The University of Tennessee at Martin mourns the passing of Fred Pickard, a 2005 inductee into the school's Athletics Hall of Fame following a four-year stint as head football coach. He was 83 years old.

Pickard served as head coach at Terry Parker High School in Jacksonville, Fla., for eight seasons before coming to UT Martin in 1975. He served in a variety of roles as an assistant (offensive line coach, linebackers coach, defensive coordinator, running backs coach, offensive coordinator) under Pacer head coaches George MacIntyre, Vester Newcomb and Lynn Amedee before he was promoted to head coach by athletic director Ray Mears. He was officially named the 10th head coach in school history on Feb. 1, 1982, leading the UT Martin program from 1982 through 1985.

Under Pacer head coaches George MacIntyre, Vester Newcomb and Lynn Amedee before he was promoted to head coach by athletic director Ray Mears, Pickard began his collegiate head coaching career with a 4-1 record — which was the Pacers' best start to a season since the 1967 squad that went on to win the Tangerine Bowl. During his tenure, he coached 10 All-Gulf South Conference honorees — including future UT Martin Athletic Hall of Famers Jerry Reese (Class of 1995) and Tony Champion (Class of 2010).

Pickard was a standout collegiate fullback at Florida State, leading the Seminoles in rushing for three consecutive seasons (1957-59). He tallied 339 carries for 1,546 yards — both school records — and scored 14 touchdowns. He was a two-time All-American selection, holding the distinction of scoring the school's first-ever touchdown in the historic rivalry series against the University of Florida. He was inducted into the Florida State Hall of Fame in 1982, five months before he made his Pacer head coaching debut.
UT Martin’s 2022 spring semester to begin Jan. 13

January 4, 2022 by Tristyn Fletcher (https://www.wbbjtv.com/author/tristan-fletcher/)

MARTIN, Tenn. — The University of Tennessee at Martin says its spring semester is almost here.

UT Martin says in-person classes are set to begin Thursday, Jan. 13.

The university says classes will be held fully in-person in Jackson, Parsons, Ripley, Selmer and Somerville.

Having the COVID-19 vaccine and booster shots, as well as wearing masks, is encouraged by the school.
UTM Publishes Chancellor’s Honor Roll

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The following area students were recognized on the Chancellor’s Honor Roll:

Carroll County

Jenna K. Cash, Atwood, Highest Honors; Lauren J. Martin, Atwood, Honors; Analise M. McPherson, Atwood, Honors; Noelle A. Roberts, Atwood, High Honors; Haley M. Stout, Atwood, Honors; Anna C. Batte, Bruceton, High Honors; Lucien P. Chatham, Bruceton, High Honors; Monica L. Driggers, Bruceton, High Honors; Brayden N. Frye, Bruceton, High Honors; Jordan R. Holman, Bruceton, Honors; Chloe S. Hoskins-Ward, Bruceton, High Honors; Olivia B. Lowry, Bruceton, Highest Honors; Trent C. Taylor, Bruceton, Highest Honors; Garrett T. Grimes, Buena Vista, Highest Honors; Trevor A. Hall, Buena Vista, High Honors; Noah W. Rogers, Cedar Grove, Highest Honors; Brianna J. Weber, Cedar Grove, Honors; Breanna L. Wilbanks, Cedar Grove, Highest Honors; Christopher W. Wood, Cedar Grove, Highest Honors; Julie A. French, Chattanooga, High Honors; Autumn H. Blankenship, Hollow Rock, Highest Honors; Nevaeh S. Davis, Hollow Rock, Highest Honors; Kaitlyn E. French, Hollow Rock, Honors; Rachel A. Smith, Hollow Rock, Honors; Riley P. Walker, Hollow Rock, Student; Jonathan N. Weems, Hollow Rock, Highest Honors; Hannah E. Work, Hollow Rock, High Honors; Jessica J. Berry, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Brayden E. Campbell, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Emily D. Coleman, Huntingdon, High Honors; Payton E. Connell, Huntingdon, High Honors; Nicholas W. Douglas, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Carson E. Ensley, Huntingdon, High Honors; Kaci L. Fuller, Huntingdon, High Honors; Caley E. Harris, Huntingdon, Honors; Dylan W. Hicks, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Elizabeth A. Huddins, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Madison E. Hughes, Huntingdon, Honors; Brett D. Huss, Huntingdon, Honors; Skylar D. Kirkland, Huntingdon, Honors; Mary K. McGee, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Bethany P. Miller, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Kelby B. Pearson, Huntingdon, Honors; Alli G. Reeves, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Emily S. Reeves, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Joseph T. Richardson, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Amber M. Shepherd, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Jake W. Stokes, Huntingdon, Honors; Lillian K. Taylor, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Reagan E. Wallace, Huntingdon, Honors; Connor H. Walsh, Huntingdon, High Honors; Logan M. Walsh, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Kaitlyn E. Williams, Huntingdon, Highest Honors; Ashlyn H. Yarbrough, Huntingdon, Honors; Laura E. Milissa, Lavinia, Highest Honors; Trinity D. Ward, Lavinia, Highest Honors; Victoria M. Galloway, Martin, Highest Honors; Dawson B. Grummetts, Martin, Highest Honors; Seth A. House, Martin, Highest Honors; Aubrie B. McClerking, Martin, Honors; John K. Pearson, Martin, Honors; Sydney M. Roney, Martin, Highest Honors; Madison G. Barker, McKenzie, Honors; Emily A. Bollin, McKenzie, High Honors; Molly K. Boucher, McKenzie, High Honors; Lori Brown, McKenzie, Highest Honors; Nathan S. Brown, McKenzie, High Honors; Leah B. Cox, McKenzie, Highest Honors; Ashlyn N. Drewry, McKenzie, Highest Honors; Madison B. Fuzzell, McKenzie, Honors; Braxton D. Hobson, McKenzie, High Honors; Dan E. Hoffman, McKenzie, High Honors; Hannah S. Hopkins, McKenzie, Honors; Diego A. Huitzache, McKenzie, Honors; Evan B. Jarrett, McKenzie, Highest Honors; Xavier Jimenez, McKenzie, Highest Honors; Cameron J. Kee, McKenzie, Honors; William T. McBride, McKenzie, Highest Honors; Mindy L. McCallum, McKenzie, Honors; Nicole R. Mercer, McKenzie, Highest Honors; Jordyn P. Millsap, McKenzie, Honors; Sydney G. Pate, McKenzie, Highest Honors; Hannah E. Singleton, McKenzie, Highest Honors; Lucio S. Slaughter, McKenzie, Honors; Braulio Vega, McKenzie, Highest Honors; Eduardo Vega, McKenzie, Highest Honors; Audrie N. Washburn, McKenzie, Honors; Paul E. Watkins, McKenzie, Highest Honors; Amber E. Wright, McKenzie, Highest Honors; Grace J. Zheng, McKenzie, Honors; Shelby K. Browning, McMoresville, Highest Honors; Jackson C. Lawrence, McMoresville, Honors; Lindsey L. Baker, Trezevant, Highest Honors; Trey N. Brown, Trezevant, Honors; Courtney D. Saylor, Union City, Honors; Samantha K. Roney, Yuma, Honors; Amber K. Staton, Yuma, Highest Honors.

Henry County


Weakley County

Journey L. Adkins, Dresden, High Honors; Sarah E. Alford, Dresden, Highest Honors; Kameron E. Arnold, Dresden, Highest Honors; Rylee A. Bell, Dresden, Honors; Ashlyn M. Bright, Dresden, Highest Honors; Alison M. Davis, Dresden, Honors; Kaleb J. Dillard, Dresden, High Honors; Grace E. Finch, Dresden, Honors; Emily A. Lankford, Dresden, High Honors; Jacquelyn E. Laycock, Dresden, Highest Honors; Erin A. Mallory, Dresden, Honors; Maddox D. Melton, Dresden, High Honors; Trevor J. Moore, Dresden, TN

38225-4104, High Honors; Julie A. Mosley, Dresden, Highest Honors; Alex A. Nichols, Dresden, Honors; Kinzi M. Reid, Dresden, Highest Honors; Emily M. Rogers, Dresden, Highest Honors; Denver A. Snider, Dresden, High Honors; Brice D. Williams, Dresden, Honors; Joshua T. Williams, Dresden, Highest Honors; Tinley L. Winn, Dresden, Honors; Collin L. Winstead, Dresden, Highest Honors; Freddie L. Winstead, Dresden, Highest Honors; Jennifer L. Woodson, Dresden, Highest Honors; Bradley A. Young, Dresden, Honors; Dekota J. Lampkins, Gleason, High Honors; Marissa A. Laws, Gleason, Honors; Chloe E. Martin, Gleason, Highest Honors; Daniel S. Morris, Gleason, Highest Honors; William M. Morris, Gleason, High Honors; Natalie M. Pumphrey, Gleason, Highest Honors; Allyson K. Spain, Gleason, Highest Honors; Hannah E. Whitworth, Gleason, Highest Honors; Elijah M. Young, Gleason, Highest Honors.

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UTM OFFERING NON-DEGREE COURSES

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of University Outreach has scheduled four community courses for the spring 2023 semester.

All courses are enrolling now and are open for registration on a first-come, first-served basis.

• An Adobe Photoshop course will be offered 6-9 p.m. Mondays from Jan. 24- Feb. 28. The course teaches photo editing using the latest version of Photoshop and costs $145. The course will be taught by Dr. Tom Gallien.

• Water aerobics sessions will be held 5:30-6:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, from Jan. 24- March 7; 5-6 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, from Jan. 25- March 8; 5:30-6:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, from March 9- April 27; and 5-6 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, from March 10- April 28. Each session costs $45, and anyone interested can save $10 by registering for January and March sessions at the same time.

• Beginner and intermediate courses about the Korean language and culture will be held Mondays, Jan. 24- May 20. Those taking the beginner level courses will meet from 5-6 p.m., and those taking the intermediate courses will meet from 6-7 p.m. Registration is $30 per person.

The courses, taught by Jisun Collier, focus on the Korean alphabet and basic conversational skills. Students will also be able to attend the annual Korean New Year party and Kimchi Festival.

Online registration and payment are required for all courses. Visit utm.edu/departments/non-degree/martin.php for information on how to register for each individual course.

