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WestTeach program to host West Tennessee Education Summit

The WestTeach Program, sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin's WestStar Leadership Program, will host the West Tennessee Education Summit from 8-11:45 a.m., March 4, at the West Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center in Jackson. This summit was started as a class project by the WestTeach Class of 2019 and is being continued by the class of 2021.

This summit will focus on facilitating change in curriculum to enhance workforce development. A panel of teachers, superintendents, private business owners, school board members and legislators will discuss challenges faced in the classroom. The program will conclude with an update on the Blue Oval City project.

"The summit allows us to bring together stakeholders in the community to have a conversation about how we can work together to ensure we are setting our students up to be successful," said



Dr. Charley Deal, vice chancellor for University Advancement, welcomed guests to the West Tennessee Education Summit in 2020. Pictured on the panel (l to r) are former Tennessee State Senator Dolores Gresham and Tennessee State Representatives Mark White and Debra Moody.

Kandace Jackson, a transition case manager for Weakley County Schools and WestTeach graduate.

Those involved in workforce

development and education are invited to attend. Registration is free, but individuals must pre-register by March 1 at www.utm.edu/weststar. For more

information about this event, contact **Virginia Grimes**, WestStar assistant director, at 731-881-7787 or vgrimes@utm.edu.

WestStar Leadership Program announces class of 2022

The University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program class of 2022 includes 30 business and education leaders from 17 West Tennessee counties. To see the full list of participants, [click here](#).

Participants attend a series of sessions held through June focusing on topics such as economic development, public policy, education and technology.

The WestStar Leadership Program was founded at UT Martin in 1989 and is the state's oldest and largest regional leadership program. The program provides members with a growing network of community-minded people committed to serving the area.

For more information about the WestStar Leadership Program, contact **Virginia Grimes**, assistant director, at 731-881-7298.



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Dr. Joseph Frye, associate professor of music, performed as a member of Duo Atypique at the 2022 College Music Society's Southern Regional Conference, held at Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi. Alongside clarinetist Christa Frye, adjunct professor of music at Bethel University, the pair performed three pieces including Descending Into Light by Inez McComas, Duo by Gordon Jacob and gave the Mississippi premier of a recent commission by composer Andrew Markel titled Souq!.



Ben Jones, director of development, and **Petra McPhearson**, senior vice chancellor for finance and administration, are participating in the University of Tennessee at Martin's WestStar Leadership Program Class of 2022. Participants attend a series of sessions held through June focusing on topics such as economic development, public policy, education and technology. The program equips regional leaders with new skills and knowledge designed to impact



the educational, economic and social development of West Tennessee. For more information about the WestStar Leadership Program, contact Virginia Grimes, assistant director, at 731-881-7298.

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MUSIC ON THE MOVE – On Feb. 19, Dr. Amy Yeung, professor of music, and Dr. Chan Mi Jean, lecturer of music, performed songs written by the groundbreaking African American composer Florence Price in the 43rd Annual Regional Conference hosted by the Southern Chapter of the College Music Society at Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi. The two faculty members will join on stage again this week at the 6th Annual Music by Women Festival hosted by Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, Mississippi, on March 3.

FACULTY/ STAFF TOWN HALL MEETINGS

March 30, 10 a.m. (Virtual)

April 28, 10 a.m. (Virtual)

Join Chancellor Carver in these meetings for the latest information on campus happenings.

March 4, 5, 10-12 at 7 p.m. & March 3 at 3 p.m.

William H. Snyder Little Theatre, Fine Arts Building

Presented by the UT Martin Department of Visual & Theatre Arts



SKYHAWKS HELP OUT



Over 100 volunteers from various UT Martin groups turned out on Saturday, Feb. 26, to help with cleanup efforts in Dresden. The area was hit by an EF-3 tornado on Dec. 10, leaving damage and debris for miles. The groups that participated included UT Martin athletic teams: football, soccer, volleyball, beach volleyball, track and cross country, rifle, equestrian and softball; UT Martin fraternities and sororities: Alpha Omicron Pi and Pi Kappa Alpha; and UT Martin alumni.



POSTERS AT THE CAPITOL – On Feb. 16, three students from the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences represented UT Martin in the 2022 Posters at the Capitol event in Nashville. The event highlights research performed by undergraduate students across the state in a presentation to legislators and government leaders. This year’s PAC event was focused on STEM disciplines. The trip was sponsored by College of Engineering and Natural Sciences. Pictured (l-r) Dr. Seyedali Seyedkavoosi, Patrick Park, Catey Hunt, Erin Evans and Dr. Saman Sargolzaei.



WINTER MEETING – UT System President Randy Boyd presents his president’s report during the Board of Trustees Winter Meeting on Feb. 25. Meeting for the first time at the new UT Southern campus, Boyd presented to the board the 2022 goals and objectives within the framework of the five pillars of the UT System Strategic Plan. “We are entering year three of the greatest decade in the history of the University of Tennessee,” Boyd said. “While 2021 was an incredible year, I’m looking forward to experiencing all our students, faculty and staff will accomplish in 2022.”

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Submissions can be sent to addenda@utm.edu

You Tell Me

• **Question** – Why were rocks recently scattered on the concrete pad outside the Hall-Moody Administration Building? Also, what’s the purpose of the concrete pad on which the rocks were scattered – what was it used for? The slab has been there many years.

• **Answer** – The Care Team asked Chris Virgin, grounds manager, if the grounds crew would be willing to donate some rocks for a “Rock Your Mental Health” event. The rocks were placed on the concrete pad area so that nature could wash them until the first event, which was scheduled for Feb. 23. The concrete pad is where an old chiller was once located that served the Hall-Moody Administration Building. The pad will likely go away during the upcoming administration building improvements project. The exact age of the pad isn’t known, but it’s likely been in place for 20 or more years.

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

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