Chancellor Keith Carver is one of 45 leaders from rural and urban communities across Tennessee to participate in the sixth Leadership Tennessee class. Class members will spend the next year engaging in collaborative, non-partisan dialogue on issues of statewide importance. Members represent each geographic region of the state and come from the health care, education, economic development, government, tourism and agriculture industries. Leadership Tennessee is an initiative of the Lipscomb University College of Leadership and Public Service in Nashville.

Other class members from West Tennessee outside of Memphis include Jake Bynum, Weakley County mayor; Commissioner Jai Templeton, Tennessee Department of Agriculture; Dr. Logan Hampton, president, Lane College; Justice Roger Page, Tennessee Supreme Court; Dr. Lisa Piercey, executive vice president, West Tennessee Healthcare; and Lindsay Frilling, certified economic developer and CEO, Obion County Joint Economic Development Council. Carver, Templeton, Bynum, Piercy and Frilling are all graduates of the UT Martin WestStar Leadership Program, which is in its 29th year of leadership development in West Tennessee and has graduated 798 class members since the program began.

“It’s an honor to be selected to the 2018-19 class of Leadership Tennessee,” Carver said. “I look forward to working with community, industry, governmental and educational leaders from all across the state. I’m excited to represent rural West Tennessee and UT Martin in this statewide initiative.”

“With the selection of Leadership Tennessee Class VI, we’re excited to welcome another group of outstanding Tennesseans to the network of leaders who are committed to finding solutions to some of the state’s most pressing issues,” said Cathy Cate, Leadership Tennessee executive director. “Chancellor Carver’s perspective as a post-secondary leader and a member of a rural, West Tennessee community will enhance the voices of this representative group of Tennesseans. We look forward to learning more about UT Martin’s role in the post-secondary landscape, the importance of the region in the state’s success and learning from Chancellor Carver’s experiences.”

Entering its sixth year, Leadership Tennessee selects a new class of leaders annually to visit different regions and communities of Tennessee, learning best practices and analyzing important issues faced by Tennesseans. To date, Leadership Tennessee has built a network of 175 leaders across the state.

“Leadership Tennessee helps you build relationships across multiple industries and sectors, public and private, but more importantly it builds opportunities for partnerships,” said Maya Bugg, recent Class V graduate and CEO, Tennessee Charter School Center.

In conjunction with its fifth-year celebration, Leadership Tennessee brought Pulitzer Prize-winning author Thomas Friedman to tour the state and host its first gubernatorial forum in May at Lipscomb University. The program also launched its Volunteer State of Mind initiative to spotlight Tennesseans’ propensity to selflessly serve and volunteer.

Earlier this year, Leadership Tennessee cohosted panels focused on the relationship of health, economic development and education in building healthier communities, and the program held a summit on childhood poverty in April in Northeast Tennessee.

For a complete list of current class members, see the full story in the UT Martin news archive.

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**Educator Preparation Program earns CAEP accreditation**

The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation announced June 12 that UT Martin’s Educator Preparation Program has earned full program accreditation. UT Martin is one of 46 programs from 22 states and Puerto Rico to earn full program accreditation.
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John Abel, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, will assume duties as interim vice chancellor for student affairs beginning July 1. Abel follows Dr. Margaret Toston, current vice chancellor, who will retire July 1 after serving in this position since 2008.

Abel has held his current position since January 2015. He previously served as assistant director and then interim director of the Boling University Center, managing not only the building’s daily operations but supervising Office of Student Life activities and directly advising the Student Government Association as well.

He began his UT Martin career in 1998 as a hall director with the Office of Housing, and then became operations manager of the Boling University Center in 1999.

Abel received both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in business administration from UT Martin in 1999 and 2002, respectively.

Dr. Roberto Mancusi, associate professor of music, took his concert titled “The Big Sing Theory: The Triumph of the Human Spirit” on a tour of southern England from May 8-18. As part of this tour, Mancusi was invited to perform his concert at the University of Chichester in West Sussex and give a master class for some of their vocal performance students. The University of Chichester has one of the largest vocal music programs in England with a total of 720 majors. Also in attendance at the master class were Dr. Susan Yarnall-Monks, president of the European Voice Teachers Association, and Stephan Baysted, a professor of music composition and composer of film, television and video game music in England. This tour was made possible in part by a UT Martin Faculty Development Grant.

