UTM hosting finalists for Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Four finalists for UT Martin vice chancellor for student affairs are participating in campus open forum sessions this week.

Dr. Brandon Frye appears this afternoon for his open forum. Frye is associate vice president for enrollment and student affairs at the University of West Florida in Pensacola.

Dr. Jamie Mantooth will appear tomorrow. Mantooth is UTM Office of Enrollment Services and Student Engagement executive director.

Wednesday, Dr. Andy Lewter will have his open forum. Lewter has been dean of students at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville since 2013.

And Dr. Mark McCloud’s open forum will be Thursday. McCloud is interim assistant vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students at UTM.

All open forums begin at 3:00 in the Watkins Auditorium in the Boling University Center.
EAGER LEARNERS — Lacie Watson's class at Dresden Elementary School was ready with answers when Dr. Barbara Darroch of UTM's ag department asked them about how to add nutrients to the soil. They even knew the official word for "poop." All Weakley County fourth-graders participated in Ag Day last week at the Ogg Farm near Ralston.

Photo by Linda Thurston
 UT Martin, Jackson State offer dual admission

Jackson State Community College and the University of Tennessee at Martin recently signed a dual admission partnership agreement.

Keith Carver, chancellor of UTM, and Allana Hamilton, president of Jackson State, signed the agreement that will give students a clear transition path between the two institutions, on Monday.

“This is another step in solidifying a great, long-standing relationship with Jackson State,” said Dr. Carver. “Let me tell you what we know at UT Martin when we get a Jackson State student who has finished an associate degree. They are ready to study. They are ready to continue on, and they are going to take a clear path to graduation from UT Martin. They are mature, and they are prepared, so we really appreciate the great work that happens here (at JSCC).”

According to the partnership agreement, students who enroll at JSCC with fewer than 15 college-level semester hours, major in an eligible Tennessee Transfer Pathway baccalaureate program and meet current UT Martin admission criteria can complete an intent-to-enroll application with UT Martin. Doing so will guarantee the student a position at UT Martin after completion of their JSCC associate degree, provided the student maintains at least a 2.0 grade point average at the end of their second year.

Students who participate in the dual admission partnership will be considered students of both institutions and be assigned to both JSCC and UT Martin academic advisers to ensure they stay on track to complete both two-year and four-year degrees in their chosen fields.

Students will also have full access to the UT Martin library, computer labs and student affairs offices during their time at JSCC. Those who elect to pay applicable student fees will be able to attend UT Martin sporting events and participate in campus activities as well.

The UT Martin Jackson Center is now located in the McWherter Center on the JSCC campus, which offers upper-division courses in a variety of degree fields. Dual-admission students can choose whether to continue coursework at the Jackson Center or transfer to the UT Martin main campus to complete their four-year degrees.

Under the leadership of then-chancellor Bob Smith, UT Martin established a similar partnership with Dyersburg State Community College in 2015.

For more information about the agreement, contact Larry Bailey, vice president of academic affairs at JSCC, at lbailey@jscc.edu or Destin Tucker, director of undergraduate admissions at UT Martin, at dtucker@utm.edu.
UTM Jackson Center hosting ACT boot camp

The University of Tennessee at Martin Jackson Center will host an ACT boot camp from 4:30-8:30 p.m., Oct. 16. The registration fee is $45 per student.

The test prep session will offer quick tips to improve student scores on each of the four test sections. It will also focus on time-saving strategies and study habits as well as provide guidance for answering questions more efficiently. Participants will need to bring a pencil and paper.

Alex Beene, UT Martin adjunct instructor and college and ACT adviser for Fayette County Schools, will teach the course. In five years, Beene has mentored more than 1,000 students who have received a combined total of $4.2 million in scholarships and financial aid.

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National search under way to fill UTM director job

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“This position is a direct result of our new strategic plan,” UT Martin Chancellor Dr. Keith Carver said. “We are committed to strengthening our existing public and private partnerships, expanding our research portfolio and becoming an integral part of the economic development initiatives across the region.”

The executive director of research, outreach and economic development will report directly to Carver and work closely with the UT System’s Office of Government Relations and Advocacy in support of state and regional relationships.

This position is also responsible for oversight and compliance of university-sponsored programs, and the promotion and coordination of outreach activities including non-degree programs.

Dr. Phillip Acree Cavalier, university provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, is serving as chair of the search committee, which includes representation from UT Martin faculty and staff as well as an outside representative from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Committee members are Harriet Cannon, assistant to the state director and administrative programs director for the USDA (retired); Dr. John Oelrich, director of bands and associate professor of music; Dr. Kelli Deere, director of the UT Martin Parsons Center; Landy Fuqua, director of the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center; Dr. Mark McCloud, interim assistant vice chancellor for student affairs; Dr. John Overcash, assistant professor of chemistry and co-director of the UT Martin STEM Center for Teaching and Learning; and Dr. Rachna Tewari, associate professor of agricultural economics.

Ashlie Czyz, director of human resources programs and executive recruiter for the University of Tennessee System, is serving as executive recruiter for this position.

The committee hopes to begin conducting interviews for this position by the end of October.

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UT launches leadership institute to fill future vacancies, develop staff skills

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The inaugural class of the University of Tennessee Executive Leadership Institute, started by retiring UT System President Joe DiPietro to develop leadership skills of faculty and staff, met for the first time this week.

The first cohort is made up of 16 faculty and staff members (https://president.tennessee.edu/executive-leadership-institute/class-of-2019/) from each UT campus and institute. They met to begin a 12-month leadership training program designed to prepare participants to take on senior leadership roles.

Top jobs open

Currently, there are multiple vacancies within the UT system. Randy Boyd was approved as the interim system president (https://story/news/education/2018/09/26/randy-boyd-unanimously-approved-ut-interim-president/13564180202) last month, and will serve in that position for up to 24 months or until another president is selected.

There is also an ongoing search for the chancellor of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, after Beverly Davenport was fired in May (https://story/news/2018/05/02/statement-soon-chancellor-davenport/573782002) and Wayne Davis was named interim chancellor. The search for the vice president of human resources was suspended in August after a national search (https://story/news/education/2018/09/12/university-tennessee-vice-president-human-resources/1222447002) and the internal search for the vice chancellor for research was suspended on Oct. 3. There is also an ongoing search for the vice chancellor for communications.

"My overall goal as president of the University of Tennessee has always been to leave this place in better shape than I found it," DiPietro said in a news release. "One more way I hope to do that is through creation of the UT Executive Leadership Institute."


The group met for the first time on Tuesday and will meet six times over the next year. Participants will create an "individual development plan" that focuses on their specific goals for the program, and will also be paired up with mentors they will meet with throughout the year.
'Significant number' retiring from UT

He said a primary reason for establishing the program was because of the significant number of people who will be retiring from the UT system in the coming years, and "we want to make sure we have quality candidates who are in the pipeline to take those positions."

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Smith said the institute has a few primary goals, including helping participants "understand the nature of work that occurs at the executive level" and understanding new methods for problem solving. Smith said he also hopes the program will help retain employees across the UT system.

"We're developing people to succeed," Smith said, adding that he hopes by investing in employees, they will also invest in UT.

John Stier, associate dean of the Herbert College of Agriculture at the UT Institute of Agriculture, said he was excited to participate in the institute because he is "passionate about helping people," and thought developing his leadership skills would help him to do that.

"I want to become a better leader in all respects," Stier said. "A good leader drives and motivates others to help them achieve their goals."

Stier said he thought it was important to offer programs like the Executive Leadership Institute for several reasons, including showing that the administration believes in their faculty and staff, and it creating "leaders who already care about Tennessee and the university."

"It's humbling and it's a responsibility to make sure I put everything I can into this experience," Stier said.

Stacey Patterson, vice president for research, outreach and economic development, said she primarily decided to join the program to grow her skills to better serve UT.

"It's always important to continue to develop your skills," Patterson said. "I believe in promoting lifelong learning."

Patterson said she also hopes to grow her network and gain "an even broader view of the opportunities and challenges" others at UT face.

Patterson said it was an honor to have been selected to participate in the institute because two of her three degrees are from UT and she has worked at the university since 2006.

"I love the University of Tennessee and all that it stands for," Patterson said.
The inaugural class for the University of Tennessee Executive Leadership Institute met for the first time this week. The program aims to provide leadership training for faculty and staff members at UT. (Photo: Courtesy of the University of Tennessee)

Participants in the inaugural class of the Executive Leadership Institute are:

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- Carey Whitworth is the assistant vice president for government relations and advocacy for the UT System.
- Catherine Womack is the interim chair of preventative medicine in the College of Medicine at the UT Health Science Center.
Selmer Center marks 20 years
in McNairy County

The University of Tennessee at Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer celebrated 20 years of operation Sept. 27 with a luncheon and open house event. The center, opened in 1998, was the first of UT Martin's five educational outreach centers.

