Fifth-annual Captain’s Challenge is Wednesday

UT Martin will host the fifth-annual Captain’s Challenge fundraising event April 3 with the goal to raise $300,000 in 24 hours. This is the second year for the event to cover one full day, and the 2018 event raised well above the goal amount.

Contributors can direct their gifts toward any campus office or department, athletic unit, scholarship fund, special program or other activity. Gifts will be matched up to $300 as long as match funds are available. Contributors are particularly asked to consider the Chancellor’s Academic Excellence Fund, which is a general scholarship fund used to attract and retain the best and brightest students who might otherwise accept awards at other institutions.

Those interested in helping to promote the event on social media and through other channels are encouraged to register as “Captain’s Challenge Pilots.”

UT Martin Advisory Board to meet Friday

The UT Martin Advisory Board will host a special meeting beginning at 12:30 p.m. CDT, Friday, April 5, in room 229 of the Boling University Center. This will be the board’s second meeting since its creation in late 2018. Two members will participate via teleconference.

Agenda items include the approvals of:
• Five amendments to the advisory board bylaws
• Modification to the student member appointment process
• A revised schedule for regular board meetings in 2019 and 2020

The full agenda and associated meeting materials are available by contacting Erin Chesnut, university staff writer, at echesnut@utm.edu, 731-881-7612 or 304 Hall-Moody Administration Building, Martin, TN 38238. Because this is a special meeting, there will be no opportunity for the public to address the board at this time.

Anyone with a disability who wishes to attend this meeting may contact Chesnut to request auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate attendance no later than 5 p.m. CDT, Wednesday, April 3.
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Dr. Mark Simmons' composition “Gloria,” published by Lorenz Music Publishers, was recently included on a professional CD recording by the Miriam College Glee Club of Manila, Philippines. This ensemble has won multiple international vocal competitions, including the 2012 World Choir Games in Cincinnati, Ohio, where they performed “Gloria” during their program. The CD is a “best of” compilation from the past decade.

Dr. Joaquín Govret, associate professor of biology, directed students William Kuenzinger, Jordan Weesner and Jordan Travis in their research titled “Innate color preferences of a hawkmoth depend on visual context.” The study has been published in “Biology Letters,” a peer-reviewed publication of The Royal Society of London.

Kara Tapp, director of the UT Martin Somerville Center, is named among the 2019 Sterling Award winners, published by the Jackson Sun. The Sterling Awards are given annually to honor West Tennessee’s 20 most influential women and are a joint project of the Jackson Sun and Jackson Area Business and Professional Women.

Tapp has served as director of the UT Martin Somerville Center since it opened in April 2016. She is a 2018 alumna of the UT Martin WestStar Leadership Program and currently serves on the program’s alumni council. Tapp is also a current board member for the Somerville Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

WestStar Leadership Program alumnae Dr. Lisa Piercey (WestStar ’15) and Vanessa Parker Presson (’10) also received 2019 Sterling Awards. WestStar alumni have received a total of 39 Sterling Awards since 2010.

Steve Barnett, formerly coordinator for the Office of Educational Outreach, has been hired as the university’s new director of athletic bands, effective July 1. Barnett spent 24 years in Mississippi working as a band director at both the high school and collegiate levels, including four years with the University of Mississippi.

Barnett holds a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Mississippi and a master’s degree in music education from Mississippi College.

“The music faculty and I are thrilled with the hire of Steve Barnett. He brings decades of experience in developing outstanding band programs, and we are very fortunate to have him join our department,” said Dr. Julie Hill, chair of the Department of Music. “Steve’s teaching style when it comes to marching band is based on the SEC model, which focuses on a variety of music and changes parts of the performance throughout the season. His goal is to make the Aviators Marching Band the center of game-day spirit involving as many student performers and fans in the crowd as possible.”

More information is available in the UT Martin news archive.

Workshop planned for assessment coordinators

Dr. Philip Acree Cavalier, university provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, recently designated one faculty member from each department to serve as assessment coordinators. These individuals are tasked with collecting success data based on the student objectives and outcomes specified by each department for the UT Martin Institutional Effectiveness Report.

All assessment coordinators are invited to attend a bootcamp workshop from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., either May 16 or 20, in the Hardy Graham Stadium Champions Club. Lunch will be provided at both sessions.

Coordinators are asked to bring electronic copies of student outcomes, assessment tools (rubrics, exams, assignments, etc.) and most recent assessment reports for their assigned departments or programs.

Participants will receive a $500 stipend for their work to build the outcome framework – $300 upon completion of the bootcamp workshop and $200 upon implementation of the assessment tools within fall 2019 courses.

“The information Bonnie Daniel and Cheri Wolfe will be sharing with our assessment coordinators will be instrumental in supporting our assessment processes as they continue to evolve,” said Dr. Stephanie Kolitsch, SACS-COC accreditation coordinator.

Contact Patty Flowers at pflowers@utm.edu or Kolitsch at styler@utm.edu for more information or assistance registering. Click here to register for the workshop.

Addenda is published each Monday during the academic semester. Please send submissions to Erin Chesnut by noon on Thursdays. Click here to submit.
The Tennessee Higher Education Commission has selected David McBeth, professor of art, as one of 10 recipients of a 2019 Harold Love Outstanding Community Service Award. These awards recognize five students and five faculty and staff members from higher education institutions across the state for their community service efforts.

McBeth, who has worked at UT Martin since 1992, has been instrumental in Martin’s annual Empty Bowls Soup Supper for the past 15 years. McBeth donates his time and materials to create handcrafted soup bowls for the event, and this past year he and many of his current and former students worked together to donate 1,500 bowls. The supper supports WeCare Ministries in Martin each year and has donated more than $60,000 in the past 15 years.

