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Election forum set June 9 for UT Martin

The University of Tennessee System has partnered with the USA TODAY Network Tennessee to host a series of election forums across the state for the 2022 election. Democrat and Republican candidates for governor and congress have been invited to participate. UT Martin will be the host site for the June 9 election forum.

The forum will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Boling University Center's Watkins Auditorium. Admission is free, but tickets are required. You may reserve your seat at <https://bit.ly/3N7D8uN>. Contact the Office of University Relations for additional information at 731-881-7615.



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DR. CLINTON SMITH TO COACH IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS USA GAMES

Dr. Clinton Smith, associate professor of special education, has been involved with Special Olympics since his years as an undergraduate at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas. He started as a volunteer, eventually moved to coaching in the early 90s, and in 2014 he became the Area 7 director for Special Olympics of Upper West Tennessee. This week Smith will participate for the fourth time in the Special Olympics USA Games as Team Tennessee's head track and field coach.

Accompanying Smith is

Special Olympian Garrett Dinning, an incoming Westview High School junior and son of UT Martin graduate, Jill Dinning. The pair, along with Dinning's family, departed for Orlando, Florida, on June 4 from Smyrna, Tennessee. The flight was provided free through the Special Olympics Airlift program.

The games run June 5-12, and the opening ceremonies were broadcast live on ABC from the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in the Walt Disney World Resort on

Sunday, June 5, at 11 a.m.

"We're excited that folks will get to see all the spectacle of the opening ceremonies," said Smith. "Then Monday, we start competition for preliminaries. Garrett's doing the mini-javelin, the running long jump and the 4x100 meter relay."

In addition to Dinning, who is the youngest athlete out of 133 athletes on Team Tennessee, Smith has seven other athletes who will compete in various track and field competitions. Other

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Dr. Ben Le recently had three different articles published in various publications. The first, titled [Mortgage Losses: Loss on Sale and Holding Costs](#) was published in the Journal of Real Estate Research. The second, titled [The impact of audit quality on earnings management and](#)



[cost of equity capital: evidence from a developing market](#), co-authored with **Dr. Paula Moore**, and the third titled [Impact of Sarbanes Oxley Act on initial public offerings: new evidence from reverse leveraged buyouts](#) were both published in Emerald Insight.



Dr. David Barber, professor of history, recently had a column published in the Tennessean titled [Teaching Black history would stem white supremacist violence like in](#)

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events for Team Tennessee include bowling, volleyball, basketball, bocce ball, aquatics and powerlifting.

Although it's an honor for Smith to coach, he's quick to point out that this week is about the athletes.

"It really does help the athletes, and I try to sit back and let them do their thing, because it's their week. I just help get them to where they should be."

For more information about the trip or the UT Martin special education program, contact Smith at csmit279@utm.edu, or visit 2022specialolympicsusagames.org.



Dr. Mark Simmons, director of choral activities and professor of music, has been named as one of 9 National Finalists in the "Dale Warland Award for Choral Conducting" in the American Prize Competition. The national winner will be selected from this group of nine and will be announced later this month.



Dr. Patrick R. Baker, J.D. recently had his article titled Accreditation Information Produced by United States Law Schools to the American Bar Association Should be Made Available to the Public From Both Law and Policy Perspectives discussed on a leading law blog, [TaxProf Blog](#), written by Paul Carron, dean of the Pepperdine University School of Law.