Dr. Sean Walker, associate professor of management, received a 2018 Faculty Star Award from the Tennessee Small Business Development Center and UT Martin’s Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center during a Salute to the Stars reception June 5. The Faculty Star Award recognizes a UT Martin faculty member who gives his or her time and expertise to the REED Center’s aspiring entrepreneurs and small-business owners. Walker has also had an article titled “Parties to the Crime: Locus of Control as a Catalyst to Sexually Harassing Behaviors” published in the Academy of Business Research Journal.

Dr. Patrick Baker, assistant professor of law, recently co-presented a paper titled “Public Health in Appalachia: Looking at Coal’s Direct and Indirect Impacts” during the 41st-annual Appalachian Studies Association Conference. He worked alongside Dr. Priscilla Harris, an instructor at Vanderbilt University School of Law.

Dr. Charles Bradshaw, associate professor of English, was quoted in a story in southern Utah’s The Independent about the Experiential Learning Leadership Institute’s first leader’s retreat held in February. The retreat was sponsored by Southern Utah University. The story reported that 40 educators from nine institutions attended the retreat that explored ideas for helping students through experiential learning. UT Martin faculty members Dr. Joey Mehlhorn, Dr. Robbie Montgomery, Dr. Dexter Davis and Amy McLean were also in attendance. Southern Utah University is now the permanent home for the National Society for Experiential Education archives.

Dr. Alex Boggis, assistant director of sports information, won second place for his football poster design during a College Sports Information Directors of America competition.

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UT Martin’s three chairs of excellence served as bronze sponsors of the second-annual Shooting Hunger event June 7 at the Carroll County Sports Shooting Park in Huntingdon. The event raised $65,000 for local food banks and will help provide more than 243,000 meals across West Tennessee. A five-person team represented UT Martin during the competition. Pictured (left, l-r) are university team members Nathan Bradford, Jamie Crockett, Brett Capps, Mike Pierce and Dr. Clint Ary (far right). Chancellor Keith Carver (second from right) made an appearance at the competition and is pictured with the team. A total of 63 five-person teams participated in the event.

Changes announced to financial aid refunds

Beginning with fall 2018, students will have an extra week in both the fall and spring semesters to drop classes without record of enrollment. Because financial aid is not finalized until student schedules are final, this change means financial aid refund checks will be issued during the third week of classes rather than the first week. These changes will reduce tuition charges placed after refunds are distributed, align UT Martin with the refund practices of other UT System campuses and improve data-reporting consistency. Additional information is available online.

Congratulations to the UT Martin Rodeo Team! The men’s team finished ninth at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming.

Jackie Johnson (left), interim director of alumni relations, was an invited guest at the 2018 ROTC Cadet Summer Training Centers of Influence reception last week. She is pictured with Col. Lance Oskey, commander, 7th Brigade, U.S. Army Cadet Command.

USACC hosts this annual event to spread awareness of the opportunities available through ROTC. Guests are able to network, observe cadet training, participate in focus groups and learn about the U.S. Army.

Dr. Todd Winters, dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, represented UT Martin at the 2017 reception.

