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UT MARTIN TO HOST ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANTS

The 59th annual Miss UT Martin and 23rd annual Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival will be crowned Nov. 5 in the Boiling University Center's Duncan Ballroom. The combined pageant that begins at 6 p.m. is a preliminary to the Miss Tennessee Volunteer Scholarship Pageant held each July in Jackson.

Contestants must be at least 17 years old by Nov. 5 and no older than 26 years old on July 25, 2023. Miss UT Martin contestants must be enrolled as full-time students through the spring 2023 semester or have a UTM degree and currently be pursuing an additional degree full-time from another Tennessee school. Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival is open to all of Tennessee.

The pageant is divided into four phases of competition, including private interview, fitness and wellness, talent and evening wear. Each category counts for 25%, and each contestant is scored individually from one to 10 in each category.

The contestant crowned Miss UT Martin will receive \$2,000 in scholarship money, and Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival will receive \$1,500 if she is a UT Martin student or \$500 if not. The first runner-up for Miss UT Martin will receive \$750

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In this file photo, Dr. Nancy Buschhaus examines a bat captured at Pacer Pond on the UT Martin Campus.

Buschhaus to discuss bats, biology and undergraduate research

Dr. Nancy Buschhaus, interim dean of the college of engineering and natural sciences, will present “Listening to Bats – An Odyssey of Experiential Learning and Undergraduate Research” at 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 10, in Room 206 of the Boiling University Center.

The event is part of a series celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi on the UT Martin campus. As the nation's oldest and most selective multidisciplinary collegiate honor society, Phi Kappa Phi initiates more than 25,000 students, graduate students, faculty and staff each year on more than 325 campuses across the United States, its territories and the Philippines.

Buschhaus joined the UT Martin faculty in 1997, and her most recent research interests have focused on bat populations and variations, with multiple projects regularly involving undergradu-

ate student researchers. She is a member of Bat Conservation International, the Northeast, the Southeast, the Midwest and the Western Bat Working Groups, and has received numerous grants in support of this work.

“Bats are awesome-ly cool,” Buschhaus said. “While studying them can be a little tricky since they are active at night, they work very well as a model research organism for undergraduate research projects.”



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Dr. Jody Blake, assistant professor of music in the Department of Music and coordinator of music education, organized and manages a new program that benefits both Greenfield High School and the university's music education students. The program resulted from Greenfield students requesting more music instruction. According to a story on the Weakley County Schools website, the program "provides the extra period of General Music class for middle school students, and the additional Choir class for students in grades 6-12." In return, future music teachers gain experience in classroom settings before earning licensure. Read the complete story [here](#).



Dr. Clinton Smith, chair of the Department of Educational Studies and professor of special education, was recognized as the Champion of Service by Volunteer Tennessee. The award is intended to provide ongoing recognition for individuals and groups engaged in volunteerism and service outside of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards. This initiative supported by Volunteer Tennessee, a 25-member bipartisan citizen board appointed by the governor to oversee AmeriCorps and service-learning programs and to advance volunteerism and citizen service in Tennessee, is an opportunity for board members to recognize outstanding service and volunteerism in communities across the state.



Christian Bushardt, lecturer of marketing, recently worked with OkScrap, a local recycling, repair and appliance retailer, to provide experiential learning to 25 students in his introduction to marketing course. Students gained valuable insights into how a brick-and-mortar retailer continues to provide value for customers in an environment full of online shopping opportunities. For many of the students this was their first time behind the scenes of a business seeing how value is produced for their customers.



Dr. Adnan Rasool, assistant professor of political science, recently co-authored a book chapter with colleagues at University of Kentucky and University of Nottingham on "Mental Health and the Job Market" in the book *Strategies for Navigating Graduate School and Beyond*. The book is now available, and you can read Rasool's chapter [here](#).



Dr. Carrie Humphreys and **Dr. Adnan Rasool**, both professors of political science, presented their latest research article entitled "Building First-Gen Student Success: A Scaffolding Approach" at the annual meeting of American Political Science Association in Montreal, Québec.

FACULTY / STAFF TOWN HALL MEETING
Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 3:30 p.m.
Watkins Auditorium

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and the second runner-up will receive \$500. There is no financial award for runners-up in the Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival competition.

Both titleholders will compete in the statewide Miss Tennessee Volunteer Scholarship pageant next summer, and the winner of that crown will serve as the governor’s spokesperson for character education across the state and compete at Miss Volunteer America the following year.

Tickets will be sold in advance at the Boiling University Center beginning Monday, Oct. 24. Tickets will also be available at the door the night of the event. Cost of tickets will be \$10 for UT Martin students with current student ID and \$15 for all others. Only one ticket may be purchased with each student ID.

For more information, or to register, contact **Katrina Cobb**, pageant director, at kcobb@wljt.org or 731-881-7561.



