HONORING THE CARVERS – Hundreds of students, faculty, staff and community members gathered to celebrate Chancellor Keith Carver in the lobby of the Latimer-Smith Engineering and Science Building, Feb. 22. During the celebration, Weakley County Mayor Jake Bynum presented a proclamation to Keith and Hollianne Carver in honor of his six years service to UT Martin. Also pictured (right) is Britton Carver, the Carver’s youngest child.

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PML unlocks research with new browser extension

The Paul Meek Library continues to improve access to quality resources and research materials. One of the newest features is the LibKey Nomad browser extension. With LibKey, users can browse any search engine online and the program will identify and link to licensed resources that are available for free through the library’s database. This enables users to identify quality scholarly publications and avoid paywalls that would otherwise hinder research. LibKey is compatible with Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Firefox and Safari browsers, and is offered free of charge to UTM faculty and students. For more information and to download, please visit https://libguides.utm.edu/techtips/libkey.

WESTTEACH TO HOST 2023 EDUCATION SUMMIT MARCH 10

The 2023 West Tennessee Education Summit hosted by the WestTeach class of 2022 will be held 8 a.m.-noon, Friday, March 10, at the UT Agriculture Research and Education Center in Jackson. The summit will bring together communities, business leaders, school and district leaders, high school students and legislators to showcase best practices inside the classroom and discuss ways to implement change. WestTeach is a teacher-development initiative created as a class project by the UT Martin’s WestStar Leadership Program class of 2017. The Leaders Education Foundation is the signature sponsor for WestTeach.

The program will explore possible curriculum changes to enhance workforce development and opportunities for West Tennessee students. The COVID-19 pandemic hindered opportunities to develop important relationships among colleagues, community members, post-secondary educators and local industries. This year’s summit will provide a forum that explores opening classrooms back up to colleagues, communities, colleges and commerce. The event will include a best-practices exposition, several panel discussions and guest speakers.

To register for the summit, contact Virginia Grimes, WestStar assistant director, by email at vgrimes@utm.edu, or call 731-881-7787.
Drs. Ashley Kilburn, Brandon Kilburn and Denise Williams, all faculty from the College of Business and Global Affairs, had a manuscript published in the December 2022 Journal of Business Administration Online. The study, titled “Fostering Positive Word of Mouth: First Impressions Matter,” aims to help organizations identify and improve first-impression touchpoints and the resulting outcome of positive word of mouth across current and potential users.

Dr. Mahmoud Haddad, recently had an article published in the International Journal of Financial research titled “Using alternative investment Vehicles to Replication Hedge Funds risk and return.” Click here to read the article.

Dr. Bob Peckham, professor emeritus of French, is the active and founding editor of Société François Villon, Bulletin, a yearly bibliography of both scholarly and reception history resources of France’s most famous late medieval poets. He recently posted issue 38, which can be found at this link.

Containing over 250 recent entries, and an essay called “Graphic Villon,” which traces the history of the illustration of Villon’s works from incunabula through comic books and graphic novels of the 20th and 21st centuries. He sees the illustrator as an active reader, and is concerned that there is so little commentary among Villon scholars.

Drs. Cooper Johnson and Jamye Long, both associate professors of management, joined Go Cloud Careers’s Head in the Clouds for an episode on “Focus and Tech Career success Factors” in which the conversation covered how focusing on your goals will lead to tech-career success. The episode has been viewed globally over 773 times.

GRAND CHALLENGES

The latest issue of Our Tennessee, the UT System’s magazine for alumni, is out, and it contains two feature stories involving UT Martin faculty, staff and alumni. The UT System selected three “Grand Challenges” to address in this issue: K-12 education, substance misuse and rural community decline. Physical copies have been mailed to all departments on campus, and you can see the stories online at our.tennessee.edu.
Dr. Philip Acree Cavalier (right) honors Chancellor Keith Carver (second from right) and his family, wife, Hollianne, and son, Britton, in front of hundreds of students, faculty, staff and community members in the lobby of the Latimer-Smith Engineering and Science Building, Feb. 22. During the celebration, Weakley County Mayor Jake Bynum (left) presented a proclamation to the Carvers in honor of their six years of service to UT Martin.