"This center has impacted this community tremendously. I've seen it personally," said Rick Mathenia, chair of the local higher education committee and adjunct instructor at the center. Mathenia currently teaches a distance-learning course where students at the UT Martin centers in Ripley, Parsons and Somerville participate via online video. "Not only have we impacted the people of our community, but we've set the standard and set the focus to impact people in other communities," he added. "We were the first, and those centers followed our lead."

Mike Smith, McNairy County mayor in 1998, and Jimmy Whittington, Selmer mayor in the same year, played pivotal roles in creating the UT Martin partnership that resulted in the local education center. Both attended the Sept. 27 luncheon.

"(This center) has been one of the greatest things that has happened in our county in my life, as far as having an opportunity to go to college and stay at home," said Smith.

Whittington, who sits on the committee that distributes local scholarship dollars, agrees. "Had we not done what we did, none of these people would be here going to school. ... This will outlast (us) long after we're gone."

Smith says the original intention was to subsidize UT Martin tuition with local scholarship dollars to make the end result comparable to the cost of attending a community college.

The money originally raised in 1998 created an endowment, which still exists today, and provides scholarship money to any McNairy County resident who seeks a degree through the UT Martin Selmer location.

Funded largely through local dollars, the construction of the UT Martin center has given back to the Selmer community by providing a more highly educated workforce for area industry.

"There are many people in this area, in Selmer in particular, who have (earned degrees through) UT Martin Selmer and who are not working in Selmer," said current city mayor John Smith. "We're honored to have (the center), and we're looking forward to the future. We're hoping to expand some of the programs and add different (degree programs) that (students) can get here."

Norm Ewoldt, a Savannah resident and teacher at Hardin County High School, was one of the original students to earn UT Martin degrees through the Selmer location.

He spoke during the anniversary luncheon and highlighted how the center's impact on one student can
MARKING 20 YEARS — Pictured outside the UT Martin McNairy County Center/Selmer following the anniversary luncheon Sept. 27 are (from left) John Smith, Selmer mayor; State Sen. Dolores Gresham (R-District 26); Jai Templeton, Tennessee commissioner of agriculture; Mike Smith, former McNairy County mayor; Jimmy Whittington, former Selmer mayor; Larry Smith, McNairy County mayor; Dr. Bob Smith, UT Martin chancellor emeritus; and Dr. Keith Carver, UT Martin chancellor. Mike Smith, Jimmy Whittington and Dr. Bob Smith are part of the original group that helped establish the center in 1998.

in turn affect many others.

"I am so glad that I went to school here," he said. "I get to influence 112 students (each year) with what I’ve learned on this campus. I’ve had several students who have become history teachers ... and it’s all to do with what took place here on this campus.”

UT Martin Chancellor Keith Carver thanked Mike Smith, Jimmy Whittington and other key players, including Dr. Bob Smith, UT Martin chancellor emeritus, for their hard work and vision to create the first of what would become a larger network of educational outreach centers in West Tennessee.

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survivor stories

Joe Lofaro, Martin

When Joe Lafaro worked in the sports information office at UTM, he was accustomed to 14-16 hour-days, climbing steps to the press box and back down again to the field multiple times. Now, because of a rare cancer, Joe no longer walks unaided, and his hint of a New York accent is slow and sometimes slurred.

But while Erdheim-Chester Disease (ECD) has taken his mobility and hinders his communication, Joe is still "broadcasting" as he shares his story and supports other cancer survivors through Relay for Life. He is the honorary chair representing his adopted hometown of Martin and has formed "ECD Guys and Dolls" with fellow ECD survivor Terri King of McKenzie and Jean Bohman, Dana Capps, Mary Bohman and Todd, Susan and Luke Winters to help raise funds during the countywide event on October 5.

Joe is a storyteller as evidenced by his numerous awards from the Tennessee Press Association and the Tennessee Sports Writers Association, as well as his published work Drafted: When the Elite Rise to Gridiron Glory. He's also Italian and focused on family. So, the story of his cancer journey unfolds with a few side trips.

For instance, when asked about the spelling of his name, he gives you an Italian lesson.

"It means lighthouse, to see far away," he explains. And when queried about his Italian roots in New York, he recounts the Christmas Eve meal his family shared that takes the tradition of seven fishes to a notch and includes thirteen varieties -- one for each apostle and one for Jesus himself. Laughing, he tells of his mother's frequent struggles to find thirteen. "Sometimes we had caviar in a bowl and nobody ate it. We liked the good things like the scallops, the crab legs, the shrimp," he adds.

Then the seriousness of his tale returns as he shares that his mother passed away this year and that she was in the room with him at Vanderbilt when he was told his diagnosis.

"They told me I have ECD and there's no cure," he said. "How long?" I asked. They said that the average person lives 12 years. "Ok," I said. "That's a long time, let's go. We're going to beat this stuff."

"I'm still confident, I'm going to beat it. If I can't, I can't, but I got a lot of fight left," he adds.

That was three years ago, and he is still fighting the cancer that is so rare only three people in the state have it. It affects vital organs and produces too many white blood cells which in turns hinders the immune system.

In April 2013, he felt the first impact. He thought it was a cold but when he staggered into the exam area and then couldn't walk, he wound up staying overnight at the hospital. Other symptoms including yeast infections and wounds that wouldn't heal. In the beginning, doctors were baffled. A specialist in infectious diseases was called in. At one point, the thought was that it might be a disease from Asia. Dermatologists were consulted as were neurologists. MS was considered and Parkinson's.

His appointment in Nashville was the day after homecoming which, thanks to a steroid shot, he was able to attend but not without some obvious wear and tear. By the time he made it to the hospital, he looked as though he had had a stroke. He stayed a little less than two weeks and when he left he went to rehab in Milan and awaited his chemotherapy.

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Still the disease is ever present. Joe depends on his wife, Susan and daughter Kourtney who is lives at home for transportation and to assist with small tasks. He has two older children as well -- son Daniel and another daughter Leslie. He takes 16 pills a day and on a good day he sleeps in, watches TV and goes to physical therapy.

Joe had to quit work in 2014. He had served as the sports information director at UTM and then university relations for a total of 17 years. He was also once the editor at the Weakley County Press.
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That was around Thanksgiving and when he saw his doctors in February, the neurologist was struck by the lack of progress. In fact, Joe says he told his wife, “If I didn’t know better, I’d tell you I’m sorry for your loss.” The MRI showed scar tissue to such an extent that Joe’s prognosis was grim.

Convinced he was doing everything he was supposed to do, Joe continued and when he returned in three months the turnaround was so great that Joe joked when asked if he had experienced any side effects. “Yeah,” he said. “I went to get my haircut and now my hair is curly. If that’s all I get to worry about I can handle that.” Then added, “Better get ready, Doc, I’m going to beat this.”

Three months later, seeing his doctor for the last time before he went to a new position at Harvard (where he would eventually write about Joe in a medical journal), he was told there were now no spots at all on his brain. But he was cautioned, “You’re not cured.” In fact, the scans showed a spot on his kidney. He continued his check-ups, but the three-month intervals were stretched to six and the last time he saw his neurologist she said he

Now, the storyteller is aware that his tale must eventually end but he’s not rushing the conclusion. He turned 55 last week and celebrated because, even without ECD, the day would have been a milestone. He father died at 53 of kidney cancer. His grandfather passed away at 51. He had always said if he made it to 55 he was going to celebrate. And he did, first with family and then again with his son at a Relay for Life event in Nashville where his high school raised $203,000. A feat he described as “awesome.”

Next up is Friday’s countywide event. Ever the organizer, he says everything will be in place.

To conclude this story, he offered a couple of observations.

“I could pass away tomorrow. My kidney could fail, my lungs could give out. All my vital organs are affected by this disease,” he explained. “So, when I get up in the morning I thank God for the day. I give all the glory and the grace to God. I’m one of about 1000 people in the world that have this disease. When I was first diagnosed I was one in 600. It’s not just rare, it’s considered ultra rare. Now in the U.S. there are 222 people.”

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Fall Preview Day is the ideal place to have questions answered about academic programs, financial aid and scholarships, student activities and residence life. There is no charge to attend, and parents, siblings and other visitors are welcome. Pre-registration is encouraged to ensure each student is able to visit areas of personal interest.

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According to West TN Medical News, this describes a woman who will be speaking next week at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

“What Your Mama Didn’t Tell You and Your Girlfriends May Not Know” is the theme for the second annual What Women Want event to be held Oct. 16 at UTM’s Boling University. The keynote speaker is Dr. Lisa Piercey, a West Tennessee native who serves as the executive vice president at West Tennessee Healthcare. The event includes dinner and a fashion show and is co-sponsored by WLJT and West Tennessee Healthcare Volunteer Hospital.