• Water aerobics is a low-impact fitness class recommended for those with joint pain or chronic pain, as well as those recovering from injuries. The course builds cardiovascular stamina and increases strength, flexibility, balance, and helps burn body fat.
UT Martin Spring Semester Begins Next Week

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- January 5 – New Student See UTM on Page 3

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Orientation for transfer and new students (virtual format).
- January 13 – Classes begin all locations.
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- February 21 – Test Flight Academic Preview Day, main campus
- April 2 – Spring Preview Day, main campus

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The UT Martin main campus and regional centers will operate virtually today, and only essential employees should report onsite for work. Spring semester classes begin Jan. 13, so the academic schedule isn't affected by today's weather events.
UT Martin Plans For Spring Classes

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We know that the continued economic growth and success of the state lies in an educated workforce. At UT we're committed to doing our part to change the lives of Tennesseans through education and thus the state.

Randy Boyd, President University of Tennessee System

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Echols reflects upon the meaning of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

By Macenna True
Press Reporter

Kameron Echols is a Memphis native. He currently resides in Martin with his wife Courtney and their children Jaylen and Allie. He moved to Weakley County to attend UTM, where he majored in criminal justice. He currently serves as assistant director of Career Planning and Development there. He serves on the Carl Perkins Center for Child Abuse Board and works closely with Weakley County Prevention Coalition and Martin Housing Authority. “I love giving back to my community,” he says enthusiastically, “Martin has poured so much into me and my family, so these are just a few ways I can give back.”

Echols says that to him, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a day to “reflect on Dr. King’s service to the American people.” It is a day of remembrance and to connect with each other on a humanitarian level. The philosophies King developed are what Echols determines a great cause to consider.

For the past 10 years, the University of Tennessee at Martin, the city of Martin and the UT Martin Black Student Association have co-hosted the MLK breakfast. Due to COVID restrictions, the event will not be held this year but Echols had this to say, “I believe the MLK breakfast has always been a strong representation of the commitment this community has had to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King. I believe we should continue to infuse our community with service as much as possible.”

Dr. King encouraged peaceful protests for injustice and equality and preached inclusivity for all. His powerful messages and leadership capabilities resonated with many people across the country. Echols feels that for Americans to continue MLK’s work, young people are the key to success. He believes today’s youth are continuing to bring an understanding of civil rights injustices by a modern movement of acceptance.

“I think this generation is finding new ways to continue the fight that has been ongoing for so many years,” he said. “Often the methods are not traditional, in terms of what our elders may have envisioned, but it reaches the people it needs to reach.”

Of course, we have more work to do as a society. Through respectful communication, keeping an open mind and a willingness to find compromise on any issue, we as a community can continue to bring greater consciousness to the biases that still exist. By taking the time to celebrate King’s philosophies, we can work together to assist the younger generation to having a better understanding of a peace, equality and forward movement. The Office of Student Life and Multicultural Affairs does a monthly ‘day of service’ for the UTM students. It has been very impactful for those students who participate, but I would love to see something resembling this for our city and even the county.”

King once said, “Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a constant attitude.” He spoke often about forgiving those who have caused one hurt or harm as it is essential to obtaining peace within our country, Echols agrees. He offers this wisdom: “Forgiveness is the cornerstone in the foundation we are building our futures upon. If we truly want to build a strong foundation for future generations, we must begin to forgive and heal.”

By continuing to reflect on and celebrate King’s ideas and honor his work together, we can continue to pay tribute to his memory by one day realizing his dream of equality for all.

“If you can’t fly, then run. If you can’t run, then walk. If you can’t walk, then crawl — but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.” — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
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UT Martin spring semester begins Thursday

UT Martin’s Hall-Moody Administration Building

UT Martin’s spring semester begins Thursday with several thousand students back on campus.

UTM Communications Chief Bud Grimes tells Thunderbolt Radio News...

(AUDIO)

Motorists traveling University Street and Mt. Polia Road near the UT Martin campus are also reminded to watch for UT Martin students and staff crossing the street.

(AUDIO)

Classes will be in session Thursday and Friday with classes out Monday for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.
UT Martin names Hardin County area students to fall semester Chancellor’s Honor Roll

By Editor | January 12, 2022 |

The University of Tennessee at Martin on Wednesday announced its fall 2021 Chancellor’s Honor Rolls for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global Affairs, College of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

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Adamsville
Jordyn A. Roberts, High Honors
Lori M. Stutts, Highest Honors

Counce
Logan J. Alfano-Webb, Highest Honors
William C. Barham, High Honors
Lauren E. Fair, Highest Honors
Shelby P. Maness, High Honors.

Morris Chapel
Colton A. Taylor, Honors.

Olive Hill
Tyler C. Phillips, Highest Honors
Salttillo
Terry L. Bingham, Highest Honors
John N. Reeves, High Honors

Savannah
Nicholas G. Andrews, Highest Honors
Dustin B. Ayers, High Honors

Alicia K. Bishop, Honors
Neely D. Brown, Highest Honors
Callie K. Davis, Highest Honors
Hayden T. Deberry, Honors
Bethany C. Franks, High Honors
Kaitlyn M. Franks, Honors
Cooper D. Harris, Honors
Delaney A. Harris, Highest Honors
David C. Humphries, Honors
Emma C. Lackey, Highest Honors
Tabitha D. Rhodes, Highest Honors
James S. Shope, Highest Honors
Aubrey L. Taylor, Honors
Brooke A. Thompson, Honors
Abby G. White, High Honors
Sydney L. White, Honors
Hazen M. Perry, Highest Honors
Somerville Workshop Discussed UT Martin Somerville Center Remodeling for Nursing Program; New Fire Station Cost Increase

UT Martin Project

Ms. Ginger French of TLM Architects was present to discuss the remodeling of another part of the UT Martin Somerville Center for a nursing program. City administrator Bob Turner stated UT Martin wants a lecture hall, two classrooms, an office, and more.

TLM has given a quote of $16,000 for architectural design only. Kara Tapp, director of the center, stated because of the megasite, we want to add more programs such as the nursing program, a manufacturing program, and construction management.

Ms. French stated that HVAC units are hard to get now and also sprinklers. Mayor Ronnie Neill asked her if she had any projections on cost. Ms. French said we have added a percentage to our normal budget of construction cost which is 30%.

Neill asked would we be better off doing the demolition back there as a separate contract. She said the downside of that is tearing out something that could be used. Neill said this contract will come back to the regular board next Monday. The meeting will be held at a special time of 6 pm.
New Albany student earns UT-Martin honors

Sianna G. Malone of New Albany earned Highest Honors at the University of Tennessee Martin Campus for the fall semester. Highest Honors is awarded to students with a 3.5 to 3.79 grade point average.

Higher Education: Scholarships, Deans Lists and local graduates

STAFF REPORT
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UT MARTIN Chancellor’s Honor Roll

Zachary A. Trent of Bulls Gap earned Highest Honors on UT Martin’s Chancellor’s Honor Roll.

To be eligible for the Highest Honors on the UT Martin Chancellor’s Honor Roll a student must take at least 12 hours of credit and achieve a 3.8 through 4.0 gpa.
Dunn named to UT Martin Chancellor’s Honor Roll

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Eric K. Dunn, of Clinton, has earned Highest Honors.

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Area students named to UT-M honor roll

Jan 18, 2022

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Cassie M. Carter of Monroe, received Honors, and Emily M. Gean, also of Monroe, received High Honors.

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UTM road to be renamed after Dr. Jerry D. Gresham

The University of Tennessee at Martin will name Farm Road, which connects University Street to Hyndsvor-Gardner Road, Jerry D. Gresham Road in memory of Dr. Jerry D. Gresham, Professor Emeritus of Animal Science.

Gresham grew up on a wheat and cotton farm in Altus, Oklahoma, and had a passion for cattle, swine and the FFA organization. This passion inspired him to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. As a first-generation college student, he became involved in the ROTC program and finished his degree as a distinguished military graduate.

Gresham came to UT Martin in 1973 after serving in the Army for four years and finishing his master’s degree and his doctorate in meat science at Oklahoma State University.

Although he only planned to hold the position of assistant professor for three or four years, Gresham fell in love with UT Martin and served for 39 years until his retirement in spring 2013.

During his time at UT Martin, Gresham served as the dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences until his retirement, and his strong ability to manage his budgets with what he liked to call “aggie math” allowed the university to further fund experiential opportunities for agricultural students, such as the UT Martin Teaching and Demonstration Farm.

Gresham also received the Cunningham Outstanding Teacher/Scholar award in 2003 and was named the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association Distinguished Service Professor in 2005. Gresham supported the university during his lifetime, and his wife, Carolyn, has continued their philanthropy since his death in 2017. The Jerry and Carolyn Gresham Family Scholarship was endowed in their honor, and their two children, Darryl and Darcia, are UT Martin graduates. Over their years of support, the Gresham family has donated more than $115,000 to the UT Martin campus.

“Jerry Gresham was a man’s man. He was like a father to me,” said Dr. Wes Totten, chair of the Department of Agriculture, Geosciences and Natural Resources. “He was my mentor then and his spirit still mentors me today. I can’t put a price or measure on the positive influence he has had on me, and I pray that everyone has a Jerry Gresham in their life.”
Area students receive scholarships, named to Dean’s List, President’s List and honor rolls

UT Martin names students to fall Chancellor’s Honor Roll

• Dresden – Journey L. Adkins, High Honors; Sarah E. Alford, Highest Honors; Katherine E. Arnold, Highest Honors; Taylor E. Bell, Highest Honors; Ashley M. Bright, Highest Honors; Alexis M. Davis, Highest Honors; Katelyn J. Dillard, High Honors; Grace E. Finch, Honors; Emily A. Lankford, High Honors; Jacqualyn E. Laycock, Highest Honors; Erin J. Mallory, Honors; Maddox D. Melton, High Honors; Trevor J. Moore, High Honors; Julie A. Mosley, Highest Honors; Alexandra N. Nichols, Honors; Kinzie M. Reid, Highest Honors; Emily R. Rogers, Highest Honors; Denver A. Snider, High Honors; Brice D. Williams, Honors; Joshua T. Williams, Highest Honors; Timley L. Winn, Honors; Collin L. Winstead, Highest Honors; Freddie L. Winstead, Highest Honors; Jennifer L. Woodson, Highest Honors; Bradley A. Young, Honors.

