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New Nursing Wing Officially Opens at UT Martin Parsons Center

Jessica Brownyard has a lot to say about the UT Martin Parsons Center.

Brownyard spoke at the July 2013 announcement of the center's new West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation Nursing Wing. On Thursday, Aug. 28, she spoke again at a ribbon-cutting ceremony that officially opened the expansion. Sometime in the future, she can say that she's among the first to graduate from the center's new Bachelor of Science in Nursing program housed in the facility.

Brownyard joined UT President Joe DiPietro, UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes, Jim and Janet Ayers of the Ayers Foundation, local and state elected officials and others to celebrate the expansion's completion. The 30-minute program later moved from the Parsons Center's main entrance to the new nursing wing, complete with its own entrance and a large water fountain to welcome students and visitors. Ribbon was cut at the entrance, and a reception and tours followed. The official opening of the wing came as the Parsons Center has reached an all-time enrollment record of 325 students for fall semester.

Dr. Kelli Deere, center director, welcomed the overflow crowd and recognized the partnership among the UT Martin Parsons Center, the West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation and the state of Tennessee for making the expansion possible. She specifically thanked Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and the

Tennessee General Assembly for supporting the project, which was completed by TLM Associates, of Jackson, and Quinn Construction, of Parsons.

Initial funding for the expansion was included in the 2013-14 state budget, and a \$1 million appropriation was made to build a 10,000-square-foot addition to the center. The project received added support when the West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation also made a \$1 million commitment to the project. The addition includes classrooms, a skills laboratory and a high-fidelity computerized simulation laboratory.

Chancellor Tom Rakes also expressed appreciation to all who made the project possible. He reminded the audience that the university is bringing a high-quality BSN program to the center as he told of 2014 nursing graduates achieving a 100 percent pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses.

"We feel fortunate to partner with this community, this region of the state, certainly with West Tennessee Healthcare," Rakes said of the project. "We appreciate the relationships with our legislators, and we don't take it for granted because it doesn't happen automatically."

President Joe DiPietro compared the new nursing wing to the time when he and other University of Illinois veterinary science faculty members moved to a new large animal hospital. He recalled that the move "changed



Ready to cut ribbon Aug. 28 for the new West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation Nursing Wing at the UT Martin Parsons Center are (l to r) Harbert Alexander Jr, chairman of West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation board; Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor; Dr. Kelli Deere, Parsons Center director, Dr. Joe DiPietro, UT president, and Janet and Jim Ayers of the Ayers Foundation.

how we felt about ourselves. It changed how we were able to train our students. It changed the spirit of the organization to focus on getting even better." He sees the expansion having the same potential impact for the Parsons Center.

DiPietro kept the focus on students and introduced Brownyard, who was accepted to begin the nursing program this fall.

"I never thought that in my wildest dreams that I would get to graduate from the UT Martin Parsons Center," Brownyard said. "And now I will get to be one of the first ever to graduate from the new BSN program." She thanked Jim and Janet Ayers and the Ayers Foundation for helping her "through every single semester of college" and added, "This new addition gives so many students the hope that one day that they can graduate while still staying close to home and saving a little bit of money."

Harbert Alexander Jr., chairman

of the West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation board, talked about the nursing program's future impact on the region. He also acknowledged the Ayers for challenging the West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation "to step up and commit to the largest project that we've ever tried to accomplish."

A surprise ending to the program came when Jo Ann Ayers Lynn, sister of Jim Ayers, and Chancellor Tom Rakes unveiled a bust of the businessman and philanthropist.

"This is a wonderful honor that, I promise you, I don't deserve," a grateful Ayers said. Janet Ayers followed her husband to the podium a short time later and said, "Jim, you are deserving of a lot of attention and a lot of recognition, ..." but added that one person can't achieve things alone.

"It is a whole community that comes together to make things like this (the Parsons Center) happen," she said.

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■ **Dr. Tom Rakes**, university chancellor, was quoted in the Aug. 26 edition of Inside Higher Education in an article titled “Aggressive Pragmatism.” The article explores the Tennessee Promise and Gov. Bill Haslam’s work to implement the plan. Quoting from the article: Tom Rakes, president of the University of Tennessee at Martin, said his institution may shift some of its student recruiting strategies. But he said the university has strong transfer agreements in place with nearby community colleges. “We may lose some students the first year or two,” said Rakes, adding that “I think we can manage.”

■ **Dr. Roberto Mancusi**, associate professor of music, was recently notified that his article “Reflections on a Cyber-Recital” was accepted for publication by Classical Singer magazine, with

the magazine editors turning the single article into two distinct articles. The first part recently became a featured article on the magazine’s main page of their website (www.classicalsinger.com). The second part will be featured in an upcoming issue of the print magazine. There is also a possibility of the first article being featured in print at some point in the future. Classical Singer magazine is an international magazine that reaches singers and teachers around the world at all levels of musical careers. It counts some of the premier classical singers in the world as regular subscribers.

■ The most prestigious award a local section of the American Chemical Society can achieve is the Chemluminary for “Outstanding Section of its Size.” Pictured is **Dr. Phillip Shelton**, 2013 chair of the

Kentucky Lake Section, with the second consecutively earned Chemluminary. The award was presented Aug. 12, 2014, at the ACS national meeting in San Francisco. The Kentucky Lake Section is one of 55 small sections nationwide. This award designates the Kentucky Lake Section as having done the most to support members,



engage both members and nonmembers in chemical activities, and provide outreach programs. A few of the activities that secured this honor involved an outreach program that took over 100 underprivileged elementary school students to a science museum in Nashville; a literally on-fire demonstration show with over 200 attendees at UTM led by Dr. S.K. Airee and the SMACS group; and a series of outstanding speakers during the section’s monthly meetings. Kentucky Lake Section officers include: chair - Dr. Phillip Shelton (UT Martin); chair-elect - Dr. Bommanna Loganathan (Murray State); past-chair - Dr. Kate Stumpo (UT Martin); councilor - Dr. Charles Baldwin (Union University); secretary/treasurer - Rebecca Brown (West Kentucky Community and Technical College).

