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INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE ENCOURAGED BY UT PRESIDENT

Randy Boyd clearly enjoys leading the University of Tennessee System as president, and his history of public service and run for governor in 2018 set the stage for his current leadership role. Boyd shared his experiences running for the state's highest office and encouraged others to pursue public-service opportunities during a WestStar Lunch Learn Leadership program March 23 at Central Distributors in Jackson. The programs are offered to UT Martin WestStar Leadership Program alumni and current class members. The audience included current elected officials and potential office seekers.

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System's 26th president by the UT Board of Trustees on March 27, 2020, following 16 months as interim president after the retirement of Dr. Joe DiPietro.

The longtime businessman, entrepreneur and philanthropist is the founder of Radio Systems Corp., a Knoxville-based, pet-related products business. He

also chairs Boyd Sports and is owner of the Tennessee Smokies, Johnson City Doughboys, Greeneville Flyboys, Kingsport

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Axmen and Elizabethton River Riders baseball teams. He also is part owner of the Memphis Redbirds.

Boyd's extensive public-service resume includes chairing the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and serving as Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development commissioner. He also served as Gov. Bill Haslam's special adviser for higher education, led creation of the Tennessee Promise and Drive to 55, and was the founder and chairman of Tennessee Achieves. Each of these initiatives aimed at increasing the number of Tennesseans with post-secondary degrees. Boyd said about his year as special adviser to the governor, "It taught me that if you really want to make a difference in the world, you can do a lot as a philanthropist, you can do a lot as a businessperson, but if you really want to make an impact, the best place is in public service."

While serving in the Haslam administration, Boyd made the decision in 2017 to enter the governor's race and later lost his

bid for the GOP nomination to Gov. Bill Lee, but what Boyd learned on the long campaign trail provided wisdom to share about seeking elected office. First, important to know as a candidate is that people know surprisingly little about government or their elected officials. "We have a country that has incredibly low civic engagement," he said. "We know that through our voter turnout." At the state level, Tennessee's voter turnout needs to improve, and he sees the state's 4-H program as one important avenue to involve young people in the election process and government through activities such as Tennessee and National 4-H Congress.

Boyd told about different campaign experiences, which generated audience questions, including his thoughts on campaign must-haves and pitfalls. Articulating a passion for why you're running for office and expressing this passion in 60 seconds or less are key first steps. "Nobody's going to listen to you for very long, and they'll remember even less. ... Why is it I want to do this? Why do you care?" he said. "And then try to

find a way to put it in as short of phrase as you possibly can that you repeat over and over and over."

Next, he said that a person running for office must be prepared to make a sacrifice. Political campaigns mean hard work and long hours whether running locally or for statewide office. "Most often the people that win are the people that work the hardest, and it's just a lot of work," he said, adding that choosing the right people to work with is important, especially when seeking higher-level positions. "Selecting the right team is critical, making sure that you have people that not only know what they're doing and are good at it, but that you're compatible with because you're going to spend a lot of time with them," he said. "I can say I spent more, way more time with my campaign manager over those 18 months that I did with my wife by a long shot."

Boyd also stated his dislike for negative campaigning, explained the hard work of campaign fundraising and talked about the need to remain humble throughout the process. Given his experiences in business,

government and higher education, Boyd was asked to comment on the strengths of his leadership style.

"First have a mission, something that's aspiring, inspiring, something that encourages people to want to do better, to try to make a difference that pulls them together, and a great mission lives between the probable and the impossible," he said. Effective leaders must also surround themselves with great people, create an achievable strategy and have a set of values. Once these four things are in place, Boyd stressed the importance of being a leader who listens, is transparent and collaborative, which are qualities that have guided him in his many leadership roles.

Others attending the WestStar session included UT Martin Chancellor Keith Carver, businessman and one-time gubernatorial candidate Mike McWherter, and Dr. Charley Deal, UT Martin vice chancellor for university advancement. More information about the WestStar Leadership Program is available by contacting Virginia Grimes, WestStar assistant director, at 731-881-7787.

UT Martin to hold fifth-annual Cups for the Cure



Shoppers browse the handmade ceramic cups and mugs during Cups for the Cure in February 2020. The event will be held from 2-4 p.m., April 2, at the UT Martin Wesley Foundation building on Lovelace Avenue.

The fifth-annual Cups for the Cure event, co-hosted by the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts and The Wesley Foundation, will be held from 2-4 p.m., April 2, at the UT Martin Wesley Foundation building on Lovelace Avenue.

David McBeth, UT Martin professor of art, and his students will be selling handmade ceramic cups and mugs for a \$15 donation. One hundred percent of funds raised will be donated to cancer research foundations in the region.

