatment.

This event is open to the public, and a variety of beverages and desserts will be available.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of University Relations at (731) 881-7615.

Community course offered in Adobe Photoshop

Dr. Tom Gallien, Martin-area photographer, will instruct a community course on using Adobe Photoshop from 6-9 p.m., Tuesdays, Jan. 22-Feb. 26, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Registration is $145 per student, and pre-registration is required to reserve a seat.

This course, taught once each year, focuses on manipulating digital photos with a variety of techniques available in the Adobe Photoshop software. Each class builds on the previous week’s work, so attendance at all sessions is advised.

Gallien has experience with digital photography since its early development and has taught photography courses at UT Martin at a variety of skill levels. Examples of his work can be found at molliebiscuit.com.

Future photography courses taught by Gallien will be hosted on the UT Martin main campus in March (basic level) and April (intermediate and advanced students).

To register for any of these courses, visit utm.edu/departments/nondegree/martin.php and select “Photography and Photoshop.” For assistance, contact university outreach at 731-881-7081.

Tax law reforms seminar available in Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center will host a seminar regarding federal tax updates for individuals and businesses from 6-8 p.m., Jan. 22, at the center on S. Lindell Street in Martin.

The seminar, instructed by Tommy Legins, Alexander Thompson Arnold PLLC in Martin, will focus on the legislative and regulatory changes to federal tax laws that will affect 2018 tax returns filed in spring 2019. Legins will also touch on major trends and changes in case law regarding federal taxes affecting small business owners.

Legins, a certified public accountant, is a principal for Alexander Thompson Arnold PLLC in Martin and has more than 25 years of experience in taxes, small business consulting and accounting system design. He also served six years as chief financial officer for a technology startup and has experience working with entrepreneurial companies as well as those in the construction, professional services, retail and not-for-profit industries.

He earned his bachelor’s degree in accounting from UT Martin and a Master of Business Administration degree from Bethel University.

Pre-registration is advised. For more information or to register, contact Landy Fuqua, director of the UT Martin REED Center, at 731-587-7333 or lfuqua@utm.edu.
Globetrotters offer free tickets to federal workers on furlough

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The world famous Harlem Globetrotters prepare to bring their 2019 Fan Powered World Tour to UT Martin, they are offering complimentary game tickets to any U.S. government employee currently on furlough, according to a press release.

“As the Ambassadors of Goodwill, we want to show our support to all those government workers whose paychecks, and by extension their families, are directly impacted,” Globetrotter President Howard Smith said in a press release.

The Harlem Globetrotters are set to perform at 7 p.m. Friday in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Friday’s game will include more than 20 opportunities for fans to interact with team members before, during and after the event, according to a press release.

The Flying Globies, the Globetrotters’ acrobatic

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The Harlem Globetrotters will perform Jan. 25 at UT Martin, BRETT MEISTER
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trampoline dunk team, are included in the 2019 tour and will perform during breaks in the game. An interactive mobile app is new to the Globetrotters experience this year, and includes an augmented reality basketball toss game and exclusive image filters for social media. In addition to 93 years of success in the entertainment business, the Globetrotters also hold 21 standing Guinness World Records. The most recent five records were set Nov. 8 in celebration of Guinness World Records Day, and include a somersault basketball shot made by Bull Bullard from 58 feet, 1.25 inches away from the hoop; most basketball under-the-leg tumbles in one minute (female) by Torch George (32); most blindfolded basketball slam dunks in one minute by Zeus McClurkin (five); most behind-the-back three-pointers in one minute, also by Zeus McClurkin (three); and most under-the-leg slam dunks by a team using a trampoline in one minute by the Flying Globies (28).

Tickets are on sale now at harlemglobetrotters.com and from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., weekdays, at the UT Martin Student Recreation Center.

Any U.S. government employee currently on furlough can show their valid government ID at their local box office and receive two complimentary tickets to a Harlem Globetrotter game in North America while supplies last. The offer is only valid during the current government shutdown and is not valid on previously purchased tickets. Quantities are limited and seat locations vary by venue. Fans are asked to check with their local box office for details.

The Globetrotters, in the midst of their 93rd consecutive season, are currently touring North America as part of their 2019 Fan Powered World Tour, which will see the team play in more than 250 North American markets, as well as 30 countries worldwide. Tickets are now available at: harlemglobetrotters.com

About the Harlem Globetrotters

The Harlem Globetrotters are legendary worldwide, synonymous with one-of-a-kind family entertainment and great basketball skills for the past 92 years. Throughout their history, the Original Harlem Globetrotters have showcased their iconic talents in 233 countries and territories on six continents, often breaking down cultural and societal barriers while providing fans with their first-ever basketball experience. Proud inductees of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, the Globetrotters have entertained hundreds of millions of fans — among them, popes, kings, queens, and presidents — over nine thrilling decades. Sponsored by Tum-e Yummies and Baden Sports, Harlem Globetrotters International Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Herschend Enterprises, the largest family-owned themed entertainment company in the U.S. For the latest news and information about the Harlem Globetrotters, visit the Globetrotters’ official website: www.harlemglobetrotters.com and follow them on Twitter: @Globies

UT Martin names local students to fall semester honor roll

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the fall 2018 Chancellor’s Honor Rolls 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.

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Bradford – Colton D. Barber, Honors; Emily G. Barber, High Honors; Alexander H. Cantrell, Honors; Keeley A. Davis, Highest Honors; Anna C. Eaton, Highest Honors; William C. Evans, Highest Honors; Hannah N. Moore, Honors; Bethany M. Morris, Honors; Brian C. Perritt, Highest Honors; Jordan D. Reynolds, High Honors; Dylan C. Schaefer, Honors; Anna M. Sisson, Highest Honors; Fredrick J. Spain, Highest Honors; Mary E. Wollam, Highest Honors.

Dyer – Aubrie E. Croom, High Honors; Madison B. Croom, Highest Honors; Shelby N. Croom, Honors; Sydney D. Inman, High Honors; Anna G. Jones, High Honors; Alyssa P. Kesterson, Highest Honors; Allie C. Landrum, High Honors; Erin T. Lanom, High Honors; Rebecca L. Lee, Highest Honors; Caitlyn H. Mayberry, High Honors; Hallie N. McCurdy, High Honors; Victoria L. Sims, High Honors.

Gibson – Hope E. Newell, High Honors.

Humboldt – Karen N. Allen, High Honors; Jonathan M. Andrews, Highest Honors; Xavier D. Billings, Honors; Krystal D. Boggs, High Honors; Cody S. Brennan, Highest Honors; Anna G. Brown, Highest Honors; Carlton Childs, Honors; Morgan N. Conder, Highest Honors; Gerhard E. Cox, Highest Honors; Kendyll S. Gateley, Honors; Meleah Gateley, Highest Honors; Mahala B. Perry, Highest Honors; Jamie L. Potts, Highest Honors; Mary K. Thompson, Highest Honors; Shelby G. Vasquez, Highest Honors; Chandler B. Whittaker, High Honors; Keaton B. Wilson, High Honors; Austin L. Workman, High Honors; Logan H. Young, Highest Honors.

Kenton – Julie B. Allen, Highest Honors; Cole E. Davis, Highest Honors; Hillary D. Edlemon, High Honors; Andrea L. Penn, Honors; McKenna H. Winson, High Honors; Morgan L. Whithworth, Highest Honors.

Medina – Grace N. Abbott, Honors; Trevor L. Boals, High Honors; Blake R. Bryant, Honors; Chandler H. Carey, High Honors; Chloe G. Cates, Highest Honors; Charles B. Coleraine, Honors; Bentley A. Davis, High Honors; Bradley K. Duncan, Honors; Anna C. Lax Gatti, High Honors; James F. Holland, Highest Honors; Rachel N. Jones, High Honors; Gabriel J. Martin, Honors; Kaitlyn M. Martin, High Honors; Magdalena I. Martinez, Honors; Michael D. McFarland, High Honors; Cameron D. Pemberton, High Honors; Amy A. Polk, Honors; Gage M. Schneberger, Highest Honors; Rachel K. Smith, High Honors; Kyle M. Trompower, Highest Honors.

Milan – Brooke M. Allen, Highest Honors; Sydney C. Blackburn, High Honors; Lucas B. Bledsoe, High Honors; Jennifer N. Byrd, Highest Honors.

Beech Bluff – Connor J. Alley, High Honors.

Greenfield – Candace L. Tucker, Highest Honors.

Hurricane Mills – Mallory C. Wray, Highest Honors.

Martin – Reagan W. Barnhart, High Honors; Remington L. Burch, Highest Honors; Holly K. Faulkner, Highest Honors; Cy A. Pemberton, Highest Honors; Hokner K. Porter, High Honors; Lexi M. Rahm, Honors; Katherine L. Smith, Honors; Sarah E. Terry, Honors; Matthew D. Wicker, Highest Honors.


South Fulton – Alyssa N. Burrous, Honors.
UT Martin Names Local Students to Fall Semester Chancellor’s Honor Roll

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Chancellor’s Honor Roll honorees from Carroll County include:

