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This performance is made possible by the Tennessee Music Teachers Association and is in conjunction with TMTA’s 2017 state conference and competitions, which will be hosted by UTM Saturday through Tuesday.

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- **Selmer** - Cassidy L. Ashe, High Honors; Zachary P. Blakely, High Honors; Darby C. Boyd, High Honors; Clay A. Dancer, High Honors; Austin M. Ervin, Honors; Justin C. Fortune, Highest Honors; Madilyn R. Hambrock, Highest Honors; Makayla J. Hill, High Honors; William J. Huff, High Honors; Jennifer L. Huggins, Honors; Emily A. Johnson, High Honors; Rachel E. Johnson, Highest Honors; Keenan P. Lamberth, Highest Honors; Will R. Latham, High Honors; Baille C. Littlejohn, Honors; Darby B. McCully, High Honors; Lincoln R. Mitchell, Highest Honors; Olivia K. Mitchell, Honors; Jessica M. Monroe, Honors; Ansley M. Moore, High Honors; Carlotta Murrell, High Honors; Amber S. Nixon, Highest Honors; Kayla R. Payne, Highest Honors; Charles M. Rankin, High Honors; Hannah J. Robinson, Highest Honors; Cassidy B. Shambeau, High Honors; Rylee C. Smith, Honors; Ty C. Smith, Honors; Hunter J. Steele, Highest Honors; Colton R. Wiggins, Honors; Kristen N. Wilkins, Highest Honors; Kimberly N. Williams, Honors; Bryce D. Youngerman, Highest Honors.

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UT-M HONOR ROLLS

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Christian County HEADLINER NEWS

County students honored

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- Drummonds – Alyssa S. Delatorre, highhonors; Montana R. Mattila, highest honors; Paul H. Wortham, highest honors; Kyle M. Wrushen, honors.

- Mason – Jay S. Atkins, highhonors; Jo A. Christmas, highest honors; Miyah A. Clark, highest honors.

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In addition, chancellor's honor roll honorees with ties to Tipton County include:

- Greenville, Miss. – Shanell A. Hacker, high honors.
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University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program’s annual African American Leadership Conference

Mingle

Pictured, from left: Dixie Spencer and Craig Clay, both employees with the Southwest Tennessee Development District’s Regional Economic Development Initiative, based in Jackson.

Pictured representing Chester County and the Southwest Human Resource Agency are, from left: Dianne Reeves, Doris Arnold, Tilda Pearson, Vivian Killey, Kim Goodwin and Mary Williams.
Pictured representing Jackson's Empower Alliance, a leadership group for young professionals, from left: Pierre Duventre, D-Top Roofing and Repair; Chester Sharp, City of Jackson; Bria Pittman, LIFT Wellness Center; and Renee Jones, Union University.

WestStar Committee, from left: Gil Petty, of Madison County; Andrea Bond-Johnson, of Haywood County; Virginia Grimes, of Weakley County; Darron Billings, of Madison County; Youlanda Jones, of Dyer County; Evelyn Robertson Jr., of Hardeman County; Della Ligon, of Haywood County; Anne Banks, of Haywood County; and Mark Heaston, of Tipton County.

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**June 15 seminar to focus on workplace bullying**

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Dr. Sean Walker, UT Martin associate professor of management, will be the presenter. The seminar is free, and participants can register by calling 731-587-7333 or online at tbdc.org/utm.

Differences among workers will continue to give rise to conflict as the workforce grows more diverse. One of the most pressing issues in the workforce today is workplace bullying. This seminar seeks to explain six important facets of this growing trend: (1) What is workplace bullying? (2) Who is most likely to be bullied and who is most likely to be the bully? (3) Where (in which industries) is workplace bullying most likely to occur? (4) When (in which situations) is workplace bullying most likely to occur? (5) Why is it important for organizations today to pay attention to workplace bullying? (6) How do organizations alleviate, if they can’t eliminate, workplace bullying?

Walker, a faculty member in the UT Martin Department of Management, Marketing, and Information Systems in the College of Business and Global Affairs, earned both his MBA and doctorate degrees at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. His research interest and primary teaching areas assess the impact of psychological phenomenons on human resources and organizational behavior. Walker is also a licensed minister and mediator, both of which provide him with training to educate students, colleagues and external agents on how to reach mutually acceptable agreements when faced with conflict within the organization.

The UT Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center, housing the Tennessee Small Business Development (TSBDC) Center, meets the needs of existing and potential business owners through one-on-one consultations and interactive training programs. The REED Center offers courses, workshops and training sessions that respond to the needs of small businesses and supports regional economic development.
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Area students included on Chancellor’s Honor Roll

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UTM Selmer group travel over break

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UT Martin SOAR dates are key for registering freshmen

MARTIN - Students who have been accepted to join the 2017 freshman class at the University of Tennessee at Martin have three remaining opportunities to register on campus, meet potential classmates and roommates, and interact with the faculty and staff at their college of choice before classes officially begin Aug. 28.

Remaining Summer Orientation and Registration sessions - known as SOAR - will be held June 2 and 16, and July 14. Attendance is mandatory for incoming freshmen and is the only way for new students to register for fall semester courses.

The registration fee is $45 for each admitted student and $20 per person for any parents, guardians, siblings or other individuals accompanying the student. Fall tuition and fees are not due until the start of classes, so no additional expenses are required during SOAR.

Each event will begin with check-in and an administrative fair at 8 a.m. in the Boling University Center. An official welcome will follow at 8:45, and students will divide into groups to meet their orientation leaders at 9:15. Informational programs will be held at 10 a.m. and noon, with lunch on-campus at 11 a.m.

Students will then participate in the first-year flight plan session at 1 p.m. before registering for classes with a faculty adviser at 1:30. Students will receive their official Skyhawk cards during checkout from 2:30-5.

"I think SOAR was very helpful. It gave me a feel for the campus and a chance to meet some of the people I would have classes with later. I got to meet my academic adviser and make connections with other people in my major's department," said Evelyn Turner, a freshman biology major from Clarksville. "I became a SOAR staff member because I know how hard transitions are and how chaotic the first semester may seem. To have someone who has been there before help you through your first experience with college is a blessing, and it starts your collegiate journey on the right foot."

For more information or to register to attend the SOAR session of your choice, visit utm.edu/soar or contact the UT Martin Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 731-681-7020.
Linden Scarbrough (left) of Union City received his commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army during a ceremony recently. Scarbrough completed his ROTC training with the University of Tennessee at Martin Skyhawk Battalion and is a recent graduation of UT Martin. The commission presentation was made by Lt. Col. Lowell Howard, professor of military science.

Mitch Arnett of Union City received the Future Surveyor Award during recent recognition at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He was one of several local students honored.

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Piano camp slated for next week

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The camps will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily in the Fine Arts Building.

Intermediate and advanced-level piano students who have completed the seventh through 12th grades are invited.

Registration is $275 per student and activities include piano lessons and ensemble coaching from camp director Dr. Elaine Harriss, UT Martin professor of music, as well as musical theory classes and organ lessons, an introduction to the harpsichord and daily sight-reading instruction. Lunch will be available on campus in the Skyhawk Dining Hall.

Special topics will include a study of sonata form using composer Franz Schubert’s “Fantasie in F Minor” for piano duet, a look at the life of Franz Joseph Haydn and a performance by the UT Martin University Trio.

Participants will present a public program of solo and ensemble performances at 4 p.m. June 16 for parents, family and friends.

This is a commuter camp and on-campus housing is not provided with registration. If campus housing is needed, contact Dr. Harriss as early as possible.

Slots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional information and registration forms are available online at utm.edu/departments/piano/piano-camp.php.

For assistance, contact Dr. Harriss at (731) 881-7411 or by email at elaineh@utm.edu.

Workplace bullying focus of seminar

Workplace bullying will be the focus of a seminar presented June 15 at the University of Tennessee at Martin REED Center.

"The What, Who, Where, When, Why and How of Workplace Bullying" is set for 6 p.m. at the center, located at 406 South Lindell St. in Martin.

Dr. Sean Walker, UT Martin associate professor of management, will be the presenter. The seminar is free and participants can register by calling (731) 587-7333 or by going online to tsbdc.org/utm.

Differences among workers will continue to give rise to conflict as the workforce grows more diverse. One of the most pressing issues in the workforce today in workplace bullying. This seminar seeks to explain six important facets of this growing trend.

Walker, a faculty member in the UT Martin Department of Management, Marketing and Information Systems in the College of Business and Global Affairs, earned both his master of business administration and doctorate degrees at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Walker is also a licensed minister and mediator.

At the college level

Two local students were among several University of Tennessee at Martin students who recently earned recognition.

Dianna Gammons of Union City received the Outstanding Social Work Student Award, while Laina Roberson of Troy received the Jerry Bussell ROTC Scholarship.
It's never too late to graduate

West Tennessee Adult Education will be having its graduation ceremony beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday with graduates to begin arriving at 5:15 p.m. The ceremony celebrates the 86 adults who, since July 1, 2016, earned the Tennessee High School Equivalency Diploma, 27 of whom are Henry County natives. Gina Willis, director of undergraduate recruitment for the College of Professional Studies of Bethel University, will be guest speaker. Willis is a graduate of both Benton County Adult Education and the Tennessee College of Applied Technologies in Paris. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree in management, a master's degree in education and a master's of business administration at Bethel University. She then earned a Ph.D. in management, leadership and organizational change from Walden University in January of this year.

Five colleges and universities will also be represented at the ceremony to congratulate graduates on their achievement and to give information regarding post-secondary education programs. These colleges and universities include: Bethel University, College of Professional Studies; the University of Tennessee at Martin; the Tennessee College of Applied Technology in both Paris and McKenzie; and Jackson State Community College.