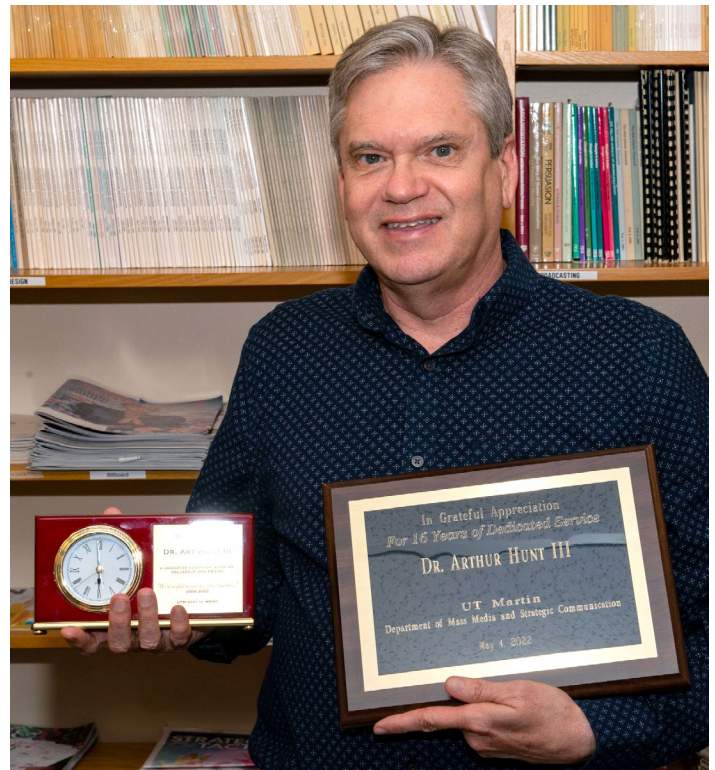
SPANISH STORY TIME – **Dr. Daniel Nappo**, professor of Spanish, reads children's literature in Spanish at the Martin Public Library Saturday, June 4, as part of the Baby & Me Family Expo. The session was called "Spanish Story Time," and Nappo read *Oso polar, oso polar, ¿qué es ese ruido?* by Bill Martin, Jr., and Eric Carle, and *La primera luna llena de Gatita* by Kevin Henkes.

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JAPAN OUTREACH INITIATIVE – On the afternoon of April 18, Maika Yamaoka, the Japan Outreach Initiative coordinator, visited UT Martin and played the koto, a traditional Japanese instrument, in the university center. Maika visited several Japanese language classes on the same day. This 2-year outreach program is sponsored by the University of Memphis and the Memphis Botanic Garden. The Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages graciously provided support for the visit.



HUNT RETIRES – After 16 years of service, Dr. Arthur Hunt, professor of mass media and strategic communication, retired from the department at the end of the spring semester. Hunt taught public speaking, honors public speaking and rhetorical tradition, and communication in professional environments. During his tenure at UTM he received the Cunningham Outstanding Teaching/Scholar Award, the Featured Faculty Scholar Award and the Outstanding Junior Faculty Member of the Year Award for the College of Humanities and Fine Arts. The Department of Mass Media and Strategic Communication hosted a luncheon on May 4 to honor Hunt and wish him well in his retirement.



NEW CHILDREN'S LITERATURE – The Paul Meek Library recently expanded its children's literature section with titles that focus on the theme of agriculture, the food system, cooking and the cultural traditions that surround food. These books feature characters from different ethnic and racial backgrounds, and many are written by authors of color. Drawn from the "Ready, Set, Grow!" collection of The Food Trust, the new books include titles such as Aram Kim's *No Kimchee for Me*, Susan Grigsby's *In the Garden with Doctor Carver* and Kathleen Lindsey's *Sweet Potato Pie*. The children's, juvenile and young adult collections support teacher candidates in UT Martin's educational studies program, and these new titles will also be of interest to students in family and consumer sciences. The books are currently on display in the new periodicals area and available for immediate checkout to students, faculty and staff – as well as those with a community borrower's card. Ask at the library's public service desk for copies of recipes inspired by these tasty new titles.

Paul Meek Library open to the public

UT Martin welcomes the public to the Paul Meek Library. Anyone can enter the building during normal hours of operation without the use of a card or other identification. Visitors can browse the collections, access library databases and digital resources, enjoy a comfortable seat, and tap into free Wi-Fi. The library's Corbitt Special Collections Area includes university and regional history materials, including genealogical sources, and the J. Houston Gordon Museum that features changing exhibits.

Borrowing privileges are extended to all Tennessee and Fulton County, Kentucky, residents. Community borrower

cards are issued at the library's primary public service desk and are for personal use only. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and present a photo ID and documentation confirming their current address.