A FAREWELL TO

CHANCELLOR CARVER

(left) Dr. Randal Garza, a professor in the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages, congratulates Carver as he passes him on the sidewalk outside of the Sociology Building. (right) Carver and wife, Hollianne, have their photo taken with student Kaitlyn West during the event.
Students congratulate Carver with highfives as he passes him on the sidewalk outside of the Sociology Building. Students, faculty, staff and community members lined the sidewalk from the Hall-Moody Administration Building all the way to the Latimer-Smith Engineering and Science Building to thank Carver and his family.

(above, left) Carver addresses the crowd; (above, right) Carver hugs a community member; (below, left) Faculty, staff and community members wait in line to greet Carver and his family; (below, right) Student Shayla Lewey gets emotional as she listens to Carver address the crowd.
Hundreds gathered to celebrate the Carver family in the lobby of the Latimer-Smith Engineering and Science Building.

Lindsay Frilling, CEO at Obion County Joint Economic Development Corporation, takes a selfie with Carver.
Dr. Lynn Alexander, dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, will deliver Phi Kappa Phi’s 2022 Muriel Tomlinson Memorial Lecture at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, in room 206 of the Boling University Center. Her presentation, entitled “Drawing in the Reader: Dickens and Victorian Novel Illustration,” examines the use of imagery in early literary publication. “Unlike modern novels,” Alexander notes, “those published during the Victorian age were often first published in literary magazines with lavish illustrations.” These illustrations would then accompany the novels when they are moved to hard-cover editions. Charles Dickens worked carefully with illustrators to be sure that the illustrations created the emotions and ideas he wished expressed—and would capture the audience he wanted.

Alexander holds a Ph.D. in modern letters from the University of Tulsa. Following initial professional work in Iowa and at the University of Keele in Staffordshire, England, she joined the UT Martin faculty in 1989. She was promoted to full professor in 1999, served as chair of the Department of English, and began her current service as dean in 2010. Her main area of interest is the British novel, particularly in the 19th century, but she has also taught and conducted research in women writers, literary theory and the 20th century American novel. Alexander will retire in the summer of 2023 and a national search is underway to name her successor.

The event is part of a series celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi on the UTM campus. Established on May 21, 1971, Chapter 127 was an early example of the society’s presence at a regional comprehensive university. As the nation’s oldest and most selective multidisciplinary collegiate honor society, Phi Kappa Phi initiates more than 25,000 students, graduate students, faculty and staff each year on more than 325 campuses across the United States, its territories, and the Philippines.

The Muriel D. Tomlinson lecture is presented every spring by a distinguished faculty in the humanities. This lecture is named in honor of Dr. Muriel Tomlinson, a faculty member and chairperson of the Department of Modern and Foreign Languages from 1959-1976. Tomlinson created the language laboratory on the UT Martin campus and was a staunch supporter of the ideals of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

The event is open to the public and light refreshments will be served. Free parking is available in the university center parking lot on Wayne Fisher Drive off Mt. Pelia Road. Parking permits are available online at https://www.utm.edu/offices-and-services/public-safety/ by selecting the "Online Visitor Parking Permit" link. For more information, contact Dr. Abigail Shelton, president of Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 127, at 731-881-7462. RSVPs are not required, but may be made through UT Martin’s Runway Events Platform.

Dr. Lynn Alexander to serve as Muriel Tomlinson Memorial Lecture keynote

You Tell Me

• Question – Much work has been done around many main-campus trees. What’s being done, and what’s the large piece of machinery that appears to be directed to the ground around trees?

• Answer – Shannon Baughman, the university’s certified arborist, is performing root invigoration to promote the health and growth of some of the youngest trees. Using an AirSpade and compressor, the fibrous rootzone is being loosened so compost, charcoal and fertilizer can be tilled into the area without damaging the roots. This helps mitigate any compaction in the surrounding area to promote root growth. Mulch is also being added as cover to control moisture, weeds and grass. “Trees are one of the assets this campus is known for so we want to keep them healthy.” (UTM Grounds)

Submit your questions to Addenda at addenda@utm.edu.