The McNairy County News

Kid College returns to UT Martin McNairy County/Selmer campus

The annual University of Tennessee at Martin Kid College experience returns to the UT Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer on June 19-23 for another round of summer fun. Classes are enrolling now for children entering kindergarten in fall 2017 through those entering the fifth grade. Kid College will meet from 8:30-11:45 a.m. The registration fee is $85 per student, which includes course supplies and a UT Martin Kid College T-shirt. Children will be divided into small groups and rotate through a series of courses, including survivor kids, weird science and cooking around the world. Specific course descriptions, schedules, additional information for parents and registration materials are available online at utm.edu/departments/nondegree/selmer.php. Scroll to the bottom and select “kid college” from the menu of children’s courses, then select your desired location. Wednesday will again be picture day, and students are encouraged to wear their UT Martin Kid College T-shirts. For more information or for assistance registering, contact Debbie Mount, UT Martin Office of Educational Outreach, at 731-881-7104.
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Martin Community Band plans a musical community cleanup with UTM Recycles

Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 15, for a Music In The Park event. UT Martin Band Director, Dr. John Oelrich, has a great theme: Reduce, Re-use and Recycle! Dr. Oelrich came up with this community-centered idea and has been working with UTM Recycles!, Martin Business Association, Martin Beautiful, Weakley County Litter Grant Program (sponsored by TDOT) and the City of Martin to plan a lovely evening of music with community recycling at its the center.

The music cleanup event will be held at Festival Park downtown, from 5-7 p.m. Area businesses, organizations, churches, and residents are asked to participate in a community cleanup and bring cardboard and other bagged recyclables—bagged separately from any trash picked up—to the Park, where there will be a recycle trailer for you to drop off your recyclables. Any waste collected during the cleanup will be collected by the City of Martin.

“We understand that current UT Martin Recycling Facility open hours may make it difficult for some businesses to get their recycling to the Facility, so we are especially encouraging businesses to take advantage of the Thursday evening event. Any participating businesses are encouraged to contact Camille Noe at Martin City Hall to let her know of your participation. We want to be sure to recognize businesses of their efforts,” said Brad Thompson, Director of Community Development.

The recycling trailer will be parked on the east side of the park beginning Tuesday, so that participants don’t have to try to tow heavy cardboard or other recycling during the music.

There will be bags and gloves available at the Park, for anyone who wants to make it a family event to clean up around historic downtown Martin area. Bags and gloves are available for pick up beginning Friday, at Martin City Hall for anyone wanting to pick up bags before the event. Martin Beautiful will also have some “grabbers,” bright safety vests, and bags on hand.

Families can also take bags from home and do a good cleanup in your own neighborhood (please be sure to keep trash and recycling separated!), and then bring the bags to the concert.

Everyone is encouraged to take photos of your office, your business, your church, your family, your group of friends cleaning up our community. Your photos will be posted on the UTM Recycles! Facebook page and other community social media, so you can get some public recognition for your hard work on behalf of our community!

Thompson further stated, “What a great way to give an established event further purpose through a beautification effort of our city, while also reducing our ecological footprint in the process.”

Help out your community by taking some time to clean up our city and collect recyclables, then come to enjoy a wonderful summer evening of music!

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Long elected to UTM Student Government Association President

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Since then, he has served as lieutenant governor of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature, where he was able to write and present bills to the Tennessee General Assembly, including SB2179/HB2487 which mandated a specified distance between speed limit signs on roads.

Last year, Long served as chief of staff for SGA. He was responsible for SGA’s personnel as well as multiple campus wide forums.

As SGA President, Long will be the liaison between the students at UTM and the administration. He will have weekly meetings with Chancellor Keith Carver, have a vote on faculty senate, and be appointed to certain boards and committees.

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More than 570 graduates crossed the stage during the University of Tennessee at Martin's commencement ceremony May 6. A variety of special ceremonies were held, including the commissioning of ROTC cadets into the U.S. Army. Blake Hazelwood, left, of Jackson, received his commission as a second lieutenant. He is pictured with Lt. Col. Lowell Howard, UT Martin professor of military science.
Georgia Brown, left, of Martin, graduated with the designation of ‘University Scholar.’ Those receiving this distinction complete a specialized curriculum of honors courses and a two-year research project alongside a faculty mentor. Brown was one of 13 students to earn the distinction this semester and is pictured with her mentor, Dr. Nathan Howard, associate professor of history.

Kayla Nicole Pattat, of Somerville, received a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture and graduated magna cum laude.

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Humboldt – Bailey N. Alexander, Honors; Jonathan M. Andrews, High Honors; Haley B. Branum, Highest Honors; Morgan N. Conder, Honors; Benjamin L. Davenport, Honors; Seth D. Gibson, Honors; Landon C. Griffin, High Honors; Jonathan H. Hefley, Honors; Joann L. Jones, Honors; Sarah E. Langley, Highest Honors; Joshua M. Matthys, Honors; Tanner R. Petty, Highest Honors; Grady L. Potts, Honors; Kristin P. Taylor, Highest Honors; Dustin C. Thacker, Honors; Kayla E. Tinnon, High Honors; Shelby G. Vasquez, High Honors; Chandler B. Whitaker, Highest Honors; Keaton B. Wilson, High Honors; William T. Wright, Honors; Logan H. Youmans, High Honors.

Medina – Logan J. Helton, High Honors; Shaelyn M. Horner, Honors; Kaitlyn M. Martin, Honors; Benjamin M. Ort, Highest Honors; Erin C. Otto, Honors; Marshall W. Pearson, Honors; Emily M.

Poole, Highest Honors; Hayden M. Presson, Honors; Sara J. Ragain, High Honors; Loretta Transon, Honors; Kathryn L. Woods, Highest Honors.

Milan – Brooke M. Allen, High Honors; Melanie B. Allen, Highest Honors; Brooks A. Becton, High Honors; Sydney C. Blackburn, High Honors; Caitlyn N. Brown, Highest Honors; Victoria A. Collins, Highest Honors; Anne S. Connell, Highest Honors; Madison B. Dowdy, High Honors; Kathryn L. Dunlap, Highest Honors; Joshua M. Fields, Highest Honors; Kaitlyn M. Frandsen, Highest Honors; Karen M. Gantt, Highest Honors.

Kyndal K. Hayes, Highest Honors; Lauren E. Hoke, Highest Honors; Graham T. Hopper, Honors; John M. Horton, High Honors; Catherine D. Ing, High Honors; Erin E. Kelley, Highest Honors; Leigh A. Malanga, High Honors; Cy A. Pemberton, High Honors; Emily A. Rice, High Honors; Haley E. Rigs, Highest Honors; David D. Rodamaker, Honors; Jessica R. Schaefer, Highest Honors; Jenna M. Sellers, Highest Honors; Mallory K. Staley, Highest Honors; Chad A. Warden, Highest Honors.

Rutherford – Cassidy A. Caldwell, Highest Honors; Shelby N. Dotson, High Honors; Taylor B. Fuqua, High Honors; Joshua R. Mathis, Honors; Logan C. Rahm, Highest Honors.

Trenton – Collin A. Abbott, Highest Honors; Hayden P. Barnett, High Honors; Teagan S. Bartholomew, Honors; Logan E. Bates, Honors; Brock H. Blakemore, High Honors; Allison N. Breece, Highest Honors; Remington L. Burch, Highest Honors; Emily M. Campbell, Highest Honors; Bethany L. Cobb, Highest Honors; Holly B. Cole, High Honors; Taylor L. Davis, Highest Honors; Sarah E. Dodd, High Honors; Candie L. Doss, Highest Honors; Sable L. Estes, Honors; Kory T. Galloway, High Honors; Patrick D. Hill, Honors; Cheyenne M. Mason, Honors; Eli T. McCaig, High Honors; Grant H. McEwen, Honors; Eric H. Partee, Highest Honors; Hugh E. Pinckley Honors; Robert C. Rayburn, High Honors; Morgan A. Robertson, High Honors; Jan M. Smith, High Honors; Candace L. Tucker, High Honors.

Deonza W. Turner, High Honors; Macey M. Ward, High Honors; Michael S. Wofford, Highest Honors.

Yorkville – Melody Pafford, Yorkville, TN 38389-0212, Highest Honors.

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

Atwood – Allie E. Cunningham, Highest Honors; Cassidy N. Sheehan, 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.
Local Receives Memorial Scholarship

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UT Martin names local students to spring semester chancellor’s honor roll

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the spring 2017 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. To be eligible for 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).

Humboldt – Bailey N. Alexander, honors; Jonathan M. Andrews, high honors; Haley B. Branum, highest honors; Morgan N. Conder, honors; Benjamin I. Davenport, honors; Seth D. Gibson, honors; Landon C. Griffin, high honors; Jonathan H. Hefley, honors; Joann L. Jones, honors; Sarah E. Langley, highest honors; Joshua M. Matthis, honors; Tanner R. Petty, highest honors; Grady L. Potts, honors; Kristin P. Taylor, highest honors; Dustin C. Thacker, honors; Kayla E. Tinnon, high honors; Shelby G. Vasquez, high honors; Chandler B. Whitaker, highest honors; Keaton B. Wilson, high honors; William T. Wright, honors; Logan H. Youmans, high honors.

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Pictured above, from left to right: Jacob Moynihan placed 1st for EJHS and 10th in the overall competition. Kevin Austin and Juan Figueroa placed 1st for EJHS. Ryan Perry, and Everette Doyle tied for top at EJHS and tied 9th in the overall competition.

Math Competition At UT Martin
This year’s math competition was hosted by UT Martin in Martin, TN. EJHS had 18 scholars to participate in the competition at every grade level (6-8). The scholars enjoyed touring the college campus while they waited on the results from the competition. We are proud to say that EJHS placed in the competition.
Staff members from the University of Tennessee at Martin's student-run radio station, WUTM 90.3 FM "The Hawk," received a total of 15 awards — including one best-in-show designation — during the Tennessee Associated Press College Journalism Contest held recently in Nashville.