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UC’s Bill Latimer among 3 honorees

William “Bill” Latimer III of Union City is one of three people to be honored with University of Tennessee at Martin Alumni Awards during homecoming festivities Oct. 27.

The other honorees are Alex Bynum of Dresden and Tonya Parson of Memphis.

The awards will be presented during the Chancellor’s Brunch and Alumni Awards Program beginning at 9 a.m. in the Paul Meek Library. This event is open by invitation only.

Award-winners will also be recognized during halftime of the homecoming football game at 2 p.m. in Hardy Graham Stadium.

Latimer will receive the 2018 Chancellor’s Award for University Service, which honors an individual for exemplary service to the university.

Latimer is responsible for providing the match funds required by the Tennessee legislature to finance the construction of the new Latimer Engineering and Science Building, which is named in his honor. The $6.5 million gift is the largest single gift since university records have been kept.

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College Fair hosted by UT-Martin

(Editors' Note: The following was submitted by South Fulton Middle/High School student Valerie Whitten)

South Fulton High School seniors took a field trip to The University of Tennessee at Martin for a college fair Sept. 28.

They left in the morning and went to the UTM Ballroom where there were booths set up for potential future colleges for the seniors.

Colleges such as UTM, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Union University, Jackson State Community College, University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University, Murray State University, and many more participated in the college fair.

They presented the curious seniors with ideas of what they can do at their college in their area of interest.

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- Union City High School
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For more information, contact Dr. Bill Waterman, UT Martin director of athletic bands, at 731-881-7401 or wwaterma@utm.edu.

UTM Homecoming Scheduled For October 22-28

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Visitors can also attend a womenless beauty revue at 7 p.m., Oct. 25, in Watkins Auditorium. This annual fundraiser is sponsored by the university student chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America, and tickets will be available at the door.

The annual University Choirs’ Dessert Evening will also be held at 7 p.m., Oct. 26-27, in the Fine Arts Building. Admission is $18 for adults and $12 for UT Martin students and children age 12 and under. Contact the Department of Music at 731-881-7402 to make your reservation.

The UT Martin Black Alumni Council will host a reception for current students and alumni at 9 p.m., Oct. 26, in the Dungan Alumni Center, as well as “Party with a Purpose” at 9 p.m., Oct. 27, at the Opera House Restaurant in downtown Martin. The 1988 UT Martin football team will also host a team reunion from 7-9 p.m., Oct. 26, in the Champions Club located at Graham Stadium.

Saturday, Oct. 27, is the primary day for homecoming activities and includes the Letterwinners’ Breakfast and Athletics Hall of Fame inductions, and the Chancellor’s Brunch and Alumni Awards Program (both by invitation only) prior to the opening of Quad City at 10:30 a.m. The Skyhawk football team will take its traditional “Hawk Walk” through the festival at 11 a.m., and the football game begins at 2 p.m.

Homecoming week will end with brunch from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Oct. 28, in the Skyhawk Dining Hall. Brunch prices are $12.21 for adults and $5.78 for children under 12 years of age.

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Marsha Blackburn and Phil Bredesen have been virtually neck-and-neck in polling for the Tennessee Senate race, and the winner of the seat depends solely on the citizens of Tennessee.

Even though Tennessee has a record of marching rightward politically in recent years, some people will choose not to vote because they believe their vote will not matter in the end.

Robb McDaniel, a political science professor at Middle Tennessee State University, said although it should be recognized that United States citizens have the right to not vote if they would rather not be involved, this particular election is one that non-voters should consider taking interest in.

"This is an election year where there are races in Tennessee that can potentially make a difference," McDaniel said. "In the last few days, Marsha Blackburn has pulled in a little bit of a lead, but there's still a lot of time before the election. This is the case where if you had significant voter turnout, especially new voters entering the electorate, you might get a different outcome."

Along with this year's Missouri Senate race, Tennessee has one of the closest elections of the 2018 election cycle. Non-voters may argue that they choose not to vote because they find both Blackburn and Bredesen unappealing, McDaniel said. He also said it is common for citizens to be turned off of voting for candidates because they examine their personalities and characteristics over the values they hold and the parties they represent.

"There's no perfect politician; there's no perfect candidate," McDaniel said. "You can always find things wrong with everybody who's on the ballot. There are significant differences between the parties, and so even if you don't think the candidates themselves are attractive or appealing or exciting, those candidates are representatives of parties, and there is a huge difference in the way those parties will represent you."

With Blackburn receiving the Republican nomination and Bredesen receiving the Democratic nomination, McDaniel said non-voters should consider their own interests and learn which political party caters to their priorities. This first step might lead Tennessee citizens who are inactive in the election to begin caring about who will win.

"Voting is about interests and making sure your interests are represented," McDaniel said. "When you look at the parties, there are clear distinctions between the Republicans and the Democrats in terms of what they stand for, what kinds of interests they represent. When you think about voting, you should always think about it in terms of influencing power."

Carrie Humphreys, a political science professor at the University of Tennessee Martin, agreed with McDaniel that recognizing personal interests will lead non-voters to care. She said she often asks her students about their priorities and incorporates them into politics.

"If getting a job after college is a concern or a priority, then who's in office could very well influence the ease or difficulty in finding a job in Tennessee, in the United States (or) globally," Humphreys said. "I think they just need to realize it's going to effect them in one way or another."
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Alex Bynum of Dresden, William Latimer III of Union City and Tonya Parson of Memphis, will be honored with University of Tennessee at Martin Alumni Awards during homecoming festivities Oct. 27.

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He has served UT Martin by participation on the UT Martin Skyhawk Board and as a 2017-18 athletic board member. He also serves a number of charitable and community-based organizations and is active in five different realty associations. Bynum is the recipient of many professional awards, including the 2016 Tennessee Realtors Presidential Award and the 2016 Central West Tennessee Association of Realtors Presidential Award.

Latimer will receive the 2018 Chancellor’s Award for University Service, which honors an individual for exemplary service to the university. Latimer is responsible for providing the matching funds required by the Tennessee legislature to finance the construction of the new Latimer Engineering and Science Building, which is named in his honor. The $6.5 million gift is the largest single gift since university records have been kept.

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He is also a former president of the UT Martin Development Committee and has supported scholarships at both UT Martin and UT Chattanooga. Latimer was the principal contributor to the UT Health Science Center College of Dentistry clinic in Union City and is a 1996 graduate of UT Martin’s WestStar Leadership Program.

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In 2006, Parson was voted into the “Top 100 Nurses in Shelby County” and received the Caregiver of the Year Award from the Tennessee Hospital Association. In 2007, she led the medical response team at St. Francis Hospital in Memphis, enabling the hospital to be listed as a mentor hospital by the Institute of Healthcare Improvement.

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Survey forms were submitted to 1,455 colleges and more than 1,110 responded.

UT Martin has also been ranked in a list of the best online colleges in Tennessee.

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“The Voice” Contestant To Perform At UTM Friday

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“The HCHS band has been recognized and earned distinction at every show this season,” director Kyle Graves said.

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“We have earned a top ten ranking in every appearance and a top five finish in three of our last five contests,” Graves added.

Recently, the band was named reserve grand champions in a contest at Graves County High School.

“That's a fancy way of saying second overall,” he said.

He pointed out the band competes, on average, against 15-20 bands at any given contest.

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UTM Exhibits Early 20th Century Editorial Cartoons

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For more information, contact Sam Richardson, UT Mar-tin chief archivist and curator, at 731-881-7094.
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Paluso recently auditioned for Season 15 of "The Voice" and is competing on Blake Shelton's team.

Keith Paluso will be performing in the UT Martin Watkins Auditorium Friday night at 7:00.

Tickets go on sale at 6:00 and the doors open at 6:30.

General admission tickets are $5 each, and UTM students will be admitted free of charge with a valid student ID.

Seating is first-come, first-served, and admission is limited to the first 500 people.
‘OcTubaFest’ to be held from Oct 29 to Nov. 3

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music will host “OcTubaFest,” a wind ensemble concert and the second-annual Contemporary Music Festival Oct. 29-Nov. 3. All events are open to the public and are located in the Fine Arts Building’s Blankenship Recital Hall unless otherwise noted.

“OcTubaFest” will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Oct. 29. “OcTubaFest” is a performance by UT Martin’s Tuba and Euphonium Studio, an ensemble of 10-14 music majors led by Dr. Bill Waterman, UT Martin director of athletic bands.

The wind ensemble will hold a concert from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Oct. 30. The UT Martin Wind Ensemble is composed of wind, brass and percussion musicians. Led by Dr. John Oelrich, UT Martin director of bands, this ensemble’s music selections reflect the history of wind band and global cultures.