“I know the ministry is grateful to David and his students for their unending work to create the bowls and organize the event each year, and those the ministry serves are appreciative as well,” wrote Chancellor Keith Carver in McBeth’s nomination letter.

McBeth has also coordinated Cups for the Cure each February since 2017 in honor of his mother, who died after a short battle with cancer. This event features handmade cups and mugs donated by McBeth and his students, and funds raised benefit Joliet Oncology-Hematology Associates, a foundation at the cancer center where McBeth’s mother received treatment.

“I’ve known and admired David for almost two decades, and I’ve always known him as someone passionate about serving his community and using his art to lift the spirits of those around him,” wrote Carver.

McBeth also assisted the Kent-Tenn Food Bank in Fulton, Kentucky, by donating 250 bowls to its inaugural Empty Bowls event March 21. That organization was able to raise $2,500 for their area residents in their first year.

The Harold Love Outstanding Community Service Award is named for the late state representative Harold Love, who was instrumental in passing legislation to create community service recognition programs at the state level in 1991. Kameron Echols, then a UT Martin student and now with the UT Martin Student Success Center, won a student award in 2017, and Dr. Clinton Smith, associate professor of special education, won a faculty award in 2018.
FIRST PITCH – Jim Tracy, state director for USDA-Rural Development, visited UT Martin on March 27 and participated in the UT Martin vs. Union University baseball game by throwing out the first pitch at Skyhawk Park. Tracy is a 1978 UT Martin graduate and former UT Martin baseball player.

**WOW Week hosted April 8-12**

Welcome to Our World Week, sponsored by the Office of Student Life and Multicultural Affairs, will be held April 8-12 to celebrate the different cultures represented on the UT Martin campus. The 43rd-annual International Cafe will start the week at noon, April 8, in the Duncan Ballroom. That evening there will be a presentation on combating Islamophobia beginning at 7 p.m. in room 111 of the Boling University Center.

April 9 will feature a “call to action” panel at 5 p.m., also in room 111 of the Boling University Center. International social night will be begin at 6 p.m., April 10, in room 230 of the Boling University Center. La Loteria will follow at 8 p.m. in the same location, hosted by the Latin/Hispanic Student Association.

Guest speaker Rasheed Cromwell, Esq., founder of The Harbor Institute, will facilitate a workshop titled “I Never Thought About It Like That” beginning at 6:30 p.m., April 11, in the Duncan Ballroom. The week concludes with Mahogany Ball: Murder at the Mahogany, which begins at 7 p.m., April 12, in the Duncan Ballroom. This event will be a combination of a formal dinner and murder-mystery game.

For more information, contact Anthony Prewitt, assistant director of multicultural affairs, at aprewitt@utm.edu or 881-1864.
Click here for Canvas Training!
Training sessions on a variety of Canvas topics are regularly held in room 215 of the Paul Meek Library. A full schedule and registration information are available online.

Calendar

• April 1 – Tennis vs. Tennessee State; Skyhawk Tennis Complex; 1 p.m.
• April 1 – Guest artist lecture; Murray Mast; Percussion Rehearsal Hall; 2 p.m.
• April 1 – Low brass bash; tuba/euphonium concert; Fulton Theatre; 7:30 p.m.
• April 2 – Steel band concert; Blankenship Recital Hall; 7:30 p.m.
• April 3 – Captain’s Challenge; make your gift today at challenge.utm.edu
• April 3 – Clerical coffee and employee awards reception; Boling University Center, room 206; 9 a.m.
• April 3 – Department of Communications awards reception; Duncan Ballroom; 2:45 p.m.
• April 3 – Softball vs. Middle Tennessee State University; Bettye Giles Softball Field; 4 p.m.
• April 4 – General faculty meeting; Watkins Auditorium; 3 p.m.
• April 5 – WRAP proclamation signing; Chancellor’s office; 10 a.m.
• April 5 – UT Martin Advisory Board meeting; Boling University Center, room 229; 12:30 p.m.
• April 5 – Clarinet studio recital; Blankenship Recital Hall; 7:30 p.m.
• April 6 – Martin Garden Seminar; Watkins Auditorium; 9 a.m.
• April 6 – Spring surplus auction; Physical Plant warehouse; 10 a.m.
• April 6 – Fine Arts Spring Fling; Fine Arts Building; 2-4:30 p.m.
• April 6 – NorWest Film Festival; Fine Arts Building; Vanguard Little Theatre; 7 p.m.
• April 7 – Honor Day awards ceremony; Watkins Auditorium; 2 p.m.
• April 7 – Flute studio recital; Blankenship Recital Hall; 3 p.m.
• April 8-12 – Welcome to Our World Week activities; see page 4
• April 8 – International Café; Duncan Ballroom; noon-1 p.m.
• April 8 – Women’s Center dedication; Paul Meek Library, room 255; 4 p.m.

You Tell Me

• Question – The Spring Faculty Meeting will be held at 3 p.m., this Thursday, April 4, in Watkins Auditorium. All faculty members are invited, but is the meeting also open to others? If non-faculty members attend, can they also comment and ask questions? Will President Boyd be in attendance?

• Answer – The meeting is designed for faculty members and includes updates and information of interest to the university’s academic community. It is webcast so that the five UT Martin centers can participate as well. Both UT Interim President Randy Boyd and Dr. Linda Martin, vice president for academic affairs and student success for the UT System, are planning to be present. The meeting is open to everyone; however, non-faculty members may not comment or ask questions unless called upon. The spring meeting is the final meeting of the full faculty until the fall semester.

Submit your questions anonymously to the Suggestion Box link at www.utm.edu/suggestionbox.