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CONQUERING ONLINE COURSE DEVELOPMENT – UT Martin faculty and staff gathered daily the week of June 4 in the Champions Club for a LEADERS (Learn, Explore and Design Educational Resources for Students) workshop for online course development. The workshop was cosponsored by the Information Technology Center and UT Martin Online. Pictured at the final workshop June 8 are (row one, l to r) Dr. Bonnie Daniel, ITC; Dr. Terry Silver, educational studies; Dr. Rachna Tewari, agriculture, geosciences and natural resources; Tabitha Cude, educational studies; Shelby East, social work; Cheri Wolfe, ITC; (middle rows, l to r) Craig Ingram, ITC; Dr. Lindsay Anderson, sociology; Dr. Chrissie Segars, agriculture, geosciences and natural resources; Dr. Trisha Capansky, English and modern foreign languages; Dr. Scott Parrott, agriculture, geosciences and natural resources; Dr. Harriet Spiegel, education graduate programs; Brian Johnson, psychology; Dr. Wes Totten, agriculture, geosciences and natural resources; Dr. David Williams, English and modern foreign languages; Ryan Moran, health and human performance; Dr. Renee LaFleur, history; Dr. Daphane Henderson, sociology; Donald Jordan, social work; (back row, l to r) David Moore, criminal justice; Dr. Adam Wilson, UT Martin Online; Dr. Brian Donavant, educational outreach; Dr. Lionel Crews, physics; and Dr. Ross Pruitt, Dr. Eric Pelren and Dr. Thomas (Lan) DePriest, all agriculture, geosciences and natural resources. Additional workshops are set for July 16-10. For information, contact Dr. Adam Wilson at 881-7959 or awilson9@utm.edu.

UT Martin student, alum to compete for Miss Tennessee title

Morgan Martin, a current UT Martin student from Union City, and Lauren Dickson, a recent graduate from Parsons, will compete June 20-23 in the 2018 Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson. Preliminary competitions will be held June 20-22, and the final competition will air live at 7:45 p.m., June 23, on EplusTV6. Martin, a senior studying health and human performance with a concentration in exercise science and wellness, will represent the university as Miss UT Martin. Her platform is Wheeling Sportsmen, an organization that raises funds to help make hunting and shooting sports accessible to people with disabilities. She is a graduate of South Fulton High School and a current member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. Martin performed a flute solo for the talent portion of the combined Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Scholarship Pageant last November.

Dickson graduated from UT Martin this past May with a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree and will represent the Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center in Huntingdon.
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FACULTY DEVELOPMENT RECIPIENTS GATHER IN HUNTINGDON – Four of the five Ray and Wilma Smith Faculty Development Endowment recipients for 2017-18 met the Smiths on June 7 in Huntingdon for lunch at Mallard’s. Endowment recipients use the funds awarded to them to enhance their teaching skills and to pursue related scholarly work. Pictured are (seated, l-r) Dr. Emalee Buttrey, assistant professor of animal science; Ray and Wilma Smith; Dr. Ashley Kilburn, professor of marketing and graduate program coordinator; (standing) Jason Stout, associate professor of art; Dr. Tom Blanchard, professor of biology and director of the Reelfoot Lake Environmental Field Station; and Chancellor Keith Carver. Not pictured is Alissa Parrish, assistant professor of nursing.

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as Miss Dixie PAC. Dickson’s platform is CASA: I am for the child. The Court Appointed Special Advocates’ network currently boasts more than 76,000 volunteers whose role is to help abused and neglected children have their voices and needs heard in the courtroom.

Dickson is only the second contestant to hold the new Miss Dixie PAC title after performing a rendition of Celine Dion’s “To Love You More” during the competition last August.

The winner of the 2018 Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant will serve as the governor’s spokesperson for character education in schools across the state. She will also compete Sept. 9 in the Miss America Scholarship Competition held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. If Miss Tennessee 2018 wins the Miss America crown, her first runner-up will assume statewide duties.

ROYAL RECEIVEON – A reception held June 8 in the Dunagan Alumni Center honored Morgan Martin (left), who will represent the university as Miss UT Martin during this week’s Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant in Jackson. She is pictured with Chancellor Keith Carver and Katrina Cobb, director of broadcast operations for public television station WLJT. Cobb also serves as director of the annual Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Scholarship Pageant. If Martin is named Miss Tennessee, she will be the second UT Martin student to hold the title in the past four years. Hannah Robinson, who graduated in 2017, served as Miss Tennessee 2015. The pageant’s final night will be broadcast on EPlusTV beginning at 7:45 p.m., June 23.
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to earn CAEP accreditation this semester and 147 total programs to boast this credential.

“These institutions meet high standards so that their students receive an education that prepares them to succeed in a diverse range of classrooms after they graduate,” said Dr. Christopher Koch, CAEP president. “Seeking CAEP accreditation is a significant commitment on the part of an educator preparation provider.”