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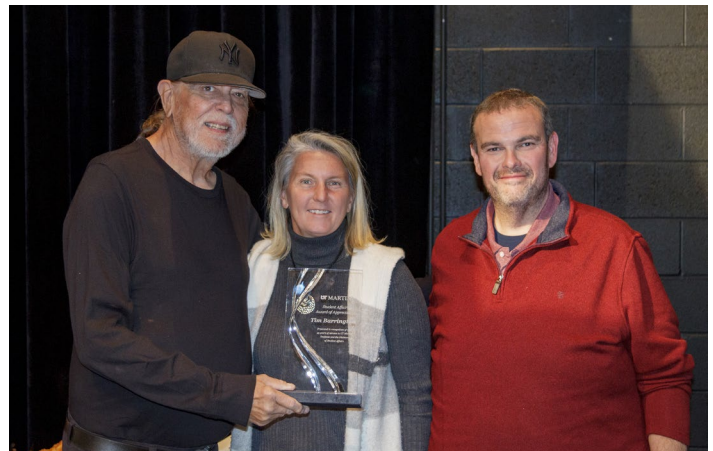
In addition to her role as interim dean, she continues as professor and chair of the Department of Biological Sciences where she teaches courses in introductory biology, behavioral ecology, evolutionary biology, mammalogy and developmental biology. She was selected as the UT Martin Featured Faculty Scholar in fall 2016 and is an alumnus of the University of Tennessee Executive Leadership Institute program.

Concurrent with the lecture, student members of the American Chemical Society will provide a free, on-site science center for children 12 years old and under to attend.

The event is open to the public, and free parking is available in the Boiling University Center parking lot on Wayne Fisher Drive off Mt. Pelia Road. Parking permits are available online at www.utm.edu/departments/publicsafety by selecting the “Online Visitor Parking Permit” link.

For more information, contact **Dr. Abigail Shelton**, president of Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 127, at 731-881-7462.

Addenda submissions can be sent to addenda@utm.edu



STUDENT AFFAIRS HONORS BARRINGTON – Tim Barrington (left) was honored for more than 50 years of association with the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts as a lecturer and technical director during an Oct. 7 reception in the William H. Snyder Little Theatre. Among his friends and family members attending, the Division of Student Affairs thanked Barrington for his many years of assistance and support to UT Martin students. Making the presentation on behalf of the division were **Gina McClure**, assistant vice chancellor for student and residential life, and **John Abel**, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs.



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**All of Us for All of Them:
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4:00 – 6:00 p.m. | October 20, 2022
Boiling University Center
Watkins Auditorium
Refreshments will be provided

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& THE LEAGUE OF STRIVING ARTISTS

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INVESTMENT CONFERENCE – Dr. Mahmoud Haddad, Professor of Finance, and four students from the UT Martin TVA Investment Challenge class recently attended the 2022 Student Managed Investment Fund Consortium (SMIFC) Conference in Chicago. Students from 81 universities were in attendance. The UTM students participated in the conference portfolio management poster competition and the individual firm analysis competition. They were also invited to serve as presenters along with students from three other universities for a student-led panel discussion of portfolio management strategy, stock selection and performance metrics. At the end of the session the student presenters responded to questions from members of the audience. Haddad was the panel moderator. A visit to the Chicago Board of Options Exchange (CBOE) was the final conference activity. Pictured (l-r) are Logan Alfano-Webb, Joshua Dare, Haddad, Alex Jones and Max Halford.



NEW TO THE LIBRARY – The Paul Meek Library has welcomed several new faculty and staff in recent months. Pictured (l-r) are Dr. John LaDue, information literacy librarian; Hannah Crawford, copy cataloger and stacks maintenance; Marta Coughenour, administrative assistant; Holly Chandler, public services associate; and Marcie Boutwell, electronic resources and discovery librarian.

FAMILY WEEKEND NOV. 4-6
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RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY OF THE LATIMER ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE BUILDING
 THURSDAY, OCT. 27 AT 3:30 P.M.

You Tell Me

- **Question** – The UT Board of Trustees fall meeting will be held Oct. 27-28 at UT Martin. Is the board invited to hold this meeting in Martin, or is there a scheduled rotation for the meetings?
- **Answer** – The UT Board of Trustee meetings rotate from campus to campus. A list of upcoming meetings and locations can be found [here](#). The Oct. 27-28 meeting provides an opportunity to schedule the Latimer Engineering and Science Building dedication that Thursday. Of course, the board has an open invitation to visit Martin any time, but meetings will continue to rotate among the different campuses. All board meetings are open to the public, as is the Latimer Building dedication, which will include UT Board of Trustees members in attendance. Board meeting materials are posted at www.trustees.tennessee.edu.

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