- Atwood - Joseph R. Barnes, High Honors; Samantha M. Brown, High Honors; Laura S. Killen, Highest Honors; Caitlin S. Wade, High Honors.
- Bruceton - Tabytha R. Beardsley, High Honors; Marissa N. Cavthon, Honors; Jared A. Jordan, High Honors; Matthew R. Katzmarek, High Honors; Cody J. Knuttila, Honors; Olivia B. Lowry, High Honors; Abigail P. Pierce, Honors; Rachel A. Smith, Honors; Amanda L. Stockdale, Highest Honors; Michael E. Wilson, Honors.
- Cedar Grove - Noah W. Rogers, Highest Honors; Blake Wright, Highest Honors.
- Hollow Rock - Devon W. Coble, Honors; Channa L. Ragdale, High Honors; Kayla M. Woods, High Honors.
- Huntingdon - Hannah O. Boroughs, High Honors; Anna E. Burden, Honors; Layla D. Byrum, Honors; Morgan E. Cagle, Highest Honors; Preston L. Carter, Highest Honors; Rhiannon E. Crossno, Honors; Victoria B. Davis, Highest Honors; Kaitlyn J. Douglas, High Honors; Jasmine M. Dupree, Highest Honors; Carson E. Hatch, Honors; Austin K. Hill, Honors; Grace E. Hilliard, High Honors; Ethan E. Maddox, High Honors; Kirk T. Maddox, High Honors; Auria B. Mcclerking, Highest Honors; Mary K. McGee, Honors; Haidyn E. McM泄露ore, Highest Honors; Morgan T. McMackin, Honors; Alexander E. Reiter, Honors; Benjamin J. Reiter, Highest Honors; Nathan T. Rich, Honors; Courtney D. Taylor, Honors; Jessica J. Warren, Highest Honors.
- LaVonia - Victoria M. Galloway, Highest Honors; Chloe A. Ridgely, Highest Honors; Ashleigh T. Todd, High Honors; Michael A. Windom, High Honors.
- McKenzie - Christine G. Aden, Highest Honors; Anna E. Anderson, Highest Honors; Lexie N. Bolin, Honors; Jonathan J. Brannon, Highest Honors; Savannah E. Britt, Highest Honors; Nathan S. Brown, High Honors; Sabrina E. Carlisle, High Honors; Gabrielle S. Davis, Highest Honors; Rachel L. Edlin, Highest Honors; Angel R. Flores, High Honors; Courtney J. Fowler, Highest Honors; Katelyn M. Harp grove, Highest Honors; Hannah S. Hopkins, High Honors; Ashley J. Hughes, High Honors; Rachel L. Kincy, Highest Honors.
- Morgan A. Klinzing, Highest Honors; Noah M. Lawrence, Honors; Rachel E. Maxwell, Highest Honors; Mitchell L. Moore, High Honors; Isabella A. Neuhaus, Honors; Amanda J. Padilla, Highest Honors; Logan Priestley, Honors; Nathan D. Smith, Highest Honors; Austin L. Spivey, High Honors; Stuart T. Spring, Honors; Ashley N. Taylor, Highest Honors; Macy R. Watkins, High Honors; Jacquelyn E. Wren, Honors; Alejandro Zaragoza, Honors.
- Trezevant - Matthew G. Austin, High Honors; Lindsey L. Baker, Honors; Doris E. Brown, Highest Honors.
- Westport - Faith M. Douglass, Honors.
- Yuma - Joshua C. Douglas, High Honors; Brianna F. McClure, Highest Honors; Madison L. McClure, Highest Honors; Sarah I. Rickman, High Honors; Sydney M. Roney, High Honors; Kelsie L. Singleton, Honors; Amber K. Staben, Honors.

In addition, Chancellor’s Honor Roll honorees with ties to Carroll County include:

- Camden - Steven E. McMackins, Honors.
- Gleason - Morgan R. Spring, Honors.
- Humboldt - Kendyll S. Gatesley, Honors.
- Martin - Sarah E. Barnhart, Highest Honors; Jillianne D. Moncrief, 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.
Celebration, reflection and remembrance highlighted the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Breakfast held Monday in the Duncan Ballroom of the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Boling University Center.

The event was sponsored by the City of Martin and the university’s Black Student Association to honor the memory of slain Civil Rights Movement leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Attendees included business leaders, community members, elected officials, university faculty and staff and UT Martin students.

Martin alderman David Belote, also a staff member in the university’s Office of Enrollment Services and Student Engagement, emceed the event, which included welcoming remarks from Martin Mayor Randy Brundige, UT Martin Chancellor Keith Carver and Courtney Price, UT Martin Black Student Association president. Jackie Thomas, Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church pastor, offered the invocation.

"Dr. King was clearly the most important voice of the human rights movement, which worked for equal rights for all," Stewart said, noting that King refused to use violence to advance the movement and his ideas. Unfortunately, Stewart said that Americans often take basic freedoms for granted and added, “I also just think that we take for granted respect, common decency to one another, the ability to be able to be heard and have an opinion regardless of your race, religious views or political views.”

Stewart was not raised during the civil rights era, but his grandparents were. They took him in at age 15, and the life lessons that he was taught by them saved his life. He observed that they were never bitter, angry or unforgiving because of all they had seen and experienced. Perhaps the biggest lesson Stewart said that he learned from his grandparents and King was, “You have to be comfortable being uncomfortable in order to tear down certain walls, and stereotypes and ignorance.”

As recently as 2000, Stewart would not have believed that he could become UT Martin’s head men’s basketball coach. He attributed this to not applying what he learned from his grandparents and the slain civil rights leader. He began his career in the transportation industry in which few black employees worked. His first experience in Tennessee was coming to a West Tennessee town in 1999 and quickly discovering that was he was out of place because of his race. The experience affected his attitude about ever returning to the state.

Later, when the opportunity came to join the UT Martin coaching staff, he was reluctant to accept, but after talking with his wife, he reflected on what he had learned in life.

“Due to my own ignorance, my own misinformation, my own stereotype, I just about missed my opportunity to be here (at UT Martin),” he said. “I almost missed my opportunity to be a head coach.” The decision to forgive, to love and not to hate has paid dividends in his life. Stewart credited basketball with offering fulfillment in life not available to him in the corporate world. While holding a full-time company position in
Columbus, Ohio, a friend urged him to accept a part-time coaching job, and Stewart was paid a small amount for the extra work. He had a great job and lifestyle, “But I got more fulfillment out of helping these kids, in particular, that looked like me. I had to do some reflection on my life.”

Many breaks had come his way to achieve personal and financial success, but he viewed himself as a “taker.” His basketball coaching experience convinced him that it was time to give back. He resigned his corporate position in 2004 and, with his wife’s support, he accepted a coaching position at Long Beach State University in California.

“I love what I do (coaching), and I’m only able to do it because of what Dr. King did for me and what Dr. King has done for everybody everywhere. He’s given us a blueprint, he’s given us the scheme as to how you can be successful and still help others,” he said.

He urged everyone to follow King’s example and become “comfortable with being uncomfortable,” which provides opportunities for personal growth and helping others.

Music and award presentations were also featured in the program. UT Martin student Jarvis Banks-Lee, a music major from Ripley, performed “His Eye is on the Sparrow” and “A Change is Gonna Come” as Dr. Danny Donaldson accompanied him on piano.

Individual awards included the Alpha Award, which is given to a UT Martin faculty member and a student in memory of King, who was an Alpha Pi Alpha member. The award recognizes those who have demonstrated leadership on campus in the area of civil rights. In addition, the Torch Award is given by the Black Student Association and honors individuals who are symbolically “carrying the torch” as a leader in civil rights. John Abel and Miguel Gutierrez both received the Alpha Award of Merit, and the Black Student Association Torch Award was presented to Dr. David Barber.

Abel is assistant vice chancellor for student affairs and was honored for his work with students, while Gutierrez, a psychology major, was recognized for his work with Latino students who attend the university. Barber, a UT Martin professor of history, was honored for long association and leadership with the university’s Civil Rights Conference.

The final award, the Harold Conner City of Martin Award, was presented by Brundige to Dr. Donaldson, a Martin optometrist and UT Martin graduate who annually plays piano for the breakfast. The award recognizes longtime leadership, service and dedication to the community and is named for the Rev. Harold Conner, the first African American administrator employed by UT Martin after the university was desegregated in 1969.

Brad Thompson, Martin’s economic and community development director, described the breakfast as a highlight of the positive town-and-gown relationship shared by the community and the university.

“From its humble beginnings, this program has evolved into a sellout event,” Thompson said in a statement following the event. “The MLK breakfast is inspirational and challenging for those who attend, and I know this year everyone left with a renewed sense of living with purpose.”

**POSITIVE PROGRAM** — Coach Anthony Stewart speaks at this year’s Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Breakfast held Monday in the Duncan Ballroom of the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Boling University Center. Speakers, music and award presentations highlighted the annual event.
Several students from Obion County, or with ties to the county, have been named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll at the University of Tennessee at Martin for the fall semester.

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Among the students who earned recognition were:

- Honorable Mention: Claudia A. Chetnann, honors; massacre A. Davis, high honors; Brian M. Hitch, high honors; and Parker W. Kendall, highest honors.

- Ketton — Mason T. Chandler, honors; Taylor M. Ganzert, high honors; Cody G. Little, highest honors; and Keaton N. McGuire, honors.

- Ohlon — Juliana E. Albright, highest honors; Alexia P. Barnett, honors; Kierman S. Conroy, highest honors; Carigan L. Grimes, honors; Christina M. Hinton, honors; Lindy P. Hood, high honors; Billy R. Mayfield, honors; Lyndsey K. Patterson, honors; Madison S. Pitts, highest honors; and Ashley D. Powers, high honors.

- Ericka R. Reeves, highest honors; Timothy S. Rimes, highest honors; Bethany L. Walsh, highest honors; and Megan E. Winchester, high honors.

- Rogers — Dylan M. Armstrong, honors; Gray T. Bane, high honors; Haydon G. Carey, honors; Kathryn G. Crockett, highest honors; Eliah W. Ellison, honors; Karissa H. Howard, highest honors; William B. Morrow, highest honors; Wesley P. Sisco, highest honors; William S. Sisco, highest honors; Rebecca J. Strickland, honors; and Claire E. Wisniewski, highest honors.

- Sumner — Dylan L. Ridle, highest honors.

- South Fulton — Kevin W. Bartholomew, highest honors; Jasmine D. Rodriguez Bonilla, highest honors; Logan P. Brimm, honors; Alyssa N. Burrous, honors; Hunter C. Burton, highest honors; Hannah G. Carlisle, highest honors; Abbey L. Fletcher, high honors; James B. Huchens, highest honors; Justin B. Jogle, high honors; Melanie A. Johnson, high honors; Ryanne B. Kessel, highest honors; Arielle E. Kinney, honors; Destanie A. Mayo, high honors; Cathy A. McClain, highest honors; Shadie C. Murry, high honors; Michelle L. Nicholson, highest honors; Justin B. Sowell, highest honors; and Kelly A. White, honors.

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Cups for the Cure helps fight cancer

The third annual Cups for the Cure event — co-hosted by the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts and The Wesley Foundation — will be held from 2-4 p.m. Feb. 2 at the UT Martin Wesley Foundation building on Lovelace Avenue.

David McBeth, UT Martin professor of art, and his students will be selling handmade ceramic cups and mugs for a $15 donation. One hundred percent of funds raised will be donated to cancer research foundations in the region.

McBeth created Cups for the Cure in 2017 to support cancer patients and their families.

McBeth’s mother was diagnosed with cancer on Feb. 4, 2014, and passed away 21 days later. She received financial assistance from Joliet Oncology-Hematology Associates, a foundation at the cancer center where she was receiving treatment.

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For more information about the trip, contact Davis at davis78@utm.edu.
Bettye Giles, Trailblazer for women's athletics, turns 90

The University of Tennessee at Martin hosted a birthday party to honor Bettye Giles, former director of women's athletics, on her 90th birthday Jan. 11 in the Champions Club of the university's Hardy Graham Stadium. Giles served UT Martin from 1952 until her retirement in 1995 and was instrumental in the establishment of women's intercollegiate athletics programs at UT Martin and across the country.