CAEP is the sole nationally recognized accrediting body for educator preparation. Accreditation is based on peer review and serves the dual functions of assuring quality and promoting improvement. CAEP was created by the consolidation of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Teacher Education Accreditation Council.

“UT Martin is proud of our external accreditations because they show that not only do we believe in the value of our programs, but others from our peer institutions can see the quality of our curriculum and our graduates as well,” said Chancellor Keith Carver. “I know our education graduates are going out into the world prepared for their careers, and I thank the faculty and staff in that program for giving them the training and confidence they need to be successful.”

Programs seeking accreditation must pass peer review on five standards based on two principles: solid evidence that the provider’s graduates are competent and caring educators, and solid evidence that the provider’s educator staff have the capacity to create a culture of evidence and use it to maintain and enhance the quality of the professional programs they offer.

The UT Board of Trustees will meet June 21-22 in Knoxville. The annual meeting of the full board will begin at 1 p.m. EDT on June 22 in the Hollingsworth Auditorium on the UT Institute of Agriculture campus. The meeting will be webcast live and archived for later viewing; a link to the webcast is available on page one.

Three board committees are scheduled to meet prior to the meeting of the full board. All meetings will be in the Hollingsworth Auditorium on the UT Institute of Agriculture campus. All meeting times are approximate.

**June 21**
- 3 p.m. - Executive and Compensation Committee

**June 22**
- 8:30 a.m. - Joint meeting of Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee and Subcommittee on Student Conduct, Rights and Responsibilities
- 10:15 a.m. - Finance and Administration Committee

Agenda items for the full board meeting include:
- President’s report
- Title IX Report
- Fiscal year 2018 operating budget, student fees and tuition, and compensation procedures for additional salary increases
- Vice chair’s report on the president’s annual performance review
- Report on the salary study by Sibson Consulting
- Revisions to Campus Student Conduct Codes to Comply with Public Chapter 980
- Tenure recommendations requiring board approval
- Revised campus tenure review procedures to comply with new requirements of board tenure policy
- Revised appendices to board tenure policy
- UT Martin strategic plan
- Fiscal year 2019-2020 capital outlay and maintenance projects
- Fiscal year 2019-2020 revenue/institutionally funded projects

Meeting agendas and materials are available by contacting Jennifer Sicking, UT System Office of Communications and Marketing, at 865-974-5179.

Anyone with a disability who wishes to attend this meeting may contact Sicking to request auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate attendance. Contact may be made in person or by writing, email, telephone or otherwise and should be received no later than 4 p.m., June 19.

The UT System distributes this notice as part of its compliance with the adequate public notice requirement of state open meetings law.

The WestStar class to graduate

UT Martin’s WestStar Leadership Program will graduate members of its 2018 class June 21 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Jackson. A reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and a graduation ceremony.

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

The program is in its 29th year and has 798 graduates to date, most of whom are from West Tennessee. The 2018 class includes 30 participants who were competitively selected to learn new leadership skills and develop strategies for assisting communities in solving problems and maximizing potential.

Visit the WestStar website to see a complete list of current program participants.

The public is welcome to purchase tickets to attend the graduation reception, dinner and ceremony. Tickets are $20 per person or $35 per couple and can be purchased from the WestStar office.

To purchase tickets, contact Virginia Grimes, WestStar program coordinator, at 731-881-7298 or vgrimes@utm.edu. The WestStar office is located in room 321 of the Hall-Moody Administration Building.

Skyhawk Print Services year-end dates

CLOSED – June 25-29 • REOPEN – July 2
Last day for large orders – June 20
Last day for quick-turnaround orders – June 21

Please note, Skyhawk Mail Services will operate as usual during this time.
The Employee Relations Council met June 12. Below is a summary of topics discussed during the meeting.

Construction Updates
- The footprint for the Latimer Engineering and Science Building is in place, and most of the existing trees will be maintained. The building will have three stories of glass façade on the quad side and brick on the parking lot side. Construction is scheduled to begin next year and take two years to complete with the first classes being held in the new building in 2021. Alternate parking arrangements for the effected lots will be made during this time.

