15th annual Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremony set for May 22

Lt. Col. Steve Elliott will be the guest speaker for the 15th annual Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremony set for 9 a.m., May 22, in front of the Hall-Moody Administration Building. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Student Life Center next to Graham Stadium. The public is invited to attend.

This will mark the university’s 15th annual Memorial Day Commemoration and the second year Elliott has spoken at the ceremony.

Elliott, who was raised in Alabama, graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1993 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant of field artillery. He joined the Army National Guard after five years of active service at Ft. Stewart, Ga., and began graduate school at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

He completed his Ph.D. in mathematics and became an assistant professor at UT Martin in 2005. Since then, he has deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom and to Djibouti for Operation Enduring Freedom.

Elliott currently commands the 1st Battalion, 238th Field Artillery, and he continues to teach mathematics. He and his wife, Holly, have two sons: Cannon, 7, and Conner, 2. The family lives in Martin.

Cpt. Troy Shoemaker, Department of Military Science and Leadership, will serve as master of ceremonies. Chancellor Tom Rakes will welcome guests.

Dr. Roberto Mancusi, assistant professor of music, will perform the national anthem. Dr. Jerry Gresham, a former U.S. Army captain, Vietnam War veteran and professor emeritus of animal science, will offer the invocation. U.S. Army and World War II veteran Joe Walker, of Martin, will offer the benediction. Walker is a retired housing employee.

The Department of Public Safety and Martin Police Department will present a 21-gun salute, and the ROTC Battalion will provide taps to conclude the program.

For additional information, contact the Office of University Relations at 731-881-7615.

Healthier beginnings program receives accreditation

The UT Martin Healthier Beginnings program recently received accreditation through Healthy Families America as a provider of high-quality home visiting services to families who want to improve their child’s health, nutrition and development outcomes.

Healthy Families America and its affiliates connect with families through community partners such as hospitals and pediatricians to provide accessible service. The accreditation process is grounded in more than 30 years of research. It involves an in-depth examination of the site’s operation, as well as the quality of visits made by program home visitors.

“A safe, healthy childhood can set the stage for lifelong health. The Healthier Beginnings program offers families the tools and resources to provide a healthy environment for the child,” said Sharon Waterfield, director, UT Martin child and family grant programs.

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“Questions and Answers” about UT Martin

• Question – How frequently are parking lot lights replaced (when they burn out)? There seem to be many darkened light fixtures on campus.

• Answer – (Response from the Physical Plant) We repair or replace lamps as soon as we know a fixture is not working. The Department of Public Safety inspects the lights at night and turns in work orders for nonworking lights. We try to replace the bulbs within the week of receiving the work orders. This also depends on traffic in the lot, because sometimes we cannot get close to the pole for a few days because of vehicles blocking immediate access.

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

Student Spotlight: Mallory Martin

As the old saying goes, “If at first, you don’t succeed – try, try again.” Mallory Martin, a Union City resident, proved that adage true this year and crossed the commencement stage May 2 with two UT Martin degrees and an acceptance letter to veterinary school at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tenn.

Martin, the daughter of a Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency agent, grew up surrounded by animals. “Ever since I knew what a vet was, that’s what I wanted to do. I’ve just never changed my mind,” she said.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in agriculture, with a concentration in animal science, in May 2014, but was disappointed to learn she had not been accepted to veterinary school.

“I was devastated when I didn’t get in the first time, but Dr. (Jason) Roberts (assistant professor of animal science) calmed me down and told me, ‘just keep trying and work hard, but don’t work so hard that you get burned out and you don’t have a life, because that will hurt you more in the long run,’” Martin said. With this advice in mind, she began work on plan B.

At the encouragement of Roberts, Martin returned to complete a second bachelor’s degree in the veterinary health technology program. “It was a toss-up between working full-time for a year or coming back and doing the vet tech program. ... (The program) prepares you for real life. You learn a lot working in a practice, but it’s still good to know what the books say and be able to apply it in a real environment,” she said.

Martin says the hands-on experience in the veterinary health technology program helped in her second round of applications to veterinary school, ultimately convincing the selection board at Lincoln Memorial University that she has the academic and practical experience to succeed in their program.

The UT Martin veterinary health technology program is a four-year curriculum, but Martin was able to finish in one year, thanks to prerequisite classes from her first degree. She will be part of the second graduating veterinary class at Lincoln Memorial University, which began its program in 2013.

Martin will complete her required six-week internship at Auburn University this summer before beginning veterinary courses in August. She plans to return to the Obion County area to work in mixed-animal practice after her schooling is complete. In the meantime, she and her fiancé, Hunter Allen, will wed in September. Allen is set to graduate from UT Martin in December 2015.