• Gleason – Dekota J. Lampkins, High Honors; Marissa A. Laws, Honors; Chloe E. Martin, Highest Honors; Daniel S. Morris, Highest Honors; William M. Morris, High Honors; Natalia M. Pomphey, Highest Honors; Alison K. Spain, Highest Honors; Hannah E. Whitworth, Highest Honors; Elijah M. Young, Highest Honors.

• Greenfield – Reese O. Biggs, High Honors; Andrew J. Capps, High Honors; Caroline A. Crouse, High Honors; Abby L. Eubank, Highest Honors; Toy A. Evans, Highest Honors; Zachary D. Forsythe, Highest Honors; Colton N. Freeman, Honors; Macy C. Garner, High Honors; Cassy L. Goble, High Honors; Bailey A. Gordon, Honors; Bentley G. Gordon, Highest Honors; Kayla M. Hazzlewood, High Honors; Blake L. Holliman, High Honors; Grant E. Huffstetler, Honors; Courtney E. Hutchinson, Honors; Sara S. Lewis, Highest Honors; Amy E. Mefford, Highest Honors; Sydney J. Morris, Honors; James R. Northcutt, Highest Honors; Matthew D. Pugh, Highest Honors; Madison A. Shell, Highest Honors; Maura A. Shelton, Highest Honors; Hanna D. Shull, Highest Honors; Jhona E. Simmons, Highest Honors; Cassey R. Smith, Highest Honors; Raven A. Thorpe, Highest Honors; Jerry A. Todd, Honors; Drake B. Yates, High Honors.

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Gray Hensley signs for UTM Army ROTC

By Caleb Revill

Gray Hensley was joined by friends and family at his signing for UT Martin's Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program at Milan High School on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 13.

The MHS senior said that he is excited to serve in the Army National Guard after completing the four year program alongside his classes at UTM.

"I'll be doing this for the next four years," Hensley said. "When I graduate I'll be an officer."

Hensley said that he is most excited about learning the leadership that comes with being an officer. He chose to pursue the National Guard because he wanted to balance having a civilian job lifestyle while still having the opportunity to serve his country.

"I've switched up what I wanted to do in the military my whole life," Hensley said. "I finally narrowed it down to doing the National Guard, and I felt like that was the best option for me... Having that leadership responsibility and learning that discipline in my life sounds like the best thing."

Because the National Guard is part time, Hensley is looking forward to exploring different career options and majors at UTM.

He expressed an interest in the school's accounting program.

According to the U.S. Army National Guard's website, ROTC is a collegiate option that prepares students to become future officers. Graduates who complete ROTC receive a bachelor's degree in a major of their choosing and commission straight out of college as a second lieutenant. The program offers various scholarship options to help assist participants in paying for their college.

Some high schools also offer Junior ROTC elective programs for students interested in learning about the military while participating in classes on citizenship, leadership, character and community service.

Sgt. 1st Class Bobby Sherrod is a recruiter for the Tennessee National Guard covering the Milan, South Gibson and Bradford school systems. He said that Hensley is the first person out of high school in West Tennessee to sign up for college ROTC through the O-9 Romeo simultaneous membership program.

"He's a member of the national guard, and with the way his contract is he will go straight into college his freshman year and start that without going through basic training," Sherrod said.

"He'll contract with the ROTC program, and once he actually gets his college semester hours needed to become a cadet and contractor -which is 30 college credit hours- he'll contract as a cadet and then all of his education will be paid for by the National Guard."

Sherrod said that once Hensley finishes college, he'll have the option through his O-9 Romeo program to choose either active duty military or National Guard.

"It's kind of opening up a new path for those who are college bound," Sherrod said.

The O-9 Romeo program is relatively new to recruiters in the area. Sherrod said that he looks forward to seeing Hensley become an accomplished leader.

"For me, honestly I think he's one of the brightest ones that I've worked with," Sherrod said. "He knew what he wanted and he was determined. I presented him with several routes that he could take and all of them were going to be a great route, but this was the one that he was determined to take... He's asking for that advice on what a leader should be doing, so I think he's going to make a great leader with whatever route he decides to take after college. I know while in college and doing the National Guard and ROTC program that he will excel in what he does."

Sherrod said that students interested in pursuing the ROTC program can reach out to him directly or any National Guard recruiter in the state of Tennessee. More information on the Army National Guard ROTC program can be found at: https://www.nationalguard.com/careers/become-an-officer/rotc
GRAY HENSLEY signs up for UT Martin’s Army National Guard ROTC program surrounded by family and friends at Milan High School Thursday afternoon, Jan. 13. Hensley is the first high school senior in West Tennessee to be recruited under the O-9 Romeo simultaneous membership program that will give him the option of pursuing either active duty or National Guard careers after college. Photo by Caleb Revill.
UT Martin names students to Fall 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 Fall 2021 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 the Chancellor’s Honor Roll recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the Chancellor’s Honor Roll with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

Bradford – Kristel A. Avendano, Honors; Lucas L. Cagle, Highest Honors; Shelby K. Cantrell, Honors; Tamia M. Casey, Honors; Maggie L. Doyle, Honors; Kendall M. Griffith, Highest Honors; Amy J. King, High Honors; Cheryl A. King, Highest Honors; Lexie E. Knott, High Honors; Robert Mathis, Honors; Blair E. Mercer, Highest Honors; Brian C. Perritt, Highest Honors; Dylan C. Schaefer, High Honors; Lauren F. Vandiver, Highest Honors.

Gibson – Hope E. Newell, Highest Honors.

Humboldt – Annie G. Bass, Highest Honors; Calista R. Beard, Highest Honors; Colton M. Beasley, High Honors; Savannah K. Beaton, Highest Honors; Adeline C. Blanken, High Honors; Elizabeth Boucher, Highest Honors; Anna G. Brown, Honors; Kaitlynn R. Burkett, High Honors; Jennifer M. Dennison, Highest Honors; Chia Pei Druetzler, Honors; Morgan F. Dunlap, Highest Honors; Alissa L. Farley, Highest Honors; GeNya A. Randolph-Spencer, High Honors; Allison G. Smith, High Honors; Mary K. Thompson, Honors; Elizabeth A. Turner, Highest Honors.

Medina – Trevor L. Boals, Highest Honors; Chloe G. Cates, Highest Honors; Chloe M. Cook, High Honors; Maria F. Cunningham, High Honors; Bentley A. Davis, Honors; Carson V. Ikard, High Honors; Brooks D. Johnston, High Honors; Lily A. McCallister, Honors; Michael D. McFarland, Honors; Tracie A. Mollett, Honors; Ethan B. Moore, Honors; James G. Norris, Highest Honors; Ashlyn E. Page, High Honors; Keri A. Parrish, High Honors; Nikita J. Patel, Honors; Mackenzie G. Poore, High Honors; Levi J. Schlesinger, High Honors; Elijah T. Scott, Highest Honors; Rylee V. Thomas, High Honors; Elizabeth A. Wiles, Highest Honors; Hunter L. Williams, High Honors.

Milan – Brittnie N. Autry, High Honors; Steven M. Ballard, Honors; Lari B. Bridges, High Honors; Chandler H. Carey, High Honors; Ariana M. Claros, Highest Honors; Madison C. Crocker, Highest Honors; Savannah L. Crone, High Honors; Andrew J. Davis, Honors; Annette D. Diaz, High Honors; Ella C. Fagin, Honors; Samuel B. Fagin, Highest Honors; Brittney S. Goode, Honors; Bailee R. Graves, Highest Honors; Avery F. Hall, Honors; Karrington F. Hopper, Honors; Callie W. Hughes, High Honors; Catherine E. Hughes, Highest Honors; Ammon R. Johnson, Honors; Shellie R. Kosark, High Honors; Karsten L. Kyle, Honors; Hayden S. Martin, High Honors; Wesley R. McCaskill, Honors; Sarah G. Moore, Highest Honors; Kelsey B. Morris, High Honors; Cameron R. Patrick, Highest Honors; Langston C. Patrick, High Honors; Chloe B. Rangel, High Honors; Seth K. Roberson, Highest Honors; Daniel J. Schaefer, Highest Honors; Kara L. Scott, Honors; Chloe A. Smith, Highest Honors; Gracie L. Sparks, Honors; Dylan A. Thomas, High Honors; Austin H. White, Highest Honors.

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

Jackson – Grace N. Abbott, High Honors; McKenna V. Davis, Highest Honors; Michele A. Hughley, Highest Honors; Madelynn G. McMillan Honors; Anna G. Ward, Highest Honors.
UTM board to meet

The University of Tennessee at Martin Advisory Board will hold its annual winter meeting in person at 1 p.m. Friday in Room 206 of the Boling University Center.

The meeting will also be available for public viewing via livestream at www.utm.edu/advisory and archived for later viewing. Those attending in person are highly encouraged to wear a face covering.

Agenda items include economic forecast; government relations and advocacy overview; and Title IX update.

The full agenda and associated meeting materials are available at www.utm.edu/advisoryboard or by contacting Bud Grimes in the Office of University Relations by emailing rgrimes@utm.edu or by calling 731-881-7615.

Anyone with a disability or otherwise needing assistance in connection with this meeting may contact Grimes to request auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate attendance. Contact may be made in person, by writing, by email, by telephone or otherwise and should be received no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday.

UT Martin also distributes this notice to all faculty and staff as part of its compliance with providing adequate public notice.

Childhood brain injury focus of UT Martin research series

Dr. Saman Sargolzaei, University of Tennessee at Martin assistant professor of engineering, will discuss current research into pediatric brain injuries during a presentation at noon Jan. 25 in the north reading room of the Paul Meek Library on campus.

The event is co-sponsored by the Division of Academic Affairs and the Meek Library and is part of the UT Martin Research Series, which highlights research from campus faculty, staff and students.

"Despite subjective variances, regularity exists in healthy brain development," Sargolzaei said. "Yet, the concept of brain development introduces uncertainty and further complexity to the study of traumatic brain injury in the pediatric population."

To unravel these complexities, Sargolzaei’s research includes brain network modeling to better understand brain dynamics after such injuries.

The event will also highlight other research projects at UT Martin’s Brain Autonomy and Resiliency (BAR) Research Lab, including Tennessee corn promotion through the lens of virtual reality, robotics-based approaches for positive reinforcement of mask use during the COVID-19 pandemic and a neuroimaging study of human anxiety induced by the introduction of autonomous vehicles into transportation systems.

Light refreshments will be served, and attendees are welcome to bring their lunch for the midday event.

