

# addenda



The University of Tennessee at Martin Faculty and Staff Newsletter | March 14, 2022

## Applications Open For 2022 WestTeach Class

The UT Martin WestTeach Program is currently accepting applications for its 2022 class. Applicants must be K-12 teachers who want to serve as leaders in their schools while staying in the classroom. They must submit their application with a letter of recommendation from their principal and director/superintendent of schools. One teacher per school district will be selected with a maximum of 30 members per class.

WestTeach is a development program for teachers in the 21 counties of West Tennessee. The program allows teachers to learn more about economic needs and opportunities in West Tennessee, as well as connect with industry and community leaders in the region. The program begins Aug. 29-30 and ends Dec. 13 with a graduation ceremony in Jackson.

The WestTeach mission is to engage and equip West



The WestTeach class of 2021 is pictured following its December graduation in Jackson.

Tennessee teachers with tools and leadership skills for success in and outside the classroom.

Tuition is \$250 and must be paid by the participant or

their school system before the first session begins Aug. 29-30. Upon graduation, each teacher will receive a \$100 gift card to be used for their classroom.

To apply, visit [utm.edu/westteach](http://utm.edu/westteach). For more information, contact **Virginia Grimes**, assistant director, at 731-881-7787.

## General Faculty Meeting

3:15 p.m., Thursday, March 17  
Watkins Auditorium

*click this ad to access the meeting virtually*

## YoUTMs

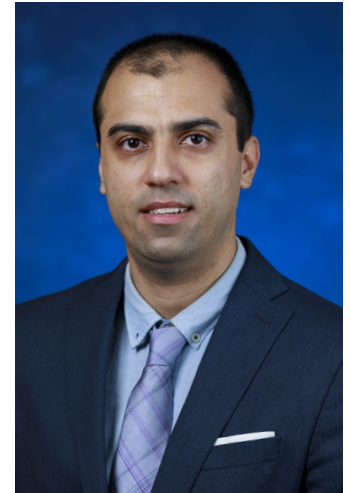
highlighting the excellence of our faculty and staff



Callie Hollowell, a Martin Elementary School student and member of the MES STEM Club, is pictured with her Alka-Seltzer film canister rocket.



Dr. Abigail Shelton and four members of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society (SMACS) led the Martin Elementary School STEM Club activities on Jan. 27. Shelton along with her students, Erin Carver, Emily Tester, Austin Vest and Kaden Ketron helped the students make Alka-Seltzer film canister rockets. They will return to the school on March 17 with lessons on polymer slimes and dyes.



Dr. Saman Sargolzei, assistant professor of engineering, received approval for grant funding from the IEEE Computer Society for his recent seed grant proposal, "Technology against Tornado (TaT) Student Competition and Expo." The grant results from IEEE Computer Society's call for proposals addressing the fast-moving and dynamic nature of emerging technologies and their impacts on communities.

## 'THE IRIS WILL BLOOM AGAIN' APRIL 30 - MAY 7

*The Tennessee Iris Festival is looking for more vendors for the festival and participants for their annual parade, which will be held, Saturday, May 7 at 10 a.m. in Dresden. Entry fee is \$5. For more information and an application, please click this ad.*

 **TENNESSEE**  
*Iris Festival*  
EST. 1979



**GLOBAL AFFAIRS FORUM** – Dr. Adnan Rasool (right), assistant professor of political science, speaks to a large crowd that gathered at the Paul Meek Library, March 9, for a Global Affairs Forum to discuss the ongoing crisis in Ukraine. Co-sponsored by the university's College of Business and Global Affairs and the Paul Meek Library, the panel discussion presented different views from UT Martin experts about the ongoing crisis in Ukraine and sought to offer a complete picture about the current situation. Panelists included Drs. Philip Acree Cavalier, Chara Van Horn, Alice-Catherine Carls, Carrie Humphreys and Rasool.



**CAMPUS MASTER PLAN TOWN HALL** – Angela Coullias, associate campus planner, DLR Group, speaks during the Campus Master Plan Town Hall held March 8 in Watkins Auditorium. Coullias and Krisan Osterby (pictured left), national campus planning leader for the DLR Group, presented information collected during on-campus meetings with campus stakeholders and focus groups. They also covered information from engagement and visioning meetings and presented results of a campus-wide survey. Three concepts were presented that will help to guide the future of the campus. Follow the Campus Master Plan process at this [link](#).

**The submission deadline for Addenda content is noon on Thursdays.**

**Submissions can be sent to [addenda@utm.edu](mailto:addenda@utm.edu)**

## You Tell Me

- **Question** – As I prepare to attend a national conference this summer, I have heard University Advancement can provide me contact information for alumni in the area I am traveling to. What is the process and expectations?
- **Answer** – University Advancement encourages faculty and staff to reach out to Advancement Services at [advservices@utm.edu](mailto:advservices@utm.edu) to request a list of alumni and donors in the area where the person is traveling. A confidentiality agreement will need to be signed prior to the staff person receiving information. Faculty and staff can visit with the alumni/donor and give an update to happenings at the university and answer questions the person may have. Any potential helpful information regarding the visit should be reported back to the Advancement Services office using the same email so information can be forwarded to development officers. This is a great way to expand UT Martin's reach to alumni and donors that live out-of-state.

*Submit your questions anonymously to the Suggestion Box link at [www.utm.edu/suggestionbox](http://www.utm.edu/suggestionbox).*

## addenda

Published weekly during the academic year and biweekly during the summer by UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238  
 Randy Boyd – President, University of Tennessee System • Dr. Keith Carver Jr. – Chancellor • Nathan Morgan – Addenda Editor  
 UT Martin is an EEO/AA/Title VI/Title IX/Section 504/ADA/ADEA employer. E05-0415-00-002-21