Martin may not have reached her goal on the first try, but with personal dedication and the advice of a few good teachers, she should receive her doctorate of veterinary medicine in 2019. It all goes to show, there is more than one way to reach the stars.
Jackson Center supports national Red Nose day with spring bash event May 21

The UT Martin Jackson Center invites the public to participate in Red Nose Day, a national fundraising event to end child poverty. A spring bash will be held from noon-5 p.m., May 21, in the Walgreens parking lot at 1332 N. Highland Avenue in Jackson to celebrate the last day of school for Madison County students and raise support for the child poverty effort.

The event, co-sponsored by Walgreens, will include local businesses and vendors. Local school teachers, UT Martin professors and area celebrities will also participate in a dunk tank fundraiser, where anyone can try to dunk their choice for a $1 donation. Money raised will be used by organizations such as the United Way and Boys and Girls Clubs of America to support domestic and international child poverty projects.

For more information on the national events, visit www.rednoseday.org. For information on the UT Martin Jackson Center event, contact the center at 731-425-9277.

YoUTMS faculty and staff excellence

Lane Last, professor of art, is participating in a three-person art exhibition at the Yellow Rose Gallery in downtown Madison, Wis., throughout the month of May. He also had artwork included in an April show called “Blurring the Edges,” hosted at the Dubuque Area Arts Gallery in Dubuque, Iowa.

Adam Wilson, lecturer of history, has published a book titled “African American Army Officers of World War I: A Vanguard of Equality in War and Beyond.” It is being published by McFarland & Company, Inc., and is available for purchase on Amazon.com.

KELLY MURRAY PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT AWARD – Christopher Mullins (second from right) was voted by his classmates to receive the Kelly W. Murray Excellence in Portfolio Management Award for the spring 2015 semester. The award, named for the late son of Dr. Sandra and William Murray, recognizes outstanding effort and dedication managing the UT Martin Tennessee Valley Authority stock portfolio in conjunction with the TVA Investment Challenge. TVA’s Investment Challenge is a partnership between TVA and 25 universities in its service territory that provides a real-world learning experience in portfolio management by allowing students to manage actual stock portfolios. Mullins, a Clinton, Ky., resident, graduated May 2 with a Bachelor of Science degree in finance. Pictured (l-r) are Dr. Timothy Perry, assistant professor of finance; Randall Barnes, senior program manager, corporate investments, TVA, Knoxville; Mullins; and William Murray, father of the late Kelly Murray, for whom the award is named.

WORK OF HEART – The UT Martin Jackson Center is hosting an art exhibition titled “Work of Heart,” featuring artists from the STAR Center, Inc. The show is going on now through June 23 and is open to the public from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays. The STAR Center is a local center for children and adults with disabilities, particularly those with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Gunner Providence (center), created the artwork that titled the show. Providence, 10 years old, is pictured with his parents.

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Students win big at Tennessee Collegiate AP Awards

Staff members from the campus radio station, WUTM 90.3 FM “The Hawk,” brought home seven awards from the Tennessee Associated Press Collegiate Journalism Awards Competition, distributed at a ceremony March 28 in Nashville.

“The students this year were very engaged. They asked great questions of the panelists and took full opportunity of the pros who were in attendance,” said Sandy Boonstra, president of the Tennessee Associated Press board and news director at NewsChannel 5 Nashville.

“It’s no wonder the students at UT Martin took home several awards. You could see from their participation they are serious about their studies and future profession. They represented their school well.”

The awards were presented during the Tennessee Associated Press Broadcasters and Media Editors College Career Day at the First Amendment Center on the Vanderbilt University campus. Students from all college media outlets across the state submitted portfolio collections for consideration in their respective categories.

Sydney LaFreniere, a junior from Oak Ridge, took second place in the best radio newscast category. In the latter category, Stevens submitted a story covering the impeachment of a student government association executive council member.

“The Tennessee AP News Excellence Awards honor the best work by college journalists in television, radio, print and digital platforms, and this year’s results show UT Martin is home to some of the finest young journalists in the state. The quality of their work is outstanding and their awards well deserved,” said Adam Yeomans, AP’s regional director for the south.

“In the profession of journalism, the Associated Press is held up as the gold standard. The students did excellent work this year and were recognized by AP for it,” said Dr. Richard Robinson, associate professor of communications and faculty adviser for WUTM.

Chuck Hammer, a junior from Martin, took first place in the best radio sports reporting category for a collection of submitted stories, including women’s soccer, women’s basketball and football reports. Hammer and Quinton Stevens, a senior from Bernie, Mo., won second place in the best radio sports coverage for a broadcast of a home baseball game between UT Martin and Missouri State University.