TRIBUTE

You’re invited!

Join UT President Joe DiPietro and Chancellor Tom Rakes on Thursday, September 11, at 4:30 p.m. for the UT Martin Family Picnic

Food, music and entertainment will be provided for all members of the UT Martin family prior to kickoff at 6:30 p.m.

UT Martin vs. Cumberland University

Football tickets will be available at the registration table for employees and family members at reduced rates of \$5 per adult and \$3 per child.



Participate on social media with the **#IAMUT** hashtag. Share something unique about yourself or your work so Dr. DiPietro and others can thank you for all you’re doing on behalf of UT.

If you plan to attend the picnic, please call Dorothy Gillon at 881-7501 or email dgillon@utm.edu by **Thursday, Sept. 4.**

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Calendar

- 21st Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival (through Sept. 6)
- **Guitar as Art** exhibit, Fine Arts Building Gallery (through Sept. 6)
- **War of 1812** exhibit, J. Houston Gordon Museum, Paul Meek Library (through Oct. 31)
- **Sept. 2** - Skyhawk Volleyball vs. Alabama A&M, Skyhawk Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 3** - Skyhawk Soccer vs. Evansville, Skyhawk Field, 6 p.m.
- **Sept. 5** - Skyhawk Volleyball at Memphis Tournament, (4 p.m. vs. Arkansas State)
- **Sept 5** - Cross-Country at Chattanooga Powerade Invitational, 5:45 p.m.
- **Sept. 6** - Skyhawk Volleyball at Memphis Tournament, Montgomery (noon vs. Memphis; 4 p.m. vs. Old Miss)
- **Sept. 6** - Skyhawk Football at Central Arkansas, 6 p.m.
- **Sept. 7** - Skyhawk Soccer at Missouri, 1 p.m.
- **Sept. 7** - Golf at Derek Dolenc SIUE Invitational (Time TBA)

(Note - The Addenda calendar is not a comprehensive listing of university events. Check the events calendar at www.utm.edu for additional university events and activities.)

Martin Area Toastmasters Club

- **WEEKLY MEETINGS:**
Noon-1 p.m., Tuesdays, Gooch 206
- New members and visitors welcome!
- For information, contact Dr. Mary K. Wallace, College of Business and Global Affairs, mkwallace@utm.edu.

The 21st Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival

Through Sept. 6 – Downtown Martin and other event locations.

UT Martin is a proud festival sponsor.

Go go <http://www.tnsoybeanfestival.org/> for festival information.

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**BARNES AND NOBLE COLLEGE BOOKSTORE
&
SODEXO SKYHAWK DINING HALL**
on September 11, 2014

*Ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m.
Lunch following in the newly renovated Skyhawk Dining Hall
\$5.00 per person*





The Office of Campus Recreation is recognizing individuals and groups who are making extra efforts to elevate their fitness levels. We commend your friends and colleagues by deeming them "UTM Fit."

Dr. Sean Walker
Assistant Professor of Management

I'm a lifetime weight battler. My metabolism is slow, and my tendency to put on fat is high. This means I have to work out harder and longer than most to achieve the same results. My starting weight was 367 pounds with a 58-inch waist. I'm currently 197 pounds with a 33-inch waist.

I have done this through weightlifting and cardio five to six times a week and working even harder in the kitchen. Eating poorly can ruin all of your progress in the gym. To see true results, you have to combine working out with proper nutrition.

Piece of advice: Don't fall for the fad workouts or the fad diets. Just go as hard as you can each day you can. Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do it. You can do anything you set your mind to.



FACULTY WOMEN'S CLUB LENDS A HELPING HAND – The UT Martin Faculty Women's Club presented checks of support to area non-profit organizations during its 77th annual Get Acquainted Tea on Aug. 24 at the Dunagan Alumni Center. The club annually provides academic scholarships, supports community non-profit organizations and participates in several university activities throughout the year. Attending the event and accepting checks were (back row: left to right): Jake Bynum, Reading Railroad and also represented the Weakley County Back Pack Program; Dr. John Schommer, UT Martin professor of mathematics, Habitat for Humanity; Pam McElhane, Carl Perkins Center for Child Abuse; Doug Clark, St. John's Community Center. (front row: left to right): Roberta Peacock, CE Weldon Public Library and Betty Baker, We Care Ministries.

YoU Tell Me

"Questions and Answers"
about UT Martin

■ **Question:** – I understand that my promotional T-shirt has to be produced by a licensed vendor. The shirt promotes a UT Martin event, so isn't that good? Why does the screen printer have to be licensed?

■ **Answer** – Established in 1983, the university's Trademark Licensing Program (which covers UT Martin) protects the use of the university's names, logos, slogans, insignias, symbols and mascots. These indicia are trademarks and service marks and are protected by federal and state law. Any use is prohibited unless authorized by the University of Tennessee.

The university's Trademark Licensing Program sets standards for the commercial use of all university trademarks. In addition, the program provides a means to identify licensed products as "Officially Licensed." One primary goal of the program is to assure that these products are in good taste and are appropriate to the university's status as a leading institution of higher education. Another goal is to assure that products are produced in a socially responsible and ethical manner and under fair labor standards.

The program also assures that the university shares in the benefits derived from the commercial use of both its trademarks and service marks. Consumers can purchase licensed products with the confidence that the proceeds support and enhance scholastic missions as the University of Tennessee. (source – UT Office of Trademark Licensing)

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