The music department will hold the second-annual Contemporary Music Festival Nov. 2-3. The event will premiere works by UT Martin student composers at a concert from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Nov. 2, in the Paul Meek Library. On Nov. 3, the “Call for Scores Winner Concert” will feature composers from across the country who were selected through the department’s inaugural Call for Scores competition. This concert will also take place from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Music at 731-881-7402.

UTM to stage ‘Crucible’

The University of Tennessee at Martin’s Vanguard Theatre will present eight performances of “The Crucible” from Nov. 1-11. The ensemble will perform six evening performances at 8 p.m., Nov. 1-3 and Nov. 8-10 in UT Martin’s Vanguard Little Theatre. There will also be two matinee showings at 3 p.m., Nov. 4 and 11.

This production of “The Crucible” is an adaptation of Arthur Miller’s Tony Award-winning play revolving around the Salem witch trials. It combines characteristics of Margaret Atwood’s “The Handmaid’s Tale” and George Orwell’s “1984” to present a 17th-century cautionary tale about civil liberties.

Admission is $15 for adults and $10 for students.

Tickets go on sale Oct. 29. You may purchase or reserve tickets through the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts main office from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or purchase them at the Vanguard Box Office, which opens one hour before show time and only accepts cash. You must pick up reserved tickets at least 10 minutes before show time.

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Local student organization doing good for wildlife and our community

The UT Martin student chapter of The Wildlife Society (TWS) has been hard at work to keep local streams clean for wildlife and our community.

TWS hosted their first stream cleanup of the academic year on Oct. 6. TWS, along with their 16 volunteers, was able to remove decaying watering troughs, tires, and other debris from a half mile section of creek that feeds the Martin. This cleaning effort keeps the streams clean for our community, crops, livestock, and especially the wildlife that inhabit it.

The section of creek that the society plans to clean this year runs through the Brian Brown Memorial Greenway and fields that are used for agricultural purposes by UT Martin and local landowners.

Last year TWS was able to remove trash from a half mile of Cane Creek during the fall and spring semesters with nearly 40 volunteers to assist in their efforts.

All of this was made possible by Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) and their Aquatic Habitat Protection Program Stream Cleanup Grant. The grant is graciously provided by TWRA, which funds The Wildlife Society’s annual stream cleanups. Another half mile of Cane Creek will be cleaned this coming spring.

What is The Wildlife Society?

Founded in 1937, The Wildlife Society was a non-profit scientific and educational society for professionals and students in wildlife related fields. Today, it has grown into an international organization committed to addressing national and international issues affecting the current and future status of wildlife around the world.

The mission of the wildlife society is to, “inspire, empower, and enable wildlife professionals to sustain wildlife populations and habitats through science-based management and conservation”.

Our student chapter was chartered on March 3, 1989. Our objectives consistent with those of our parent society, are to: develop and promote sound stewardship of wildlife resources and the different environments upon which wildlife and humans depend; undertake an active role in preventing human-induced environmental degradation; increased awareness and appreciation for wildlife values, and seek the highest standards in all activities of the wildlife profession.
Local students attend VolHacksIII

Five computer science students from the University of Tennessee at Martin recently represented the university at “VolHacksIII,” hosted by the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. This is the second year for UT Martin students to participate in this 36-hour competition, which asks students to develop new products, tools or devices.

The event featured 160 participants from across the country working in teams to submit 70 final projects. UT Martin students Chris Humphreys, a senior from Kuna, Idaho, and Brayden Faulkner, a junior from Henderson, won an award in the category for “Best Serverless Full-Stack Project” for their project called “Code Counter,” an idle Alexa game.

The students were given a Raspberry Pi 3 with a full Internet of Things expansion kit from the competition’s sponsor, SAIC Inc. A Raspberry Pi 3 is a small computer, and the “Internet of Things” refers to the network of devices such as vehicles and home appliances that can be embedded with software and interconnected via the Internet. This prize package will allow the students to continue programming on their own.

Fellow students Matthew Austin, a senior from Jackson; Brett Whitson, a sophomore from Union City; and Lucian Freeze, a junior from Martin, also competed. Together, they created “SonicArmonica,” a musical device made with the use of ultrasonic sensors.

Dr. Kathleen Ericson, assistant professor of computer science and hackathon mentor, says the university has been working to become more competitive at large competitions. Hackathon practices and events are sponsored by the UT Martin chapter of the local Association for Computing Machinery.

For more information on the Department of Computer Science and related student activities, contact Dr. Joshua Geurin, associate professor and department chair, at jgeurin@utm.edu.

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He recently auditioned for “The Voice” season 15 and was chosen by Blake Shelton. Paluso was inspired to return to singing, songwriting, and performing after the birth of his first child. His audition can be seen on YouTube.

An extended play album titled “The Linden Ave. Sessions,” written, recorded, and produced by Paluso and his brother Keegan, a 2013 UTM graduate, is available on all online music distribution platforms.

Concert seating is first-come, first-served. General admission tickets are $5 each, and UTM students will be admitted free with a valid student ID. For more information, contact the UTM at 731-881-7610.
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UTM adds ACT boot camp to calendar

UT Martin will host an ACT boot camp from 8 a.m.-noon, Oct. 20, on the main campus. The registration fee is $45 per student.

The test prep session will offer quick tips to improve student scores on each of the four test sections. It will also focus on time-saving strategies and study habits and provide guidance for answering questions more efficiently. Participants will need to bring a pencil and paper.

Alex Beene, UT Martin adjunct instructor, will teach the course. In five years, Beene has mentored more than 1,000 students who have received a combined total of $4.2 million in scholarships and financial aid.

“Taking Alex’s class will help you understand how to manage your time throughout each part of the test,” said a former student. “After a session with him, you will feel more at ease about the ACT.”

UT Martin will hold another ACT boot camp from 8 a.m.-noon, Dec. 1, also on the main campus.
UT Martin gears up for Homecoming 2018

October 22, 2018 by Julia Ewoldt

MARTIN, Tenn. — It's homecoming week at the University of Tennessee at Martin, and this year is bringing back both old and new traditions.

“This year, we've added a homecoming king,” Director of Alumni Relations Jackie Johnson said. “The fraternities and student organizations will put forth a nomination, and whoever, which guy gets the most votes, will get the homecoming king, just like we've done with Homecoming Queen in the past.”

Students say this is a welcome addition.

“We haven't had a homecoming king before now, so I think that's pretty cool,” Sydney Baker said.

“It gets everyone involved. It's not just the sororities now. It's the fraternities too,” Hannah Sampson said.

Plus, organizations are participating in a competition that is special to UT Martin. “Basically a huge tug-of-war,” Johnson said. “People get down and they dig in, and the fraternities and sororities pull against each other.”

It'll be standing room only this week starting at four as fraternities and sororities face off in rope pull, one of UT Martin's most prized traditions.

“I have not been to rope pull, but I'm super excited to see what it's all about,” Baker said.

The campus is getting ready for many more activities throughout the week. “I'm just excited for 'Lipsync' because me and my pledge class have been working really hard on it, so I'm just really excited to show what we've been working on,” Baker said.

Friends of those students will be showing their support. “We're going to have signs with their names, you know, be pretty supportive,” Kate Baker said about her friend, Dalton Grant, who was standing beside her.

Quad City will take place Saturday before the homecoming football game. “We'll have tents all over the quad from student organizations and academic departments,” Johnson said. “We'll have a petting zoo, a zip line, lots of fun to be had.”

Then, the grand finale: UTM vs. Southeast Missouri State. The game kicks off at 3 p.m. at Hardy-Graham Stadium.

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The UT Martin Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2018 has been announced as former softball player Jenny Bain (2009-12), former volleyball player Kasey Elswick Copeland (2009-12), former football player Brady Wahlberg (2002-05) and former baseball player Dick Windbigler (1970-73) will be officially inducted during the 35th annual Letter Winner’s Breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 27.

This year’s Hall of Fame ceremony will take place at the Student Life Center at 7:30 a.m., in conjunction with UT Martin Homecoming festivities.

Bain led UT Martin to four different Ohio Valley Conference championships and the school’s first two NCAA Regional appearances in her career. The program’s only three-time All-OVC first team honoree, she was part of the 2010 Skyhawk squad that won a school-record 47 games while she was also a key member of the 2012 team that tallied a school-record 23 OVC victories. The Hendersonville, Tenn. native was OVC Freshman of the Year in 2009 and is UT Martin’s all-time leader in games played (238), hits (237), doubles (54), home runs (40), runs batted in (170), total bases (411) and extra-base hits (94).