Fiscal Updates
- Both merit and market employee raises will be given for fiscal year 2019.

Policy Changes
- UT policy never required the institution to cover course fees and costs under the employee fee waiver/dependent fee discount. The previous UT Martin policy is now being aligned to match that of other UT institutions. In the future, the waiver will only apply to the maintenance fee, also known as in-state tuition. Individual employees will be responsible for all other fees and individual course costs. The Office of Human Resources does not know individual course fees, as those depend on each instructor’s requirements.
- UT Martin will become a non-smoking campus July 1. We are the only system entity that is not already smoke-free.

Enrollment Update
- Fall 2017 enrollment was approximately 6,800 students; we hope to reach 8,000 in the coming years.
- In fall 2017, our goal for incoming freshmen was 980; we ultimately had 1,052 in the freshman class. This fall, our goal is to ultimately have 1,100 incoming freshmen attending. At this time, enrollment numbers stand at 1,190 incoming freshmen before the summer melt.
- The retention rate for fall 2017 students was 76.1 percent.
- Tuition will increase three percent for the coming year. This increased revenue will be used for scholarship funds, facilities maintenance and improvements, and hires to fill both new and existing positions.
City of Martin receives statewide award

The Tennessee Municipal League has honored the city of Martin with the award for excellence in technology and economic development for 2018. The award, formally presented June 12, recognizes efforts made by city officials to bring global connectivity to the local community. It is given annually to cities across the state to celebrate overall excellence, improvements, and specific outstanding programs or department accomplishments.

Officials with the city of Martin have taken steps to make Martin Tennessee’s next gig city by providing high-speed internet services for residents, businesses and students at the University of Tennessee at Martin in addition to other services required by the community.

This process began in 2016 when the city began looking for a better way to take more accurate readings of its water system. Officials learned that one of the best ways to do this was through a fiber-optic network – the same technology that would bring faster internet speeds citywide.

City officials have partnered with cooperative WK&T Telecommunications to wire 150 miles of fiber-optic lines throughout Martin to provide one-gigabit-per-second internet speeds. The lines also offer broadband internet, digital television, phone and other related services to the community.

“This is an innovative approach by a forward-thinking city,” said Trevor Bonnstetter, CEO of WK&T Telecommunications. “We commend city leaders for looking beyond the immediate challenge and forging a partnership that would not only help control their operating costs but would also make advanced telecommunication services available throughout the city.”

“The city of Martin’s approach to technology and innovation in economic development is applauded by all of us at the University of Tennessee at Martin,” said Chancellor Keith Carver. “Martin’s commitment to fiber networks and lightning-fast internet speed will enable us to recruit faculty and students even more broadly across the state, the region and the country. This network will allow the university to reach its fullest potential for research, outreach and public service.”

The fiber-optic network will also serve as a catalyst to develop a local technology park aimed at software development, incubator businesses and technology companies that can only succeed through the use of fiber-optic lines.

City officials are also working to improve city sidewalks and build a state-of-the-art fire station, police station and public library.

A $1.3 million Community Facilities Direct Loan will be used to add a third fire station to the city, lowering insurance service office ratings citywide. Construction is also underway on the new $4.5 million Martin Police Department, a more than 16,000-square-foot facility scheduled for completion this fall.

Citizens and city officials have worked together to raise $5.96 million of the $7 million needed for a new library facility. The campaign aims to provide a 21st century facility with a dedicated children’s library, group program and event space, public-use computers for high-speed internet, community meeting spaces, and special collections for books, art and other media.

See the full story in the UT Martin news archive.

You Tell Me

• Question – With the recent change in the fee-waiver process for UT Martin employees, is financial aid a possibility for employees who are taking classes?

• Answer – Yes, employees can certainly apply for financial aid. To be eligible, students must be seeking a degree, complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid and register for at least six hours. Completing the FAFSA will provide financial aid representatives with the necessary guidelines to award grants or loans to be used in addition to the fee waiver to help pay for classes. For more information on completing the FAFSA, contact the Office of Financial Aid at 731-881-7040 or visit utm.edu/financialaid.

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