Visitor parking is available with a free permit in the lot adjacent to the library at the corner of Wayne Fisher Drive and Mt. Pelia Road. Parking permits must be obtained prior to visiting the library and may be requested online at www.utm.edu/departments/publicsafety by selecting the "Online Visitor Parking Permit" link. For more information, contact the Paul Meek Library at 731-881-7092.



A photo of Lawrence Bromley hangs in the Lawrence D. Bromley Training Center, located in the C.E. Weldon Building in downtown Martin.

Bromley Training Center memorializes fallen officer

Decades have passed since Officer Lawrence Bromley was killed December 1991 in the line of duty as a member of the Dallas Police Department. However, his years of service and ultimate sacrifice were memorialized May 24 when the Lawrence D. Bromley Training Center, located in the C.E. Weldon Building in downtown Martin, was officially named for the fallen officer. Based on university records, Bromley is the only UT Martin criminal justice graduate to serve in law enforcement and lose his life in the line of duty.

Bromley was a 1981 UT Martin criminal justice graduate from Hohenwald. His wife, Cynthia, of South Fulton, was a 1982 home economics graduate. He was recruited in Martin by the Dallas Police Department in 1981 and went to work there after graduation. His wife was a police dispatcher in Dallas and died of an illness in 1997.

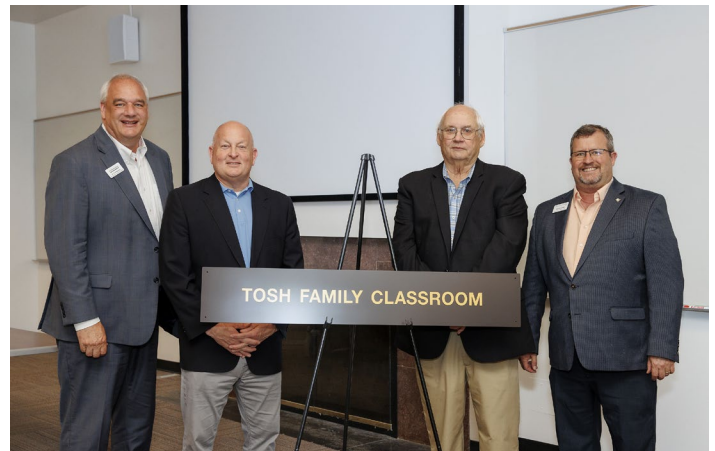
Seventeen retired DPD officers from Bromley's police academy class and who worked with him in the narcotics unit attended the event. Among the DPD retirees paying tribute to Bromley was Martin native Rick Hatler, a UT Martin graduate

and Bromley's commanding officer in the narcotics unit at the time of Bromley's death. Additionally, seven current DPD officers attended and included the four-officer DPD Honor Guard. Also attending were Bromley's sister, Nancy Ray, her husband, Brad, and their daughter, Amy. Nancy and Brad live in Lexington and are both UT Martin graduates.

The event was emceed by **Dr. Charley Deal**, UT Martin vice chancellor for university advancement, and included the presentation of the colors by the DPD Honor Guard, welcoming comments from university **Chancellor Keith Carver** and Martin Mayor **Randy Brundige**, and remarks by **Dr. Brian Donavant**, UT Martin professor of criminal justice. Don Green, a Tennessee Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission member and 1981 UT Martin graduate who was raised in South Fulton, was the keynote speaker. Green retired in 2008 as deputy chief of the Knoxville Police Department. A ribbon cutting concluded the event.

Donavant visited with Dallas

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CLASSROOM NAMED FOR TOSH FAMILY – The "Tosh Family Classroom" was officially named in honor of James "Jimmy" Tosh and his family during a naming event May 5 in Room 258 of UT Martin's Brehm Hall. The classroom was named in recognition of his generous commitments to the University of Tennessee and UT Martin. Tosh studied animal science, graduated from UT Martin in 1972 and returned home to operate the family business. Pictured following the naming program are (l, r) Dr. Charley Deal, vice chancellor for university advancement; Dr. Keith Carver, chancellor; Tosh; and Dr. Todd Winters, dean, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences.