When she first entered the higher education field, women were only permitted to play sports on the intramural level. Some exceptional players were added to "extra-mural" teams that visited other schools to play off-campus games, but there was no budget for transportation or accommodations for these trips.

"Our players bought their own food and, if we stayed overnight, we slept on the floor in our sleeping bags in the opponents' locker rooms. I can remember we would stop at the grocery store and buy bologna, bread and Cokes," said Giles in a 2011 interview with the Weakley County Press.

Giles and other athletic administrators across the state, particularly at Memphis State University and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, gathered to establish the Tennessee College Women's Sports Federation in 1966 to promote intercollegiate competition and organize state championships for a variety of women's sports. This organization grew from an initial group of 18 colleges and universities to 34 institutions by 1973. Giles served as the organization's first president. These efforts eventually contributed to the passing of the Educational Amendment Act of 1972, a piece of national legislation most famous for its Title IX component — the requirement that higher education institutions provide equal opportunities for women's athletics in order to receive federal funding. This legislation began a gradual change in women's athletics nationwide that Giles says is still a work in progress.

"Things are not totally equal, but they are getting that way. So, things are getting better as far as women in colleges with athletic opportunities," said Giles in a recent interview with WBJ-TV.

Giles began her UT Martin career as an associate professor of physical education and served as UT Martin's cheerleader sponsor from 1952-1973. She also started the women's tennis program in 1952 and coached that team for eight years. Tennis ultimately became the first women's sport to achieve varsity status at UT Martin. Giles became the university's first and only director of women's athletics in 1971 and held the position until 1994.

Giles influenced countless athletes during her decades at UT Martin, including Pat Head Summitt, the basketball player who would later become the winningest coach in the history of women's basketball during her tenure as head coach of the Tennessee Lady Vols, and Jerry Reese, former general manager of the New York Giants.

She is the recipient of numerous awards from both academic and athletic organizations, and she was inducted into the UT Martin Athletics Hall of Fame in 1985. The UT Martin Bettye Giles Softball Field is named in her honor, as is the university's Bettye Giles Female Athlete of the Year Award. Summitt also established the Bettye Giles/Nadine Gearin Endowed Scholarship in honor of her mentorship as well as that of Nadine Gearin, who coached the women's basketball team of which Summitt was a part. All three of these women are memorialized in a bronze statue titled "Coaches," which stands outside the main entrance of the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center where the Skyhawk basketball teams play on Pat Head Summitt court.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of University Relations at 731-881-7615.
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Tax law reforms seminar available in Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center will host a seminar regarding federal tax updates for individuals and businesses from 6-8 p.m., Jan. 22, at the center on S. Lindell Street in Martin.

The seminar, instructed by Tommy Legins, Alexander Thompson Arnold PLLC in Martin, will focus on the legislative and regulatory changes to federal tax laws that will affect 2018 tax returns filed in spring 2019. Legins will also touch on major trends and changes in case law regarding federal taxes affecting small business owners.

Legins, a certified public accountant, is a principal for Alexander Thompson Arnold PLLC in Martin and has more than 25 years of experience in taxes, small business consulting and accounting system design. He also served six years as chief financial officer for a technology startup and has experience working with entrepreneurial companies as well as those in the construction, professional services, retail and not-for-profit industries.

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Pre-registration is advised. For more information or to register, contact Landy Fuqua, director of the UT Martin REED Center, at 731-587-7333 or lfuqua@utm.edu.

Community course offered in Adobe Photoshop

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This course, taught once each year, focuses on manipulating digital photos with a variety of techniques available in the Adobe Photoshop software. Each class builds on the previous week’s work, so attendance at all sessions is advised.

Gallien has experience with digital photography since its early development and has taught photography courses at UT Martin at a variety of skill levels. Examples of his work can be found at molliebiscuit.com.

Future photography courses taught by Gallien will be hosted on the UT Martin main campus in March (basic level) and April (intermediate and advanced students).

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Hanna receives scholarship to attend UT Martin

By KIM SWINDELL WOOD

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A White County student has been awarded a scholarship to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin for the 2019-2020 academic year, according to Dr. James Mantooth, executive director, Office of Enrollment Services and Student Engagement.

Austin Hanna, of Sparta, son of Josh and Heather Hanna and Travis and Courtney Barker, will be a freshman. He received the Achieve Scholarship.

Landversicht named to Chancellor's honor roll at UT Martin

By The Jessamine Journal

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UTM professor takes MHT stage

University of Tennessee at Martin psychology professor Brian Johnson is no stranger to the stage. This week when the doors open to the Market House Theatre’s production of “Sweat,” it will mark his 14th appearance on the downtown Paducah, Ky., stage.

Johnson hails from a small community in Iowa. He calls Greenfield his home now where he lives with his wife Vicki, stepchildren and cats and dogs.

He has been a UTM professor for 18 years. Johnson spends his spare time performing for local venues such as the Masquerade Theatre in Union City, as well as the MHT. Some of his past performances include roles in “Planagan’s Wake, “Casino Dead Money,” Motherhood Out Loud” and “Intimate Apparel.”

In Johnson’s newest role, he will play Stan, the peace-keeping bartender in “Sweat.”

“Sweat” is a 2017 Pulitzer Prize-winning drama written by Lynn Nottage.

Filled with warm humor and tremendous heart, “Sweat” brings the audience into the heart of the working-class who are living with the loss of good-paying manufacturing jobs in America and are experiencing first-hand the social, racial and economic hardships that follow. Set in Reading, Penn., in a local bar, “Sweat” focuses on two close-knit families who have a long history with the Olstead plant and a group of friends who have spent their lives sharing drinks, secrets and laughs while working together on the factory floor. When the machinery gets moved to Mexico overnight, the workers at the plant go on strike and immigrant replacement workers are brought in at lower wages.

Long-standing friendships are torn apart, sparking violence that escalates until the riveting end of the play where unintended consequences happen.

With down-to-earth characters and relatable issues, “Sweat” goes back and forth in time from the start of the crisis in year 2000 to the plant’s closing in 2008, exploring the heartbreaking realization that a life’s worth of work may not mean as much as it should.

“The Wall Street Journal recently ran an article showing how rural communities and small towns that have relied on manufacturing are still in crisis even after the recession has ended. With GM’s November announcement of plant closings, the play ‘Sweat’ is as timely as ever. As soon as I read this play, I knew we had to do it. It’s a snapshot of what is happening across the country: good-paying jobs, benefits, and pensions are being challenged, leaving behind devastation from substance abuse, anger, and the collapse of the American working class,” said director Michael Cochran.

This production of “Sweat” is directed by Cochran, with Jenny Wilks-Mariner as stage manager. Set design by Tom Hansen with costume design by Angela Hoerner.

“Sweat” contains a significant amount of very strong language from the factory characters and brief violence and is not appropriate for children. Parental guidance is strongly suggested.

The play opens today (Thursday) and runs through Sunday, Jan. 27.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinees begin at 2:30 p.m. An additional matinee will be on Saturday, Jan. 26 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets range in price from $17-$25 for adults and $14-$16 for students. Union workers may present their union cards at time of purchase to receive a discounted $15 ticket. To purchase, call the Box Office at (270) 444-6828 or go online at www.MarketHouseTheatre.org.

About Market House Theatre:

Market House Theatre had its beginning in 1963 when a small acting troupe had the vision to transform the 1905 public market house into a theatre. Since then, the Theatre has seen phenomenon growth and draws audiences from across the region. The mission of the Market House Theatre is to develop and share the creative abilities of children and adults through arts education classes and the production of plays. The organization also brings theatre into the schools as a teaching tool for math, science, social studies, history and literacy.
Cubs’ Alec Mills to speak at UTM 1st Pitch Dinner

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Mills, a Clarksville native, began his UT Martin career as a walk-on before blossoming into the staff ace.

He made his MLB debut with the Kansas City Royals in 2016 after being selected in the 22nd round of the 2012 MLB Draft, and he is now entering his third full season with the Cubs organization.

Tables for the First Pitch Dinner are available for $200 and single tickets are available for $30. All tips during the evening will benefit the UT Martin baseball program.

Those interested in attending are asked to send an RSVP email to Lora McDonald at lmcdon13@utm.edu. Cash, check and credit cards are accepted.

Highlights from Mills’ journey to the Kansas City Royals can be found on page 16 of the summer/fall 2016 issue of UT Martin’s Campus Scene alumni magazine.

For more information, contact Ryne Rickman, UT Martin director of sports information, at 731-881-7632 or rrickman@utm.edu.

OVC lauds Fabianich for service at UTM

Danelle Fabianich, UT Martin’s assistant athletics director for academics and student-athlete services, has been named as one of two recipients of the 2019 Ohio Valley Conference Thurston Banks Award for Distinguished Academic Service.

Fabianich and fellow recipient Dr. Lance Jasiti of Tennessee Tech will be presented their awards at the 2019 OVC Honor Brunch as part of the OVC Spring Meetings in May. Fabianich is just the second UT Martin recipient of the award, following Dr. Nell Gullett in 2016.

The award, selected by the OVC Faculty Athletics Representatives (FAR), was established in 2013 to recognize individuals (e.g. academic advisor, professor, tutor, etc.) with at least five years of service at one or more OVC member institutions, for their outstanding contributions to OVC student-athletes’ academic success, learning and development as well for their overall commitment to the institution’s athletics program.

The award is named after Dr. Thurston Banks, who served the Tennessee Tech department of athletics for 31 of his 34 years on the faculty and served as the FAR for 25 years before stepping down in 2006. He was inducted into the OVC Hall of Fame in 2007.

Fabianich has been an integral part of the UT Martin department of athletics for 24 years and currently serves as the Skyhawks’ senior woman administrator in addition to her assistant AD duties.

She serves as the liaison between the athletic department and the academic faculty and the Student Success Center. Her primary responsibilities include monitoring academic progress and coordinating academic assistance for all student-athletes.

She also supervises departmental tutors along with student-athlete services to include life skills and coordinating community service efforts.

As the Senior Woman Administrator, a role Fabianich has held since 2005, she monitors gender equity issues and monitors the needs and interests of all student-athletes in her role as advisor of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). She began her career at UT Martin as a senior secretary before moving into the role of business manager.

An Eagle, Col., native, Fabianich earned her degree at Northern Colorado at 1987 and completed her MBA at UT Martin in 1997.

Jasiti served Tennessee Tech for 20 years until his retirement in June 2018. In 2000 he became the Assistant Director for Athletics for Academics and Student Welfare.
UT Martin Fall Honor Roll Named

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Fall 2018 Chancellor’s Honor Rolls 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.