WUTM not only placed in seven of the nine radio categories but received first-, second- and third-place awards in two.

Tori Seng of Union City topped the charts with four first-place finishes and was named the overall best in show. She received awards in the categories for radio news story, radio newscast, radio reporter and radio investigative reporting.

In the latter category, Miss Seng partnered with Natalie King of Paducah, Ky., to produce the winning submission.

Shane Wofford of Trenton and Ashley Shores of Lebanon claimed second- and third-place prizes, respectively, in the radio news story category; and Shores and King also took home second- and third-place accolades, respectively, in the radio reporter contest.

Shores also received second place in radio newscast and Wofford took home an honorable mention in the same category. John Thornton of Atoka earned second place as a radio sports reporter and Olivia Johnston of Madison, Ala., was awarded third place in the same contest. Thornton partnered with Jared Peckenpaugh of Finley to produce a first-place submission in the radio sports coverage competition. King received second place in the radio feature category, as well.

UTM Television also received two awards during the competition. The station received a third-place finish for best television feature story and Shores earned third place in the individual category for television reporters.
VISIT UT MARTIN — Grace Kennedy (left) and her mother, Lonna Kennedy, of Union City visited the University of Tennessee at Martin for Spring Preview Day recently. High school students and their families were able to tour the campus, speak with representatives from a variety of academic areas and learn more about campus housing, financial aid opportunities and the admissions process. Grace is a student at Union City High School. Mrs. Kennedy is an alumna of UT Martin.

UTM degrees ranked

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s master’s degree program in school counseling has received three national rankings in recent weeks concerning degree value and quality.

SR Education Group included the UT Martin program at No. 16 on its list of the Most Affordable Online Master’s Degrees for 2017 in the school counseling category.

AffordableCollegeCommunity.org also included UT Martin at No. 31 for best school counseling degrees overall and at No. 42 for master’s degrees specifically.

UT Martin’s master’s degree program in counseling is offered entirely online and provides concentrations in school counseling and clinical mental health with an additional endorsement option in school counseling available for those already practicing in the field.

The bachelor’s degree program with emphasis in international relations has also been nationally ranked. CollegeValuesOnline.com places the UT Martin program at No. 32 nationwide. The only Tennessee school with a higher placement is the University of Memphis.

UT Martin offers international studies as an interdisciplinary option within the College of Business and Global Affairs.

FUTURE TECH — Gary Swingle of Hornbeck completed course requirements for the University of Tennessee at Martin Veterinary Health Technology Program during the spring semester. He received his veterinary health technologist pin during a recent ceremony and will finish a six-week internship at an area practice before receiving his degree in the fall.

EARN HONOR — Helen Kendall of Troy received an Outstanding Dual Enrollment Student Award recently at the University of Tennessee at Martin. She was among several local students recognized.

TOP EFFORT — Parker Albright of Obion recently received an Outstanding First Semester College Student in Agriculture Award for her grade point average during the fall 2016 semester at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Several local students earn accolades.
BRADFORD STUDENTS BECOME SKYHAWKS
- (from left) Colby Evans, Bethany Morris and Kobe Eddings, all graduates of Bradford High School, attended the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Summer Orientation and Registration session June 2. Members of the incoming freshman class were able to register for fall courses, meet with their academic advisors, tour campus and ask questions about financial aid, housing, student life and other topics. SOAR is mandatory for all entering freshmen. Additional sessions will be held June 16 and July 17.

PEABODY STUDENT BECOMES A SKYHAWK
- William Woods (left), a graduate of Peabody High School, attended the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Summer Orientation and Registration session June 2. Woods is pictured with his grandmother, Janice Dunnigan. SOAR is mandatory for all entering freshmen. Additional sessions will be held June 16 and July 17. Visit utm.edu/soar to register online or contact the UT Martin Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 731-881-7020.

FARM BUREAU PRESIDENTS VISIT UT – The Tennessee Governor’s School for the Agricultural Sciences, hosted at the University of Tennessee at Martin, welcomed guest speakers Jeff Aiken (left), president of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, and Zippy Duvall (center), president of the national American Farm Bureau Federation, to campus June 8. Duvall spoke to TGSAS students, who are juniors and seniors in high school, about the impact of federal regulations on agricultural production and the differences among agricultural practices across the nation. He also urged them to take advantage of opportunities presented to them to find and use new talents to help accomplish the goals of the worldwide agricultural community. Both men are pictured with Dr. Keith Carver (left), UT Martin chancellor.
LOCAL GRADUATE RECEIVES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Lee Hughey (center) of Martin recently received the Nicholas Kyle Likens Memorial Scholarship from the University of Tennessee at Martin. Hughey, a spring 2017 UT Martin graduate with a degree in social work, has accepted a position with the Department of Children’s Services in Paris. The scholarship funds will be applied toward student loans and other expenses incurred during her college career. Dr. Dwayne Likens (right), also of Martin, established the scholarship this spring in memory of his son, Nicholas, who passed away at the age of 13 after a fight with cancer. The award is intended to assist college students who are working their way through school. Also pictured is Dr. Keith Carver, UT Martin chancellor. For more information on this and other scholarship funds, contact the UT Martin Office of University Advancement at 731-881-7654.

Lee Hughey awarded Nicholas Kyle Likens Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Dwayne Likens of Martin established the Nicholas Kyle Likens Memorial Scholarship at the University of Tennessee at Martin this spring to honor his son’s charitable spirit.

Nicholas Likens passed away 10 years ago at the age of 13 after a battle with cancer. Before his death, he received approximately $10,000 in gifts from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Wal-Mart and other corporations in support of his early skateboarding dreams. However, instead of enjoying these items himself, Nicholas gave the gifts away to other charities. Now, his father feels it is time to honor that spirit by assisting local college students as they pursue their own life goals.

The Nicholas Kyle Likens Memorial Scholarship was first awarded this spring to recent graduate Lee Hughey of Martin, and will be awarded each year to assist a student who is working his or her way through school.

Dwayne, who was employed in a federal work-study position during his own undergraduate years, understands the effort that goes into financing one’s own degree.

"I believe students appreciate the value of an education more if they contribute to their own education by working while attending school," he said.

For more information on this or another UT Martin scholarship fund, contact the UT Martin Office of University Advancement at 731-881-7623.

IN MEMORY - Nicholas Kyle Likens, son of scholarship founder Dr. Dwayne Likens, is pictured at 4 years of age.
Martin Rodeo Team students debut at National Finals

Three University of Tennessee at Martin participants got things started on the opening day of the 69th annual College National Finals Rodeo, held at the Casper Events Center.

Houston Herbert, Ryan McDaniel and Kenzley Wilson each debuted Sunday during the matinee session of the CNFR. The UT Martin trio was making their CNFR debuts among the best of the best in the realm of collegiate rodeo.

Wilson came through with the best score Sunday, tying for first place out of 48 competitors in breakaway roping.

Herbert returned to action on Monday with his second-round performance in the bareback riding slack. Each of the remaining UT Martin representatives will also open their 2017 CNFR Monday as part of the slack performances.

Ross Mitchell (alongside East Mississippi's Ethan Wheeler) and Douglas Rich (alongside East Mississippi's Marcus Theriot) will take part in team roping while Madison Crow and Nealey Dalton will both debut in barrel racing.

GOVERNORS SCHOOL FOR THE HUMANITIES - (From left) Bailee Ford of Murfreesboro, Nikki Horton of Nashville and Zhariah Peaks and Chelsey Zhu, both of Murfreesboro, are among 48 Tennessee students attending Governor's School for the Humanities at the University of Tennessee at Martin this month. Many of the state's highest-achieving students attend one of Tennessee's 11 governor's school programs each summer, two of which are hosted at UT Martin. Ford is a student at LaVergne High School, and Horton, Peaks and Zhu attend Central Magnet School.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER - Angela Barr (center), a recent graduate from Westview High School in Martin, has been awarded the 2017 Martin Kiwanis Club Scholarship of $1,000. Angela will attend The University of Tennessee at Martin this fall and will major in psychology. She is pictured here with her mother Althea Barr and Kiwanis President Jim Clark. Angela and her mother were special guests at the June 7 meeting of the club. In brief remarks following the recognition and presentation, Angela expressed her thanks to the club and said that she wants to prepare herself for a career where she can help others. She is excited about beginning her studies at UT Martin.
Local students earn degrees, honored

* Logan H. Hunt, of Ozark, was named to the University of Tennessee at Martin's honor roll with high honors.

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Miss Tennessee 2017 contestants

Miss UT Martin
Name: Brenna Wilkins
Talent: Vocal - "Anyway" by Martina McBride
Age: 20
Platform: Depression / Suicide Awareness on College Campuses
Education: Junior at University of Tennessee at Martin in Social Work

Miss Dixie PAC
Name: Yvannah Garcia
Talent: Vocal — "Bring Him Home"
Age: 22
Platform: Mental Health Awareness
Education: University of Tennessee-Martin for Biology with a concentration in cell and molecular; University of South Carolina School of Medicine for Physician Assistant Studies

Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival
Name: Laura Ann Higgs
Talent: Broadway Jazz Dance - "Jailhouse Rock"
Age: 22
Platform: Team Mica: Suicide Prevention & Awareness
Education: Senior at Middle Tennessee State University in Child Development and Family Studies
WestStar graduation Tuesday in Jackson

MARTIN — The University of Tennessee at Martin's WestStar Leadership Program will graduate members of its 2017 class Tuesday at the DoubleTree Hotel in Jackson.

A reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and a graduation ceremony.

The WestStar board of trustees will meet before the dinner and ceremony at The Jackson Chamber, 197 Auditorium Street, Jackson.