McBeth created Cups for

the Cure in 2017 to support cancer patients and their families. McBeth's mother was diagnosed with cancer on Feb. 4, 2014, and passed away 21 days later. She received financial assistance from Joliet Oncology-Hematology Associates, a foundation at the Illinois cancer center where she was receiving treatment.

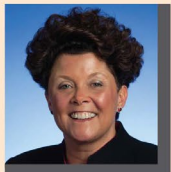
This event is open to the public, and beverages and desserts will be available.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of University Relations at 731-881-7615.

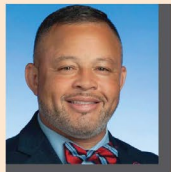
Collegiate Recovery Academy

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

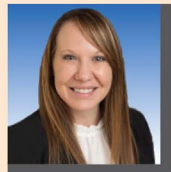
Join us in conversations around Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder and how to become a Collegiate Recovery Ally!



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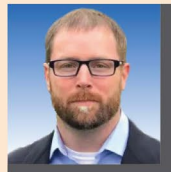
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Department of Mental
Health and Substance
Abuse Services



Jim Cowser
Director of Clinical
Innovations, Hazelden
Betty Ford
Foundation

Agenda

- 9:00AM Welcome
 - Recorded messages from UT System President Randy Boyd and UTM Chancellor Keith Carver
 - Live welcome from:
 - Marie Williams, Commissioner, TDMHSAS (UTM Alumni)
- 9:15 Laying the Foundation Monty Burks, Director of Faith Based Initiatives, TDMHSAS
- 9:30 Stimulant Use - Just The Facts*
 - Jennifer Tourville, Executive Director, SMART, UT Institute for Public Service
- 10:30 Recovery Ally Training
 - Nathan Payne, Director of Collegiate Recovery Initiatives, TDMHSAS
- 11:15 Promoting Campus Wellbeing by Supporting Students in Recovery
 - Jim Cowser, Director of Clinical Innovations, Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation (UTMAlumni)
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:00PM Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Training
 - Emily Oswald - Regional Director, Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network
 - Shannon Perry - UTM Director of Student Conduct and Care

*Narcan training provided 10:00 am- 1:00 pm by the Weakley County Prevention Coalition at their table in the lobby.

- 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.

Welcome New Employees



Dominique Crockett serves as Title IX Coordinator and Director of Equity and Diversity. She joined the University of Tennessee at Martin on Feb. 14, 2022. Previously, she worked at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center as the Assurance Officer in the Office of Inclusion, Equity and Diversity. Additionally, she has worked in the governmental health administration and non-profit sector.

Born in Louisiana, raised in Illinois, Dominique attended Southern University A&M in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where she received a BA in Biology. She earned her Master of Health Administration from Louisiana State University.

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DANCE SPRING SHOWCASE SET FOR APRIL 7-8

The UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts Dance Ensemble will perform the 2022 spring showcase “Mitosis” at 7 p.m., April 7-8, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre located in the Fine Arts Building. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for students, and children 10 and under are free. Tickets will be sold at the door starting at 6 p.m. on the night of the performance. You can also purchase tickets online at www.utm.edu/departments/finearts/tickets.php beginning Monday, April 4.

The 2022 spring showcase centered around a single theme will feature works choreographed by both UT Martin students and faculty as well as paintings by Lane Last, UT Martin professor of art, which will be projected during each performance. Student choreographers include Marlee Scott, a freshman fine and performing arts major from Thompson’s Station; Damien



Marlee Scott, a freshman dance education major from Thompson’s Station, and Hunter Burton, a 2021 fine and performing arts graduate from Martin, perform during the 2021 fall showcase in the Harriet Fulton Theatre.

Hanks, a freshman fine and performing arts major from Brighton; Brittney Lacy, a sophomore health and human performance major from Decaturville; and Jasmine

Wilkes, a junior family and consumer sciences major from Bolivar. **Sarah McCormick**, professor of dance, director of ensemble and coordinator of the K-12 dance education licensure

program choreographed three of the showcase’s seven sections.

For more information about the ensemble, contact McCormick at smccorm6@utm.edu.

You Tell Me

- **Question** – Maybe I’ve missed some on the quad, but it seems every time I look for a garbage can, I can’t find one, even where they used to be. Where are the trash cans, and are they coming back?
- **Answer** – In the fall of 2020, several of the old trash receptacles around campus were relocated closer to building entrances to improve the look of the quad. Since that time, a total of 23 new trash receptacles have been ordered and they will replace the old cans around the quad. The UT Martin Physical Plant has placed three sample receptacles at the Paul Meek Library and the Boling University Center for testing until the additional receptacles arrive. The new receptacles will be placed strategically around the quad and near various academic building entrances.

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

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