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Students from Gates included Keith A. Driscoll, Highest Honors; Monica L. Driscoll, Honors; Hunter L. Haislip, Highest Honors; Lakenia S. Jones, Highest Honors; Chad A. Lewis, High Honors; Violet R. Scott, Highest Honors; Matthew C. Stanley, Honors; Alexis C. Terry, Honors; and Quintaya S. Wilder, Honors.

Students from Halls including Brianna B. Burs, High Honors; Ellary J. Gillon, Highest Honors; Zachary Harris, Highest Honors; Jessica N. Reaves, Honors; Alan B. Smith, Honors; and James T. Wright, High Honors. Students from Henning included Erin N. Young, Highest Honors.

Students from Ripley included Jason D. Adams, Highest Honors; Grayson C. Buchignani, Highest Honors; Symoane T. Demoss, Honors; Steven R. Dodson, Highest Honors; Emily M. Ferrell, High Honors; Tammy L. Henson, High Honors; Erica L. Hicks, Highest Honors; Marwin D. Jarrett, Honors; Myeisha N. Lee, High Honors; Mahima J. Mahida, Highest Honors; Bethany N. McCaslin, Highest Honors; Sarah M. Perry, Honors; Tylon T. Rouser, Highest Honors; Allisson P. Smith, Highest Honors; Tammy M. Umbra, Highest Honors; and Allison P. Webb, Highest Honors.

In addition, Chancellor’s Honor Roll honorees with ties to Lauderdale County included, from Covington, Erica S. Holloway, High Honors; from Dyersburg, Hunter B. Burks, High Honors; from Friendship, Courtney M. Spires, Honors; and from Martin, Kamryn L. Gitchell, Highest Honors.

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

Tax law reforms seminar available in Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center will host a seminar regarding federal tax updates for individuals and businesses from 6-8 p.m., Jan. 22, at the center on S. Lindell Street in Martin.

The seminar, instructed by Tommy Legins, Alexander Thompson Arnold PLLC in Martin, will focus on the legislative and regulatory changes to federal tax laws that will affect 2018 tax returns filed in spring 2019. Legins will also touch on major trends and changes in case law regarding federal taxes affecting small business owners.

Legins, a certified public accountant, is the principal for Alexander Thompson Arnold PLLC in Martin and has more than 25 years of experience in taxes, small business consulting and accounting system design. He also served six years as chief financial officer for a technology startup and has experience working with entrepreneurial companies as well as those in the construction, professional services, retail and not-for-profit industries.

He earned his bachelor’s degree in accounting from UT Martin and a Master of Business Administration degree from Bethel University.

Pre-registration is advised. For more information or to register, contact Landy Fuqua, director of the UT Martin REED Center, at 731-587-7333 or lfuqua@utm.edu.
Cubs pitcher to speak at UTM dinner

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Mills, a Clarksville native, began his UTM career as a walk-on before blossoming into the staff ace. He made his MLB debut with the Kansas City Royals in 2016 after being selected in the 22nd round of the 2012 MLB Draft, and he is now entering his third full season with the Cubs organization.

Skyhawk Baseball head coach Ryan Jenkins is in his second season at the helm of the UTM program. The Skyhawks return 21 players (including three All-Ohio Valley Conference honorees) and welcome 13 newcomers for the upcoming 2019 campaign, which starts Feb. 15.

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Local students make UTM honor roll

The outstanding academic achievements of 46 undergraduates from Benton County have been honored by inclusion on the Fall 2018 Chancellor’s Honor Roll at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

To be eligible for the honor roll at UTM, a student must take at least 12 graded hours per semester and achieve a 3.2 (B) GPA. Students are named to the UTM Chancellor’s Honor Roll with honors (3.2-3.49), high honors (3.5-3.79), or highest honors (3.8-4.0).

From the communities of Big Sandy, Camden, Eva, and Holladay, 19 Benton County students with highest honors, 13 students with high honors, and 14 students with honors were named to the UTM Fall 2018 Chancellor’s Honor Roll. This is a truly wonderful achievement!

**Highest Honors:** Faith Baker, Megan Bowden, Kayla Colvin, Amanda Douglas, Cheyanna Ehlen, Brianna Hollowell, Breidon Horton, Karlie Hudson, Martha Hurlibert, Dylan Kelley, Jenna Leonard, Eden Miller, Chelsea Oakes, Candy Patterson, Jacob Scott, Hayden Stanford, Raegan Taylor, Emma Ulderich, and Casey Wright.

**High Honors:** Dustin Baker, Delancy Chappell, Megan Cox, Dylan Furr, Kayla Joyner, Kate-lynn Lambdin, Bradi Latendresse, Allison Latimer, Hannah Morgan, Delilah Presson, Brody Seaton, Jessica Wheeler, and Johnathan Wright.

**Honors:** Logan Brown, Bentley Cunningham, Samantha Grainger, John Guy, Kyleigh Hollingsworth, Steven McMackins, Gavin Miller, Jordan Mitchell, Colin Myrick, Justin Pierce, Landon Smith, Rachael Wade, Kaelan Weatherly, and Arthur Wright.

In addition, other UTM honor roll honorees with ties to Benton County include Marissa Cawthon (Bruceton, honors), Abigail Holladay (Jackson, high honors), and Haley Mathews (Parsons, highest honors).

The Camden Chronicle joins UTM in congratulating all of these students on a job well done.
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Central High School graduates to obtain the honor are Tatum N. Baldwin, High Honors; Ashley R. Thomas, Highest Honors; Haley A. McColloch, High Honors; and Colton M. Prater, Highest Honors.

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**UT Martin students write children’s book about Captain Skyhawk**

January 25, 2019 by Julia Ewoldt (https://www.wbbjtv.com/author/juliaewoldt/)

MARTIN, Tenn. — In the fall of 2017, students brought a University of Tennessee at Martin legend to life.

“When they’re young, they can receive the Baby Skyhawk book. When they’re five, they might receive a pencil and notebook as they get ready for kindergarten,” Interim Director of Alumni Relations Jackie Johnson said.

They want the book to be a way for alumni to encourage a new generation about their alma mater.

“We just want them to have an affinity to the university and bring them into the UT Martin family from the very beginning,” Johnson said.

She expects the book to be available to the public soon.

"Over 30 UTM students, when you put together the art students and English students who worked on it," Jason Stout, associate art professor, said.

Students created a book on the life of their mascot, Captain Skyhawk. The art student who designed Baby Skyhawk had to work from scratch.

"Before we did some of the pages, we did just character concept sketches of the Skyhawk at those different stages that they had to approve before we even did the scene," Stout said.

The English students spent several months writing a fictional story about the mascot, which turns into real life.

"Baby Skyhawk kind of emerges from the soybean fields, and it's time for him to take wing and leave his nest," David Carithers, chair of the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages, said.

They take readers around Weakley and Obion counties.

"We tried to incorporate certain elements about the city of Martin, the campus of UT Martin, and just Weakley County in general," Carithers said.

When UT Martin alumni are expecting a child, they can register to receive this book and other gifts from the office of alumni relations.
UT Martin students to work Super Bowl in Atlanta

January 25, 2019 by Stephanie Fernandez

MARTIN, Tenn. — Students from a local university will again make their way to the Super Bowl, picking up work experience from the NFL.

"I'm thrilled! My whole family is thrilled. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Marylane Harmon, a junior at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

A group of 12 students and UT Martin associate professor of sport management Dr. Dexter Davis will be working at Superbowl LIII on Feb. 3.

"I'm so grateful to UT Martin and Dr. Davis for letting me go," Harmon said.

This year, Harmon is one of the students who will be working events surrounding the most watched and talked about game of the year.

"I mean it's priceless, in my opinion," Harmon said. "You can't put an amount of money on how this will look on a resume. It's one of the biggest organizations in the world."

"I always watch Super Bowl games, and I always thought about the possibility of going," student Daniel Jones said. He will also be working the game. "I can't even express how thankful I am to be able to talk about the experience I've had and the things I have learned at the Super Bowl."
The school says all students going on this trip had to apply for their position.

"Most of the people, it’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. A great brand, great experience," Davis said. He says this is an assignment his students won’t forget.

"Great experience, great opportunity for these kids to see what it’s like to be under the bright lights of the Super Bowl," Davis said.

Davis says he and the students will leave Monday morning for Atlanta.

Students will be responsible for getting NFL hall of famers from their limos to their venue where they’ll be doing meet-and-greets.

Students will step in and take the pictures for the hall of famers and their guests.

Watch closely and you may see the students on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 3, on WBBJ CBS 7.
Harlem Globetrotters wow fans with game at UT Martin

January 25, 2019 by WBBJ 7 Eyewitness News Staff
(https://www.wbbjtv.com/author/wbbj7eyewitnessnewsstaff/)

MARTIN, Tenn.—A global phenomenon stopped by UT Martin, Friday night for more than a game of basketball.

The Harlem Globetrotters played a game against the Washington Generals in the Elam Center on UT-Martin’s campus.

The event was filled with games and activities for all ages, with plenty of comedy and theatrics on the court.

One Globetrotter says this is more than just a game.

“We’re ambassadors of goodwill, so not only are we changing lives on the court, but we’re going into hospitals, we’re going into classrooms, and we’re truly leaving a positive impact on the world,” said Globetrotter Cherelle George Torch.

According to the record books, the last time the Washington Generals beat the Globetrotters was in Martin back in 1971.

Local students named to UTM honor roll

Several Henry County students were named to the fall 2018 semester chancellor’s honor roll at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

To be eligible, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade-point average based on a 4.0 scale.

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Those with highest honors are: Olivia G. Boyd, Kaitlin N. Moran and Sarah N. Ngernwathana, all of Buchanan; Kayla L. Casey and Kailey N. Schmidt, both of Cottage Grove; Stephanie A. England and Holly N. Potts, both of Henry; DaeShuana M. Aldridge, John T. Bomar, Amy J. Bonar, Alyssa Brown, Meredith B. Bullock, Mason B. Crosser, Jacey H. Guarino, Hannah G. Gwaltney, Emily A. Hudgins, Hannah J. Hughes, Alletress J. Shankle and Bryan D. Thomas, all of Paris; Samantha J. Carpenter of Puryear; and Shelby L. Susewitt, of Springville.

Those with high honors are: Katelyn N. Caldwell of Buchanan; Ashley L. Froman of Cottage Grove; Alex J. Lancaster of Henry; Kyla D. Parker of Mansfield; Madison N. Barnhill, Mary L. Buie, Julie R. French, Charles A. Haney, Courtland N. Hester, Lariisa M. Houle, Samantha A. Key, Jesse W. Nolan, Wayne R. Powers, Evan R. Pugh, Julie T. Shankle, Thomas D. Sims, Lon H. Sowell, John E. Taylor, Vincent L. Vine, Kendzie G. Williams, Summer B. Wilson and Autumn A. Winchester, all of Paris; Jessi N. Watts of Puryear; and Joshua R. Eaton of Springville.