A Louisville, Ky. native, Copeland is the OVC’s all-time digs leader, scooping up 2,600 digs over her four seasons. She shattered the NCAA single-season record with 852 digs in 2011, nabbing AVCA honorable mention All-American status during her junior campaign. She was just the third Skyhawk to earn All-OVC accolades in three different years and was the OVC Defensive Player of the Year in back-to-back seasons (2010 and 2011). She set a school record for most OVC Defensive Player of the Week awards in a career (10) and claimed the program’s single-match digs record with 46 (in only four sets) at Eastern Kentucky in 2011.

Wahlberg left UT Martin as the program’s all-time leader in passing yards (6,247) and total offense (7,387 yards). The Panama City, Fla. native was an All-OVC quarterback as a senior and left tied with longtime Dallas Cowboys signal-caller Tony Romo for the third-most completions in OVC history (584). He accounted for 51 overall touchdowns (35 passing, 16 rushing) and is still the school’s single-game leader in pass completions (44) and pass attempts (65) – both coming against Jacksonville State in 2003. He was one of just three males to earn an OVC Scholar-Athlete Award for the 2004-05 season, which is considered the highest individual honor an OVC student-athlete can receive.

Hailing from Mansfield, Ohio, Windbigler helped guide UT Martin to a 94-43-1 record and the school’s first two trips to the NCAA Tournament during his playing career. He still ranks first in program history with 26 career victories and was named an All-Gulf South Conference honoree in 1973 after posting an 8-0 record with a 2.00 ERA. He was the starting pitcher in UT Martin’s 1971 NCAA Mideast Regional Tournament game, which was the program’s first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance. He also served as UT Martin’s head coach in 1976, guiding the then-Pacers to a 23-16 overall record.
Allison Neal Guest Artist Concert Series Begins At UT Martin

MARTIN, Tenn. - The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music introduced the Allison Nelson Guest Artist Series this semester to honor the career and legacy of Dr. Allison Nelson, professor emeritus of music and worldwide performer as a soloist and member of the Nelson and Neal piano duo. The series will showcase high-profile artists specializing in musical styles from around the world.

"It is important for young people in particular to see and experience the vast array of music in the world," said Karleen Sternisha, one of several sponsors for the new series. "I was exposed to the fine arts as a child, and I feel that it has given me the confidence to embrace things that are new and different. ... I see music as the universal language that can build the bridge that leads to understanding and embracing other cultures."

Hypercube, an electronic chamber music ensemble from New York, performed Sept. 24 as the first artist in this series.

The second performance will feature Sêksion Maloya, a Paris-based ensemble performing in the Maloya style from Reunion, an African island off the eastern coast of Madagascar. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 19, in the UT Martin Fine Arts Building's Blankenship Recital Hall. Tickets are $10 for general admission and $5 for non-UT Martin students with student ID. UT Martin students are admitted free of charge. Tickets are available online at utm.edu/music/events and at the door. Contact the Department of Music at 731-881-7402 for additional information.

A native of Adelaide, Australia, Nelson was recognized as a child prodigy in that country at the age of seven and began performing in public and on Australian radio at the age of 10. She later moved to the United States and studied piano at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, where she met her first husband, Harry Neal.

Neal, from Paris, Tennessee, was the son of William Fisher Neal, a lawyer and politician in Henry County. The couple performed more than 1,500 concerts from 1950-1968 during a world tour that included countries such as the United States, Canada, Switzerland, India, Hong Kong and Fiji, among others. Neal died in 1968, and Nelson began a second career as a professor at UT Martin the following year.

While at UT Martin, Nelson helped establish the Bachelor of Music in piano performance and founded the UT Martin Piano Ensemble. She also started the University Trio alongside flutist Robert Fleming and clarinetist Gilbert Carp. She retired from UT Martin in 1989. Both the UT Martin Piano Ensemble and the University Trio are now under the direction of Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor of piano, who performed with Nelson for many years.

Nelson is now married to Dr. David Loebbaka, UT Martin professor emeritus of physics, and the couple lives in Jackson.
Weakley County Young Professionals host next Lunch and Learn Nov. 15

As a relatively newly formed organization, Weakley County Young Professionals began as the community project for the 2016 Weakley County Leadership Class with the goal of promoting the vibrant professional community that Weakley County offers. The organization works to attract graduating UTM students to “stay local” rather than apply for jobs in larger markets, such as Nashville and Memphis. The mission statement is to bring together young professionals of Weakley County by providing opportunities for professional development, personal growth and community service.

Members meet quarterly for Lunch & Learns that focus on professional and social development. Each luncheon features a guest speaker and service project where members bring a small item to donate to various organizations, such as the Martin Enrichment Academy, local schools and Santa’s Village. There is also a monthly Coffee Chat that allows professionals to get together in an informal setting to network. They have organized several community events throughout Weakley County.

Last year, they hosted the family-oriented Monster Mash. This year they have hosted a Slime Time in Greenfield to benefit Greenfield School and partnered with Project 731 for the 73:Run – A Haunted 5K & Fun Run to benefit the Carl Perkins Center for Prevention of Child Abuse.

The next quarterly Lunch & Learn is scheduled for Nov. 15 at noon at Northwest Tennessee Development Department and they will be having a membership drive in the coming months. More information can be found on their Facebook page or by emailing wcyoungprofessionals@gmail.com.
UTM rated among state's top values for 13th year

Institutional Research & Evaluation Inc., of Rome, Ga., has listed the University of Tennessee at Martin among “America’s 100 Best College Buys” for the 13th consecutive year. UT Martin is one of only three Tennessee institutions to make the 2019 list, alongside the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, and Tennessee Technological University.

“For the last 13 years, UT Martin has proven that it provides a superior educational environment at less than half the price of an average college education. The facts speak for themselves,” said Lewis Lindsey, IRE president. “It is easy for us to identify colleges and universities that offer superior educational opportunities, and it is easy to identify institutions that are less expensive than the national average cost of attendance, but it is very, very difficult to identify those few institutions across America that offer both high quality and low cost. For 13 years, UT Martin has consistently proven it does both.”

An institution must be an accredited, four-year institution offering bachelor's degrees and full residential facilities, including residence halls and dining services, to be considered. The institution must also have had an entering freshman class in the fall of 2017 with a high school grade-point average and SAT or ACT score at or above the national average for entering college freshmen and have an out-of-state cost of attendance in 2018-19 not exceeding the national average cost by 10 percent.

IRE conducted its 28th Annual National College Survey from April 1 to July 31 of this year. Survey forms were submitted to 1,455 U.S. colleges and universities meeting evaluation criteria, and 1,117 of those responded.

For more information on UT Martin academic programs or admission standards, contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 731-881-7020.

BOOKS DONATED — Candy McAdams (left), director at the Ned R. McWherter Weakley County Library, and Rachel Lovell, chair of this year’s Ned Ray Day, received a donation of autographed copies of Charles Smith’s “Journal of a Fast Track Life and Lessons Learned Along the Way” at the event held recently. Smith was Gov. McWherter’s Commissioner of Education for both of his terms. The books will be distributed to every library in the county.
UTM student values internship in budding hemp industry

A chance internship has given Hope Richardson, of Linden, a foothold in what could soon become a multi-billion-dollar industry.

Richardson, a sophomore at the University of Tennessee at Martin, spent part of the summer as a primary grower for Heaven Sent Hemp, a subsidiary of Phytotherapy Research Labs. The experience not only applied her classroom knowledge of plant science and entomology to the real world, it also taught her the value of the hemp plant and the differences between hemp and its cousin, marijuana.

"Many people are afraid of hemp. They think it's the same as marijuana, but it isn't," she said. While the two plants are part of the cannabis family, they contain significantly different quantities of THC – the high-producing component of marijuana – and are used for very different purposes.

While marijuana is primarily used as a mood-altering drug, hemp is grown for its oil, used in pain medications, and its fiber, which can be used to make clothing, rope, livestock feed and even as an organic construction material. Hemp contains less than 0.3 percent (per dry weight) of THC and cannot produce a "high," whereas marijuana can contain up to 30 percent THC.

Richardson believes the plant could become the next big cash crop in America. Twenty years ago, we didn't use soybeans in all the things that we do now. We didn't see all of their potential. Hemp, I believe, is the same," she said. And she's not alone. According to Business Insider, hemp production in the United States soared in 2017, and the number of acres used to produce hemp increased 140 percent from 2016 to 2017. The business website says the national hemp market is set to hit $1.65 billion by 2021.

Her duties as primary grower included the typical tasks of planting and watering more than 9,000 young plants as well as adding appropriate nutrients to their water source. However, she also spent time catching and cataloging bugs and researching organic solutions to combat insects in the growing area.

"There was so much more to it than just keeping a plant alive. You had to keep the bugs off of them, and there were nutrient deficiencies you had to be able to recognize," she said. "Bugs were a huge deal.... Our first problem was with russet mites. ... They'll make your plant shrivel up. ... The next-biggest problem was caterpillars. I went up one day to check on my plants, and I had lost three or four trays. And there are 72 plants in a tray. (The caterpillars) had eaten every stalk..."