Parking for the program will be in the Paul Meek Library parking lot on Wayne Fisher Drive off Mount Pella Road.

Parking permits are available online at www.utm.edu/departments/publicsafety by selecting the "Online Visitor Parking Permit" link.
Mary Jo Dougherty remembered for involvement and generosity

Mary Jo Dougherty, longtime Camden resident and University of Tennessee supporter, will be remembered for her community involvement and generosity.

She died Dec. 21, 2021, at the age of 90.

Born Dec. 28, 1930, in Sevierville, she graduated from the High School Department of Virginia Intermont College in Bristol, Va., and in 1952 from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. While at UT, she met her husband, Lew Wallace Dougherty Jr., and they were married March 27, 1954.

Lew, a dentist, died in November 2016.

Mary Jo was active in the community and was a member of the Camden Garden Club and the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, serving as an officer in both. She was an accredited flower show judge and judging shows for many years throughout the southeast. She was also interested in the arts and was a founding member of the Benton County Arts Council, a member of the UT Martin Arts Council board, and the Northwest Tennessee Humanities Council, and was a supporter of the Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art in Nashville.

Mary Jo and Lew began their support for the University of Tennessee in 1977. Since then, the Doughertys have donated $2.18 million to the UT System. Their contributions include supporting UT Martin’s University Scholars Program, the Paul Meek Library, athletics and the Department of Music.

The couple spent countless hours building connections with students, faculty and staff across the system. They received the 1987 Chancellor’s Citation for Extraordinary Service to the University from UT Knoxville and the 2004 Chancellor’s Award for University Service from UT Martin for dedication to their alma mater.

“I always loved visiting their home in Camden,” said Dr. Keith Carver, UT Martin chancellor. “One of my favorite things was seeing their photographs from their international trips. They loved traveling the world, and their hope was that their gifts would allow UTM students to see it, too.”

The Doughertys became particularly interested in the University Scholars Program after students gave a presentation at a development committee meeting. They became involved and formed bonds with students in the program.

“While they had no children, I would dare say that every year they’ve got 30 new ones that can call them their parents,” said Dr. Charley Deal, vice chancellor for university advancement.

Deal originally met the couple while he worked in the Office of Alumni Relations and went on to serve with them on university fundraising campaigns.

“They loved hearing from the students and seeing those students go through the program and graduate at the end. They often said that they would receive notes, handwritten notes from the students,” he said.

Mary Jo was closely involved with numerous alumni associations across the UT System, and her passion was encouraging women to begin donating to their alma mater. Among her board appointments included serving as chair of the UT Alumni Association Women’s Council and as a member of the UTAA Board of Governors and its executive committee.

“I think there have been a lot of women who have graduated from UT, and specifically UT Martin, that can look back and say, ‘Mary Jo Dougherty influenced my giving, my support, my thinking that I needed to support (my alma mater),’” Deal said. 

To those close to her, Dougherty was known for her kindness and the strong love she shared with her husband. She supported his every endeavor, and the two were married for 62 years until his death.

“Lew and Mary Jo were among the first people I met when coming to work at UT Martin more than 29 years ago,” said Jeanna Curtis-Swafford, associate vice chancellor for university advancement. “They were two of the very finest. Lew always said that the two great loves of his life were the University of Tennessee and Mary Jo — not necessarily in that order.”

“I remember this like it was yesterday, them walking out of the Boling University Center after one of our dinners, and they were holding hands, and they’d been married 50-plus years at that point.

That was the kind of love that they shared. And when he passed away in 2016, it left a very big void in her heart and her life: You could just tell it (their relationship) was meant to be,” Deal said. “They would give advice, and when I got married, he always would give me advice about how to stay happy. Of course, I needed to listen, because at that point they’d been married 40 years. They’ve been married longer than I would have been alive.”

Another example of Mary Jo’s compassionate spirit came after Lew’s death. Deal and a mutual friend went to inquire about Lew’s convertible, which was very valuable to him.

“I called Mary Jo and the person that was helping her take care of his items at home, actually went up there, drove (Mary Jo) around and came back, and I told her to give me a price. She said, ‘Well, I know I wasn’t going to sell it to just anybody, but Lew really would really be smiling right now if he knew you had his car,’” Deal remembered.

“On the way back from Camden, my wife discovered that there was a CD in the car that was Lew’s, and it had some Frank Sinatra, and he loved his music. I called (Mary Jo) and I said, ‘I’ve got this CD, if you’d like for me to bring it back,’ and she goes, ‘No, you just keep it. You dance with your bride.’”
UTM Chancellor's Honor Roll includes Obion County students

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Honorées from Obion County include:

- Hornback — Gregory K. Cooper, high honors; Joshua L. Darnall, high honors; Emma K. Johnson, honors; and Bryanna R. Wilgus, honors.

- Obion — Destiny R. Alexander, high honors; Ethan C. Buchman, highest honors; Macey J. Buchanan, highest honors; Makayla L. Buchanan, highest honors; Samuel R. Ferguson, highest honors; Jared D. Fielder, highest honors; Nathan A. Hartley, high honors; Kaidlyn C. Hays, high honors; Kellie L. Henson, high honors; Alexandria N. Holt, high honors; Anna K. Kendall, high honors; Jonah M. Pittman, high honors; Jared W. Pollock, highest honors; Brycen G. Rainey, high honors; and Haley E. Straka, honors.

- South Fulton — Brian A. Barclay, highest honors; Ashley R. Bats, high honors; Logan P. Brimm, high honors; Makenzy G. Crawford, highest honors; Riley K. Davis, high honors; Wesley G. Gual, high honors; and Audra A. Hill, highest honors; Madelyn N. Hogan, highest honors; Ryanne B. Kessel, highest honors; Jaden C. Knott, honors; Emily F. Matz, highest honors; John G. McConnell, highest honors; Jeremy B. McFarland, honors; Lukas R. Moss, highest honors; Austin D. Puckett, honors; Katelyn M. Stark, honors; Kelli D. Swift, honors; Jhems K. Wallace, highest honors; and Kelly A. Whitesell, highest honors.

- Trey — Nida Alesno, high honors; Allie G. Anderson, high honors; Morgan L. Armstrong, highest honors; Bailey B. Basham, high honors; Julia M. Carson, high honors; Abigail G. Cunningham, honors; Annickathryn L. Hendley, highest honors; Michael D. Hogg, high honors; Kailyn E. Jones, highest honors; Camille V. Kendall, highest honors; Sara J. Kendall, highest honors; John D. Kersey, highest honors; Kaocalypse A. Kincade, highest honors; Sylvia S. McNicholas, high honors; Jacob D. Schnepple, highest honors; Makayla R. Shopp, high honors; and Cailyn J. Smith, highest honors.

- Union City — Conner M. Arnold, honors; Hannah L. Arthurs, highest honors; Austin C. Atwill, highest honors; Rebecca J. Beacham, highest honors; Benjamin H. Beard, highest honors; Brandon W. Beard, highest honors; Ciara F. Bishop, honors; Dariona A. Bishop, honors; Braylee M. Bouchert, high honors; Jilian B. Bowman, highest honors; Carly E. Bramlett, highest honors; Mason H. Brinkley, high honors; Kornelious D. Brown, honors; Taylor Rae F. Brandt, highest honors; Morgan W. Burton, honors; Kyle H. Byassee, highest honors; Heather L. Callens, highest honors; Lily A. Cheatham, high honors; Darren C. Clopton, highest honors; Kaylee M. Cook, highest honors; Jordan L. Copeland, highest honors; Will T. Crawford, highest honors; Rachel M. Crouch, highest honors; Daniel R. Cunningham, highest honors; Dylan M. Davis, highest honors; Aaron J. Dyer, highest honors; Macie S. Earley, highest honors; Jakalaya M. Fink, highest honors; Hannah X. Fulbright, honors; Jack S. Garrett, highest honors; Audrey B. Glover, highest honors; Reagan M. Griffin, highest honors; Ann C. Guerrero, high honors; Lizbeth Guerrero, highest honors; Monserrat Guerrero, highest honors; Elizabeth C. Huggins, high honors; Lauren A. Hurst, highest honors; Tammy Huynh, high honors; Brianna M. Johnson, highest honors; Davis B. Johnson, highest honors; Justin L. Johnson, highest honors; Alyea Y. Jowers, highest honors; Ryan T. Lewis, high honors; Robert T. Martin, highest honors; Sara E. Mathis, honors; Thomas P. Mathis, highest honors; Ben D. McMillan, highest honors; Guadalupe Mejia, highest honors; Kelsey E. Miller, honors; Clayton M. Mizu, honors; Luke G. Moses, honors; Shelby N. Mosley, honors; Audrey M. Myers, highest honors; Brandon L. mug, high honors; Refugio Palacios, highest honors; Caleb T. Parker, high honors; Erion S. Philpips, high honors; Jacob R. Roberts, honors; Courtney D. Saylor, honors; Colyn J. Sensing, highest honors; Garrett O. Slaughter, honors; Reilly J. Stanford, highest honors; Makailly B. Thompson, highest honors; Joshua W. Thompson, highest honors; Carol A. Ullrich, high honors; James T. Ward, highest honors; Jennifer L. Watkins, high honors; Brittany R. Weber, honors; Jacob T. Wheeler, honors; Hannah C. Williams, high honors; Hayden M. Wilson, high honors; Madison L. Winchester, honors; Megan E. Winchester, high honors; Jannah A. Woods, high honors; Bryleigh F. Woodward, high honors; Jared C. Woodward, highest honors; Kallie M. Worrell, honors; Grant K. Yates, honors; and Jasmine M. Youngblood, high honors.

Honorees with ties to Obion County include:

- Fulton — Aaron M. Hollingsworth, honors.

- Martin — Alyssa M. Black, highest honors; Taylor C. Bowling, highest honors; Hunter C. Burton, highest honors; Lillian R. Moore, highest honors; Eric S. Stroombi, highest honors; William T. Sutter, honors; Bayleigh M. Travis, highest honors; and Kennedy J. Williams, highest honors.

- Rutherford — Madison P. Ellis, highest honors.
Spring Semesters Begin at Bethel, UTM

Bethel University students began their spring semester classes Monday, January 10 after a five-week winter break. There was no class Monday, January 17, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Spring break is March 7-11, and classes are out April 15 for Easter Holiday. April 29 is the last day of classes, and students will take their final exams May 2-6. Commencement is May 7.