The program is in its 28th year and has 799 graduates to date, most of whom are from West Tennessee.

The 2017 class includes 30 participants who were competitively selected to learn new leadership skills and develop strategies for assisting communities in solving problems and maximizing potential.

UT Martin Chancellor Keith Carver, a 2009 WestStar graduate, will attend the ceremony for the first time as university chancellor.

For more information on this event or the WestStar Leadership Program, contact Virginia Grimes, program coordinator, at 731-881-7298.

Wilkins to represent UTM in Miss Tennessee Pageant

Brenna Wilkins of Martin is one of the most recent Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant winners, having represented the state in 2017.

She has since used her platform to promote awareness around mental health issues, particularly among college students.

Wilkins, a senior social work major at UT Martin, is using her time as Miss UT Martin, and potentially as Miss Tennessee, to help promote awareness of mental health issues among college students.

"This is important to me because I have seen how depression and suicide can affect families," she said. "I chose to shine a light on college campuses because, as a student, I understand the struggles and stresses that come with this time in an individual's life."

Miss Wilkins competed in beauty pageants as a young girl and participated in several high school competitions, but the Miss UT Martin competition is the first college-level title for which she has competed.

If chosen to serve as Miss Tennessee 2017, Miss Wilkins will automatically be entered to compete in the Miss America Scholarship Pageant in Atlantic City, N.J., later this fall. The winner of the Miss Tennessee title will spend a year as Gov. Bill Haslam's spokesman for character education in Tennessee schools and as a representative of the state's various Children's Miracle Network hospitals.

The last UT Martin student to serve as Miss Tennessee was Hannah Robison of Springville, who ultimately placed in the top seven contestants during the Miss America competition.

To watch the preliminary and final competitions online, visit epilustv6.com.
LOCALS CODE ORIGINAL GAMES – (From left) Ellie Blackburn of Martin, Brent Wallace of Springville and Sadie Claiborne of Martin won first, second and third place, respectively, for their anime computer game designs during the University of Tennessee at Martin's STEAM camp for grades five through eight, held June 5-9.

LOCALS REPRESENTED AT UT MARTIN STEAM CAMP – (From left) Curtis Swafford of South Fulton, Cameron Harvey of Shelbyville and Memphis Hudson of Martin won first, second and third place, respectively, for their CO2 car designs during the University of Tennessee at Martin's STEAM camp for grades five through eight, held June 5-9.
STUDENTS CODE GAME FROM SCRATCH – (From left) Jacob Foltz of Martin, Dylan Hutson of Sharon and Memphis Hudson of Martin, won first, second and third place, respectively, for their from-scratch computer game coding techniques during the University of Tennessee at Martin’s STEAM camp for grades five through eight, held June 5-9.

STUDENTS WIN BEST CAMP SKIT – (From left) Curtis Swafford of South Fulton, Sabrina Sanford of Ashland City, Nicolas Anderson of Jackson, Memphis Hudson of Martin and Garret Moore of Martin won first place for their creative skit involving the fictional planet “Zork” during the University of Tennessee at Martin’s STEAM camp for grades five through eight, held June 5-9.

STUDENTS LAUNCH TO THE TOP – (From left) Jacob Foltz and Sabrina Sanford, first-place tie; Kyeler Panick and Ellie Blackburn, second-place tie; and Eunjae Jeong, third place, won top honors for their rocket launcher designs during the University of Tennessee at Martin’s STEAM camp for grades five through eight, held June 5-9. All the students are from Martin except Sanford, who is from Ashland City.
Dylan Hutson of Sharon, Jacob Foltz of Martin, Peyton Stratton of Jackson, Brent Wallace of Springville, Cameron Harvey of Shelbyville and Kysler Penick of Martin won second place for their creative skit involving the fictional planet “Zork” during the University of Tennessee at Martin’s STEAM camp for grades five through eight, held June 5-9.

Addison Galey, Eunjae Jeong, Macey Brawley, Ellie Blackburn, all of Martin; Kyleigh Fishel of Greenfield; (back row) and Anna Claire Gallien and Sadie Cabarne, both of Martin, won third place for their creative skit involving the fictional planet “Zork” during the University of Tennessee at Martin’s STEAM camp for grades five through eight, held June 5-9.
COMPETING THIS WEEK — Miss University of Tennessee at Martin 2017 Brenna Wilkins is pictured with Captain Skyhawk.

Brenna Wilkins to compete in Miss Tennessee Pageant

Brenna Wilkins of Union City will represent the University of Tennessee at Martin in this weekend’s Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson. Preliminary competitions take place Wednesday through Friday, and the final pageant will be Saturday. All competitions are televised and streamed online through EPlus TV 6 beginning at 7:45 p.m. each night.

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Mitchell places second nationally in team roping at College National Finals Rodeo

From Sports Information

CASPER, Wyo. – Ross Mitchell, who recently completed his freshman season at the University of Tennessee at Martin, earned a victory during Saturday evening’s short go in team roping before finishing second in the national standings at the 69th annual College National Finals Rodeo.

A native of Bolivar, Tenn., Mitchell once again joined forces with East Mississippi’s Ethan Wheeler to record a time of 5.5 seconds during Saturday’s performance round – which was clocked as the best time out of the 12 qualified teams. Their overall score of 28.1 seconds finished second in the nation behind only the Texas Tech squad of Wesley Thorp and Cole Wheeler (25.2 seconds).

Mitchell was the lone UT Martin representative to compete for a national championship at the 2017 CNFR. Other final results involving UT Martin participants included Ryan McDaniel finishing 17th of 39 cowboys in bull riding (no score), Houston Herbert coming in 18th place out of 34 in bareback riding (191.5), Douglas Rich and East Mississippi’s Marcus Theriot placing 25th out of 44 in team roping (5.4), Kenzley Wilson finishing 30th out of 48 with a 2.3 in breakaway roping, Nealey Dalton coming in 36th place out of 52 in barrel racing (48.70) and Madison Crow placing 46th out of 52 with a 50.63 in barrel racing.

The 2017 CNFR concludes another strong season for UT Martin rodeo. The men’s team earned five top-three finishes with two victories while the women’s squad placed third or better in seven rodeos, including one win.

UT Martin’s freshman cowboy earned his way into the final day of the rodeo after an exceptional performance in team roping on Friday.

Mitchell, who is teamed up with East Mississippi’s Ethan Wheeler, finished the third go in team roping in 7.8 seconds.

The Bolivar, Tenn. native has helped the duo rank fourth out of 44 teams with an overall time of 22.6 seconds, which automatically qualifies the tandem for tomorrow’s national championship performance. Mitchell advanced to the finals by placing in the top-12 in his individual event.

Also representing UT Martin tonight was McDaniel, who did not receive a score in his third round of bull riding. Only three out of 39 cowboys in that event recorded a score in the CNFR third round as McDaniel – a sophomore from Yuma, Tenn. – could not find any luck in his three chances at the CNFR.
Performers for the 24th Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival have been announced, and the lead acts are performers with a long string of hits behind their names.

Clint Black tops the list. He will perform at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7, at Festival Park. The performance will be free.

To date, Clint Black has sold more than 20 million albums worldwide and racked up 57 charted singles, 31 top-10 hits and 22 number-one smash hits. Recordings such as “A Better Man,” “Killin’ Time,” “Like the Rain,” “When I Said I Do” and “Nothin’ But the Taillights” have led to honors from from the Country Music Association, the Academy of Country Music, the Grammys, and the American Music Awards, as well as membership in the cast of the Grand Ole Opry.

Raised in the suburbs of Houston, Texas, Clint Black is the youngest of four brothers. He began performing with brother Kevin at the family’s backyard barbecues. After high school, he worked construction for a year and spent 10 years on the local nightclub circuit. He auditioned for a Nashville recording contract in 1988. The following year, he led a movement of young talent that transformed country music into a multi-million dollar industry in the 1990s.

Lynyrd Skynyrd will perform Saturday, Sept. 9, at Festival Park at 9 p.m. Tickets are $35, $40 and $50.

The band’s legacy began some 41 years ago in Jacksonville, Fla., but was halted for a decade by the 1977 plane crash that killed three band members, including Ronnie Van Zant and Steve Gaines. Since then, the band tragically lost Allen Collins, Billy Powell, Leon Wilkeson and Hughie Thomasson, yet Lynyrd Skynyrd rocks on with original member Gary Rossington joined by Johnny Van Zant, Rickey Medlocke, Mark “Sparky” Matejka, Michael Cartelone, Johnny Colt, Peter Keys, Dale Krantz Rossington and Carol Chase.

The rock and roll powerhouse continually tours, this summer heading out on their second run with Bad Company. 2014 marked the eighth year for their annual Simple Man Cruise, a four day voyage filled with the best music in Southern Rock including an outdoor beach show featuring Lynyrd Skynyrd for the first time in the cruise’s history.

And so Skynyrd stands, “still unbroken.” “People may say, ‘they need the money.’ Well, I don’t think any of us need the money,” Van Zant says. “It’s just that we love the music, it’s bigger than the money, it’s not even about that any more. We have to make a living, sure, but it’s about the legacy of Lynyrd Skynyrd, and what it stands for, what the fans are all about. There’s nothing like getting out there playing a great show with Skynyrd and seeing people love this music.”

Adds Rossington, “We’re still standing, still keeping the music going. We wanted to do the guys who aren’t with us any more proud, and keep the name proud, too.”

With a catalog of over 60 albums, sales beyond 30 million worldwide and their beloved classic American rock anthem “Sweet Home Alabama” having over 2 million downloaded ringtones, Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Lynyrd Skynyrd remains a cultural icon that appeals to all generations.

Performing Friday, Sept. 8, will be Air Supply. The concert is at 9 p.m., with tickets going for $5, $10 and $15.