Those with honors are: James E. Moore and Sara G. Tucker, both of Buchanan; Luke E. Prosser and Erica G. Wright, both of Henry; Madison R. Aiosa, Lauren E. Anderson, Daniel R. Arnold, Adam Chisolm, Rebecca A. Dean, Andrew K. Key, Kimberly B. Marr, Carly S. Milton, Jared M. Pugh, Adam R. Rogers, Jesse A. Shields, Jonathon A. Sulcer, Candice M. Wyatt, all of Paris; Garrett W. McKinney, Kayla R. Osbron and Bryan E. Parkhill, all of Puryear; and Jamie L. Elder-Poe and Kara D. Hoskins, both of Springville.
Manchester students receive scholarships to UT Martin

Press Release Jan 28, 2019

Four Coffee County students have been awarded scholarships to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin for the 2019-2020 academic year, according to Dr. James Mantooth, executive director, Office of Enrollment Services and Student Engagement.

They are:

James Hale, son of Jared and Jennifer Hale, of Manchester, will be a freshman. He received the Chancellor Scholarship.

Sydney Horton, daughter of Herb and Julie Horton, of Tullahoma, will be a freshman. She received the Dean Scholarship.

Jacob Uehlein, son of Kevin and Julie Uehlein, of Tullahoma, will be a freshman. He received the Chancellor Scholarship.

Lacey West, of Manchester, daughter of Joseph West and Misty Pickering, will be a freshman. She received the Dean Scholarship.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting the UT Martin Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, TN, 38238, or by calling (731) 881-7040.

Local students receive UT Martin scholarships

Three Sumner County students have been awarded scholarships to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin for the 2019-2020 academic year, according to Dr. James Mantooth, executive director, Office of Enrollment Services and Student Engagement: Haley Dickens, daughter of Larry and Ruth Dickens, of Portland, will be a freshman. She received the Dean Scholarship; Robert Flansburg, son of Michael and Christy Flansburg, of Gallatin, will be a freshman. He received the Achieve Scholarship and Austin Hale, of Hendersonville, son of Misty Hale, will be a freshman. He received the Achieve Scholarship.
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Eric K. Dunn, of Clinton, was named on the Highest Honors list.
Several students from Weakley County, or with ties to the county, have been named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll at the University of Tennessee at Martin for the fall semester.

Honorees are from 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 College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

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Among the students who earned recognition were:

**Dresden — Journey L. Adkins, highest honors; Sarah E. Alford, highest honors; Jordan A. Bell, honors; Tyler R. Brancum, high honors; Aleya M. Brent, highest honors; Hunter L. Cochran, honors; Bridgen L. Cooper, highest honors; Jacob H. Gistowood, high honors; Cassy L. Gobol, honors; Kimberly N. Grimm, high honors; Bryan C. Martindale, honors; Elizabeth P. Meadows, high honors; Kirsti S. Nordstrom, highest honors; Olivia D. Reagan, honors; Kinzi M. Reid, highest honors; Malinda M. Riddick, highest honors; Madison E. Riggs, high honors; Brooklyn H. Snider, high honors; Joshua C. Terry, high honors; Lauren Trousdale, high honors; Joshua T. Walker, high honors; Joshua T. Williams, highest honors.

**Dukedok — Madison D. Anderson, honors; Garrett L. Roberts, highest honors.

**Gleason — Seth W. Bowers, honors; Chandler D. Brawner, highest honors; Kaylee E. Brooks, high honors; Will C. Clark, high honors; Jacqueline M. Ellis, honors; Daniel L. Grissom, high honors; Cameron B. Harrison, highest honors; Ethan D. Jones, highest honors; Seth B. Lamping, highest honors; Jordan N. Little, highest honors; California L. Martin, highest honors; Christopher W. Mayo, highest honors; Jocelyn A. Miller, high honors; Claire E. Oliver, honors; Wilson D. Ross, high honors; Austin M. Shafer, honors; Morgan R. Spring, honors; Carston A. Stafford, honors; Spencer C. Stewart, honors; James E. Terrell, honors; Braxton S. Vickers, high honors.

**Huntington — Duran L. Black, high honors; Blake A. Brauer, high honors; Brock A. Brauer, highest honors; Brennan Z. Cobb, highest honors; Jacob M. Cook, highest honors; Peyton B. Cooper, high honors; Layla E. Doyle, high honors; Dylan E. Eubank, highest honors; Zachary D. Forsythe, honors; Bentley G. Gordon, highest honors; Rachel L. Graves, highest honors; Kayla C. Harris, high honors; Dylan P. Holt, honors; Courtney E. Hutchison, honors; Jessica L. Johnson, highest honors; Michael Johnson, high honors; Katie M. Kail, high honors; Sara S. Lewis, honors; Ashley K. Mitchell, high honors; Zoey L. Nick, honors; Austin B. Pence, honors; Matthew D. Pugh, high honors; Bryan P. Rogers, honors; Kaitlyn L. Sanders, high honors; Mattilyn J. Sellers, highest honors; Morgan E. Simmons, high honors; Erin E. Stone, honors; Scott N. Stout, highest honors; Candace L. Tucker, highest honors; Chelsea J. Willis, highest honors; Richard M. Willis, high honors.

**Martin — Lacey M. Adams, honors; Megan N. Aiosa, highest honors; Parker E. Albright, high honors; Chrystie J. Alexander, highest honors; Demitra C. Alexander, high honors; Beth A. Allmon, highest honors; Mason B. Arant, high honors; Danyel R. Arnold, high honors; Amberly C. Baker, honors; Lillie D. Barner, honors; Buskin R. Barnes, honors; Reagan W. Barnhart, high honors; Sarah E. Barnhart, honors; Anna D. Barnes, highest honors; Angela O. Barr, high honors; Christopher C. Bass, high honors; Ryan T. Bearden, high honors; Chandler N. Beasley, highest honors; Barrett J. Belote, honors; Alii A. Beverly, honors; AnnaLise H. Bing, highest honors; Aalia S. Bivens, highest honors; Avery N. Blanchard, high honors; Ashley E. Bondurant, highest honors; Gwendolyn M. Britt, highest honors; Dalton E. Bradford, highest honors; Guy E. Brawley, highest honors; Richard C. Brawley, highest honors; Bailey L. Brown, high honors; Stacia D. Brown, high honors; Emma R. Bruner, highest honors; Remington L. Burch, highest honors; Heathen L. Butler, highest honors; Amanda K. Butts, highest honors; Allie M. Cantrell, highest honors; Katherine N. Capip, highest honors; Mason G. Caples, high honors; Nicholas C. Carpenter, highest honors; John A. Carr, highest honors; Seth A. Carr, highest honors; Matthew K. Castorina, highest honors; Lauryn M. Cervantes, highest honors; Virginia K. Chej, highest honors; Tienna S. Cripps, honors; Kyla H. Chapman, highest honors; Samantha L. Clayton, highest honors; Jennie K. Conley, highest honors; Travis L. Cron, highest honors; Michael M. Cunningham, highest honors; Kaitlyn R. Scott, highest honors; Morgan E. Curlin, highest honors; Reed C. Daniels, highest honors; Haley A. Davis, honors; Joshua F. Davis, highest honors; Melanie L. Davis, high honors; Jessica Devault, honors; Kelly M. Dilks, high honors; Callie D. Durham, highest honors; Samantha L. Durry, high honors; James T. Ears, honors; Devin N. Eichman, ISBNs; Dyon Elna, honors; Brent N. Evans, highest honors; Christina J. Evans, honors; Holly K. Faulkner, highest honors; David J. Fizer, highest honors; Emma M. Fizer, highest honors; Michelle L. Fizer, highest honors; Madison E. Ford, high honors; Monicrif, highest honors; Rachel A. Moore, high honors; Jordan N. Moselle, highest honors; Brady C. Mustain, high honors; Madelyn V. Newman, high honors; Amber F. Owenby, high honors; Mathon S. Parker, honors; Michael B. Parker, high honors; Marissa P. Parks, honors; Mary E. Pate, honors; Jared T. Patel, high honors; Kaylin M. Patel, highest honors; Cy A. Pemberton, highest honors; Ivie M. Pfenning, highest honors; Jenna L. Pinson, honors; Abigale L. Plunk, highest honors; Laura G. Pickens, honors; Hohner K. Porter, High Honors; Amy R. Pullen, honors; Lexi M. Rahm, honors; Matthew S. Robbins, highest honors; Kalena R. Rayburn, honors; Kathy J. Reeece, highest honors; Ryan J. Reynolds, high honors; Cassie T. Richardson, highest honors; Stephen A. Richardson, highest honors; Aubrey L. Riggs, highest honors; Connor D. Riniker, honors; Sydney S. Robie, high honors; Corey D. Rogers, high honors; Britney A. Rose, highest honors; Ryan A. Sans, honors; Lucas J. Saul, honors; Tyler L. Schwartz, high honors; Megan A. Severs, high honors; Alex A. Shepherd, high honors; Megan L. Shelton, highest honors; Connor T.
In addition, honorees with WC ties include:

- Bells – Dylon R. Potts, honors.
- McKenzie – Ashley J. Hughes, high honors; Mitchell L. Moore, high honors; Logan Priestley, honors.
- Paris – Thomas D. Sims, high honors.
- Saint Robert, Missouri – Shanelle R. Meza, high honors.
- South Fulton – Kevin W. Barrbolomey, highest honors; Jasmine D. Rodriguez Bonilla, highest honors; Michelle L. Nicholson, honors.
- Union City – Jack S. Garrett, highest honors.

**BABY SKYHAWK** — A project that was once a vision is now a reality with the completion of "Spread Your Wings: The Story of Baby Skyhawk." This children's book was created by members of the University of Tennessee at Martin faculty and students (from left) Kelly Trevathan, Jackie Johnson, Dr. David Carithers, Associate Professor of Art and LSA Faculty Advisor Jason Stout, Bailey Radnitzer (LSAVP book illustrator), Ben Reiter (LSA president, book graphic designer), Chelsey Willis (illustrator), and Anna Sisson (illustrator, LSA secretary).
I'M STUCK — Harlem Globetrotter Dragon climbed the goal and decided to sit on top of the basket before pretending to be stuck in the actual basket in front of a packed house at UT Martin's Elam Center for their match against the Washington Generals Friday night.