SACRIFICES REMEMBERED – Col. Michael Banks, of Brownsville, a judge advocate general for the Tennessee Army National Guard, speaks during UT Martin's annual Memorial Day Commemoration on Friday, May 27, at the university's main campus. Also pictured are Maj. Ahmad Matthews, of the Skyhawk ROTC Battalion, the event's master of ceremonies, and Chaplain Debra McGuire, U.S. Navy (ret.), of Henry County.

UT Martin welcomes the Tennessee Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences, the Tennessee Governor's School for the Humanities and the UT Martin Young Scholars Academy (YSA) to campus.

We're honored to host you, and we hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable time!

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attendees at dinner Monday evening, and although he never personally knew Bromley, he learned much about him through stories told by those who did. “He was a great student. He was driven. He had goals that he had set for his life,” Donavant said. “And when the Dallas Police Department was recruiting in Martin all those many years ago, he answered that call.” Bromley proceeded to live a life of service in Dallas that is still remembered. “He made a profound impact on his classmates at the police academy,” Donavant said. “He made a profound impact on the officers, the colleagues that he worked with through his career, and I am so privileged to be able to say that Larry continues to make an impact today all these many years later.”

Green’s long and successful law-enforcement career and the opportunity to meet those who knew Bromley caused him to echo Donavant’s sentiments about the fallen officer. “There’s no doubt he left a huge impact on the law enforcement profession and members of his community,” Green said in his remarks. “I will tell you that as any individual in law enforcement,

the best thing that could be said about us is what legacy we leave for those that come behind us.” He directed his closing words to those who knew Bromley best: “I am so proud, and I’m honored that you came, and you continue to advocate for your brother.”

Albert Martinez, DPD executive assistant chief, recognized members present from Bromley’s 1981 police academy class, as well as police officers from around the region who attended the event. “We all hurt when we fall,” he said. “We all hurt.” He noted the increasingly complex job that law-enforcement professionals face, which means that more and better-trained officers are needed. “And so here, I hope, that in the Larry Bromley Training Center, we will continue to see those seeds being planted and more serve,” Martinez said. “Those hearts of service will continue to push forward. I also want to say that for Larry, you know, for us officers, we’re all willing to go into the line of fire.”

Nancy Ray was deeply moved by the show of support for her late brother and especially from those who traveled long distances to honor his memory. “Well, it just makes us proud of Larry

and everything that he did and makes me proud of my university that they’ve chosen to honor him with this,” she said following the ribbon cutting. “We’re just amazed at the number of people that came from Dallas,” she said. “Most of them, I might have heard their names from Larry, but I didn’t know any of them. So, it’s amazing to see how many lives he touched.”

Space for the Bromley Training Center is provided by the city of Martin and made possible following the construction and opening of the new Martin Public Library. The facility features a VirTra judgmental use-of-force simulator purchased through a USDA Delta Health Care Services grant awarded to the UT Martin Criminal Justice Program for its De-escalation Techniques and Emergency Response Project.

The two-year DETER Project is funded at \$547,293 and will deliver de-escalation and emergency health-intervention education and training to reduce the injury and mortality rates of police-citizen encounters. Jackson State Community College and Carey Counseling Center, Inc., are partnering with UT Martin for the project.

Donavant and **Dr. Cindy Boyles**, UT Martin associate professor of criminal justice, wrote the grant and guide the project. One hundred twenty-seven officers and community members have received training at the newly named center since the facility opened in March.

Special police challenge coins were created to commemorate the training center’s naming. The Lawrence D. Bromley Training Center challenge coin is struck in official university colors and displays on the obverse the name of the training center, the date it was established and the UTM Criminal Justice wordmark recognizing Bromley’s status as an alumnus.

The reverse includes Sir Robert Peel’s policing principle “The Police Are The Public and The Public Are The Police” and the UTM criminal justice slogan “Together As One,” which reflects the interconnectedness of police and the citizenry they are sworn to serve. Every officer who completes training at the center will receive a coin commemorating Bromley’s legacy of community service and sacrifice, reinforcing each officer’s obligation to continue that service.

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- **Question** – What is the building count for the main campus?
- **Answer** – Completion of the new Latimer Engineering and Science Building will bring the number of main-campus buildings to 59.

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