Taking this internship early in her college years also helped Richardson solidify a love for plant science and reassured her that she's on the right path to join a career field she will enjoy.

"(This internship) really helped me figure out that I wanted to be in plant science over animal science. ... I want to switch out some science (classes) that I don't necessarily have to have in my major with more plant sciences, more horticulture and stuff like that, to get a deeper understanding on the plant science side of things," she said. "I've always loved agriculture, and I always loved farms and plants, but I never had a chance to exercise that love." UT Martin has helped me do that with my classes and a lot of hands-on labs that I've had.

Richardson hopes to work with the UT Extension network and focus on consumer education for adults after graduation from UT Martin. She also plans to keep her options with the hemp industry open and take an opportunity to help educate the region on the crop's benefits.

Richardson is currently studying agricultural education and plans to graduate in 2021.
Adcock Of Union City Receives Outstanding Employee Award At UTM

MARTIN, Tenn. – Debi Adcock, of Union City, and Steve Barnett, of Martin, received Fall 2018 Outstanding Employee Awards from the University of Tennessee at Martin during a breakfast reception Oct. 23.

Adcock has served as the administrative assistant for the Division of Student Affairs since 2009 and began her UT Martin tenure in the Office of Admissions in 2003. "She is always looking out for the best interests of our students and the Student Affairs staff," wrote her coworkers in her nomination letter. "She is often asked to perform work that would probably be considered outside of her job description, but she never complains and always completes tasks in a thorough and professional manner."

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LA singer/songwriter to perform

Jourdan Rystrom, a Los Angeles-based singer/songwriter, will perform from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday in the University of Tennessee at Martin's Watkins Auditorium during a concert benefitting the third annual Special Needs Prom, sponsored by the UT Martin Non-Traditional Student Association.

Ms. Rystrom has several songs available on YouTube, Spotify and other music platforms, and some of her music can be heard on the soap opera "The Bold and the Beautiful."

Concert tickets are $15 at the door or $10 with a valid UT Martin student ID or a ticket from the homecoming football game. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets can also be pre-purchased via PayPal by sending total ticket cost to specialprom2018@yahoo.com.

One hundred percent of ticket sales will be used to support the Special Needs Prom on Nov. 17. It allows area students with special needs to attend a high school prom in an accommodating environment.

For more information, contact Julie Durham, Non-Traditional Student Association president, at (615) 997-5930.

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UTM makes list for the 13th year

Institutional Research & Evaluation Inc. of Rome, Ga., has listed the University of Tennessee at Martin among “America’s 100 Best College Buys” for the 13th consecutive year.

UT Martin is one of only three Tennessee institutions to make the 2019 list alongside the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville.

“For the last 13 years, UT Martin has proven that it provides a superior educational environment at less than half the price of an average college education. The facts speak for themselves,” said Lewis Lindsey, IRE president.

“It is easy for us to identify colleges and universities that offer superior educational opportunities, and it is easy to identify institutions that are less expensive than the national average cost of attendance, but it is very, very difficult to identify those few institutions across America that offer both high quality and low cost. For 13 years, UT Martin has consistently proven it does both.”

An institution must be an accredited, four-year institution offering bachelor’s degrees and full residential facilities, including residence halls and dining services, to be considered. The institution must also have had an entering freshman class in the fall of 2017 with a high school grade point average and SAT or ACT score at or above the national average for entering college freshmen and have an out-of-state cost of attendance in 2018-19 not exceeding the national average cost by 10 percent.

IRE conducted its 28th Annual National College Survey from April 1-July 31 of this year. Survey forms were submitted to 1,455 U.S. colleges and universities meeting evaluation criteria, and 1,117 of those responded.

UT Martin is also ranked third in a list of the best online colleges in Tennessee recently published by AccreditedSchoolsOnline.org. The university is listed behind Johnson University in Knoxville and Union University in Jackson in first and second places, respectively.

The website AffordableCollegesOnline.org recently ranked UT Martin in several additional areas. The university’s online master’s degree for school counseling is ranked ninth in the nation. UT Martin is also in the top 20 MBA degree programs and the top 30 online programs for a master’s degree in counseling nationwide. The university is also listed among the top 50 online master’s programs in educational administration and the top 50 online RN-to-BSN bridge programs in the nation.
The University of Tennessee at Martin Somerville Center is partnering with the Fayette County Health Department to host several health-related events this semester. The events will focus on walking, water consumption and tobacco cessation as part of UT Martin's "Healthy Hawks" initiative.

"Healthy Hawks is important to our students and our community," said Kara Tapp, center director. "We have to start somewhere, and this is the first step to showing how easy it can be to live a better, healthy life with just a few changes."

Tapp and Kayla Dillon, the center's program resource specialist, met with Carmen Saulsberry, public health educator for the Fayette County Health Department, on September 20 to plan the fall events. The center and health department co-hosted a "Healthy Hawks Walk" on Oct. 2 and will host another at 11 a.m., Nov. 27, on the walking trail behind the center.

The Health Department will represent Healthy Hawks at the UT Martin Somerville Center fall bash and open house from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Oct. 26, located in the center's parking and playground areas.

The Health Department will also present health information to students every third Thursday of the month throughout the semester.

For more information, contact Tapp at 731-456-7313 or ktapp1@utm.edu.
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East Robertson Hosts UT Martin Music

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East Robertson Hosts the University of Tennessee at Martin Music Department

Middle and high school band and choir students at East Robertson had the privilege of hosting and experiencing a little taste of the UT Martin Music Department on Tuesday, October 24. In a 45 minute presentation, the visiting university showcased its jazz band, choir, percussion ensemble, chamber ensembles, vocal soloists, and ended the program with Harry’s Wondrous World from the soundtrack of the acclaimed movie series, Harry Potter, performed by their wind ensemble. Many students have never had the opportunity to experience this caliber of musicianship live and in person, and couldn’t stop talking about it after the performance. Mr. Barrow would like to thank the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music as well as the administration here at East Robertson for making this event possible and supporting the arts through exposure and experience!
Drug take-back day set for Saturday

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration’s National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is set for Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. As part of this major health and safety initiative, the Weakley County Prevention Coalition will host multiple take-back locations across the county: Greenfield Fred’s Pharmacy, Dresden Fred’s Pharmacy, and Gleason Dollar General. Community members are encouraged to stop by and drop off their unused or expired medications, especially pain relievers and other prescription drugs. Law enforcement officers will be on hand to accept the medications and safely dispose of them, no questions asked.

“Properly storing and disposing of prescription medication is more important now than ever,” said Courtney Echols, Weakley County Prevention Coalition Director. “In the midst of an opioid epidemic where we are losing up to four Tennesseans a day to opioid overdose, take-back days are a safe and easy way to get these drugs out of your home. It’s a good practice to make a habit so we can help break the cycle of those abusing or misusing medications, which can often lead to addiction and fatalities. We believe that the more opportunities people have to clean out their medicine cabinets, the less likely it is those pills will fall into the hands of a teenager or someone seeking a high.”

The Prevention Coalition will also have free medication lock boxes on hand for anyone who needs one. “Safety starts at home,” says Echols, “and we are a firm believer in locking up any medications that could potentially be harmful or addictive if misused or accidentally taken. It’s just the easiest way to secure your meds, and the best part is that it’s completely free.”

WCPC is partnering with managers at Fred’s Pharmacies in Dresden and Greenfield, and representatives of United Way to make the three locations possible on Saturday. There will also be some exciting giveaways for those who drop their meds off at any of the locations: three one-month

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gym memberships sponsored by The Sideline, a hat sponsored by Special Occasions in Greenfield, and a gift basket sponsored by West Tennessee Healthcare in Martin.

If you are unable to make it to the event, you can always drop your medications off at any of the six permanent drop box locations in the county: Martin Police Department, Greenfield Police Department, the Weakley County Sheriff’s Office, Sharon City Hall, CVS Pharmacy in Martin, and Crisp Hall on UT Martin’s campus.

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EMPLOYEES HONORED — Debi Adcock (top) and Steve Barnett (both on the left) are pictured individually with UT Martin Chancellor Keith Carver.
Rev. Dr. Prathia Hall to give lecture at UTM

A lecture to be held on Monday at the University of Tennessee at Martin focuses on a noted figure of the Civil Rights era. The Rev. Dr. Prathia Hall joined the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, one of the major student organizations of the Civil Rights Movement, and soon became one of the first women field leaders in southwest Georgia in the 1960s.

Rev. Dr. Courtney Pace, associate professor of church history at Memphis Theological Seminary, will speak about Hall's place in history on Monday at 6 p.m. at Watkins Auditorium at Boling University Center. The lecture is dedicated to the memory of the Rev. Dr. Katie Cannon, the first black woman ordained to ministry in the Presbyterian Church and a found scholar of womanist theology. She died Aug. 8.