I GOT YOU — Harlem Globetrotter teammates (from left) Torch, Sky and Crash hype each other up right before their game against the Washington Generals Friday night at the Elam Center on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

AT THE YMCA ... — Local children had a chance to not only sit courtside during the Harlem Globetrotters' game against the Washington Generals Friday evening on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin, they also got to lead the crowd in the famous "YMCA" dance alongside Globetrotter Handles (center). History did not repeat itself as the Globetrotters beat the Washington Generals in the last minutes of the game that offered entertainment, comedy, skills and audience participation.
TEAM HUDDLE — Harlem Globetrotter team members (from left) Dragon, Lights Out, Spider, Big Easy, Sky and Handles take a minute on the sideline with their coach, Sweet Lou Dunbar during the game Friday night at UT Martin.

HI-FIVE COACH — Sweet Lou Dunbar, coach of the Harlem Globetrotters, high-fived the young "future players" who were patiently waiting for the team to take the court during Friday night's game at UT Martin against the Washington Generals.

THAT'S TWO — Globetrotter Bulldog took advantage of a dunk during the game against the Washington Generals Friday night in front of a packed house at UT Martin.

CITIZEN JOURNALIST — Ethan Brewer (right), a fourth-grader at Martin Elementary School recently won the Globetrotter challenge by reading 257,154 words in one week. He met Globetrotter Torch and interviewed her Friday night before the game at UT Martin.
The Dixie to Host UT-Martin Music Showcase

Join The Dixie Carter Performing Arts and Academic Enrichment Center as it welcomes the very best student and faculty talent from the University of Tennessee, Martin Music Department Monday, February 25, for three exceptional music performances.

There are two daytime performances at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and an evening performance at 7 p.m.

The University of Tennessee, Martin Department of Music Showcase will feature outstanding performances including the UTM Wind Ensemble, New Pacer Singers, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Band, Faculty Brass Quintet, and more.

A member of the National Association of Schools of Music and an All Steinway School, UTM Music Department is another example of the incredible cultural and fine arts resources hidden here in West Tennessee. And that's just what makes them a perfect choice for The Dixie's stage.

UTM's February Showcase at The Dixie is an opportunity for community members to experience UTM's commitment to excellence in music education, performance and the liberal arts. This event at The Dixie is also an opportunity for other hidden West Tennessee gems to shine. The Dixie is excited to welcome new event sponsors, Tosh Farms and Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee in Camden.

Tosh Farms, located in Henry, Tenn., is the largest pork producer in the state and the 28th largest pork producer in the nation.

Tosh Farms is a family-owned company with a long history of feeding families and contributing to the economic growth of the region.

Proud to be a part of West Tennessee, the Tosh family is always looking for ways to give back to the community and surrounding areas. So when the opportunity to be a part of The Dixie Family came along, it seemed like the perfect opportunity to be a part of something good.

There is no better time to celebrate all the good things going on here in West Tennessee, and The Dixie is proud to be able to bring them all together one amazing event, The UTM Department of Music Showcase. A FREE community event, performances start at 7 p.m. To reserve your tickets, please call The Dixie Box Office at 731-989-2100, M-F, 10 a.m. 4 p.m. or visit DixiePAC.net.

With Summitt’s help, girls’ hoops changed

Bill Halton, co-author of “Full Court Press,” discussed the history of women’s basketball and several key figures who changed the game during a book-signing event last week at the UT Martin Paul Meek Library.

“This is a story of courageous women,” Halton said. “It’s the story, first of all, of a courageous young woman named Victoria Cape, who was 15 years old from Oak Ridge and wanted to play basketball. But she didn’t want to play half-court; she wanted to play full-court basketball.

“Believe it or not, prior to the lawsuit of Cape v. TSSAA, girls playing high school basketball in Tennessee were not allowed to play a full-court game. It was considered dangerous for sweet little girls.”

After Cape’s father became upset that his high school daughter was only allowed to play half-court basketball, he sought the legal counsel of Ann Mostoller and Dorothy Stulberg, both graduates of the University of Tennessee School of Law.

Mostoller and Stulberg filed a lawsuit against the TSSAA on Cape’s behalf and went to trial in 1976, calling star witness Pat Head (Summitt), a UT Martin alum and newly-appointed head coach of the Tennessee Lady Volunteers, who would go on to become the winningest college basketball coach in the sport’s history.

Summitt, only 26 years old at the time, had been coaching full-court college basketball for three years when she participated in the Cape trial.

According to Halton, she was not called to testify on the ability of female players to play a full-court basketball game. She was instead asked to testify to
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damages that would be incurred by female high school athletes if the rules of the game were not changed in their favor.
"She prophesied what was coming for women in this country. She said to the judge, 'Because of Title IX, in the years to come, women are going to get scholarships to college to play sports. They're going to be student-athletes. ... Victoria (Cape) can't be a part of this. I can't recruit to play college basketball a young lady who has never run a full-court game. I'm going to have to go out of state,'" said Haltom.
"On the basis of her testimony, Judge Robert Taylor ruled in (Cape's) favor and granted the injunction that would require the TSSAA to change their rules."

Change did not ultimately happen until years later following several rounds of legal appeals by the TSSAA.
"If Pat had not testified in that case, if it had not been for the courage of Victoria Cape and the courage of her lawyers, that victory would not have changed the game for my daughter and for generations of young women," Haltom said.

CHANGING THE RULES — Bill Haltom speaks to UT Martin faculty, staff, students and community members during a presentation for his book "Full Court Press" at UTM last week. In the book, Haltom details how UTM alum and then-Tennessee women's head coach Pat Head (Summitt) helped change the rules of girls' basketball from a 6-on-6 half-court game to the same 5-on-5 full-court style played by boys. The change ultimately came as the result of a lawsuit filed on behalf of a teenage girl in Oak Ridge.
Reece earns academic honors at UT Martin

MARTIN, Tenn. — Katheryn J. Reece of Louisburg has been named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll with Highest Honors at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The university recently released the fall 2018 Chancellor’s Honor Rolls, and Reece earned the highest academic honors by having a grade point average between 3.8 and 4.0.

To be eligible for the Chancellor’s Honor Roll recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit, according to a news release.

Union City Schools’ Students Chosen For UTM Honor Band Festival

Union City, Tenn. — There’s a reason Union City has long been considered one of the elite band programs in the state.

One need look no further than the University of Tennessee at Martin Honor Band Festival to determine why.

Ten UCHS students and another from the middle school were chosen to participate in the 40th annual Honors Band Concert recently.

Daniel Edwards, Claire Thomason, Hope Kennedy, Madison Butner, Caleb Parker, Nijel Smith, Wade Clendenin, Cedrion Cook, Matthew Parr and Reed Hughey were all picked to participate in the three-day event on the UT Martin campus.

UC Middle School student CJ Lamb was also chosen.
Butner, who plays the French horn, was also the winner of the solo competition in the Wind Ensemble — considered the cream of the crop of 350 students selected to participate in the festival.

She will receive a $4,000 scholarship over a four-year period to attend UTM and be a music major.

Six of those UCHS band members in all were included in the Wind Ensemble and seven of those chosen from Union City's representation were upperclassmen.

Students had to receive a recommendation from their own band director to be selected for the festival, which is essentially considered an individual competition.

There were some 40 Tennessee high schools represented, as well as band members from Mississippi, Kentucky and Arkansas.

UC Director of Bands Jason Deem said he considered four criteria before submitting anyone from his group.

"Musicianship, work ethic, responsibility and dedication — those are four important qualities I believe you need to be included in such an elite group," Deem insisted. "I was proud to have so many members of our band that I believed possessed those traits and that I could confidently submit their names for this.

"It was a great opportunity for them to not only play with and become a part of a group of other talented musicians, but also play for a different conductor other than me."

There were four bands chosen: the Wind Ensemble, made up of ninth- through 12-graders; a symphonic band that included juniors and seniors; a concert band that included freshmen and sophomores; and a middle school band.
MARTIN, Tenn. – Best-selling science author Sam Kean will speak at 7 p.m., Feb. 8, in the University of Tennessee at Martin's Watkins Auditorium as part of the 51st-annual Southeastern Undergraduate Research Conference. UT Martin will host the conference Feb. 8-9, and Kean will be the keynote speaker. His presentation is free and open to the public. Kean is the author of four science-based books including "The Disappearing Spoon," which will be the subject of his conference presentation. Kean's books discuss the ways science and the elements of nature have influenced noteworthy people and historic events throughout history. "The Disappearing Spoon" will be available for purchase through the UT Martin Barnes and Noble Bookstore, and Kean will sign copies in the Boling University Center Welcome Center following his presentation.


Kean's appearance is co-sponsored by the UT Martin Paul Meek Library and Honors Programs, and the conference is coordinated by the Department of Chemistry and Physics. For more information, contact Dr. Robbie Montgomery, interim department chair, at rmontgomery@utm.edu.
UT Martin's MBA Program Ranked 1st In Tennessee

MARTIN, Tenn. - U.S. News & World Report has ranked the University of Tennessee at Martin's online Master of Business Administration program tied for 34th in the country in the most recent ranking of more than 300 online MBA programs. UT Martin is the top-ranked online MBA program in Tennessee, with the next state institution coming in 70th place.

This ranking is based on a variety of factors, including student and professor engagement in courses; selective admissions processes; faculty credentials and training; available student services, technologies and resources; and the opinion of experts in the academic world. Institutional data was self-reported through statistical questionnaires distributed in the fall of 2018.

UT Martin's program is also first in the state and 11th overall among the top 30 accelerated online MBA programs for 2019 by CollegeValuesOnline.com. UT Martin is the only Tennessee program to be included on this particular list.

The UT Martin MBA program is delivered in both online and hybrid formats with an additional concentration option in agricultural business. The program typically takes only 20 months to complete and is regularly included in national and regional rankings and is accredited by AASCB International.

For more information on the UT Martin MBA program, visit utm.edu/mba or contact Dr. Christie Chen, associate professor of management and MBA coordinator, at 731-881-7208 or mba@utm.edu.

PHOTO: Donnie Ross (right), a policeman with the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, completed his UT Martin Master of Business Administration degree online and graduated in fall 2018. He is shown embracing UT Martin Chancellor Keith Carver as he crosses the commencement stage.
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"These are areas where we've been seeing increased interest in recent years," said Dr. Joshua Guerin, associate professor and department chair. "Data science is a rapidly growing field combining computer science, mathematics and statistics to gain insight from various forms of information. Likewise, many new computing platforms come in the form of embedded or 'internet of things'-style devices. Many students who come to our program want to develop software for platforms that require hardware that interfaces with the world around us."