Blake Stevens, a senior from Brighton, placed second in the best radio reporter category and third in the best radio in-depth/investigative reporting category. In the latter category, Stevens submitted a story covering the impeachment of a student government association executive council member.

“UT Martin and Missouri State University are students who attended the awards ceremony: (l-r, front row) Julia Ewoldt, a freshman from Savannah; Toshya Leonard, a senior from Newbern; Sydney LaFreniere, a senior from Oak Ridge; Tori Seng, a junior from Union City; (back row) Blake Stevens, a senior from Brighton; Kayla Harmon, a junior from Lewisburg; Dr. Richard Robinson, associate professor of communications and WUTM faculty advisor; and Chuck Hammer, a junior from Martin. All the students are communications majors.

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS – Staff members from WUTM 90.3 FM “The Hawk,” brought home seven awards from the 2015 Tennessee Associated Press Collegiate Journalism Awards Competition. Pictured are students who attended the awards ceremony: (l-r, front row) Julia Ewoldt, a freshman from Savannah; Toshya Leonard, a senior from Newbern; Sydney LaFreniere, a senior from Oak Ridge; Tori Seng, a junior from Union City; (back row) Blake Stevens, a senior from Brighton; Kayla Harmon, a junior from Lewisburg; Dr. Richard Robinson, associate professor of communications and WUTM faculty advisor; and Chuck Hammer, a junior from Martin. All the students are communications majors.

“UT Martin is teaching our students what they need to do very well. The AP’s standard of excellence speaks for itself in our profession,” said Dr. Robert Nanney, professor and chair, Department of Communications. “I’m proud of the students and of Dr. Robinson for his vision and mentoring them.”

For more information, contact Robinson at 731-881-7555 or by email at rrobins@utm.edu.

University Relations is seeking students with interesting stories to appear in website testimonials throughout the summer and coming semester. Stories may also be repurposed for recruitment or feature material. Students must be in good academic standing, be willing and able to appear in a short video segment, and be a second-semester freshmen or above. If you would like to nominate a student, please send his or her name, student ID number and a brief idea of his or her story to Erin Chesnut at echesnut@utm.edu.

Selections will be made on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the University Relations staff.

The Addenda is published bi-monthly during the summer vacation.

The next issue will be released June 1.

Please submit materials for that issue by May 27.
Paul Meek Literary Legacy Committee seeks 2016 speaker suggestions

The Paul Meek Literary Legacy Speaker Series brings a southern author or poet to campus each year to present their work to the campus and local community groups. The organizing committee is accepting suggestions for 2016 speakers. Potential speakers should be willing to spend three days on campus and participate in presentations to local community groups, secondary and postsecondary students and a public, community program. Nominations, including why you would select this person, should be sent to Dr. Chuck Julian, Paul Meek Library director, at cjulian2@utm.edu. Past speakers include Shonda Buchanan, Jeff Daniel Marion, Dr. Robert Cowser (UT Martin professor of English, retired), Rick Bragg, Lauren Ellen Myracle and Susan Rebecca White.

Calendar

- May 19 - Biweekly payroll entry, period 11/15; deadline 5 p.m.
- May 20 - Monthly time approval deadline, April time
- May 21 - Jackson Center Red Nose Day event; Walgreens in Jackson; noon
- May 22 - Memorial Day Commemoration; in front of Hall-Moody Administration Building; 9 a.m.
- May 25 - Memorial Day observed; no classes; all administrative offices closed
- May 26 - Biweekly pay date, period 11/15
- May 27 - Deadline to submit Addenda material for the June 1 issue
- May 29 - Maymester classes end
- May 29 - Monthly pay date, April time
- May 31 - Biweekly payroll period 12/15 ends
- June 1 - Summer Classes begin; first half and fall term.

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Home visitors in each community receive extensive training in a wide range of areas that can cause stress and worry to parents caring for a new baby. Personnel help ensure newborns are receiving necessary nutrition, promote healthy child development, and aid families in adapting to the needs of their new additions. Services begin prenatal through the first three months of life and continue until the child reaches three years of age.

The program is offered in Dyer, Lake and Lauderdale counties. Healthier Beginnings is part of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. For more information, contact Waterfield at 731-881-7915 or by email at swaterf2@utm.edu.

This day in history:

May 19, 2014: Vet Tech Program accredited

VETERINARY HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ACCREDITED – UT Martin’s veterinary health technology option has received initial accreditation from the American veterinary Medical Association Committee on veterinary Technician Education and Activities. The program graduated its first 20 students during spring commencement May 3, 2014. Dr. Jason Roberts (center), veterinarian and UT Martin assistant professor of animal science, works with students at the university’s teaching farm.

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