UT Martin's Skyhawks returned to class Wednesday, January 13. January 17, the institution celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day with no classes. Spring break is March 21-27, and Spring Holiday is on April 15. Classes end Friday, April 29, and final exams are May 2-6. Commencement is Saturday, May 7.
Local Students Named to UT Martin Chancellor's Honor Roll

MARTIN (January 12) — The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Fall 2021 Chancellor's Honor Roll for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global Affairs, College of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

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Dresden — Journey L. Adkins, High Honors; Sarah A. Alford, Highest Honors; Katherine E. Arnold, Highest Honors; Kylee A. Bell, Honors; Ashlyn M. Bright, Highest Honors; Alison M. Davis, Honors; Caleb J. Dilday, High Honors; Grace E. Finch, Davis; Emily A. Lankford, High Honors; Jacylyn E. Laycock, High Honors; Erin J. Mallory, Honors; Maddox D. Melton, High Honors; Trevor J. Moore, High Honors; Julie A. Musley, Highest Honors; Alexi L. Nichols, Honors; Kinzi M. Reid, Highest Honors; Emily M. Rogers, Highest Honors; Briana D. Snider, Highest Honors; Briana D. Snider, Highest Honors; Bronte D. Williams, Honors; Joshua T. Williams, Highest Honors; Tanley L. Winn, Honors; Collin L. Winstead, Highest Honors; Freddie L. Winstead, Highest Honors; Jennifer L. Woodson, Highest Honors; Bradley A. Young, Honors.

Gleason — Dekota J. Lampkins, High Honors; Marissa A. Laws, Honors; Chloe E. Martin, Highest Honors; Daniel S. Morris, Highest Honors; William M. Morris, High Honors; Natalia M. Pompfrey, Highest Honors; Allyson K. Span, Highest Honors; Hannah E. Whitworth, Highest Honors; Elijah M. Young, Highest Honors.

Greenfield — Reese O. Biggs, High Honors; Andrew J. Capps, High Honors; Caroline A. Crouse, High Honors; Abby L. Eubank, Highest Honors; Layla E. Forsythe, Highest Honors; Zachary D. Forsythe, High Honors; Colton N. Freeman, Honors; Macy C. Garner, High Honors; Cassy L. Gobel, High Honors; Bailey A. Gordon, Honors; Bentley G. Gordon, Highest Honors; Lily K. Hazelwood, High Honors; Blake L. Holliman, High Honors; Grant E. Huffstetler, Honors; Courtney E. Hutchison, Honors; Sara S. Lewis, Highest Honors; Amy E. Mitchell, High Honors; Sydney J. Morris, Honors; James R. Northcut, Highest Honors; Matthew D. Pugh, Highest Honors; Madison A. Shell, Highest Honors; Maura A. Shelton, Highest Honors; Hanna D. Shull, High Honors; Jonah F. Simmons, Highest Honors; Bailey R. Smith, High Honors; Raven A. Tharpe, High Honors; Jerry A. Todd, Honors; Drake B. Yates, High Honors.

Martin — Josefa I. Abdulla, Highest Honors; Luke H. Adams, High Honors; Joseph M. Adcock, High Honors; Jeffery L. Alexander, Highest Honors; Abigail B. Allen, Highest Honors; Rosalinda M. Alvarado, Highest Honors; Madison D. Anderson, Highest Honors; Natalie G. Armstrong, High Honors; Abigail V. Arredondo, Honors; Koby S. Ashmore, High Honors; Nicole G. Ayers, Highest Honors; Megan E. Bailey, High Honors; Allie Baker, High Honors; Garratt E. Baker, Honors; Destiny Banks, Highest Honors; Chloe R. Barnett, High Honors; Allen C. Barton, Honors; Jacob R. Bates, High Honors; Alexs K. Beam, High Honors; Lauren B. Beverly, Highest Honors; Alyssa M. Black, Highest Honors; Anthony W. Blaylock, High Honors; Ashley E. Bondurant, Highest Honors; Megan E. Bowden, Highest Honors; Taylor C. Bowling, Highest Honors; William M. Butler, High Honors; Amanda K. Camp, Highest Honors; Boyd C. Campbell, Honors; Clay B. Cantrell, Highest Honors; Katherine N. Cappa, Highest Honors; Nicholas C. Carpenter, High Honors; Lauren P. Carter, High Honors; Ariadna Ondo Cerezo, Honors; Christina B. Chamberlain, High Honors; Virginia K. Chej, High Honors; Kelly R. Childress, Highest Honors; Molly G. Christy, Honors; Micah J. Climer, Highest Honors; Cassidy L. Cloyd, High Honors; Carter W. Coleman, Honors; Madeley A. Collins, High Honors; Ali B. Cooper, Honors; Jacob A. Cottingham, Highest Honors; Baylee G. Covington, Highest Honors; Jonathan A. Davidson, Honors; Abigail N. Davis, Honors; Allison M. DeNote, Highest Honors; Camryn L. Donavan, Highest Honors; James T. Ears, Highest Honors; Mary L. Emmons, Highest Honors; Katelyn N. Essary, Highest Honors; Amber L. Ferrell, Highest Honors; David J. Fieser, High Honors; Victoria M. Galloway, Highest Honors; Lauren E. Ganseleit, Honors; Brayden G. Josefa Gonzalez, Highest Honors; Gracie R. Giffen, High Honors; Jonathan D. Gonsowski, Highest Honors; Alexs B. Grandy, High Honors; Hope E. Gray, High Honors; Dawson B. Gremmels, Highest Honors; Braxton R. Gunter, Honors; Caitlin M. Hampton, Highest Honors; Grace E. Hamrick, High Honors; Ashley N. Hanks, Honors; Serenity S. Harrell, High Honors; Kyle M. Hart, High Honors; Anna M. Hazlewood, High Honors; Kaylee B. Hensley, Honors; Abby G. Hill, Honors; Miranda M. Hill, Highest Honors; Jordan A. Holcomb, High Honors; Olivia G. House, Highest Honors; Seth A. House, Highest Honors; Tatum D. Hudson, Highest Honors; Rickey N. Huggins, Honors; Dylan G. Ingram, Highest Honors; Isaiah H. Ivy, Honors; Luke A. Jackson, Honors; Alli J. James, Highest Honors; Tasharea K. Johnson, Honors; Seth R. Jones, High Honors; Luke M. Kail, High Honors; Victor K. Kemhi, Highest Honors; Meziah C. Kennedy, High Honors; Elizabeth A. Keylon, Highest Honors; Natali P. King, High Honors; Kelsey G. Koonce, High Honors; Hannah M. Laster, Highest Honors; Kiernie M. Lamham, Highest Honors; Julia E. Law, Honors; Casey J. Lee, Honors; Elizabeth L. Lehman, Honors; Abigail M. Lewis, Highest Honors; Avari S. Leyhue, Highest Honors; Emerson G. Leyhue, Honors; Clayton D. Lockhart, Highest Honors; Curt J. Lynch, Highest Honors; Ashley N. Lyon, Honors; Matthew R. Mancusi, Highest Honors; Alexis L. Markham, Highest Honors; Virginia G. Mask, High Honors; Aurlin B. Mcclerking, Honors; Blaine R. McDonald, High Honors; James B. McGregor, High Honors; Sage I. Meusch, High Honors; Kaylee B. Michon, Honors; Dylan T. Montgomery, High Honors; Joseph D. Moore, Highest Honors; Lillian R. Moore, Highest Honors; Brandon R. Muench, Highest Honors; Anthony K. Murray, Honors; John W. Nanney, High Honors; Justin M. Nelson, High Honors; Alec R. Norris, Highest Honors; Emily
L. Palafox, High Honors; Ethan J. Parham, Highest Honors; John K. Pearson, Honors; Joseph F. Pelten, Highest Honors; Sarah E. Pemberton, Highest Honors; Kendal M. Penick, Honors; Debra F. Potts, High Honors; Emily K. Ray, Highest Honors; Hannah G. Reagan, Highest Honors; Ivy O. Reynolds, Highest Honors; Mariah R. Rinehart, High Honors; Alec S. Robertson, Highest Honors; Sydney M. Roney, Highest Honors; Peyton A. Ross, Highest Honors; Caroline M. Schuster, High Honors; Sylvia L. Scott, High Honors; Sydney C. Shanklin, Honors; Evan C. Sherman, High Honors; Leslie L. Simpson, Highest Honors; Brennan V. Smith, High Honors; Caleigh S. Smith, Highest Honors; Yokayla L. Smith, Honors; Lon H. Sowell, Highest Honors; Hattie C. Spencer, Highest Honors; William H. Spencer, Highest Honors; Casey F. Stanfill, High Honors; Skylar M. Stewart, High Honors; Blair E. Stinson, High Honors; Tessa R. Stout, Honors; Eric S. Stromblad, High Honors; William T. Suiter, Honors; Shaynee L. Syler, Highest Honors; Alejandro G. Tejeda, Honors; Enrique C. Tejeda, Highest Honors; Bayleigh M. Travis, Highest Honors; Anna C. Tubbs, High Honors; Gavin L. Vance, Highest Honors; Caitlin E. Vincent, High Honors; Madison E. Vincent, Highest Honors; Rachel A. Vowell, Highest Honors; William E. Wallace, Highest Honors; Aaron C. Washington, Highest Honors; Ainsley C. Watt, High Honors; Christopher D. Webb, Honors; Natalie E. Weidenbach, Highest Honors; Jeremiah A. Whiteman, High Honors; Valerie P. Whitten, High Honors; Grace E. Williams, Highest Honors; Kennedy J. Williams, Highest Honors; Kenzie G. Williams, Highest Honors; Nicholas D. Williamson, Highest Honors; Nathan E. Willis, Honors; Adam C. Winschel, High Honors; Danielle L. Winston, Honors; Angela L. Wise, Highest Honors; Dalton J. Wolbrink, High Honors; Karl E. Woods, High Honors; James L. Wren, Honors; Arthur J. Wright, Honors; Matthew C. Wright, Highest Honors; Allison T. Zelenski, High Honors.