Graham Russell and Russell Hitchcock met on May 12, 1975, the first day of rehearsals for “Jesus Christ Superstar” in Sydney, Australia; they became instant friends with their common love for The Beatles and, of course, singing.

After the show’s performances at 10:30, they would play pizza parlors, coffee bars and nightclubs with just one guitar and two voices. They quickly gained a reputation for great harmonies and for original songs that Graham was constantly writing. They made a demo on a cassette of two songs, “Love and Other Bruises” and “If You Knew Me” and took it to every record company in Sydney. Everyone turned it down but one CBS Records — who admired their unique style.

They made a single in one afternoon and it shot to number one on the national charts. Air Supply was born. That same year, they opened for Rod Stewart across Australia and then throughout the U.S. and Canada, playing all of the famous huge venues before Stewart would take the stage. They found new fans, but did not break the U.S. market.

Seven top-five singles later, Air Supply at that time had equaled The Beatles’ run of consecutive top five singles. The albums “Lost in Love,” “The One That You Love,” “Now & Forever” and “The Greatest Hits” sold in excess of 20 million copies. “Lost in Love” was named Song of the Year in 1980, and, with the other singles, sold more than 10 million copies.

Echosmith will perform on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at UF Martin Student Night, also at Festival Park, at 9 p.m.

What a difference a year makes. In 12 short months, Echosmith has gone from little-known Los Angeles alt-pop gem to Warped Tour’s undeniable breakout band. Basking in the glow of a summer spent playing to thousands of fans all over the country, the quartet—which consists of Sierra

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siblings Jamie (vocals/guitar), Sydney (vocals/keyboard), Noah (vocals/bass), and Graham (drums) -- is even more excited to share their music with all the people who weren't able to see them on the annual punk-rock summer camp.

"We were super excited when we found out we'd be playing [Warped Tour]," remembers Jamie. "So many bands grow from that and come out with tons of fans." Adds Sydney, "Going into it, I was totally nervous because we were so different, style-wise and age-wise, from almost every other band and I wasn't sure if that was going to work against us, but it ended up being the exact opposite."

The band was originally slated to play just the first half of the tour, but the reaction was so overwhelming, they were invited to stay until the end, which meant more people would get to hear music off the band's upcoming debut album, "Talking Dreams," to be out Oct. 1.

One song that seems to get the loudest crowd response is "Cool Kids," a dreamy Smiths-esque strut that encourages people to embrace their differences because that's actually what makes each and every one of them cool. With lyrics like, "I wish that I could be like the cool kids / 'Cause all the cool kids seem to fit in," it's no wonder fans of all ages are relating to the sentiment.

"I think it's really cool to be the same age as our fans," explains Sydney, "because when we meet each other and start talking, it's like we're friends already."

The concert is free to the first 2,000 UTM students, $5 general admission.
STUDENT REGISTERS — Klayton Hagan (center) and his parents, David and Dana Hagan of Union City, visited the University of Tennessee at Martin during Transfer and Adult Orientation recently. This session is specially designed to address the unique needs of transfer and adult students, including course registration, veterans affairs, financial aid and other aspects of UT Martin life.

VISIT UT MARTIN — Ryanne Kessel (left) and Britney Contreras, both of Union City, visited the University of Tennessee at Martin for Spring Preview Day recently. High school students and their families were able to tour the campus, speak with representatives from a variety of academic areas and learn more about campus housing, financial aid opportunities and the admissions process. Both girls are students at Union City High School.
The News Leader, June 21, 2017

UTM names local students to Chancellor’s Honor Roll

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Spring 2017 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. To be eligible for 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).

- Bath Springs – Steven C. Barrow, High Honors; Matthew J. Harriss, High Honors; Madison B. Montgomery, Honors; Leticia L. Pulley, High Honors.
- Decaturville – Gatlin C. Crawley, Honors; Briana T. Culpepper, Honors; Monica Grace, Honors; Torrie R. Hays, Highest Honors; Justin M. Holmes, High Honors; Britney C. Johnson, Honors; Aaron T. Keen, High Honors; Angelica D. Keeton, Honors; Jacob R. Kennedy, High Honors; Joshua W. Mangrum, Highest Honors; Bryan P. McDonald, Honors; Ethan F. McKenzie, Highest Honors; Hayley B. Peary, High Honors; Andrew C. Pirtle, Honors; Rachel L. Pope, Highest Honors; Kristina A. Roach, High Honors; Collin W. Singleton, High Honors; Brooklyn G. Taylor, High Honors; Katie B. Tubbs, High Honors; Tad D. Ward, High Honors.
- Parsons – Chesley J. Baker, Honors; William B. Blankenship, Highest Honors; Cheyenne N. Cagle, High Honors; Renee Chumney, High Honors; Lauren R. Clark, High Honors; Stephanie Gibson, Highest Honors; Brady A. Jones, Highest Honors; Brett A. Jordan, Honors; Jessica L. Kelley-Salmon, Highest Honors; Kelsey M. Kendrick, Honors; Ashley D. Lindsay, Highest Honors; Katelyn E. McFall, Highest Honors; Sarah A. Pope, High Honors; Angela D. Pratt, High Honors; Leah M. Pulley, Honors; Anna E. Rosson, High Honors; Trevor G. Teague, High Honors; Zachariah A. Thomas, Highest Honors; Tyler I. Turnbow, Honors.
- Sugar Tree – Dakota C. Waits, Honors.

In addition, the Chancellor’s Honor Roll honorees with ties to Decatur County include:
- Darden – Haley M. Harris, Highest Honors; Jennifer N. Pratt, Honors; Rachel S. Reeves, High Honors.
- Holladay – Jessica L. Wheeler, Highest Honors
- Jackson – Deshea M. Mays, High Honors
- Martin – Hunter L. Reeves, Honors; Ivory L. Russell, High Honors
- Scotts Hill – Turner D. Tillman, Honors
- Union City – Michaela L. Parish, High Honors

Humboldt Chronicle, Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Petty inducted into honor society

Tanner Petty of Humboldt, Tenn., was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Petty is pursuing a degree in Health and Human Performance at The University of Tennessee at Martin. Petty is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10-percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

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Barr Is Kiwanis Scholarship Winner

Angela Barr (center), a recent graduate from Westview High School in Martin, has been awarded the 2017 Martin Kiwanis Club Scholarship of $1,000.00. Angela will attend The University of Tennessee - Martin this fall and will major in psychology. She is pictured here with her mother Althea Barr and Kiwanis President Jim Clark. Angela and her mother were special guests at the June 7 meeting of the club. In brief remarks following the recognition and presentation, Angela expressed her thanks to the club and said that she wants to prepare herself for a career where she can help others.

Union City Native To Represent UTM in Miss Tennessee Pageant

Brenna Wilkins, of Union City, will represent the University of Tennessee at Martin in this weekend's Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson. Preliminary competitions take place June 21-23, and the final pageant will be Saturday, June 24. All competitions are televised and streamed online through EPlus TV 6 beginning at 7:45 p.m. each night. Wilkins, a senior social work major at UT Martin, is using her time as Miss UT Martin, and potentially as Miss Tennessee, to promote depression and suicide awareness on college campuses.
Miss Tennessee welcomes new class of contestants

Each year, the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant welcomes a new class of contestants to the Carl Perkins Civic Center.

For some of the girls, the week is part of their routine. For others their first trip to the statewide competition started Sunday.

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Callie Compton
Miss Memphis Callie Compton met the first Miss America to proudly wear her insulin pump and her crown at the same time.

For Compton, who has Type 1 diabetes, Miss America 1999 Nichole Johnson became the inspiration she needed to pursue her pageant dreams.

“She wore her insulin pump proudly, and talked about diabetes and her life with it, and that really inspired me to want to do that for other kids,” Compton said.

Compton said she wanted to be an example for other kids through her Miss Memphis title like Johnson was for her. This year marks her first time on the Civic Center stage as a Miss Tennessee contestant.

“It’s been so much fun and I’ve already met so many wonderful women,” she said.

Brenna Wilkins
Miss UT-Martin Brenna Wilkins was in fourth grade when she met a former Miss Tennessee, who stopped at her elementary school.

“I looked at my friends and I was like, ‘I want to be a Miss Tennessee one day,’ ” she said.

As her first year of Miss Tennessee competition starts, Wilkins said she’s excited to see what the week holds.

“I’m very hopeful,” she said. “I’m just trying to stay excited. These first-year girls have really made it seem like I’m not in this alone.”

Jordynne Tucker
Miss Capital City Jordynne Tucker is no stranger to the Miss America Organization, competing in the Miss Tennessee teen pageants before making her way up to the Miss Tennessee stage this year.

“During the teen pageant, the Miss (Tennessee) contestants would come in and introduce themselves,” she said. “I looked up to those girls because they were so beautiful and so graceful and they carried themselves so well. I knew that was something that I wanted to do later on in life.”

Tucker said she’s seen the “hectic” schedule, but the help she has gotten from returning contestants has made the week easier for the first-time competitor.

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Yvannah Garcia is the first Miss Dixie PAC to enter the Miss Tennessee contest, and 2017 marks her first year in the state competition.

“When I first checked in, I had just gotten in from Columbia, South Carolina, where I go to school,” she said. “It’s just been an incredible experience so far.”

Garcia grew up in a small town with several local pageants and went to school with Miss Tennessee 2015 Hannah Robison.

“My parents never really pushed pageantry on me, so I was like, ‘This will be something interesting,’ ” she said. “That really pushed me to try out the MAO organization.”

The Miss Tennessee Pageant starts begins preliminary competition Wednesday night at the Carl Perkins Civic Center.

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Miss UT Martin Brenna Wilkins was in fourth grade when she met a former Miss Tennessee and decided she wanted to win the crown one day.
Vick completes WestStar program

Camden businesswoman Donna Vick graduated on Tuesday, June 20, from UTM's WestStar Leadership Program. The ceremony was held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Jackson, followed by a reception and dinner.