The expansion into these new areas of computing marks a transition for the department from having a singular focus on the field of computer science to one that includes specialized coursework in mathematics, engineering and other disciplines.

"The computing landscape has been moving forward rapidly in recent decades, and many emerging fields are materializing to meet the demands of an interdisciplinary world. Computer science and computer technologies are a part of virtually every modern field and area of academic study," said Guerin. "We are seeing an increased need in the field for students who have a solid background in computer science but have additional knowledge and expertise in another field in the arts, humanities or sciences."

Dr. Shadow Robinson, dean of the UT Martin College of Engineering and Natural Sciences, in which the Department of Computer Science is housed, said these additions will expand career options for students and better equip them to handle the digital landscape of the future.
"Thanks to the growth in the number of connected, or 'smart,' devices, we now double the amount of information that exists every year or two. The ability to navigate this explosive growth in both data and devices will be critical in the modern digital workforce. These concentrations prepare our graduates to be leaders in that space," he said.

The Department of Computer Science has seen an increase in the number of program applicants and graduates in recent years and expects these increases to continue with the construction of the university's new Latimer Engineering and Science Building, projected for completion in 2021, and a proposed Innovation and Product Realization Facility for commercial and corporate workspace.

This announcement comes shortly after Core10, a fintech software development company based in Nashville, opened a location in downtown Martin to take advantage of graduates from the UT Martin program.

The UT Martin bachelor's degree program in computer science is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET, the global accreditor of college and university programs in applied and natural science, computing, engineering and engineering technology. For more information about ABET accreditation, visit abet.org.

For more information on the UT Martin Department of Computer Science, contact the department at 731-881-7391.

Photo: Christina Hinton, a senior computer science major from Henry, is part of a growing class of students in the UT Martin computer science program.

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Deal named UTM Executive Director of Research, Outreach, and Economic Development

Posted on January 30, 2019 by Steve James in Local News

UT Martin Chancellor Keith Carver announced Wednesday that Dr. Charley Deal has been named UT Martin’s Executive Director of Research, Outreach and Economic Development, effective February 1, 2019.

Deal, currently serving as special adviser to the chancellor and interim director of research, grants and contracts, will lead the newly created Office of Research, Outreach and Economic Development.

This new position reports directly to Carver and works closely with the UT System’s Office of Government Relations and Advocacy in support of state and regional relationships. Deal will also be responsible for oversight and compliance of university-sponsored programs, and the promotion and coordination of outreach activities including non-degree programs.
Local teachers graduate from WestTeach program

Dyersburg Intermediate School’s Lauren Newell

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Tuesday, Jan. 29, Lauren Newell, a third-grade teacher at Dyersburg Intermediate School, was one of 12 West Tennessee educators to graduate the WestTeach program. The banquet ceremony occurred at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The annual program for the recent graduates began in August 2018. The 12 educators were selected by the WestTeach Program Steering Committee following a review of all individuals’ applications, which included a letter of recommendation from the teacher’s principal and director of schools. One educator from each participating school district was chosen.

“WestTeach is a product of WestStar, which is a leadership program in West Tennessee. Our purpose in WestTeach was to connect the classroom, the community, and commerce,” explained Newell. “Teachers don’t get to go out a lot and see businesses and industries. We were able to go out into our community and surrounding communities and see what they are expecting out of their workforce and how we can apply that in the classroom.”

The WestTeach program participants visited 6 West Tennessee communities and discussed various topics during each session. Program dates included:
- Aug. 27, West Tennessee Agriculture, Martin
- Aug. 28, Entrepreneurship in West Tennessee, Union City
- Sept. 25, Welfare and Social Consequences, Jackson
- Oct. 30, Creating Partnerships for Economic Development, Dyersburg
- Nov. 27, Industry Tours, Covington and Brownsville

“It wasn’t like how you can improve your teaching, the program was more to expose you to what is available in these communities and what we can start doing to help our kids.

5th Consolidated Elementary’s Holly Owen

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5th Consolidated teacher Holly Owen recently participated in WestTeach, a branch of the WestStar program operated by the University of Tennessee at Martin. The goal of the program is to connect West Tennessee K-12 teachers to industries and communities within the region.

Participating in the program were 12 educators, all of whom were selected by the WestTeach Program Steering Committee following a review of their applications. A letter of recommendation from the teacher’s principal and director of schools was submitted to the committee on behalf of each teacher, with one educator chosen from each participating district.

On Tuesday, Jan. 29, Owen and her fellow educators attended the WestTeach graduation banquet, held at UTM.

Throughout the program, Owen spent 5 days touring local businesses and industries in locations such as Covington, Martin, Dyersburg, Union City, Jackson and Brownsville, where she and fellow educators learned more about the skills in demand in today’s workforce, as well as welfare and social consequences, economic development, industry and entrepreneurship.

Owen says the experience opened her eyes to the importance of skilled labor positions and the need for students who are not college-bound to consider other options, such as vocational training schools like the Tennessee College of Applied Technology, where students are able to receive experience through hands-on training.

In today’s workforce, Owen says employers look for workers to be equipped, not only with training and knowledge found through...
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be successful and keep them in our community instead of them moving out of town,” added Newell.

During the discussions, Newell said she learned that challenges that she may face as a third-grade teacher are ones that industry faces as well.

“The communication has gotten so difficult. The kids don’t know how to interview. We kind of face the same challenges as they face. Even as a third-grade teacher the things that challenge my students and myself are challenging the workforce, too. We got to kind of come together and discuss the problems and successes of what they are doing, and they also gave us feedback suggesting what we could do now, even as a third-grade teacher, to have the students become more successful.”

She mentioned that businesses and industries stressed the importance of children knowing their options in the workforce.

“Don’t talk about college all the time. Talk about a career and how students can go for free to Newbern TCAT and make good money,” said Newell.

“A lot of that connects more with our kids because a lot of our kids’ parents, especially in Dyersburg and these smaller communities, are employed in the factories. There are a lot of factory jobs open, and they always need more people.”

Newell added she enjoyed the experience and recommended the program to her fellow educators.

“I’m sad to see the program end,” Newell said. “We wish we could do more days.” Newell has 4 years experience in teaching, all at DIS.

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schooling, but also soft skills, such as good attendance, communication, problem solving, work ethic, adaptability and leadership.

Additionally, the experience cast light on the need for high school graduates to obtain skilled positions in the area, answering the call of local industrial demand.

Following her experience, Owen was inspired to begin a leadership club for fifth-grade students at the school, where she hopes to introduce students to a program offering a similar experience as that of WestTeach.
Annual Phi Kappa Phi lecture set

Jason Stout, associate professor of art, will present the University of Tennessee at Martin’s annual Phi Kappa Phi Muriel Tomlinson Memorial Lecture at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Boling University Center’s Watkins Auditorium.

Stout will discuss a select history of paintings and pictures associated with his artistic works involving the Post Modern Age.

His art focuses on formal and figurative abstraction with themes such as power, history, and identity portrayed through elements of Southern culture. His work has been showcased in private and public collections at the University of West Georgia, Jacksonville State University and UT Martin, among others.

Stout has been featured in more than 40 exhibitions within the last three years, including three solo shows and seven national exhibition catalogs. He is represented by REM Gallery in San Antonio and Circuits Gallery in Memphis.

Stout holds a bachelor of fine arts from UT Martin and a master of fine arts from the University of Texas at San Antonio. He is the recipient of the 2015-16 Texas Art Education Association Higher Education Art Educator of the Year Award and the 2016 Best of Show Award for the Art of the South exhibition.

Phi Kappa Phi is a national honors society whose mission is to recognize and encourage superior scholarship and integrity in all academic disciplines. The organization aims to “Let the love of learning rule humanity.”

Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 127 was founded on the UT Martin campus in 1971 and hosts the Muriel Tomlinson Memorial Lecture each spring.

For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, contact Dr. Chris Hill, chapter president, at (731) 881-7292.

Award-winning poet to visit UTM

Award-winning poet Ryan Wilson will speak on “The Poetry of Remembrance” beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Campbell Auditorium, located in the Andy Holt Humanities Building.

Wilson is returning to campus after being featured at the Southern Literary Festival in April 2018.

The presentation will focus on the development of poetic language and imagination as well as the language of Italian poet Dante Alighieri. Wilson is the author of “The Stranger World,” a collection of poems that won the 2017 Donald Justice Poetry Prize.

The book will be available for purchase and signing during the event.

Wilson is also editor of Literary Matters, an online journal for literary criticisms, translations, poetry and interviews. Through the journal, he has published works by several U.S. Poets Laureate and winners of the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, the National Book Critics Circle Award and the Bollingen Prize. His own poems have been published in platforms such as Best American Poetry 2018, Five Points, the Hopkins Review, the New Criterion, the Sewanee Review and the Yale Review.

He has also published multiple critical essays, which have received awards such as the Jacques Maritain Prize, the Eleanor Clark Award and the Sewanee Review’s Walter Sullivan Prize.

Wilson works as an adjunct professor at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and teaches in the Western State Colorado University graduate program. He also serves as the office administrator and chief financial officer of the Association of Literary Scholars, Critics and Writers, a non-profit organization that supports the study of literature in academic and creative environments. He holds degrees from the University of Georgia, Johns Hopkins University and Boston University.

Wilson’s presentation is sponsored by the UT Martin Honors Programs. For more information about the program, contact Dr. John Glass, director, at (731) 881-7436.
Music department to host fundraiser and go on tour

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music will host a fundraiser for the UT Martin Community Music Academy and send the Roots of Rhythm ensemble on tour the week of Feb. 10-16.

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The event will feature young performers Harrison Finks and Evie Grace Fowler, both of Memphis.

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Roots of Rhythm is a unique percussion performance that uses world history, geography and music to increase cultural awareness. The ensemble features a variety of instruments native to countries such as Trinidad and Tobago, Zimbabwe, Mali, Brazil and others.

The ensemble will also perform at 7:30 p.m. April 26 at the Community Montessori School Fine Arts Building in Martin.

For more information on the Roots of Rhythm performance or to book a future tour date, visit the website www.utm.edu/roots.

For more information about the UT Martin Department of Music, call (731) 881-7402.

Sports journalist Fagan to speak Monday night

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will sponsor an appearance by Kate Fagan, New York Times best-selling sports journalist, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Skyhawk Fieldhouse.

The event is free and open to the public.

Ms. Fagan served as a columnist and feature writer for ESPN.com and ESPN The Magazine, as well as an on-air talent for ESPN for seven years. She frequently appeared on “Outside the Lines” and “E:60” and was a core member of The Friday Four.

She also made more than 150 appearances on “Around the Horn” and she served as the show’s first female host in 2017.