**Palmerville** – Danielle N. Leo, Honors.

**Sharon** – Hunter W. Avery, High Honors; Hannah M. Avery, Honors; Cristen K. Crossno, Honors; Faith O. Davis, High Honors; Jenna C. Freeman, Highest Honors; Madison B. Croom, Highest Honors; Sonnie N. Greer, Honors; Rizpah A. Melon, High Honors; Scarlett G. Nail, High Honors; Bryan P. Rogers, High Honors; Alex N. Sadler, Honors; Dakota R. Sanford, High Honors; Andrew D. Stacks, Highest Honors; River B. Stoltz, High Honors; Tucker N. Turner, Highest Honors; Carly A. Williamson, High Honors.
The outstanding academic achievements of Lauderdale County undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been named to the Fall 2021 chancellor's honor roll.

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

Students named to the honor roll with honors include Hannah L. Haislip, Destinee L. Humphrey, and Brianna G. Jones, all of Gates; Jacob L. Clark, and Whitney M. Ray, both of Halls; Latateia S. Maben, Gregory C. Tillman, of Henning; and Greg L. Claybrook, Whitney L. Fisher, Miles C. Mooney, and Jacob T. Wood, all of Ripley.

Those named to the honor roll with high honors include Monica L. Driscoll, of Gates; Kirby E. Cherry, Jameila M. Pitts, and Emmalea N. Rogers, all of Halls; Ellie C. Young, of Henning; and Alissa B. Carter, Alayna E. Dew, Madison C. Douglas, Joseph H. Harrald, Colby L. Maclin, McKayla G. Midkiff, Katlynn H. Moore, Joshua C. Myrick, and Candice N. Paris, all of Ripley.

Those named to the honor roll with highest honors include Brandon K. Jones, of Gates; Grant A. Crihfield, Kelly R. Fitzpatrick, and Savannah M. Pham, all of Halls; Rebecca S. Medford, Tinika N. Pitts, and Tamri R. Todd, of Henning; and Rawan O. Abukharma, Coleman R. Bonds, Leighann Braden, Grayson C. Buchignani, Matthew S. Chalk, Steven R. Dodson, Temya J. Glass, Cameron C. Goodwin, Mahima J. Mahida, Faith B. Pilkington, and Sylvia Smith-Gholson, all of Ripley.
UT Martin names local students to Fall Semester Chancellor's Honor Roll

January 20, 2022

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From Hohenwald were: Hayden S. Bass, Highest Honors; Kevin A. Greene, High Honors; Grace C. Kelley, Honors; Hope M. Kelley, Highest Honors; Chloe G. Lay, High Honors; Jessica S. Mercer, Highest Honors; Hunter J. Owen, Highest Honors; Ariana L. Potts, High Honors; Jerrid A. Runions, Honors; Tia L. Runions, Highest Honors; Karley P. Seiber, Highest Honors; Laura L. Stewart, Highest Honors; Tylan R. Woodie, Honors.

In addition, Chancellor’s Honor Roll honorees with ties to Lewis County include: Martin – Anthony K. Murray, Honors; Summertown – Avery E. Potts, Highest Honors; Waynesboro – Bryanna M. McBrearty, High Honors.

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UTM names undergrads to fall 2021 honor roll

UTM recently published its Fall 2021 Chancellor’s Honor Roll for undergraduate students. Fifty-four students from Benton County or with ties to the area were named to the fall honor roll.

To be eligible for this recognition at UTM, a student must be enrolled full time and achieve a 3.2 GPA based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the honor roll with Honors (3.2-3.49), High Honors (3.5-3.79) or Highest Honors (3.8-4.0).

BIG SANDY
Highest Honors: Kayla Colvin, Hannah Nichols, Colton Smith, and Tanner Smith.
Honors: Emma Jackson and Brayden Wilson.
CAMDEN
Highest Honors: Faith Baker, Emily Berry, Mackenzie Goodwin, Hannah Herndon, Scott Hicks, Caroline Hughes, Amelia Myrick, Kathryn Redlund, Noah Summers, Savannah Tinin, and Colin Weatherly.
EVA
Highest Honors: Johnathan Wright.
HOLLADAY
Highest Honors: Dustin Baker, Hailey Hicks, Riley Holladay, Jayna Page, and Emma Ulderich.
High Honors: Kerri Arnold Lunsford and Ryan Baker
Honors: Dalton Furr and Briana Salyers.
OUT OF AREA
Highest Honors: Megan Bowden, Olivia House, and Christina Stoner.
High Honors: Brennan Smith.
Honors: Sydney Bittikofer, Cheyenne Deweese, and Arthur Wright.
MARTIN, TENN. — A Mahaska County resident was among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during fall commencement ceremonies held Dec. 10 and Dec. 11, 2021.

Alexis Kay Groet, of Oskaloosa, received an undergraduate degree.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UT Martin hosted three in-person commencements to promote safety for graduates and their families while recognizing the class of fall 2021’s accomplishments. Each commencement was livestreamed via Facebook and YouTube for those unable to attend.
The University of Tennessee at Martin names Megan L. Drake, Honors, of Coeur d'Alene, to its Fall 2021 Chancellor's Honor Roll.

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Local students named to the Chancellor’s Honor Roll include: Elijah E. Davidson, Highest Honors, and Austin W. Vest, High Honors, of Enville; Roger B. Arnold, Highest Honors; Mari L. Bates, High Honors; Edmund M. Brumbach, Highest Honors; Whitney B. Faulkner, Highest Honors; Hailey F. Hess, Highest Honors; Caden S. Hueter, Honors; Julia A. Jones, Highest Honors; Coty A. Laudermilk, Highest Honors; Jerry M. McGuire, Highest Honors; and Joshua C. Turner, Honors, all of Henderson.

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Education briefs

Jan 25, 2022

Local college graduates announced

Bradley Workman of Smock graduated from University of Tennessee at Martin, and Abigail Cloutier of East Millsboro graduated from Youngstown State University.
Jasmine Youngblood is a multimedia journalist for WPSD Local 6.

Because she comes from a military family, she has lived all over the world, but she's excited to now call Paducah home!

She is a recent graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, where she majored in communications and minored in theater.

While in college, she worked for the campus television and radio station, WUTM.

Now, she is excited to learn from her coworkers and build a strong foundation for her career in television.

Outside the newsroom, you can find her at the local library, looking for a new book.

In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends or baking sweet treats.
Jackson graduates WestTeach program

Kandace Jackson, a transition case manager for Weakley County and former teacher at Greenfield High School, graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin’s WestTeach Program during a banquet Dec. 16 at the Madison Downs Venue in Jackson. WestTeach is a teacher-development program created as a class project by the WestStar Leadership Program’s class of 2017. WestTeach members participate in four sessions on West Tennessee agriculture, the humanity of leadership, creating partnerships for economic development and building communities.

Kandace Jackson

For more information about WestTeach or the WestStar Leadership Program, contact Virginia Grimes, assistant director, at 731-881-7787.
Local residents receive degrees from UT Martin

MARTIN, Tenn. - Several Gibson County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during fall commencement ceremonies held Dec. 10 and Dec. 11, 2021. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UT Martin hosted three in-person commencements to promote safety for graduates and their families while recognizing the class of fall 2021's accomplishments. Each commencement was livestreamed via Facebook and YouTube for those unable to attend.

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were:
- Dyer - Brennan Taylor Lownsdale
- Frog Jump - Jacob L. Clark
- Humboldt - Carlton Childs
- Medina - Chloe Grace Cates
- Vanessa Kail
- Jason Lloyd Mollett
- James Garrett Norris
- Milan - DestinY Banks
- Myah Delaney Floyd
- Rutherford - Madison Paige Ellis
- Trenton - Ryan David Bateman
- Caleb A. Greene
- Shellie R. Kosark
- Carl Robert Nowell
- Martina Alena Roznovsky
- Anna Claire Tubbs
- Yorkville - Michael Chase Arnold.

The students receiving graduate degrees were:
- Medina - Ariel Alexis Dunavan
- Trenton - Sunni Jean Cope

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LOCAL TEACHER GRADUATES WESTTEACH PROGRAM - Beth Glover, a reading intervention teacher at Milan Elementary School, graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin's WestTeach Program during a banquet on Dec. 16 at the Madison Downs Venue in Jackson. WestTeach is a teacher-development program created as a class project by the WestStar Leadership Program's class of 2017. WestTeach members participate in four sessions on West Tennessee agriculture, the humanity of leadership, creating partnerships for economic development, and building communities. For more information about WestTeach or the WestStar Leadership Program, contact Virginia Grimes, assistant director, at 731-881-7787.
Grad learns new craft and perspective through research project

When Chloe Cates, a senior veterinary science and technology major from Medina, started planning for her research project for the University Scholars Program, she never expected to pick up sewing. However, countless hours and 25 cotton and deco-vinyl muscle models later, Cates was able to achieve her goal as well as understand her field of study on a deeper level.

Cates received her bachelor's degree Dec. 11 during full commencement exercises at the University of Tennessee at Martin and became the first to graduate with a Bachelor's of Science in veterinary science and technology. A total of 633 graduates participated in commencement either in person or were recognized virtually.

Since her first visit to the university's main campus, Cates knew that UT Martin would be a great fit. After meeting with Dr. Jason Roberts, professor of animal science, and touring the university farm, Cates was ready to become a Skyhawk.

"(Roberts) showed me around the farm and all the veterinary technology facilities, and it was just really impressive, and he was so nice and welcoming," Cates said. "That's when I knew that UT Martin was the right school."

During her senior year of high school, Cates was accepted into the University Scholars Program, which opened her up to new educational and cultural opportunities. These opportunities came with responsibilities; University Scholars take seven general education courses exclusive to the program's curriculum, participate in cultural events, offer service to the campus and community and produce a substantive research project related to their studies.

Cates' original vision for her Scholars research project was to study heart disease or Cushing's disease with Roberts, but the project would be too elaborate to execute. It was approved by members of the Honors Council, allowing her to graduate with the designation of University Scholar. She credits the organization for providing her with opportunities to challenge herself academically, broaden her horizons and make new friends.

"Scholars has definitely challenged me; that's why I applied. It's provided the challenge, and it's also allowed me to broaden my horizons. I learned so many things through Scholars I didn't think I would actually apply in veterinary medicine... so that was really cool to make those connections and then just being able to provide me with so many friends and so many opportunities to do the cultural events and community service," Cates said.

Cates has been accepted to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville's College of Veterinary Medicine and is currently in the process of interviewing at various other universities. While she has elected to continue working at her local veterinary practice, she is looking forward to getting some rest after her hard work.