Vick is development manager for the West of Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee, and currently serves on the Benton County School Health Advisory Council. She is the mission chair for Camden First United Methodist Church, and was the recipient of the 2005 Benton County Business and Professional Woman of the Year Award.

WestStar is in its 28th year and has had 799 graduates to date, most of whom are from West Tennessee. The 2017 class includes 30 participants who were competitively selected to learn new leadership skills and develop strategies for assisting communities in solving problems and maximizing potential.

For more information on the WestStar Leadership Program, contact Virginia Grimes, program coordinator, at 731-881-7298.

BECOMING A SKYHAWK - Recent CHS graduate Zac Warren, with his mother Angie Warren (right), attended UTM's Summer Orientation and Registration (SOAR) session on Friday, June 2. Warren and other incoming freshmen were able to register for fall courses, meet with their academic advisors, tour campus, and ask questions about financial aid, housing, student life, and other topics. Mandatory for all entering freshmen, additional SOAR sessions will be held June 16 and July 17. Visit utm.edu/soar to register online or contact the UTM at 731-881-7020.

UT Martin’s Kid College Returns

The annual University of Tennessee at Martin Kid College experience returns to the UT Martin Ripley Center July 10th through July 14th. Classes are enrolling now for children entering kindergarten through those entering the fifth grade.

Kid College will meet from 8 a.m. until noon, and a light snack will be provided at the end of the session. The registration fee includes a snack, course supplies and a UT Martin Kid College T-shirt.

Children will be divided into small groups and rotate through a series of courses, including Spanish, dance, science and art. Students entering the fourth and fifth grades will also participate in the Amazing Race Trash-A-Thon, during which they will build a village out of recyclable materials.

Specific course descriptions, schedules, additional information for parents and registration materials are available online at utm.edu/departments/nondegree/ripley.
Hannah Barker, a White House resident and graduate of White House Heritage High School, registered for fall courses at the University of Tennessee at Martin's Summer Orientation and Registration session May 22. She is pictured with her stepmother, Michelle Barker. UT Martin's fall semester begins Aug. 28, and the incoming freshman class will move into campus housing Aug. 24. Incoming students who have already received acceptance packages can register for an upcoming SOAR session June 2 and 16 or July 14 at utm.edu/soar. To schedule a campus tour or find out more about UT Martin, visit utm.edu/advantage. SUBMITTED
Members of the 2017 WestStar graduating class are (seated, from left) Nicole Kincaid, Union City; Charleen Burgo, Kenton; Vanessa Wright-Hayes, Somerville; Christine Warrington, Humboldt; Patricia Jones, Finger; Gwendolyn Kilpatrick, Mason; Libby Wickersham, Rutherford; Dr. Heather Martin, Humboldt; Elizabeth Russell Owen, McKenzie; Rachel Greer, Ripley; Vanessa Patrick, Milan; (standing, second row, from left) Bradley Arnold, Milan; Wes Rodgers, Hall; Charley Brown, McKenzie; Blake Walker, Somerville; Nick Nicholls, Brownsville; Donna Vick, Camden; Jim Coy Houston, Dyersburg; Ray Deming, Henderson; Dr. Larry Bailey, Jackson; Randi French, Paris; Sandy Tarkington, Dyersburg; Dr. Bobby Smith, Jackson; Dr. Todd Winters, Martin; Kimberly Douglass, Lexington; Dr. Kimberly Martin, Dyersburg; Michael Nalifeh, Covington; Rob Goad, Martin; (back row, from left) Russ Phillips, Memphis; and Dr. Brian Donavant, Martin.

WestStar graduates its leaders for 2017

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Lowest UT tuition hike in years OK’d by trustees

Board approves 1.8 percent increase, raise for president

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USA TODAY NETWORK - TENNESSEE

Tuition at the University of Tennessee will increase by 1.8 percent for in-state undergraduate students next year, the lowest tuition increase in the university’s history in more than 30 years.

The board of trustees approved the increase, the lowest since 1984, along with a $2.3 billion 2017-2018 budget and a $23,667 raise for UT President Joe DiPietro on Thursday.

“This is the lowest (tuition) recommendation we’ve made in more than three decades,” DiPietro said during Thursday’s annual board meeting at the UT Institute of Agriculture. “We’re working hard to keep other fee increases low. I’m proud to be a national leader in efforts to hold down tuition increases in a time when stories of high student debt are making headlines.”

State funding increased

The budget includes $582.5 million in state appropriations, a more than six percent increase in state funding compared to 2016-2017, as well as $29.3 million to be used for faculty and staff salary increases across the system.

The tuition increase is expected to generate an additional $11.4 million for UT in 2017-2018.

At UT Knoxville, where tuition and mandatory fees for most in-state undergraduates is currently $12,724 per year, the increase will bring that number to $12,970. Out-of-state students across the system will see a one percent or less increase in tuition and mandatory fees, which at UT Knoxville would bring the current rate of $31,144 to $31,390.

Those figures do not include housing and meal plan costs, which are also going to be increasing for most students across the UT system. At UT Knoxville, Chancellor Beverly Davenport has approved a six percent increase in cost for meal plans and a 2.27 increase in housing costs.

That means an increase of between $50 to $250 per student for housing and between $60 to $252 for the meal plan for the year.

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JOE DIPIETRO
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UT President gets pay raise

The board Thursday also approved a $25,667 raise for UT President Joe DiPietro, bringing his base salary to $539,011. As part of his contract, DiPietro, who has served as president since 2011, is eligible for a five percent raise each year so long as the board finds his performance satisfactory each year.

In 2017-2018, he will also be eligible for a performance-based bonus of up to $128,336. Nine other top administrators...
are also eligible for similar performance-based bonuses next year. A plan for what those bonuses, which would be awarded later in the year if the administrators meet certain performance goals, was also approved by the board Thursday.

The plan allows for bonuses of up to $322,000 among nine administrators including the chancellors of each UT campus.

Other action by the board Thursday included approval of the following items:

- Reduced the tuition rate for domestic out-of-state graduate students at UT Chattanooga by about 50 percent after a study determined tuition rates were higher than peer institutions;
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- Set capital appropriations including $90.3 million for a new engineering building at UT Knoxville, $8.5 million for a STEM classroom building at UT Martin and $57.7 million for capital maintenance projects;
- Designated the track and field center at UT Knoxville as the “The Boyd Family Track & Field Center” in honor of Jenny and Randy Boyd and their philanthropic contributions.

The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees gather for their annual meeting, discussing topics such as 2017-2018 tuition rates, a salary increase for President Joe DiPietro and a plan to award bonuses to other top administrators amongst other topics, on UT Knoxville’s campus Thursday.

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Local students receive scholarships to UT Martin

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Two Tipton County students have been awarded scholarships to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Dr. James Mantooth, executive director, Office of Enrollment Services and Student Engagement.

Aretha Ann Gooden, daughter of Aretha A. Gooden, of Covington, was a senior during the 2016-2017 academic year. She received the Jim and Frances Fitzhugh Scholarship.

Samantha Jayne Sanders, of Munford, daughter of Cynthia Sanders and Samuel Sanders, will be a sophomore for the 2017-2018 academic year. She received the Kay Durden Scholarship.
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Carroll County Students Receive U.T. Martin Scholarships

Courtesey Norma Coalter

MARTIN (June 22) — Several Carroll County students were awarded scholarships to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin for the 2017-2018 academic year, according to Dr. James Mantooth, executive director, Office of Enrollment Services and Student Engagement.

Brandon Lynn Bookout, of McKenzie, son of Audrea Vaughn and Charles Bookout, will be a senior. He received the Joey McDowell/West Tennessee Criminal Investigators Scholarship.

Marissa Nicole Cawthon, of Bruceton, daughter of David Cawthon and Christy Dangler, will be a freshman. She received the J. Fred Engel Memorial Scholarship.

Ashley Fish, of Yuma, daughter of Darlene Higdon, will be a junior. She received the Townsend-Kefauver Memorial Scholarship.

Grace Elisabeth Hilliard, daughter of Tim and Teri Hilliard, of Huntingdon, will be a junior. She received the Robert (Pete) Vawter Scholarship.

Emily Kaitlin Scott, daughter of Ricky and Theresa Scott, of McKenzie, will be a senior. She received the Retired Accounting Faculty Scholarship.

Amanda Lynn Stockdale, of Bruceton, daughter of Johnny and Barbara and Moudy, will be a senior. She received the Clayton Arnold Teacher Training Scholarship.

Hannah Kathryn Wood, daughter of Daniel and LeAnn Edwards, of Westport, will be a senior. She received the U-3 Usery Family Scholarship.

In addition, the following student has ties to Carroll County and has requested that your paper receive notification that they have received a scholarship award from the University of Tennessee at Martin:

Deshea Monet Mays, of Jackson, daughter of Melanie Mays and Michael Jackson, will be a junior. She received the Jean Cheatham McCollum Scholarship.

Local student wins awards

Brent Wallace of Springville won second place for his anime computer game design during the University of Tennessee at Martin’s STEAM camp for grades 5-8, held June 5-9. Wallace was also on the second-place team for a creative skit involving the fictional planet “Zork.”
University of Tennessee-Martin designated as VETS campus

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MARTIN, TN (KFVS) - The University of Tennessee at Martin, recently designated a "VETS Campus" by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, is taking additional steps to recruit and support members of the Tennessee National Guard that are seeking to earn a four-year degree.

Governor Bill Haslam's Tennessee STRONG Act, made official by the Tennessee General Assembly in early May, emphasizes the importance of recruiting National Guard members, increasing Tennessee's educational competitiveness with surrounding states and expanding opportunities available for those who serve the state and country.