Born in Schenectady, N.Y., Ms. Fagan is also the author of “What Made Maddy Run,” which spent one month as the No. 1 New York Times best-seller on the sports list. The 2017 book addresses the important issues of anxiety, depression and suicide in a perfectionist, social media-driven society. She is also the author of the memoir “The Reappearing Act” about her experience coming out as a women’s basketball student-athlete at the University of Colorado.

In addition to her work with ESPN, Ms. Fagan is a sought-after speaker on athlete mental health and the variables facing female athletes. She served as commencement speaker at her alma mater in May 2017 while also routinely hosting events and moderating panels both for brands and non-profits.

Ms. Fagan is a co-host of the “Free Cookies” podcast, which blends wellness, food and humor. She was named a 2018 Webby finalist for “Best Sports Podcast.”
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UTM Reed Center To Hold Seminar On Workplace Discrimination

The University of Tennessee at Martin's Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center will host a seminar on managing discrimination in the workplace from 6-8 p.m., Feb. 12, at the REED Center.

The seminar, titled "R.E.S.P.E.C.T.," will discuss seven traits of a diverse workplace: respect, empathy, selflessness, professionalism, equity, compassion and tact. It will address the treatment of diverse individuals in increasingly diverse workforce and focus on defining discrimination, providing examples and discussing possible solutions. A Q&A session will also discuss real situations experienced by attendees.

Dr. Sean Walker, UT Martin associate professor of management, will serve as speaker for the session. Walker's academic research focuses on the impact of psychological phenomena on human resources and organizational behavior. He is a licensed minister and mediator and holds both an MBA and a doctorate degree from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

There is no cost to attend this seminar. The REED Center is located at 406 S. Lindell St. in Martin. For more information about the seminar or the REED Center, contact Landy Fuqua at 731-587-7333.

WestStar Working Women’s Conference To Be Held Feb 15

The University of Tennessee at Martin's WestStar Leadership Program will host the 21st-annual Working Women’s Conference from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Feb. 15, in the Boling University Center's, Duncan Ballroom on the UT Martin campus. The deadline to register is Feb. 11, and the $40 registration fee includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

The theme of this year's conference is "A League of Our Own" and features session topics such as "Team Roster: Who’s on Your Team?" and "Conquering the Fear of Striking Out." Joan Cronan, women's athletic director emeritus for the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and author of "Sport is Life with the Volume Turned Up: Lessons Learned That Apply to Business and Life," will give the keynote address. Dee Henderson, executive director for Institutional Advancement at Jackson State Community College, will serve as conference emcee.

Additional conference speakers include Jamie Worrall, client manager for Center Point Business Solutions, LLC; James Dusenberry, commercial banking leader of Tennessee-Kentucky markets for Regions Bank; Lin Dunn, special assistant to the head coach for the University of Kentucky women's basketball team; Jodie Parrish, broker and owner of RE/MAX Realty Source; Kristen Doyle White, owner of Atlas Fitness Jackson and CrossFit 731; Gladys Warren, CHOICES Program coordinator for the Southwest Tennessee Development District; Dr. Teresa Collard, UT Martin associate professor of communications; and Dr. Lisa LeBlanc, UT Martin professor of family and consumer sciences.

To register for the conference, visit utm.edu/weststar. Select the "Conferences" tab under "Conference & Events" and go to "Register Now."

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There is no charge to attend, but pre-registration is required. Visit utm.edu/testflight to register online, or contact the UTM Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 731-881-7020 for more information.

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MARTIN, Tenn. – Dr. Charley Deal has been named executive director of research, outreach and economic development at the University of Tennessee at Martin, effective Feb. 1. UT Martin Chancellor Keith Carver made the announcement Jan. 30 after conducting a national search for qualified candidates.

"After spending 14 years as associate vice chancellor for alumni relations and annual giving and a year as interim director of research, grants and contracts, I feel Dr. Deal has a unique blend of knowledge and experience to keep UT Martin moving forward in this new position. He has a special touch with both the campus and external communities, including donors and legislators, and I am confident he will be able to help us make an even greater, positive impact on our city, our region and our state in the years to come," said Carver.

Deal, currently serving as special adviser to the chancellor and interim director of research, grants and contracts, will lead the newly created Office of Research, Outreach and Economic Development. This new position reports directly to Carver and works closely with the UT System's Office of Government Relations and Advocacy in support of state and regional relationships. Deal will also be responsible for oversight and compliance of university-sponsored programs, and the promotion and coordination of outreach activities including non-degree programs.
He has worked at UT Martin since 1992 and served in the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving from 2004-2018, moving from assistant to associate vice chancellor. Deal is also executive director of the university's regional WestStar Leadership Program. He holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from UT Martin and a doctoral degree in learning and leadership from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He received one of four University of Tennessee President's Awards in 2018 and was the only UT Martin nominee to be recognized that year.

"I am truly excited about the opportunity to build upon our university's success in research and outreach and lead our efforts to expand economic development opportunities across West Tennessee," said Deal. "As part of the university's strategic plan, we want to be West Tennessee's university of choice for problem-solving programs and opportunities for personal growth. I am grateful to Chancellor Carver and the search committee for providing me this opportunity."

Dr. Phillip Acree Cavalier, university provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, served as chair of the search committee, which included representation from UT Martin faculty and staff as well as an outside representative from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Committee members were Harriet Cannon, assistant to the state director and administrative programs director for the USDA (retired); Dr. John Oelrich, director of bands and associate professor of music; Dr. Kelli Deere, director of the UT Martin Parsons Center; Landy Fuqua, director of the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center; Dr. Mark McCloud, director of the Office of Career Planning and Development; and Dr. Rachna Tewari, associate professor of agricultural economics.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of University Relations at 731-881-7615.
Sports journalist Fagan to speak Monday night

The University of Tennessee at Martin Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will sponsor an appearance by Kate Fagan, New York Times best-selling sports journalist, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Skyhawk Fieldhouse.

The event is free and open to the public.

Fagan served as a columnist and feature writer for ESPN.com and ESPN The Magazine, as well as an on-air talent for ESPN for seven years. She frequently appeared on “Outside the Lines” and “E:60” and was a core member of The Friday Four.

She also made more than 150 appearances on “Around the Horn” and she served as the show’s first female host in 2017.

Born in Schenectady, N.Y., Fagan is also the author of “What Made Maddy Run,” which spent one month as the No. 1 New York Times best-seller on the sports list. The 2017 book addresses the important issues of anxiety, depression and suicide in a perfectionist, social media-driven society. She is also the author of the memoir “The Reappearing Act” about her experience coming out as a women’s basketball student-athlete at the University of Colorado.

In addition to her work with ESPN, Fagan is a sought-after speaker on athlete mental health and the variables facing female athletes. She served as commencement speaker at her alma mater in May 2017 while also routinely hosting events and moderating panels both for brands and non-profits.

Fagan is a co-host of the “Free Cookies” podcast, which blends wellness, food and humor. She was named a 2018 Webby finalist for “Best Sports Podcast.”

UTM to offer Korean language and culture classes

The University of Tennessee at Martin will offer Korean language and culture classes at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels on Mondays starting next week through April 29 on the main campus.

Beginner classes will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m.; intermediate from 6:30-7:30 p.m.; and advanced from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Participants do not have to be UT Martin students to enroll in the course. Registration is $30 per person and includes a textbook and handouts.

The course will focus on the Korean alphabet and basic conversation. Participants will also be invited to attend the annual Korean New Year Party and Kimchi Festival to immerse themselves in the food and culture of Korea.

Jisun Collier, a consultant in the UT Martin Writing Center, will instruct the course. She has taught the class at UT Martin since 2013 and holds a master’s degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages from Murray (Ky.) State University.

To register, visit utm.edu/condegree. Go to “General Classes” and select the Korean classes.

This class is co-sponsored by the UT Martin ECOS Korean Class Gift Fund. For more information about the class or the non-degree program, contact Debbie Mount, director, at (731) 881-7082.

Annual Phi Kappa Phi lecture set

Jason Stout, associate professor of art, will present the University of Tennessee at Martin’s annual Phi Kappa Phi Muriel Tomlinson Memorial Lecture at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Boling University Center’s Watkins Auditorium.

Stout will discuss a select history of paintings and pictures associated with his artistic works involving the Post Modern Age.

His art focuses on formal and figurative abstraction with themes such as power, history and identity portrayed through elements of Southern culture. His work has been showcased in private and public collections at the University of West Georgia, Jacksonville State University and UT Martin, among others.

Stout has been featured in more than 40 exhibitions within the last three years, including three solo shows and seven national exhibition catalogs. He is represented by REM Gallery in San Antonio, Texas, and Circuits Succession Gallery in Memphis.

Stout holds a bachelor of fine arts from UT Martin and a master of fine arts from the University of Texas at San Antonio. He is the recipient of the 2015-16 Texas Art Education Association Higher Education Art Educator of the Year Award and the 2016 Best of Show Award for the Art of the South exhibition.

Phi Kappa Phi is a national honors society whose mission is to recognize and encourage superior scholarship and integrity in all academic disciplines. The organization aims to “Let the love of learning rule humanity.”

Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 127 was founded on the UT Martin campus in 1971 and hosts the Muriel Tomlinson Memorial Lecture each spring.

For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, contact Dr. Chris Hill, chapter president, at (731) 881-7292.
Music department to host fundraiser and go on tour

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music will host a fundraiser for the UT Martin Community Music Academy and send the Roots of Rhythm ensemble on tour the week of Feb. 10-16.

A benefit concert to raise funds for the UT Martin Community Music Academy will begin at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Fine Arts Building's Blankenship Recital Hall. There is a suggested donation of $10 to attend.

The event will feature young performers Harrison Finks and Evie Grace Fowler, both of Memphis. Finks is a 16-year-old pianist, organist, composer, singer and songwriter whose style combines rock, funk and gospel. He has performed on songs such as Nick Black's "Neighbor" as well as single releases by Miss Fowler, among others.

Finks has also performed at blues festivals, LaFayette's Music Room, the Levitt Shell and the High Tone and performs regularly with a band on Beale Street. He was selected to participate in both the 2017 and 2018 GRAMMY camps in Nashville and Los Angeles, respectively.

Miss Fowler is a 15-year-old singer and songwriter first known for her original song "Lake Days," released in April 2018. She has since written and co-written numerous songs and formed a trio called The Hummingbirds.

Miss Fowler also writes a column for her school newspaper called "The Beat," which highlights both emerging and historical aspects of music. She was selected to participate in the 2018 GRAMMY Camp for Music Journalism in Los Angeles and Camp Cedarstone Singer-Songwriter in Hendersonville.

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