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## UT MARTIN TO HOST TENNESSEE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS APRIL 20



Pictured (l-r) is former Appellate Judge Brandon Gibson, Judge Steven Stafford and Circuit Judge Jeff Parham at the 2017 Court of Appeals session held at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

UT Martin will host the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, April 20, in the Boling University Center's Watkins Auditorium. The court will hear oral arguments in three cases beginning at 9,

10 and 11 a.m. Proceedings are open to the public, but entry and exit will be limited between cases.

The state of Tennessee has two intermediate-level appellate courts, the Court

of Appeals and the Court of Criminal Appeals. The Court of Criminal Appeals, created by the Tennessee General Assembly in 1967, hears trial court appeals in felony and misdemeanor cases, as well as

post-conviction petitions. The court has 12 members who sit in panels of three and meet monthly in Jackson, Knoxville and Nashville. The court may meet in alternate locations.

Court of Criminal Appeals hearings do not include witnesses, juries or testimonies. Instead, attorneys from both sides present either oral or written arguments. On April 20, participating attorneys in each case will have 20 minutes to present oral arguments, and the remainder of each hour has been allotted to answer questions from UT Martin students.

The panel meeting on the UT Martin campus will include Judge John Everett Williams, Judge Camille R. McMullen and Judge J. Ross Dyer from the Court of Criminal Appeals. Judge Williams is a UT Martin graduate.

For more information on the court's on-campus session, contact **Dr. Justin Martin**, associate professor of sociology, at 731-881-7519 or email [jmart140@utm.edu](mailto:jmart140@utm.edu).



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

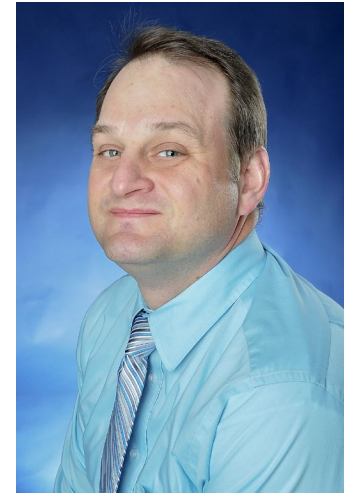
*The Tennessee Iris Festival is looking for more vendors for the festival and participants for their annual parade, which will be held, Saturday, May 7, at 10 a.m. in Dresden. Entry fee is \$5. For more information and an application, please click this ad.*

# YoUTMs

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**Dr. David Barber**, professor of history, presented a paper, “The Anti-CRT Mob is Right: Teaching Black History Is Dangerous” at the Popular Culture Association national conference, April 15.



**Erin Weber, Heidi Busch, and Sam Richardson** from the Paul Meek Library gave a presentation, “Experiential Learning and the Academic Library,” at UT Martin’s Experiential Learning Leadership Institute (ELLI) on April 12. The conference, which was held April 11-13 at UT Martin, focused on experiential learning in a post-COVID age.

**Submit a YoUTM.**

Echo Delta, of Winter Haven, Florida, the marketing agency of record for UT Martin, earned a bronze award in the “Integrated Marketing Campaign” category of the [37th Annual EduADAWARDS national advertising/marketing awards competition](#). The agency was recognized for its “Small-town University for People with Big Dreams” campaign (example ad to the right). **Hannah Alexander**, assistant director for marketing in the Office of University Relations, coordinates the campaign in cooperation with Echo Delta and serves as university liaison with the agency.



**READERS CHOICE** – **Nicole Blackburn**, lecturer in the Department of Nursing, was chosen the 2022 Readers’ Choice for “Best Nurse” as voted by readers of The Camden Chronicle. The Chronicle story noted that in addition to her work at UT Martin, Blackburn works part time in labor and delivery at Henry County Medical Center in Paris. She’s a UTM nursing graduate, has taught for the university since 2017 and has worked at the hospital since 2010. Blackburn is pictured with fellow UTM nursing faculty members **Dr. Cassie Burks** (left), assistant professor, and **Dr. Alissa Parrish**, also an assistant professor. “I love teaching in such a wonderful nursing program,” Blackburn said in the story’s photo caption.