The act provides tuition reimbursement to service members who meet certain qualifications and are already using federal tuition assistance to obtain their degrees.

This additional assistance is used to fill any gaps the service member may experience in the cost of his or her education and supports the governor's Drive to 55 initiative.

UT Martin is reaching out to regional National Guard armories to let service members know about admissions procedures, financial aid opportunities and the campus's student-veteran support network. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is also helping service members and veterans understand their eligibility for Tennessee STRONG and post-9/11 G.I. Bill funding.

UT Martin also operates educational outreach centers in Jackson, Parsons, Ripley, Selmer and Somerville, all of which are offering increased services for service members.

Its courses will be expanded to give service members in all areas greater access to the university's selection of online degree programs, including the UT Martin Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, which is often a convenient option for adult students. Various testing options will also be offered at the five centers to help service members in those areas receive additional course credits when applicable.

UT Martin will also work together with the Tennessee National Guard to emphasize educational benefits to high school students who may be interested in joining the service.

For more information contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 731-881-7020. For information on a specific UT Martin educational outreach center, find your desired center location at utm.edu/connect.
Gibson Co. students receive scholarships to attend UT Martin

MARTIN, Tenn. – Several Gibson County students have been awarded scholarships to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin for the 2017-2018 academic year, according to Dr. James Mantooth, executive director, Office of Enrollment Services and Student Engagement.

Benjamin T. Allen, son of Dr. Steve and Brenda Allen, of Trenton, will be a freshman. He received the E. C. Crafton Memorial Scholarship and the University Scholar Scholarship.

LaQueena M. Cox, of Humboldt, will be a freshman. She received the Judy Kraus Arnold Memorial Scholarship.

Madison B. Dowdy, daughter of Keith and Mona Morrison, of Milan, will be a senior. She received the Bateman-Wyant Nursing Scholarship.

Lauren Kristen Loeffel, of Milan, daughter of Carmen Cupples and Kristie Gilford, will be a senior. She received the Billie Grace Goodrich Scholarship.

Joshua Michael Matthys, of Humboldt, son of Brad and Jennifer Winberry, will be a junior. He received the Stephen T. Wright Memorial Scholarship and the Buford/Beatrice Irwin Business Administration Scholarship.

Bethany Michelle Morris, of Bradford, daughter of Anthony and Phelicia Rodgers, will be a freshman. She received the Jerry M. and Clara Jo Arnold Scholarship.

Danielle Evon Rickman, daughter of Ivy and Patricia Rickman, of Dyer, will be a senior. She received the Retired Accounting Faculty Scholarship.

Haley E. Riggs, of Medina, daughter of Darren and Kim Riggs, will be a senior. She received the Jessie (Mutt) Parrish Scholarship and the Fats Everett Memorial Scholarship.

Eric A. Yates, son of Dan and Jennifer Yates, of Milan, will be a junior. He received the Buford/Beatrice Irwin Business Administration 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.

MILAN STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN UT MARTIN STEAM CAMP – Zakaria Adams (center), of Milan, participated in the University of Tennessee at Martin’s first-annual STEAM Camp on June 12-16. The camp, designed for students in grades 9-11, allowed campers to compete in a variety of categories, including building rocket launchers and carbon dioxide-powered cars, performing creative skits, and programming computer games and cartoon animations. Adams tied for first place for her carbon-dioxide car design and was part of the second-place team for her creative skit presentation. Adams was also recognized as one of three students who have attended UT Martin’s STEM or STEAM camps each year since their creation in 2012. She is pictured with skit team members Maddox Melton (left) and Dryver Finch (right), both of Dresden.
Kurt McGuffin takes over as director of athletics

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By Justin Beasley

PADUCAH, KY - New UT Martin director of athletics Kurt McGuffin began his first day on the job Wednesday afternoon on the campus of UT Martin in Martin, Tenn.

McGuffin comes to UT Martin after spending nearly six years at Missouri Western State University as the director of athletics.

McGuffin has 18 years of experience in collegiate athletics and says his "personal desire" was to one day become a Division 1 athletics director.

"It's going to be fun," McGuffin said. "I think the facilities here are right. There is going to be some tweaking things, nothing really major needs to happen probably for a while... Our coaching staff is collectively a good group... I'm just trying to help them get to the next level."

McGuffin, the third athletics director for UT Martin in the last five years, says he hopes to bring a creative approach to the athletics department.

"Website wise, communication wise, social media wise in athletics... We have got to be creative... this is a recruiting tool. It's not just a sales tool, it's a recruiting tool for every kid, for all of our coaches, and that is probably going to be my top priority."

McGuffin says relationship building is an important part of his job therefore he will meet with coaches and donors before students return to campus in August.

Soon after he will start his evaluations of the campus and facilities to see where and how he can improve all aspects of the athletics department.

In addition to serving at Missouri Western State, McGuffin also worked as an assistant athletics director at the University of Colorado and a senior associated athletics director for external operations at Kansas State University.

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Locals among WestStar graduates

Members of the 2017 WestStar Leadership Class graduated June 20 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Jackson. A reception was followed by dinner and the graduation ceremony. The University of Tennessee at Martin sponsors the WestStar Leadership Program. Members of the 2017 WestStar graduating class are, from left, seated, Nicole Kincaide, Union City; Charleen Burpo, Kenton; Vanessa Wright-Hayes, Somerville; Christine Warrington, Humboldt; Patricia Jones, Finger; Gwendolyn Kilpatrick, Mason; Libby Wickersham, Rutherford; Dr. Heather Martin, Humboldt; Elizabeth Russell Owen, McKenzie; Rachel Grear, Ripley; Vanessa Patrick, Milan; standing, second row, Bradley Arnold, Milan; Wes Rodgers, Hallis; Charley Brown, McKenzie; Blake Walley, Somerville; Nick Nichols, Brownsville; Donna Vick, Camden; Jim Coy Houston, Dyersburg; Ray Deming, Henderson; Dr. Larry Bailey, Jackson; Randi French, Paris; Sandy Tarkington, Dyersburg; Dr. Bobby Smith, Jackson; Dr. Todd Winters, Martin; Kimberly Douglass, Lexington; Dr. Kimberly Martin, Dyersburg; Michael Naifeh, Covington; Rob Goad, Martin; back row, Russ Phillips, Memphis; and Dr. Brian Donavant, Martin.
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WestStar leadership program graduates 2017 class

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Deal also announced several WestStar awards, including the program's two major recognitions:

*C.P. Boyd Leadership Award – Jim Coy Houston, of Dyersburg, a Farm Bureau Insurance agent. The award, named for the late Haywood County community leader and educator C.P. Boyd, is the person selected by the class who best reflects compassion and leadership for West Tennessee.*

*Jimmy Daniel Make-A-Difference WestStar Leadership Alumni Award – Sen. Mark Norris, a 1999 WestStar graduate. The award is named for the late Jimmy Daniel, 1990 WestStar graduate, founding trustee member and a field representative during the Gov. Don Sundquist administration. Selection criteria include a WestStar graduate who has had a positive impact in the recipient’s city or county during the past five years and a strong record of leadership in West Tennessee.*

Following recognition of the graduates, Deal closed the event by reminding the class of a quote by President John Quincy Adams: “If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.” Applications for the 2018 WestStar class are being accepted, and members of the new class will be selected this fall.

The 2017 WestStar graduating class members and their hometowns are: Bradley Arnold, Milan; Dr. Larry Bailey, Jackson; Charley Brown, McKenzie; Charlene Burpo, Kenton; Ray Deming Jr., Henderson; Dr. Brian Donavant, Martin; Kim Douglass, Lexington; Randi French, Paris; Rob Goad, Martin; Rachel Grear, Ripley; Jim Coy Houston, Dyersburg; Patricia Jones, Finger; Mayor Gwendolyn Kilpatrick, Mason; Nichol Kincade, Union City; Dr. Heather Martin, Humboldt; Dr. Kimberly Martin, Dyersburg; Michael Naifeh, Covington; Nick Nichols, Brownsville; Vanessa Patrick, Milan;...
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UTM Parsons Center Kids College

Several Decatur County youth got a real treat on Monday as Officer Robbie McCready with the Lexington SWAT Team visited the University of Tennessee at Martin Parsons Center during Kids College. They even got to take a ride in the “super cool” transport vehicle. Kids College will continue all week with other fun learning activities.

Decatur County students receive scholarships to attend UT Martin

Several Decatur County students have been awarded scholarships to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin for the 2017-2018 academic year, according to Dr. James Mantooth, executive director, Office of Enrollment Services and Student Engagement.

· Renee Chumney, daughter of Betty Joe Douglas and the late James Douglas, of Parsons, will be a sophomore. She received the Townsend-Kefauver Memorial Scholarship.

· Tammy R. Guldledge, of Parsons, daughter of Roberta Ann Bowen and the late James Walter Caldwell, will be a senior. She received the Townsend-Kefauver Memorial Scholarship.

· Caden Johnson, of Parsons, son of Carmen Campbell and Carl Johnson, will be a freshman. He received the Chris Ivey Scholarship.

· Leticia Lenay Pulley, of Bath Springs, daughter of Gill and Lanette Gonzales, will be a senior. She received the Townsend-Kefauver Memorial Scholarship.

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VETS Campus: UTM takes steps to remain ‘Tennessee STRONG’

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REGISTERS AT UTM — Mabry South-erland (center) of Troy registered for fall semester courses at the University of Tennessee at Martin during the university’s recent Summer Orientation and Registration event. She was accompanied by her parents, Brandon and Paula Dew. Ahead of starting their college experience with move-in day Aug. 25, members of the incoming freshman class gathered in the Boling University Center to hear more information about financial aid, fall course options, student housing and other campus services.

