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UT MARTIN SIGNS FIRST STATEWIDE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT WITH TCAT

UT Martin Chancellor **Keith Carver** and Stephen Milligan, president of Tennessee College of Applied Technology Crump, signed the first statewide articulation agreement between a TCAT and a university on Jan. 31.

“I am extremely excited about UT Martin’s new pathway in partnership with TCAT Crump,” said Carver. “This arrangement will allow greater access to higher education for Tennesseans and promote the importance of agriculture to our region.”

According to the partnership agreement, students who complete the Farming Operations Technology program at TCAT Crump, can receive up to 30 credit hours at UT Martin.

The Governor’s Investment in Vocational Education Grant,



UT Martin Chancellor Keith Carver and Stephen Milligan, president of Tennessee College of Applied Technology Crump, signed the first statewide articulation agreement between a TCAT and a university Jan. 31 with TCAT Crump students present. Pictured (front row, l to r) are Carver, Stephen Scott, Miranda Green, Makaela Pulley, Paige Isbell and Milligan; (back row, l to r) Dr. Todd Winters, dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, Peyton Parrish, Samuel Hastings, Clayton Brown, Noah Griffin and Jarrett Coker.

which works to improve the region’s economy and support local industry partners by preparing students to perform in a highly skilled workforce, funded the partnership.

Paige Isbell, from Bethel Springs, will be the first TCAT

Crump student to take advantage of this partnership. She is on target to graduate from TCAT Crump’s Farming Operations Technology program in August and will immediately begin classes at UT Martin for an animal science degree.

“I think it is pretty exciting for the future students who get this opportunity,” said Isbell.

For more information about the agreement, contact **Erica Bell**, director of regional centers and online programs at UT Martin, at ebell3@utm.edu.

Ninth UT Martin cohort to work Super Bowl LVI

Going to the Super Bowl is at the top of the bucket list for many people. This year, 12 UT Martin students will not only get to cross that entry off but will also get to experience the event from behind the scenes.

Along with **Dr. Dexter Davis**, associate professor of sport

business, students assisted the local organizing committee at the NHL All-Star Game in Las Vegas, Feb. 3-8, and will assist on-location experiences personnel at the Super Bowl in Los Angeles, Feb. 8-13. The group will spend these two weeks in Las Vegas and Los Angeles

assisting in hospitality at the games, touring various facilities, and networking with industry professionals. This year’s trip to the Super Bowl will be the ninth in UT Martin history, but this is the first year that UT Martin students have worked at the NHL All-Star Game.

Davis began supervising trips to the Super Bowl around 17 years ago, when a colleague who worked for the Miami Dolphins invited him to bring students to help with Super Bowl Week activities. His group of seven Niagara University students,

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WestStar to host Working Women’s Conference Feb. 11



Kerri Arnold, Miss Tennessee Volunteer 2019, was a featured speaker during the 2020 Working Women's Conference.

UT Martin’s WestStar Leadership Program will host the 24th-annual Working Women’s Conference from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Feb. 11, in the Boling University Center’s Duncan Ballroom. The \$50 registration fee includes a

continental breakfast and lunch.

The theme of this year’s conference is “Every day is GAME DAY” and features sessions such as “Practice, Practice, Practice” and “Tackling Conflict.” Lisa Smartt, owner of Smartt Speaking, will give the keynote address.

Additional conference speakers include Tara Tansil-Gentry, M.A., UT Martin health and human performance lecturer; Merry Brown, workplace conflict restoration services consultant and UT Martin philosophy instructor; Bettye Giles, retired UT Martin director of women’s athletics;

Julia Brundige, owner of Westwood Townhouses; Nancy Bramlett, freelance Christian author; Dr. Cheryl Brown, retired physician; Drs. Brock and Krista Martin, Southern Chiropractic & Acupuncture; Dr. Teresa Collard, UT Martin professor of communications and Dr. Lisa LeBleu, UT Martin professor of family and consumer sciences.

To register for the conference, visit utm.edu/weststar and select the “conferences and events” tab.

For more information about the conference or the WestStar Leadership Program, contact Jennifer Black, program manager, at 731-881-7298.



THEC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SPEAKS – Dr. Emily House, executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, spoke Friday during the One UT All-Cabinet Meeting, Feb. 3-4, in Nashville. House was named to lead THEC in February 2021 and leads the Tennessee Student Assistance Corp., which administers state financial aid programs. She is the agency’s seventh executive director and the first woman to serve in the position. House spoke to leaders from across the University of Tennessee about THEC’s role as a coordinating agency for higher education in the state and focused her comments on what the agency does and doesn’t do in its work. Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee spoke Thursday to the group during the meeting’s opening day. Pictured with House are Chancellor Keith Carver and UT President Randy Boyd.