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

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

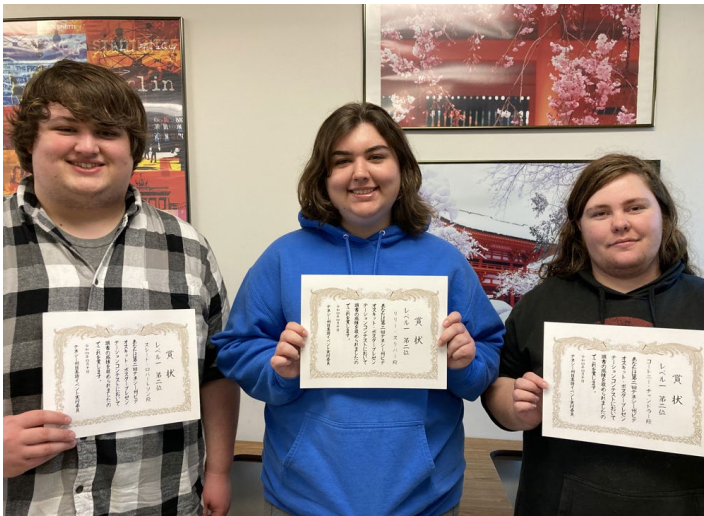


OTP AT UTM – The Official Titans Podcast Live Tour made its final stop in a six-city tour on Thursday, April 14, at UT Martin. Chancellor Keith Carver (below, right) joined Mike Keith, “Voice of the Titans,” Amie Wells, Titans broadcasting manager, and Dave McGinnis, former Titans assistant coach and Titans Radio’s game-day color analyst, from the Champions Club in Hardy M. Graham Stadium to record the podcast. Visit [this link](#) to hear the podcast.



## QUEST FOR DISCOVERY

The latest issue of Our Tennessee, the UT System’s magazine for alumni, is out, and it contains two feature stories about research work involving UT Martin students, faculty and staff. Physical copies are mailed to all departments on campus, and you can see the stories online at [our.tennessee.edu](http://our.tennessee.edu).

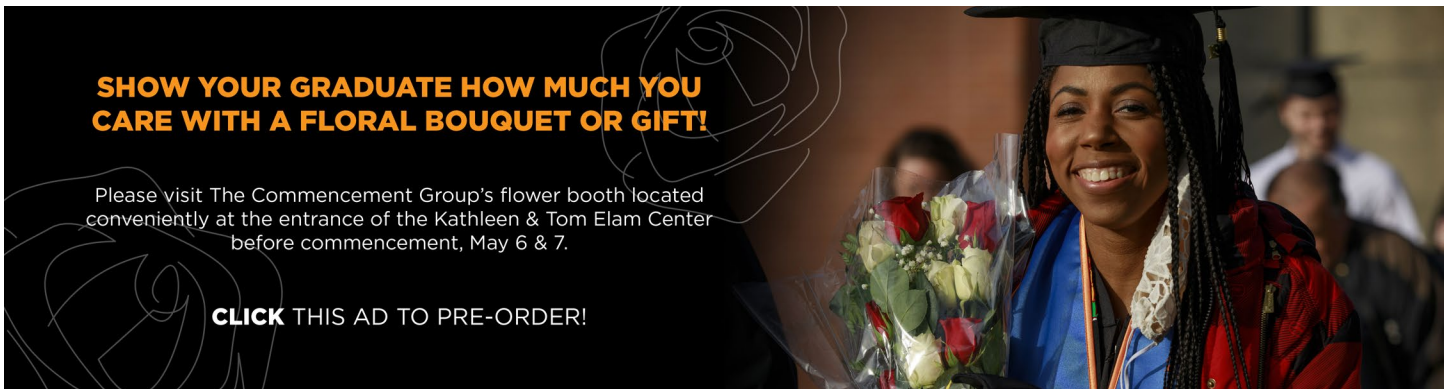


EMFL STUDENTS PLACE IN CONTEST – The 2nd annual Japanese video skit/poster presentation contest award ceremony was held virtually on Sunday, April 10. Nine students from UT Martin competed in the contest. Slade Robertson, Lily Slipher and Courtney Chandler won second in the Level 1 skit competition, and Amber Thomas and Kyra Washington won first in the Level 2 skit competition.

SHOW YOUR GRADUATE HOW MUCH YOU CARE WITH A FLORAL BOUQUET OR GIFT!

Please visit The Commencement Group's flower booth located conveniently at the entrance of the Kathleen & Tom Elam Center before commencement, May 6 & 7.

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You Tell Me

- **Question** – The seating repairs on the east side of Hardy Graham Stadium were completed in 2021. However, the Moody Street side of the building that houses ROTC still appears to be a construction zone. Are the stadium repairs completed, and what work remains in the area occupied by ROTC? Or is there more work to be completed on the stadium side?
- **Answer** – Probably six months after the bleacher risers were repaired on the visitors side of the ROTC Building, additional damage to the brick was discovered on the building's east façade. For safety reasons, the Physical Plant immediately fenced off the area and contacted a structural engineer. After months of back and forth with our engineers and insurance providers, the university has settled on a dollar amount for what turned out to be additional earthquake damage. At present, the university has an architectural firm working on repair options that will fit the budget. Hopefully, a plan for the repairs will be available in the next couple of months.

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

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