"It doesn't feel real. I'm really proud of my work. It's been a long and hard three and a half years, lots of hours studying, but I think it's worth it, and now I get to have a break before vet school," Cates said.

make muscles, and then it just blossomed from that," Cates said. After finding a new, more achievable goal, Cates was ready to get started. The two cut out paper outlines to use as templates for the general shape of the muscles, and Watson taught her how to sew on a sewing machine so that she could turn the fabric into muscles. They also stuffed the muscles with polyester filling and attached velcro strips to them so they can easily be attached to the skeleton; however, some pieces required fishing line to stay in place.

Through her University Scholars research project, Cates was able to deepen her understanding of anatomy and physiology and engage in greater detail and depth the science she had been studying.

"It really allowed me to further apply the knowledge that I gained in anatomy. In anatomy, you only had to know the general locations and general functions of the muscles, but through that project, I was able to learn the exact origin and insertion point (of the muscles), and then I was able to present to students," Cates said. "I was able to see the academic side of veterinary medicine, which was something we don't really get exposed to that much."

After months of hard work, Cates' research proj-
Milan promotes Derek Carr to head football coach

By Michael Odom

Milan Special School District Director of Schools Jonathan Criswell announced on Thursday that Derek Carr has been promoted to head football coach of the Bulldogs.

"We are excited to announce Derek Carr as the next Head Football Coach at Milan High School," Criswell said in a press release. "Derek brings a professional, visionary approach to guide the Bulldogs for the foreseeable future. He comes with a high reputation across the state of Tennessee for his ability to teach the fundamentals of the game of football after helping lead offenses at both the high school and the Division I college level. We look forward to Coach Carr's Bulldogs taking the field at Johnnie Hale Stadium on August 18th and hope that the Milan community will help make his family feel welcomed in the very near future."

Carr replaces Carl Diffee, who resigned in December after serving as head coach for the past two seasons. Carr was the offensive coordinator under Diffee, and he also serves as the school's softball coach.

"I am thankful to the Milan administration - Mr. Criswell, (Milan principal) Mrs. (Jennifer) Yates, (Milan athletic director) Greg Scott, (assistant football coach Kevin Ellison) and (former Milan head coach Jeff) Morris for the opportunity to not only get my first head coaching job but at a place like Milan," Carr said. "I am thankful that they believe in me and trust in me enough to lead Milan, a place with such...

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on Jan. 13, Caldwell announced that he had moved schools from phase 3 to phase 2 due to rising COVID cases. Phase 2 restricts school visitations and close contact between students at lunch by feeding students in their individual classrooms rather than in the cafeteria.

Caldwell said that WC-SSD has been granted a waiver by the Tennessee commissioner of education not to use stockpile days for school closures Thursday and Friday. He said that concern for everyone's safety remains the number one factor in deciding to close schools.

"Safety of our students, faculty and staff is the most concerning thing," Caldwell said. "Prayers and thoughts for all of our people facing COVID issues. We're hoping they're okay and are hoping they can return safely."
At the college level

A number of Obion County students were among those who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during recent fall commencement ceremonies.

Among those awarded undergraduate degrees were:
- Hornbeak — Rebecca A. Davis.
- Kenton — Julie Beth Allen and Alyssa Beth Hopper.
- Obion — Heather Lynnette Callens, Jonah Matthew Pittman and Kelly Anne Whitesell.
- Rives — Hannah Lee Blakely.
- South Fulton — Annalise Hope Bruer, Hunter Colt Burton, Aaron M. Hollingsworth, Ryanne Kessel Brimm and Jasmine Strickland.
- Troy — Sara Jane Kendall.

Recipients of graduate degrees included:
- Kenton — Mason T. Chandler.
- Union City — Tina Marie Adams, Casey Joyce Arnett, Lyndsey Hayslett, Nancy Sanchez and Charleston Tyler Yanders.
Carr Named Milan Head Football Coach

MILAN — Derek Carr is the new head football coach at Milan High School. The McKenzie High School graduate of the class of 2008, Carr led the McKenzie Rebels to the state championship in the 2007 season, claiming the runner-up position. He is the son of Brother Kenny and Jackie Carr of McKenzie. Carr is married to Shelley and they have two children, Landry and Bryson.

Milan Special School District Director of Schools Jonathan Criswell said in a press release: “We are excited to announce Derek Carr as the next Head Football Coach at Milan High School. Derek brings a professional, visionary approach to guide the Bulldogs for the foreseeable future. He comes with a high reputation across the state of Tennessee for his ability to teach the fundamentals of the game of football after helping lead offenses at both the high school and the Division I college level. He has established himself as a capable leader in the last two years here in Milan and has become a vital part of our school and the entire community. We look forward to Coach Carr’s Bulldogs taking the field at Johnnie Hale Stadium on August 18 and hope that the Milan community will help make his family feel welcomed in the very near future.”

Carr played high school football at McKenzie before signing with UT Martin as a quarterback, where he broke records. He was in the top 10 in pass completions at UT Martin and broke records in passing touchdowns, passing yards, and total offense.

During his senior collegiate year, Carr set a NCAA record for passing efficiency along with school records of 560 yards and seven touchdowns at OVC rival Murray State. He was named to the all-OVC second team that season. After graduation, he was offered a chance to try-out for the New York Giants.

Before being hired at Milan in 2020 as passing game coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Milan High School, Carr worked two years as a graduate assistant at UT Martin before joining the coaching staff at Temple University for two years. He then joined the staff at Tennessee Tech as the wide receivers coach. Carr then returned to UT Martin as the passing game coordinator for one year. After UT Martin, he spent two years out of coaching, working in sales for Edward Jones.

He was encouraged by former Rebel teammate and South Side Head Coach Tyler Reeder to return to football and apply for an assistant’s position with Milan.

On October 9, 2021, Carr was inducted in the 2021 Athletic Hall of Fame Class at the University of Tennessee at Martin.
Two Graves County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during fall commencement ceremonies held Dec. 10 and Dec. 11, 2021.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UT Martin hosted three in-person commencements to promote safety for graduates and their families while recognizing the class of fall 2021's accomplishments.

Each commencement was live-streamed via Facebook and YouTube for those unable to attend.

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were Makayla Reign Tibbs, of Mayfield, and Cody Fakhoorian, of Sedalia.

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Fall 2021 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 the Chancellor's Honor Roll recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale.

Students can make the Chancellor's Honor Roll with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

Local students named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll include Krista J. Mergen, of Mayfield, High Honors and Makayla R. Tibbs, of Mayfield, Highest Honors.

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UTM announces locals to earn degrees

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Local students receiving undergraduate degrees were Conner Childress Wright of Gates; Shannon LaShun Lucas and Susan Williams of Halls; Jason D. Adams, Jarvis Banks-Lee, Terrie Kayla Bergstedt, Steven Dodson, Emily K. Fisher, Temya JameSha’ Wright-Glass, Madison Alyssa Griggs, Zachary Drake Herron, Mahima Jaydeepsinh Mahida, Christina K. Mason, Candice Nicole Paris, Sylvia Smith-Gholson, and Gregory Chaisson Tillman, all of Ripley.

Local students receiving graduate degrees included Paula Grear Howard and Melissa Go forth of Ripley.

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University of Tennessee-Martin announces degree recipients

Several area residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during fall commencement ceremonies held Dec. 10 and Dec. 11, 2021. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UT Martin hosted three in-person commencements to promote safety for graduates and their families while recognizing the class of fall 2021’s accomplishments.

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The students receiving undergraduate degrees were: Annalise Hope Bruer, Hunter Colt Burton, Aaron M. Hollingsworth, Ryanne Kessel Brimm, and Jasmine Strickland, all of South Fulton; and Alyssa Mishel Black, of Fulton.
UT Martin Names Local Students To Fall Semester Chancellor’s Honor Roll

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* Moscow-Katelynn S. Sowell, High Honors; Margaret V. Webb, High Honors.
* Oakland-Elizabeth M. Bass, Highest Honors; Thomas D. Christiansen, Honors; Winter J. Cleveland, Honors; Gabriella N. Coombs, Highest Honors; Rochelli N. Hunter, Highest Honors; Dillan L. Meggo, Highest Honors; Audrey E. Neyman, Highest Honors; Rachel M. Prezioso, High Honors; Taylor E. Simmons, Highest Honors; Davin L. Smith, High Honors; McKenzie R. Tatum, High Honors.
* Rossville-Allyson E. Sisco, High Honors.
* Somerville-Stephanie L. Hoskins, Highest Honors; Laura B. Johnson, Highest Honors; Henry J. Joyner, High Honors; Cameron D. Massey, Honors; Amber C. Miller, High Honors; Tekedrion P. Perry, High Honors; SaraBeth Pulliam, Highest Honors; Anna C. Taylor, High Honors; Brandon D. Treadway, Highest Honors; Hayden C. Weber, Highest Honors; Mary H. Whitley, Honors.
* Williston-Gracyn C. Sparkman, High Honors.

In addition, Chancellor’s Honor Roll Honorees with ties to Fayette County include:
SKYHAWK ENTREPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOP SERIES PLANNED

The College of Business and Global Affairs and Tom E. Hendrix Chair of Free Enterprise will offer the Fifth Annual Skyhawk Entrepreneurship Workshop Series at the University of Tennessee at Martin beginning February 3. The series will continue every Thursday night through March 10. Each workshop will begin at 5:30 P.M. in Room 33 of the Business Administration Building. All six workshops are free of charge and open to the public. Each session is designed to help potential and current entrepreneurs gain a more comprehensive understanding of how to create a sustainable and growing business. Over the span of six meetings, participants will learn from expert presentations. Topics will include how to turn an idea into a functioning business by identifying the target market, branding the organization and much more. “So many people wonder if they can start and own their own firm. The speakers in this series will give ideas about how to be more creative and successful in business ventures,” said Dr. Tommy Cates, Tom E. Hendrix Chair of Excellence and professor of management. For more information, contact Cates at tcates@utm.edu.

Teacher Graduates WestTeach Program

Kandace Jackson, a transition case manager for Weakley County and former teacher at Greenfield High School, graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin’s WestTeach Program during a banquet on December 16, 2021, at the Madison Downs Venue in Jackson. WestTeach is a teacher-development program created as a class project by the WestStar Leadership Program’s class of 2017. WestTeach members participate in four sessions on West Tennessee agriculture, the humanity of leadership, creating partnerships for economic development and building communities. For more information about WestTeach or the WestStar Leadership Program, contact Virginia Grimes, assistant director, at 731-881-7787.
Local Residents Earn Degrees From UT Martin

MARTIN – Several Weakley County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during fall commencement ceremonies held December 10, and December 11, 2021.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UT Martin hosted three in-person commencements to promote safety for graduates and their families while recognizing the class of fall 2021’s accomplishments.