FACULTY / STAFF COVID-19 TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Feb. 10, 3 p.m.
(In-person, Watkins Aud.)

Feb. 18, 3 p.m.
(Virtual)

new date & time
March 30, 10 a.m. ↗
(Virtual)

April 28, 10 a.m.
(Virtual)

Join Chancellor Carver in these meetings for the latest pandemic-related information for UT Martin.



UT Martin students will work behind the scenes during both the NHL All-Star Game on Feb. 5 in Las Vegas and Super Bowl LVI on Feb. 13 in Los Angeles. This is the ninth group of UT Martin students to work a Super Bowl under the guidance of Dr. Dexter Davis, associate professor of sport business, and his first student cohort to work the NHL All-Star game. Students pictured in this year's cohort are (l, r) Parker Kendall, Hornbeak; Quinn Reed, Batavia, Ohio; Morgan Summerlin, Crestview, Florida; Audrey Myers, Union City; Macy Rippy, Clarksville; Rosalinda Alvarado, Loretto; Dr. Dexter Davis; Logan Alfano-Webb, Counce; Lila Lampley, Bon Aqua; Lena Lacey, Memphis; John Ford, Nashville; Seth Bishop, Adamsville; and Caitlin Pierce, Dickson.

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where he taught at the time, made such a strong impression on the event's coordinators that Davis was invited to bring students again the next year. When Davis started teaching at UT Martin in 2013, he continued these trips and eight cohorts later, UT Martin students have built a reputation of their own.

"It's all a reflection on how good our students are," Davis said while discussing the opportunities provided by the NFL.

While looking into working at other sporting events, Davis was informed that the NHL was looking for assistance with its annual All-Star Game. After reaching out to a contact from

past Super Bowls, Davis was able to get his students involved.

At the Super Bowl, students transport celebrities, current and retired players and NFL Hall of Famers from one pre-game event to another. The students have the opportunity to learn the most efficient routes to get each person where they need to be, and their experience translates into diplomacy and time-management skills, because they must assure that everyone arrives promptly as well as tactfully answer questions and demands from fans.

The students' responsibilities at the NHL All-Star game will be more focused on the NHL Fan Fair, which is held in the Las Vegas Convention Center, where fans enjoy hockey-related exhibits and activities, and

take photos with the Stanley Cup trophy. Students will also be helping with volunteer orientation sessions.

Through taking on these duties, students will not only apply what they know, but also expand their knowledge by experiencing the hustle and bustle of some of the country's largest sporting events.

"They're going to be in the stadium early on Sunday (for the Super Bowl), and they're going to see everything from when it opens up and the staff start coming in, to when the gates open and fans start coming in, to when the game is over and fans are leaving," Davis said. "They're going to see all of the different elements of this major sporting event and how it occurs, and no matter how

hard you try in a classroom, you can't describe the magnitude of that event without being at that event."

Logan Alfano-Webb, a senior double major in finance and economics from Counce, is participating for the second year.

"Last year, I gained a great understanding on the amount of effort needed behind the scenes to make sure the biggest sporting event of the year runs smoothly," he said. This year, I hope to further expand this knowledge and be able to apply what I learned from the prior year."

When not working at the games, students will be able to meet with industry professionals, tour various universities' athletic facilities and enjoy nearby cities and tourist attractions. While in Los Angeles, students will attend a Los Angeles Lakers game, and a trip to the Hoover Dam is also planned. Through these opportunities, students will get to experience another part of the country.

"Some of these kids may never get the opportunity to go back to Los Angeles, so we want to try to make it a complete opportunity for them," Davis said.

Through this two-week long trip, Davis builds relationships with his students.

"It's fun getting to know these kids and developing the relationships. Every night, we go out to dinner, and I say, 'What'd you learn today?' and it's fun to hear what they learned. One of the things about learning is you've got to reflect on the experience," Davis said.

For more information about the trip or the UT Martin Sport Business Program, contact Davis at ddavis78@utm.edu.

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- **Answer** – Capital projects pertain to new, renovated or maintenance of physical property or infrastructure. Funding for capital projects may be a combination of state appropriations, donor funds, bonding, student fees or university resources. A current listing of UT Martin capital projects may be obtained by contacting Brad Burkett, interim director of physical plant operations, at bburkett@utm.edu.

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