BEGINS SKYHAWK JOURNEY — Graham Paschall (center) of Union City registered for fall semester courses at the University of Tennessee at Martin during the university’s Summer Orientation and Registration event recently. He was joined by his parents, Amy and Kevin Paschall. Members of the incoming freshman class gathered in the Boling University Center to hear more information about financial aid, fall course options, student housing and other campus services before officially beginning their college experience during move-in day Aug. 25.
**At the college level**

Several students from Obion County or with ties to the county have been awarded scholarships to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin for the 2017-18 academic year. The Obion County students include:
- Parker Elizabeth Albright, daughter of Paul and Kellye Albright of Obion, who was a freshman during the 2016-17 academic year. She received the Dean Scholarship, the J. Harbert Bennett Scholarship and the Cunningham Outstanding Freshman Award.
- Jessica Brook Cary of Troy, daughter of Jason Jennings and Heather Riley, who will be a senior. She received the J. Paul and Myrtle Phillips Education Scholarship.
- Amber Lynn Cunningham, daughter of Wyndell Cunningham of Obion, who will be a junior. She received the William H. Baker Scholarship.
- Haley J. Horner, daughter of Keith and Lori Horner of Kenton, who will be a sophomore. She received the Sliger Pre-Professional Scholarship.
- Matthew David Vanwormer, son of David and Patricia Vanwormer of Troy, who will be a junior. He received the Robert (Pete) Vawter Scholarship.

Those with ties to Obion County include:
- Kayla Ann Barber of Clarksville, daughter of Chad and Dee Dee Ford, who will be a senior. She received the Brown/Hill Family Law Scholarship.
- Breanna N. Smith of Dyersburg, daughter of John Smith and Debra Hudson, who will be a sophomore. She received the Hughes Clardy Scholarship.

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**UT Martin tuition to rise 1.8 percent for 2017-18**

The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees approved a 1.8 percent undergraduate tuition increase during its annual meeting last week at the UT Institute of Agriculture campus in Knoxville.

The increase takes effect beginning with the 2017 fall semester at UT campuses in Knoxville, Chattanooga and Martin.

The 1.8 percent in-state tuition increase reflects the Higher Education Price Index, which is the rate used throughout the UT System. This rate is below the Tennessee Higher Education Commission’s 3 percent limitation.

UT Martin in-state tuition and mandatory fees will now cost undergraduate students an additional $148 annually for students with fewer than 60 credit hours and an additional $140 annually for students with 60 or more credit hours. New tuition and fees will be $4,309 to $4,618 per semester or $8,618 to $9,236 for a full academic year. Full-time undergraduate enrollment is a minimum of 12 credit hours.

The “Soar in Four” tuition model, designed to speed progress toward degree completion, was approved for the University of Tennessee at Martin in June 2016. “Soar in Four” encourages students to take 15 hours per semester and complete their undergraduate degrees in four years. The 2017-18 academic year will be the second year of the tuition model.

Tuition and mandatory fees for instate graduate students will increase $83 per semester for a total of $5,031 per semester. Graduate students will pay a total of $10,062 per academic year starting this fall. Full-time graduate enrollment is nine hours per semester.

The new tuition schedule is available at utm.edu/tuition.

For freshmen attending UT Martin this fall, a final Summer Orientation and Registration session is set for July 14, followed by Transfer and Adult Orientation on July 21, both at the main campus.

Call the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at (731) 881-7020 for information.

Fall semester classes begin Aug. 28 at the main campus and UT Martin centers in Jackson, Parsons, Ripley, Selmer and Somerville.
Local students finalize college plans

Several aspiring freshmen from Camden, including Colton Smith and Michael and Matthew Melton, registered for fall semester courses at UTM during the university’s Summer Orientation and Registration (SOAR) event on Friday, June 16.

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Several other area students received good news regarding funding for their time in college, being named as recipients of various scholarships.

Big Sandy native Makenzi Brianna Brewer, daughter of Chad and Debra Brewer, received the Excellence Scholarship to attend UTM for the 2017-2018 academic year. In May, Brewer graduated summa cum laude from Big Sandy High School, where she was in the Beta Club for four years, received a diploma with distinction, and was named a Tennessee Scholar.

Bruceton student Marissa Nicole Cawthon, daughter of David Cawthon and Christy Dangler, also will be a freshman at UTM in the fall. She received the J. Fred Engel Memorial H.I.S. Scholarship to help finance her studies.

Also from Bruceton is UTM senior and education major Amanda Lynn Stockdale, daughter of Johnny and Barbara Moudy, who received the Clayton Arnold Teacher Training Scholarship.

**HONOREE** - (left) Big Sandy native Makenzi Brewer received the Excellence Scholarship to attend UTM in the fall.

**UT MARTIN SKYHAWKS**

**NEW SKYHAWKS** - Brothers Matthew (left) and Michael Melton, with mom Misty Melton, visit UTM during SOAR to register for the fall semester.

**COLLEGE BOUND** - Colton Smith (center) and parents Bethany and Casey Smith enjoy time together at UTM during a SOAR event on June 16.
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McNairy County students receive scholarships to attend UT Martin

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- Haleigh Elisabeth Poe, of Adamsville, daughter of Michael and Priscilla Poe, will be a sophomore. She received the Clayton Arnold Teacher Training Scholarship.

- Abigail Hope Rinninger, daughter of Randall and Andrea Rinninger, of Finger, will be a sophomore. She received the Clayton Arnold Teacher Training Scholarship.

In addition, the following student has ties to McNairy County and has requested that your paper receive notification that they have received a scholarship award from the University of Tennessee at Martin:

- Jeanne Ratcliff Reed, of Pocahontas, daughter of Jean Ratcliff and the late M. B. Ratcliff, will be a senior. She received the Langdon S. Unger Sr. Scholarship.

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McGuffin gets fast start on duties as new UTM athletics boss

By KEVIN WEAKS
 Messenger Sports

Everything about Kurt McGuffin was ready to get to Martin.

Even his car.

The new UT Martin athletic director began his first official day on the job Wednesday by meeting several members of the local and area media, taking a few minutes with each for one-on-one interviews.

In speaking with The Messenger, he pointed out that his drive into town got a little faster the closer he got to the Martin city limits.

“It’s always sad to leave a place, but when I left yesterday and as I started to get closer and closer, the speed started getting faster and faster to get here,” McGuffin said. “I’m ready for this challenge.”

Experienced at running an athletic department from his time at Missouri Western, McGuffin had a blueprint ready even before being hired. Since getting the word a little over a month ago, he has been working the phones with coaches and meeting with department staffers to get a feel for UTM and its athletic needs.

“During my interview, I had a booklet that said this was my first 90 days,” he said. “Really, it was relationship-driven, understanding budgets, understanding contracts. And, (interim athletic director) Mike Swaim has done a great job of presenting me with a balanced budget for next year.

Those first 90 days are all about hitting the pavement, much like Dr. (Keith) Carver has done. That’s what it’s all about right now. Then, we’ll fix things as they come up. I haven’t been to a football game yet. How do we manage a football game? Do we need more police or ticket takers? What will make it more efficient? Until I see it, I can’t make those decisions. But I’ll make good notes, and we’ll decide on that.”

One key thing he wants to accomplish within the department is getting people in position where they can do their best work.

That means freeing them of some of the duties and tasks that have piled up on their desks over the years and putting them in charge of their favorite projects.

“I told staff members today to just have an open mind,” he said. “I’m not going to come in and start gutting and changing everything until I witness it. In the end, there has to be some efficiency somewhere. At smaller schools, some staff members — especially if they’ve been there awhile — have taken on this and this and this, and then they don’t have a chance to get rid of some things so they can be efficient in the things they are passionate about and good at. I think those are things we need to work on over the next 90 days, too.”

McGuffin, the 15th AD in school history, also wants an honest and in-depth evaluation from each head coach on his or her program. Knowing coaches as he does, he expects to get it.

The new AD will have each coach work on a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis to give him an idea of the state of each program.

“It’s just for me to see, and I want them to be honest about it. I don’t want them to sugarcoat anything,” McGuffin said. “I want to know exactly what our weaknesses are and where can we get better. Coaches are usually pretty good about telling you what they need. I’ve talked to a lot of them on the phone over the last five weeks and, all in all, they’re very passionate.”

While beginning a new job in the middle of the summer with a holiday coming up might not seem ideal, McGuffin is looking at the positives to that.

It is, he believes, a great time to get his office, and house, in order.

“I’m going to be here until my family gets here July 9th or 10th,” he said. “These 11 days, I’m going to work quite a bit. I know the Fourth of July week is a bad week to be here, but that might work out to be a blessing in reverse because I can get some things done in my office that normally would have to be done later because you’re always out meeting people. So maybe this week I can get a lot of stuff done there so I won’t be stressed about that, and then following the 4th week, I can really get out and meet people — donors and alums, but also our internal people, too.”

Make no mistake: McGuffin can’t wait for the students to get back. Then, the real work — and fun — of his job will begin.

“I’m an educator, so I want students around me,” he said. “I’m ready for that. I told the staff that we need to do a welcome back thing because I’m ready to make an impact on those students. There’s nothing like a college campus in August when all the students are back.”

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**SCHOLARSHIP**

Cari Anne Scott, daughter of Jason and Lisa Scott, of Ripley, who will be a junior at the University of Tennessee at Martin, received the retired accounting faculty scholarship for the 2017-18 academic year.
LAUDERDALE COUNTIANS, Rachel Grear, second from right, in front, of Ripley, and Wes Rodgers, second from left, in middle, of Halls, were among the graduates June 20th of the WestStar Leadership program at the DoubleTree Hotel in Jackson, sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin. This is the program's 28th class and brings the total to 799 graduates since it was established in 1990. The participants were selected to learn new leadership skills and develop strategies for assisting communities in solving problems and maximizing potential.

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