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The students receiving undergraduate degrees were:
- Dresden – Cassy Lynn Gobel; Lucas William Rutkowski; Denver Snider; Brice Derick Williams; Jennifer Woodson.
- Gleason – Seth Wray Bowers; Dekota Jagger Lampkins; Natalie Marie Pumphrey; Braxton Scott Vickers.
- Greenfield – Abby Li Eubank; Sara Savannah Lewis; Raven Alexis Tharpe.
- Martin – Nicole Ayers; Vyn Brothers; Katherine Nicole Capua; Kelly Rose Childress; Faith Olivia Davis; Felicia C. Freeman; Jonathan Dakota Gonzowski; Vickie Lynn Hazlewood; Michael James Long; Steven Kyle Lowry; Blake Patrick Moore; Zachary Michael Rea; Jacob G. Reynolds; Skylar Mary Elizabeth Stewart; Sarah Lynn Vowell; Carley Elise Warlick; Christopher Dale Webb; Valerie Paige Whitten.
- Sharon – Katelyn Michelle Covington; Rex Thomas Roberts.

The students receiving graduate degrees were:
- Greenfield – Callie Croom Smithson.
- Martin – Hannah Stewart Alexander; Megan Martelle Jones; Megan Sailors Lewter; Emily G. Walker.
- Sharon – Rachel E. Cooper; Tonya Marie Evans.
Several Lewis County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during fall commencement ceremonies held December 10 and December 11, 2021. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UT Martin hosted three in-person commencements to promote safety for graduates and their families while recognizing the class of fall 2021’s accomplishments. Each commencement was livestreamed via Facebook and YouTube for those unable to attend.

The students receiving undergraduate degrees from Hohenwald were: Hope Marhea Kelley, Anthony K. Murray, Johnathan Alexander Murray, and Jilliann Duncan Swaw.

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UT Martin to host virtual in-person summer orientation

January 27, 2022 by WBBJ 7 Eyewitness News Staff
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MARTIN, Tenn. — Students, there was a big announcement from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

UT Martin will hold their 2022 Summer Orientation and Registration and Transfer Orientation sessions virtually and in-person starting in April.

Dates include:

In-person orientation dates are as follows:

- Friday, April 22 – Transfer Orientation
- Monday, May 23 – SOAR
- Tuesday, May 24 – SOAR
- Thursday, June 9 – Transfer Orientation
- Friday, June 10 – SOAR
- Monday, June 20 – SOAR
- Monday, July 11 – SOAR
- Wednesday, July 13 – Transfer Orientation
Virtual orientation dates are as follows:

- Wednesday, June 22 – Transfer Orientation, SOAR
- Friday, Aug. 5 – Transfer Orientation, SOAR

Registration for SOAR opens Tuesday, Feb. 1 and is required for all incoming freshmen.

In-person sessions will be in the Boling University Center, and the online sessions will be on Zoom.

For more information, contact Destin Tucker, the director of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, at dtucke13@utm.edu, or admissions at admitme@utm.edu.
Local residents receive degrees from UT Martin

Several McNairy County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during fall commencement ceremonies held Dec. 10 and Dec. 11, 2021. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UT Martin hosted three in-person commencements to promote safety for graduates and their families while recognizing the class of fall 2021's accomplishments. Each commencement was livestreamed via Facebook and YouTube for those unable to attend.

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were:
- Adamsville – Joseph Isaac Keeton.
- Bethel Springs – Clint Henry Isbell.
- Michie – Zachary Chase Cooper.
- Selmer – Matthew Lane Ashe; Michael Cole Dillon; Austin M. Ervin; Stephanie Michelle Jones; Brooklynn Dayle Vandiver; Anthony M. Whitaker.
- Stantonville – Cody Brent Meeks.
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GRADUATES.
Several Lauderdale County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during fall commencement ceremonies, held December 10th and 11th. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UT Martin hosted three in-person commencements to promote safety for graduates and their families while recognizing the class of fall 2021’s accomplishments. Each commencement was livestreamed via Facebook and YouTube for those unable to attend.

The students receiving undergraduate degrees included, Conner Childress Wright, of Gates; Shannon LaShun Lucas and Susan Williams, both of Halls; and Jason D. Adams, Jarvis Banks-Lee, Terrie Kayla Bergstedt, Steven Dodson, Emily K. Fisher, Temya JameSha' Wright-Glass, Madison Alyssa Griggs, Zachary Drake Herron, Mahima Jaydeepsinh Mahida, Christina K. Mason, Candice Nicole Paris, Sylvia Smith-Gholson, and Gregory Chaisson Tillman, all of Ripley.

The students receiving graduate degrees included Paula Grear Howard and Melissa Goforth, both of Ripley.
Locals earn degrees from UTM

Several Benton County residents were among students who received bachelor's degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during fall commencement ceremonies held Dec. 10 and Dec. 11, 2021.

Benton County students receiving undergraduate degrees included Big Sandy residents Kayla B. Colvin and Zachary Warren, and Holladay native Kerri Arnold Lunsford. Camden residents earning degrees were Dustin R. Baker, Emily R. Berry, John M. Holladay, Matthew J. Melton, Kaelan N. Weatherly, and Arthur J. Wright.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UTM hosted three in-person commencements to promote safety for graduates and their families while recognizing the accomplishments of the graduating class. Each commencement was streamed live via Facebook and YouTube for those unable to attend.

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UT MARTIN SETS SUMMER REGISTRATION DATES

January 29, 2022 @ 8:20 am Shannon McFarlin

The University of Tennessee at Martin will hold 2022 Summer Orientation and Registration (SOAR) and Transfer Orientation sessions both virtually and in person starting in April at the main campus.

Registration for SOAR opens Tuesday, Feb. 1, and is required for all incoming freshmen. Students can register for SOAR through the myUTMartin portal and must upload immunization records or immunization exemption documentation via Med+Proctor before attending.

In-person orientation dates will be held in the Boling University Center, while online sessions will be held over Zoom. To best protect participants, in-person events are subject to change according to university policy and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Tennessee Department of Health pandemic recommendations.

In-person orientation dates are as follows:
- Friday, April 22 – Transfer Orientation
- Monday, May 23 – SOAR
- Tuesday, May 24 – SOAR
- Thursday, June 9 – Transfer Orientation
- Friday, June 10 – SOAR
- Monday, June 20 – SOAR
- Monday, July 11 – SOAR
- Wednesday, July 13 – Transfer Orientation
- Monday, July 25 – SOAR

Virtual orientation dates are as follows:
- Wednesday, June 22 – Transfer Orientation, SOAR
- Friday, Aug. 5 – Transfer Orientation, SOAR

For more information, contact Destin Tucker, director of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, at dtucker3@utm.edu, or admissions at admitme@utm.edu (mailto:admitme@utm.edu).

Photo: Tours of the UT Martin main campus are featured during in-person SOAR activities when students register for fall classes. The SOAR schedule has been announced, and SOAR registration for the 2022 fall semester opens Feb. 1. Pictured is UT Martin student Blaine McDonald, of Martin, a recent SOAR leader.
Local residents receive degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin

Several Chester County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during fall commencement ceremonies held Dec. 10 and Dec. 11, 2021. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UT Martin hosted three in-person commencements to promote safety for graduates and their families while recognizing the class of fall 2021’s accomplishments. Each commencement was livestreamed via Facebook and YouTube for those unable to attend.

The students from Henderson receiving undergraduate degrees were Coty Alan Laudermilk; Nicholas James Norwalk; and Christian Carmichael Walker.

The student from Henderson receiving a graduate degree was Andrew Joseph Alexander.
UT Martin to hosts multiple Black History Month events

January 31, 2022 by Tristyn Fletcher (https://www.wbbjtv.com/author/tristan-fletcher/)

MARTIN, Tenn. — The University of Tennessee at Martin has a large set of events for this year's Black History Month.

The university's news release says the 22nd annual Civil Rights Conference will feature four speakers, and will have both in-person and virtual events.

"We are excited about creating a space for healthy dialogue and discussion during this year's conference," said Anthony Prewitt, co-interim director for student life and multicultural affairs. "We have some dynamic speakers, engaging topics and panels, and we look forward to creating opportunities for broadening horizons intellectually."

UT Martin says on Feb. 3, LaTosha Brown, a social strategist and co-founder of the Black Votes Matter Fund, will speak at 6 p.m.
On Feb. 7, UT Martin says Cyntoia Brown Long, an author, speaker and advocate for criminal justice reform and victim of trafficking, will share her story at 6 p.m. in the Boling University Center’s Watkins Auditorium.

On Feb. 17, Hannibal Johnson, an attorney, and author of “Black Wall Street” will speak at 6 p.m. in the Watkins Auditorium, the university says.

And on Feb. 24, Tim Wise, an activist and writer, will address the topic “White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son” at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24, in Watkins Auditorium.

Additional events at UT Martin include:

- Feb. 1: Alumni Engagement Panel, 7 p.m. (virtual)
- Feb. 9: Braver Angels’ “Bridge Builders Across Differences” Workshop, 2 p.m. in Boling University Center 206; registration required.
- Feb. 10: “Critical Race Theory: What it is and what it isn’t,” Weakley County Reconciliation Project, 6 p.m. (virtual)
- Feb. 16: “Freedom Libraries: The Untold Story of Libraries for African Americans in the South,” Mike Selby, 7 p.m. (virtual)
- Feb. 21: “Farming as a Revolutionary Act of Food Sovereignty,” The Northwest Tennessee Local Food Network, 6 p.m. (virtual)
- Feb. 25: Free Health Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Boling University Center’s Duncan Ballroom
- Feb. 27: “Music of Black Composers,” INCLUDE UTM, 3 p.m., Fine Arts Building 122
• Feb. 28: "Nothing to Debate: The Confederate Flag and Other Symbols of Hate in the Age of Trump," Dr. David Coffey, UT Martin professor and department chair of history and philosophy, 5 p.m., Watkins Auditorium.

You can find and register for more events [here](https://www.utm.edu/departments/civilrights/).