Hall and her companions in the Freedom Faith movement found courage and spiritual transformation in the prayers, songs and examples of their peers. Hall lived to tell her story, while many who fought with her were not as fortunate.

Hall was ordained a Baptist minister and became pastor of her father's church, Mount Sharon Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

She received her doctorate in theology from Princeton, where she specialized in womanist theology, ethics and African-American church history.

In 1982, Hall became the first woman to join the Baptist Ministers Conference of Philadelphia and vicinity.

Hall was also an associate professor at Boston University School of Theology, holding the Martin Luther King Jr. Chair in Social Ethics.

King himself once said of her, "Prathia Hall is the one platform speaker I would prefer not to follow."

Hall died on Aug. 12, 2002, following a long illness.

Pace's lecture is sponsored by Trinity Presbyterian Church in cooperation with the UTM Office of Multicultural Affairs, the UTM Civil Rights Conference and the UTM Women's Center, with special thanks to the Rev. Orrin Cowley, McCabe United Methodist Church, Martin.
Marching Marshals Reserve Grand Champions at UT Martin

Marshall County’s Marching Marshals wrapped up their competition season last Saturday at the 17th Annual West Tennessee Marching Championships on the campus of UT Martin, earning Reserve Grand Champions after advancing to the finals. Union City High School was crowned Grand Champions.

In their previous competition at the Graves County High School Screaming Eagle Marching Classic, the band won Grand Champions and swept all overall competition with the exception of colorguard who placed second. In Class 5A competition, the band took first in their class, first in colorguard and first in percussion.

For the last time of the 2018 marching season, you can see the Marching Marshals award-winning performance tonight, Oct. 26, on the high school field at 7:00.

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‘The Crucible’ performance set

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music will host “OctubaFest,” a wind ensemble concert and the second annual Contemporary Music Festival from Oct. 29-Nov. 3.

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“OctubaFest” will be from 7:30-9 p.m., Monday. “OctubaFest” is a performance by UT Martin’s Tubab and Euphonium Studio, an ensemble of 10-14 music majors led by Bill Waterman, UTM director of athletic bands.

Next, the wind ensemble will have a concert from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday. It’s composed of wind, brass and percussion musicians and is led by John Oelrich, UTM director of bands. The ensemble’s music selections will reflect the history of wind band and global cultures.

Finally, the music department will have the second annual Contemporary Music Festival Nov. 2-3.

This event will premiere works by UT student composers at a concert from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 2 in the Paul Meek Library.

Then, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 3, the “Call for Scores Winner Concert” will feature composers from across the country who were selected through the department’s inaugural Call for Scores competition.

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UTM to host trio of music events
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Father, son to speak at veterans tribute

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Speakers at the 15th annual Veteran’s Tribute include Tony and Andrew Beyer. Both saw active duty, Tony in Vietnam and Andrew in Kosovo, Korea, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The tribute will be held Sunday Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church on West 7th Street. The event is open to the public. Those who attend will hear stories from both father and son about their military experiences. This event honors all veterans.

Tony Beyer was commissioned in 1969 through ROTC at Seton Hall University. He attended the Armor Officer Basic Course at Ft. Knox, Kentucky and the Army Rotary Wing Flight School at Ft. Rucker, Alabama.

He deployed to Vietnam in 1971 to 1972, returning to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky at the end of that deployment.

In 1973, he ended active duty and entered the Army Reserve. He served in various positions in the reserves and retired in 1998 as a lieutenant colonel. He received many awards including the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with V Device, 12 Air Medals, a Bronze Star and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Lt. Col. Andrew Beyer has served as an aviator in the U.S. Army since graduating and being commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at the University of Tennessee in 1998. He has served in a variety of leadership positions in airborne, air assault and mechanized divisions with overseas tours in Kosovo, Korea, Iraq and Afghanistan. He commanded 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment and 1st Combat Aviation Brigade (Provisional) at 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas and served on the Joint Staff J3 Directorate in the Pentagon. In June 2017, he deployed to Fort Riley Kansas and currently serves as the division chief, Aviation Mission Command and Interoperability at Ft. Rucker. He will retire this year.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from the University of Tennessee at Martin, with a minor in military science in 1998. He is rated in the OH-58D Kiowa Warrior and the AH-64D Longbow. Additionally, he is a graduate of the armor scout platoon leader course, the aviation captains career course, combined arms school and command and general staff college.

Awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal and Air Medal with ”V” Device. He has also been awarded a Combat Action Badge, Senior Aviator Badge, Joint Staff Identification Badge and is airborne qualified.
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Brewer receives scholarship to UT Martin

A Benton County student has been awarded a scholarship to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin for the 2018-19 academic year. Makenzi Brewer, daughter of Chad and Debra Brewer, from Big Sandy is a sophomore who received the Excellence scholarship.
Gibson County student receives UTM scholarship

MARTIN, Tenn. – A Gibson County student has been awarded a scholarship to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin for the 2018-2019 academic year, according to Dr. James Mantooth, executive director, Office of Enrollment Services and Student Engagement.

- Chelsey Armstrong, of Bradford, is a sophomore. She received the Elam Transfer Achieve Scholarship.

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

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UTM Music department hosting events

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A flute studio recital will be held at 3 p.m., Nov. 11, in the Blankenship Recital Hall of UT Martin's Fine Arts Building. The UT Martin piano ensemble will perform at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 13, also in the Blankenship Recital Hall.

The department will continue its "Meek Music" series with a live music and lunch concert at 12:15 p.m., Nov. 14, at the Paul Meek Library. There will be performances by both the LCD Woodwind Trio and the Faculty Brass Quintet. Guests are invited to bring their lunch and eat while enjoying the show.

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The department will host the fourth-annual "Woodwind Day" for both high school and college musicians from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Nov. 17, also in the Band Rehearsal Hall. Charles Lewis, lecturer of music, and Dr. Elizabeth Aleksander and Dr. Douglas Owens, both associate professors of music, will provide feedback to high school woodwind students during a high school masterclass. A high school woodwind solo competition will offer the winner a scholarship of up to $4,000 to attend UT Martin as a music major. The event will also feature a college research competition, a college chamber recital, like-instrument choirs, presentations and instrument repairs.

ALUMNI AWARDS — The University of Tennessee at Martin recently presented homecoming awards to (from left) Alex Bynum of Dresden, Tonya Parson of Memphis and Bill Latimer of Union City during the annual Chancellor's Brunch and Alumni Awards Program prior to the homecoming football game. Latimer was honored with the 2018 Chancellor's Award for University Service after providing the matching funds required for the Tennessee Legislature to finance the construction of the university's new Latimer Engineering and Science Building, which is named in his honor. Bynum received the 2018 Outstanding Young Alumni Award and Parson received the 2018 Outstanding Alumni Award for achievements in their respective professions. The award-winners were joined by UT Martin Chancellor Keith Carver.
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"Sustainability involves lots of ideas. It can be anything from a project involving the recycling center to food composting to using landscaping with native drought-resistant vegetation to conserve water," said Dr. Eric Pelren, professor of wildlife biology and center coordinator. "Any change that results in long-term cost savings increases our economic sustainability, and any that increases equity, inclusivity and social justice increases our social sustainability."

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Featured music will include pieces by singer Bruno Mars and from “The Greatest Showman,” a 2017 film about the life of P.T. Barnum.

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STUDENTS COMPETE — University of Tennessee at Martin students Gian Garma (left), a senior from Martin, and Grant Larcom, a sophomore from Union City, recently competed as a duo in the Tennessee Music Teachers Association state collegiate piano ensemble competitions and the Tennessee preliminaries of the Music Teachers National Association Young Artist piano competitions. Garma and Larcom were named the state runners-up in the TMTA competition after performing Chopin’s “Rondo in C Major,” Frederic Rzewski’s “Winnsboro Cotton Mill Blues” and Samuel Barber’s “Pas de deux.” Larcom also entered the MTNA solo competition, performing William Bolcom’s “The Serpent’s Kiss” and Franz Liszt’s “Consolation No. 3.” Both students are working toward bachelor of arts degrees in music.
Guest artist series established at University of TN at Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music introduced the Allison Nelson Guest Artist Series this semester to honor the career and legacy of Dr. Allison Nelson, professor emeritus of music and worldwide performer as a soloist and member of the Nelson and Neal piano duo.

The series will showcase high-profile artists specializing in musical styles from around the world.

"It is important for young people in particular to see and experience the vast array of music in the world," said Karleen Sternisha of Union City, one of several sponsors for the new series. "I was exposed to the fine arts as a child, and I feel that it has given me the confidence to embrace things that are new and different. ... I see music as the universal language that can build the bridge that leads to understanding and embracing other cultures."

