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UTM FALL ENROLLMENT INCREASES



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Enrollment at UT Martin increased fall to fall for the first time since the pandemic began in 2020 reaching 6,873 students. This compares to 6,715 students who registered in fall 2021 and represented a 2.4% increase. First-year students totaled 1,107 students, up 6.2% from 1,042 in fall 2021. Transfers increased 5.7% from 353 to 373 students, and first-time graduate students totaled 268 compared to 224 last fall semester for a 19.6% increase. “We’re grateful to the

students and families who have chosen UT Martin,” said **Chancellor Keith Carver**. “The past few years have been hard for many individuals, businesses and organizations, including higher education. Students, faculty, staff and alumni continue to support the university through this challenging time, and we’re pleased that students and families trust UT Martin and our ability to deliver a high-quality college experience.” In addition to fall enrollment numbers becoming final,

UT Martin earned several noteworthy rankings in the 2022-2023 Best Colleges edition released Sept. 12 by U.S. News & World Report. The university was ranked #26 among Regional Universities South, up from #31 a year ago; #10 for Top Public Schools – Regional Universities South, up from #15 last year; and #9 for Best Colleges for Veterans – Regional Universities South, up from last year’s #14 ranking. UT Martin is a primary regional campus in the

University of Tennessee System offering bachelor’s degrees, majors, concentrations and options in more than 150 specialized fields as well as seven graduate degrees. In addition to the main campus, the university has five regional centers in Jackson, Parsons, Selmer, Ripley and Somerville. UT Martin Online offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees, including the online Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree for working adults. Learn more at www.utm.edu.

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Drs. **Cooper Johnson**, associate professor of management, and **Jamye Long**, associate professor of management, authored an article titled “Expanding Corporate Approaches to Employee Wellness,” which was published in the Journal of Management Policy and Practice. Its focus was on the options available to companies in offering employee wellness programs and how organizations can successfully encourage workforces to voluntarily participate.

Three to represent UTM in fourth UT Executive Leadership Cohort

Two UT Martin administrators and a faculty member were among the 25 selected to be a part of the fourth University of Tennessee Executive Leadership Institute class. **Dominique Crockett**, **Dr. Andy Lewter** and **Dr. Anderson Starling** will represent UT Martin in the 12-month program designed to prepare current faculty and staff for senior leadership roles.

Led by **Dr. Bob Smith**, special adviser for executive leadership and talent development to the UT president and UT Martin chancellor emeritus, the institute offers attendees special development plans, executive coaching, mentoring and experiential learning. The class meets six times throughout the year for multi-day leadership sessions. Participants were nominated by their supervisors and competitively selected by campus and institute leaders.

“Exceptional leadership is critical to our higher education system and the people that serve

it,” UT System President Randy Boyd said. “We want to ensure that there are ample opportunities for great leaders within our system to emerge, develop and reinvest in their campuses and communities.”

Dominique Crockett serves as director of equity and diversity and Title IX coordinator. In her position, Crockett oversees university compliance with Title IX, Title VI, VETS 100, American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and affirmative action. Crockett joined UT Martin in February 2022. Previously, she the assurance officer in the Office of Inclusion, Equity and Diversity at the UT Health Science Center.

Dr. Andy Lewter is vice chancellor for student affairs where he leads the Division of Student Affairs, which oversees student success, promotes student well-being, guides student development and provides high-quality student experiences.

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UT Martin Advisory Board to meet Sept. 23

The UT Martin Advisory Board will hold its annual fall meeting at 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 23, in Room 206 of the Boling University Center. The meeting is open to the public and will also be available for public viewing via livestream at www.utm.edu/abmeeting and archived for later viewing.

Agenda items include:

- Enrollment Update and Strategic Plan Refresh
- Title IX Update
- Capital Projects Update

The full agenda and associated meeting materials are available at www.utm.edu/advisoryboard or by contacting **Bud Grimes**, Office of University Relations,

at rgrimes@utm.edu or call 731-881-7615.

Anyone with a disability or otherwise needing assistance in connection with this meeting can contact Grimes to request auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate attendance. Contact can be made in person, by writing, by email, by telephone or otherwise and should be received no later than 5 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 21.

UT Martin also distributes this notice to all faculty and staff as part of its compliance with providing adequate public notice. For more information, contact the Office of University Relations at 731-881-7615.

