

# addenda



The University of Tennessee at Martin Faculty and Staff Newsletter | May 2, 2022

## RED CROSS HONORS UT MARTIN



Carl Grant Events Center. The annual event honors local individuals and organizations for service and raises funds to support the Red Cross. UT Martin Chancellor **Keith Carver**, an American Red Cross Mid-West Tennessee board member, was the keynote speaker.

The Outstanding Community Partner Award honored the university's support for the agency during initial recovery efforts from tornadoes that caused widespread devastation in Dresden, Kenton, Samburg and other areas. David Hicks, American Red Cross Mid-West Tennessee executive director, said that community partners are important to the Red Cross and the organization's ability to deliver services when needed.

"The partnership that we coordinated with UTM in the aftermath of those storms was one of the most beneficial I've experienced in my six years serving as a Red Cross executive director," Hicks said. "Any self-

The American Red Cross of Mid-West Tennessee presented its 2022 Outstanding Community Partner Award to the university during the annual Heroes Luncheon on April 27 in Jackson at Union University's Carl Grant Events Center. Faculty and staff from the UT Martin Regional Centers joined UT Martin Chancellor Keith Carver at the event. Pictured are (l-r) Stephanie Allen, assistant professor of social work; Kayce Beam, director, Jackson Center; Dr. Kelli Deere, director, Parsons Center; Kara Tapp, director, Somerville Center; Carver; Erica Bell, director, Regional Centers and Online Programs; Dr. Sim Taylor, Ripley Center; and Dr. Lan DePriest, assistant professor of geosciences.

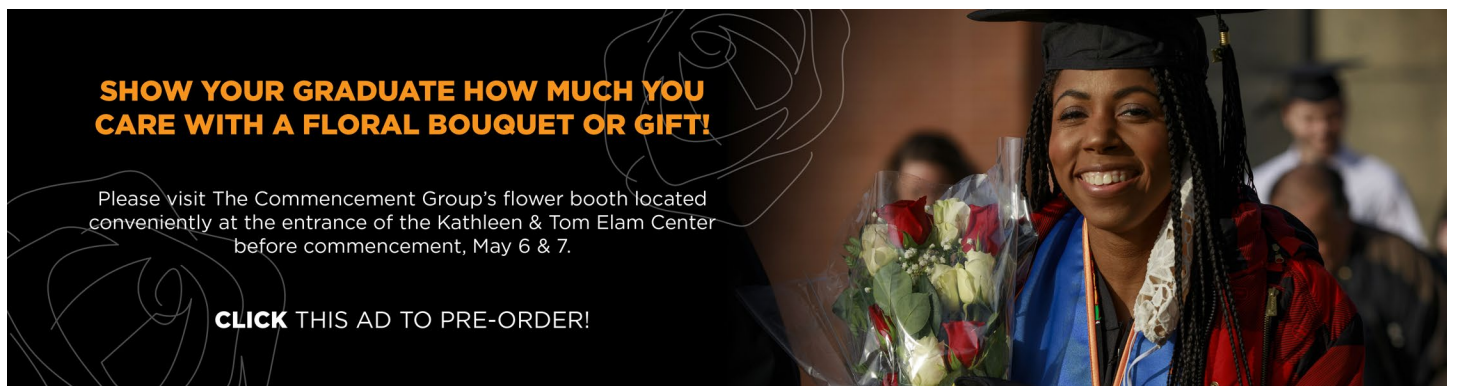
UT Martin was recognized in Northwest Tennessee. The American Red Cross of Mid-West Tennessee presented its 2022 Outstanding Community Partner Award to the university during the annual Heroes Luncheon held April 27 in Jackson at Union University's

Continued on PAGE 2

### 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.

**CLICK THIS AD TO PRE-ORDER!**





## BAAAH-MASTE

Students participate in a goat yoga class sponsored by the UTM Care Team outside of the Boling University Center, Wednesday, April 27. The class, which was taught by Goat Yoga Nashville, offered participants a way to destress before finals.

### RED CROSS from PAGE 1

... serving agendas were all put aside for the benefit of aiding deeply hurting communities of people. It made me proud to serve my organization and to be associated with UTM."

Carver announced the award to the UT Martin community April 28 during a virtual town hall attended by more than 100 university faculty and staff members. "It (the award) was a surprise to us. ... We just did what any neighbor would do and tried to help," he said.

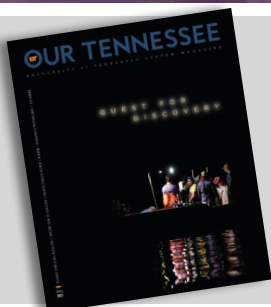
The Red Cross contacted Carver the day following the outbreak and requested space to house trucks and supplies. The university found ways to do much more and provided space in the Boling University Center for an emergency command center, housed volunteers in a residence hall, and provided the requested space for vehicles and supplies. "We did also have some groups who went out and helped the Red Cross," Carver said, and he thanked student housing, the physical plant, public safety, and other university areas and individuals who made the arrangements with the Red Cross possible.

The Red Cross continued operations at UT Martin through December and served Dresden, Kenton, Samburg and Tiptonville. "They (the Red Cross) were great partners," Carver said. "They left things better than they found them, and we were just happy to be able to help in some way."

The American Red Cross of Mid-West Tennessee serves Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Madison, McNairy and Weakley counties. For more information, contact Hicks at 901-208-0152 or email david.hicks2@redcross.org.

### 'THE IRIS WILL BLOOM AGAIN'

*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.*



## 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).



**LIBRARY CONSORTIUM** – Several members of the Paul Meek Library faculty and staff traveled to the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis recently to attend the spring 2023 meeting of the West Tennessee Academic Library Consortium (WeTALC). Pictured are (l-r) Kimi Foley, Ronne Jones, Dana Breland, Heidi Busch, Bridgette Whitt and Lisa Hoskins.



**SHARING MEMORIES** – (l-r) Jimmie Leach, former campus police officer and supervisor of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Tennessee Highway Patrol; Ted Council former UT Martin public safety director and current safety officer; and Roger Fisher, associate professor emeritus of criminal justice, came together for an unexpected visit April 26 in Crisp Hall. Leach was at UTM to interview Fisher for a radio show, and both reconnected with Council after learning that he was still on staff. Leach was hired by Council for his first officer position, and Fisher taught with Council in the Criminal Justice Program and claims current public safety director Monte Belew as one of his former students. Council is in his 53rd year at the university. *Photo by Phyllis Hammer*

Addenda will be taking a short hiatus following next week's issue. We will resume publishing in June. Thanks for a great semester!

  
**CONGRATULATIONS**  
TO UT MARTIN GOLF & BEACH VOLLEYBALL FOR  
THEIR OVC CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORIES!

## You Tell Me

- **Question** – I understand that graduates will be allowed to decorate their caps for the first time at a UTM commencement starting May 6-7. What brought about this change?
- **Answer** – The request to decorate caps was made from students within SGA in the form of an SGA Resolution. The students had seen the practice on other campuses and wanted to add cap decoration as a way they can celebrate during their commencement ceremony. The resolution was voted on and passed by the SGA Senate, then forwarded to Chancellor Keith Carver. Dr. Carver sent the recommendation to the Honors and Ceremonies Committee for consideration where it was approved.

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