Hypercube, an electronic chamber music ensemble from New York, performed Sept. 24 as the first artist in this series.

The second performance will feature Seksion Maloya, a Paris-based ensemble performing in the Maloya style from Reunion, an African island off the eastern coast of Madagascar. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 19 in the UT Martin Fine Arts Building’s Blankenship Recital Hall.

Tickets are $10 for general admission and $5 for non-UT Martin students with student ID. UT Martin students are admitted free of charge. Tickets are available online at utm.edu/music/events and at the door. Contact the Department of Music at (731) 881-7402 for additional information.

A native of Adelaide, Australia, Ms. Nelson was recognized as a child prodigy in that country at the age of 7 and began performing in public and on Australian radio at the age of 10. She later moved to the United States and studied piano at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, where she met her first husband, Harry Neal.

Neal, from Paris, was the son of William Fisher Neal, a lawyer and politician in Henry County. The couple performed more than 1,500 concerts from 1950-68 during a world tour that included countries such as the United States, Canada, Switzerland, India, Hong Kong and Fiji, among others. Neal died in 1968, and Ms. Nelson began a second career as a professor at UT Martin the following year.

While at UT Martin, Ms. Nelson helped establish the bachelor of music in piano performance and founded the UT Martin Piano Ensemble. She also started the University Trio alongside flutist Robert Fleming and clarinetist Gilbert Carp. She retired from UT Martin in 1989.

Both the UT Martin Piano Ensemble and the University Trio are now under the direction of Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor of piano, who performed with Ms. Nelson for many years.

Ms. Nelson is now married to Dr. David Loebbaka, UT Martin professor emeritus of physics, and the couple lives in Jackson.
The University of Tennessee at Martin recently hosted a reception to recognize faculty members who have been granted promotions or tenure in the past academic year. They included (from left, front row) Dr. Genessa Smith and Dr. Jason Alexander, Department of Chemistry and Physics; Dr. Danny Walker, Dr. Jason Roberts and Dr. Emalee Buttrey, Department of Agriculture, Geosciences and Natural Resources; Dr. Keith Dooley, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences; Dr. Rachna Tewari, Department of Agriculture, Geosciences and Natural Resources; (middle row) Dr. Robbie Montgomery, Department of Chemistry and Physics; Dr. Will Kang, Department of Management, Marketing and Information Systems; Dr. Nell Gullett, Department of Accounting, Finance, Economics and Political Science; Dr. Kimberly Williams, Department of Educational Studies; Dr. Deborah Gibson, Department of Health and Human Performance; Dr. Jamye Long, Department of Management, Marketing and Information Systems; (back row) Dr. Angela MacKewn, Department of Behavioral Sciences; Dr. Julie Floyd, Department of Nursing; Dr. Richard Robinson, Department of Communications; Sarah Haig, Department of Visual and Theatre Arts; Dr. Chara Vanhorn, Department of Communications; Dr. Brian Wagner, Department of Mathematics and Statistics; and Ashley Owens, Department of Engineering.
Fayette County Sheriff Bobby Riles, Chief Deputy Vernon Dollahite and UT Martin Somerville Center Director Kara Tapp.

Republican candidates visited Somerville last week. The candidates’ wives were also on the tour. Left to right are Superintendent of Fayette County Schools Dr. Marion King, Senator Dolores Gresham, Bill Lee and wife Maria, Roberta Kustoff and David Kustoff, Ron Gant, Mayor Rhea Taylor, and UT Martin Somerville Center Director Kara Tapp.
University of Tennessee at Martin has launched a new Center for Sustainability initiative to promote campus-wide sustainability practices and serve as a campus forum for those with new ideas to improve sustainability-related programs and activities. The center, managed by an oversight committee, focuses on finding new ways to help UT Martin and the surrounding community become economically, ecologically and socially self-sustaining.

"Sustainability involves lots of ideas. It can be anything from a project involving the recycling center to food composting to using landscaping with native drought-resistant vegetation to conserve water," said Dr. Eric Pelren, professor of wildlife biology and center coordinator. "Any change that results in long-term cost savings increases our economic sustainability, and any that increases equity, inclusivity and social justice increases our social sustainability."

The center was created in August and is funded by a student-initiated campus green fee of $5 per semester per student. One primary function of the center is to award an annual grant to a student organization with a sustainability-related project. Grant funds come from the student green fee and could award up to $5,000 to a winning project.

Grant applications must be submitted by March 1 and should focus on a project proposal for the 2019-20 academic year. Any organization run by or including students is eligible to apply. Winners will be selected by the center's oversight committee. Additional information on the grant program is available at utm.edu/sustainability.

For more information on the Center for Sustainability or how to participate in campus sustainability efforts, contact Pelren at epelren@utm.edu or visit utm.edu/sustainability.

UTM Opens New Center For Sustainability

UTM Department of Music To Host Events Nov. 11-17

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music will hold three concerts, a music education lecture and "Woodwind Day" during the week of Nov. 11-17. Events are open to the public unless otherwise noted.

A flute studio recital will be held at 3 p.m., Nov. 11, in the Blankenship Recital Hall of UT Martin's Fine Arts Building. The UT Martin piano ensemble will perform at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 13, also in the Blankenship Recital Hall.

The department will continue its "Meek Music" series with a live music and lunch concert at 12:15 p.m., Nov. 14, at the Paul Meek Library. There will be performances by both the LCD Woodwind Trio and the Faculty Brass Quintet. Guests are invited to bring their lunch and eat while enjoying the show.

The UT Martin chapter of the Collegiate National Association for Music Education will continue its "MusicEdLove" lecture series with a presentation at 7 p.m., Nov. 15, in the Band Rehearsal Hall, located in room 136 of the Fine Arts Building. Dr. Angela Ammerman, UT Martin coordinator of music education, will speak during the event.

The department will host the fourth-annual "Woodwind Day" for both high school and college musicians from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Nov. 17, also in the Band Rehearsal Hall. Charles Lewis, lecturer of music, and Dr. Elizabeth Aleksander and Dr. Douglas Owens, both associate professors of music, will provide feedback to high school woodwind students during a high school masterclass. A high school woodwind solo competition will offer the winner a scholarship of up to $4,000 to attend UT Martin as a music major. The event will also feature a college research competition, a college chamber recital, like-instrument choirs, presentations and instrument repairs.

Interested participants can preregister by Nov. 1 for $15, which includes a T-shirt and a spot in a like-instrument choir. Registration after Nov. 1 is $25 and does not guarantee either a T-shirt or a spot in a choir. Visit utm.edu/music to register. Under "Related Links," select "Events." "Woodwind Day" is located under the "Special Events" tab.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Music at 731-881-7402.

UTM Students Featured in Regional Exhibition

University of Tennessee at Martin students account for 14 of the 26 artists chosen to participate in the Bellwethers exhibition at the West Tennessee Regional Art Center in Humboldt this year. The exhibit opened Oct. 29 and will run through Nov. 21 with a public reception from 5-7 p.m., Nov. 6, at the center.

UT Martin students chosen to display work this year are McKylla Cunningham, a senior from Martin; Violet Durden, a junior from Bartlett; Ethan Ellison, a senior from Rives; Kelsey Faith, a senior from Dover; Anna Lax Gatti, a junior from Medina; Chelsea Gordon, a senior from Lyles; Brianna Hinton, a senior from Hornbeak; James Lamb, a senior from Mayfield, Kentucky; Alex McNeal, a senior from New Johnsonville; Jessica Parnell, a senior from Troy; Bailey Radnitzer, a sophomore from Ocean Springs, Illinois; Brandy N. Rose, a junior from Martin; Hunter Wanser, a junior from Brighton; and Chelsea Willis, a senior from Greenfield.

Diane Shaw Miles, formerly a professor of art at UT Martin, is serving as exhibition juror. Miles is known for her oil paintings featured in exhibitions at Ladies First International, Cape Girardeau Missouri Arts, Clarksville Custom House Museum, Pop Revolution International and Indiana Mid-Stages, among others. Her works have been featured in art publications and have received multiple awards. She holds a Master of Fine Arts in painting and contemporary art history from the University of Memphis and a Bachelor of Arts from Union University in Jackson.

The exhibition is open to all undergraduate students currently enrolled in a visual arts program at a two or four-year institution in one of nine southeastern states. Students who have graduated within the past six months are also eligible to submit work. Participants in the 2018 show were selected from colleges in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia.

Work submitted for consideration must be the sole work of the artist and have been completed within the past two years while the competitor was an undergraduate student. Media may include painting, drawing, sculpture, glass, ceramics, photography, printmaking, digital art, fiber art, mixed media and jewelry.

The West Tennessee Regional Art Center is located at 1200 Main St. in Humboldt. For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at 731-881-7400.