UT MARTIN TO HOST FALL PREVIEW DAYS

UT Martin invites all high school students and their families to attend Fall Preview Days on Sept. 24 or Nov. 12 to find out what it means to be a Skyhawk.

Preview Days will be held on the main campus in the Boling University Center. Each event will begin at 9 a.m. with registration and an information fair, followed by an official welcome at 9:30 a.m. A panel of current UT Martin students will answer questions and talk about their college experiences at 10 a.m., followed by departmental visits at 10:45 a.m. and a campus tour at 11:30 a.m.

During each Preview Day, students will have the

opportunity to ask questions about academic programs, financial aid, scholarships, housing and student life. Academic advisers, financial counselors and current students are available to talk with students and their families in a relaxed environment. There is no cost to attend, and parents, siblings and other visitors are welcome.

Pre-registration is encouraged to ensure that each student can visit areas of personal interest. Registration can be completed online at www.utm.edu/preview. For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Undergraduate Admissions at (731)-881-7020 or admitme@utm.edu.



FALL PREVIEW DAYS – Students visit the UT Martin campus for Student Orientation and Registration (SOAR) on June 10, 2022. UT Martin invites all high school students and their families to attend Fall Preview Days on Sept. 24 or Nov. 12 to find out what it means to be a Skyhawk.

**UTM RESEARCH SERIES
FEATURED FACULTY SCHOLAR**



Patrick Baker, J.D.

PRESENTS HIS RESEARCH ON

Transparency in Law School Accreditation

**4:00 pm
Wednesday,
Oct. 5**



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During his 28-year career in student affairs, he previously served as the dean of students at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, Georgia, and associate dean of students at Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee. Lewter teaches history of higher education and higher education law in the UT Martin Master of Education degree program.


Dr. Anderson Starling is an associate professor of political science and interim chair of the department of accounting, finance, economics and political science. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Alabama and joined the UT Martin faculty as an assistant professor in 2014. In his eight years as a faculty member, he has chaired two search committees, chaired the faculty senate's Budget and Economic

Concerns Committee, as well as served as faculty senate president for the 2021-2022 academic year. In addition, Starling has worked on UT Martin's Strategic Plan Implementation Committee and the Strategic Plan Refresh Committee focused on resource management. In January 2023, Starling will begin work as the university's interim associate provost.

The three follow 2022 UT Martin participants **Dr. Nancy Buschhaus**, **Edie Gibson** and **Dr. Mark McCloud**; 2020 participants **Amy Belew** and **Dr. Shadow Robinson**; and 2019 participants **Dr. Charley Deal** and **Petra McPhearson**.

For more information, visit <https://president.tennessee.edu/executive-leadership-institute> or contact Melissa Tindell, director of communications for the UT System, at mtindell@tennessee.edu or (865)974-0741.

**STRATEGIC PLAN TOWN HALL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 3-5 P.M.
WATKINS AUDITORIUM**



Welcome UT Martin Skyhawks
 In celebration of the reopening of
Clement Hall
 &
 Recognition of our new student services
One Stop Shop

Please join us for a University Open House
 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Sept. 23, 2022

Stop by to visit, take a look at our facility improvements, and enjoy refreshments.



HELPING SMALL BUSINESS – Carolina Vela, of Leon, Mexico, is a UT Martin MBA student selected to serve as a liaison between the REED Center, small businesses and Management 790 students involved in the consulting project related to the course. Vela will also assist with the annual Mid-South Agricultural Finance Conference sponsored by the Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking. The objective of the consulting project is to provide Management 790 students an opportunity to work with business owners or managers in a real-world consulting experience. Vela is pictured with Chancellor Keith Carver at the City of Martin/UT Martin Town & Gown meeting in August at the Dunagan Alumni Center. For information, contact Landy Fuqua, director, UT Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center and Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC).

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You Tell Me

• **Question** – Are UT Martin public-records requests still directed to the Office of University Relations?

• **Answer** – For many years, UT Martin public-records requests were handled by the Office of University Relations. In 2021, the UT System centralized public-records requests by hiring longtime UT Knoxville communications staff member Charles Primm to handle these requests full time for all UT campuses and units. Persons requesting university records for UT Martin, UT Knoxville, UT Chattanooga, UT Southern, UT Health Science Center, UT Institute of Agriculture and UT Institute for Public Service can do so at the UT System’s Public Records link and track the request’s status. For questions about open records requests, please contact Charles Primm at 865-974-5180 or at charles.primm@tennessee.edu. The Office of University Relations is also glad to assist if you have additional questions.

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