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UT Martin's Wyatt Hart rides a bull during the 2021 UT Martin Spring College Rodeo at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex.

## 54TH ANNUAL SPRING COLLEGE RODEO TO BE HELD APRIL 7-9

Fans can now purchase tickets for the University of Tennessee at Martin's 54th annual Spring College Rodeo. This year's highly anticipated event will take place on Thursday, April 7, through Saturday, April 9, at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex.

Because of high demand, fans are encouraged to buy their tickets early as a sellout crowd is once again expected this year. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.UTMSports.com/](http://www.UTMSports.com/)

### [RodeoTickets.](#)

Performances each night will start at 7:30 p.m. All seats are reserved as ticket prices are \$12 for Thursday night's session and \$15 for both Friday and Saturday nights. Ages five and under receive free admission but must sit in an adult's lap.

For the second straight year, the performance portions of each night will be streamed online for \$10 per session. Streaming access can also be purchased at [www.UTMSports.com/RodeoTickets](http://www.UTMSports.com/RodeoTickets).

### [com/RodeoTickets.](#)

Annually one of the biggest events on campus, UT Martin has been spotlighted as "Rodeo of the Year" by the Ozark Region 13 times in a 14-year span. Head coach **John Luthi**, who recently announced his intent to retire following a remarkable 25-year career at the helm, has led the rodeo program to 19 total Ozark Region championships (14 men's, five women's) and a national men's team championship in 2014.

## Judy Heumann to speak in Bettie Graham Special Education Seminar

The University of Tennessee at Martin's Bettie Graham Special Education Seminar will feature Judy Heumann at 6 p.m., April 5, via Zoom. Those interested in attending should register in advance at [bit.ly/36kcL4B](http://bit.ly/36kcL4B).

Heumann, a lifelong advocate for the rights of disabled people, has been instrumental in the development and implementation of legislation, such as Section 504, the Individuals with Education Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Rehabilitation Act and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Her memoir, "Being Heumann: An Unrepentant Memoir of a Disability Rights Activist," co-authored by Kristen Joiner, was published in 2020.

Prior to starting Judith Heumann LLC, she served in the Clinton and Obama administrations.

This seminar series is hosted by the UT Martin College of Education, Health and Behavioral Sciences and made possible through a generous endowment given by Newell and Bettie Graham. Bettie dedicated years of service to Northwest Tennessee and UT Martin.

For more information on this speaker series, contact **Dr. Clinton Smith**, associate professor of special education, at 731-881-7143 or [csmit279@utm.edu](mailto:csmit279@utm.edu).

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### SPRING HAS SPRUNG

A pink star magnolia is in full bloom in front of the UT Martin Student Recreation Center on Mt. Pelia Road. Flowering trees around campus herald the arrival of spring at UTM.



**Kyoko Hammond**, lecturer of Japanese, has been selected the 2022 Southeastern Association of Teachers of Japanese (SEATJ) Teacher of the Year. The Tennessee Event Committee members recommended her for the honor. She will receive the award at the Spring Conference on April 2 virtually.

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### '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.*


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*Iris Festival*  
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# Collegiate Recovery Academy

**April 1, 2022  
9AM - 1PM CST  
Watkins Auditorium  
University of Tennessee,  
Martin Campus**


Join us in conversations around Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder and how to become a Collegiate Recovery Ally!




**Marie Williams**  
Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services




**Monty Burks**  
Director of Faith Based Initiatives, Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services



**Jennifer Tourville**  
Executive Director, Substance Misuse and Addiction Resources of TN Initiative, UT Institute for Public Service



**Nathan Payne**  
Director of Collegiate Recovery Initiatives, Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services




**Jim Cowser**  
Director of Clinical Innovations, Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation

**What:** Collegiate Recovery Academy





**Where:** University of Tennessee at Martin, Boling University Center, Watkins Auditorium, 11 Wayne Fisher Dr. Martin, TN 38238 or attend virtually

**When:** Friday, April 1, 2022 from 9AM - 1PM Central Time

**Parking:** Boling University Center Located at 11 Wayne Fisher Drive.



All attendees must register in advance. This event is free and open to all UT campuses and community stakeholders. Register here: <https://www.utm.edu/craa>  
For questions, contact [utmcareteam@utm.edu](mailto:utmcareteam@utm.edu).



**THE VOICE OF THE TITANS** – Chancellor Keith Carver (left) and Virginia Grimes (right) are pictured with Mike Keith, vice president of broadcasting for the Tennessee Titans. Keith, who just completed his 24th season with the organization and is known as “The Voice of the Titans,” was a featured speaker during WestStar’s recent session in Nashville. In addition to his play-by-play duties, Keith hosts coach Mike Vrabel’s weekly radio show and the Titans All Access television show, provides extensive on-air coverage and analysis for TitansOnline.com, emcees all official Titans events and speaks to civic and business groups throughout the region.

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## You Tell Me

- **Question** – When will construction begin on the Blaylock Inspirational Oracle that will be located near the Boling University Center and Clement Hall?
- **Answer** – The Oracle project is in final design and review and will be resubmitted for bids in mid-spring. The project is a self-funded project by Dr. Paul Blaylock, a 1968 UTM alumnus and philanthropist originally from South Fulton. The facility will be located east of the north ramp from the Boling University Center and Clement Hall and will feature a magnificent water feature and a beautiful plaza. A groundbreaking ceremony for the Oracle was held Oct. 9, 2021, during homecoming.

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

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