UT Martin Students Claim Public Relations Awards

University of Tennessee at Martin students winning awards in the Public Relations Society of America Student Vox Awards competition are, Brandy Hardy, second from left, David Deaton, Ashley Strader Ballard, Mary Unger, Josh Weiss and Rebecca Alsup. They are pictured with Tracy Rulledge, left, UT-Martin instructor of communications; and Dr. Jeff Hoyer, right, associate professor of communications.

MARTIN - Public relations and visual communication students in the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications received awards at the annual Public Relations Society of America Student Vox Awards competition sponsored by the Memphis chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA). Seven students and two faculty members attended the recent awards luncheon in Memphis.

The students received top honors with three Vox awards for a newsletter, a public relations research project, and a viral video for the Web. The students also received three Gold awards for a newsletter, a brochure and a social media advertising campaign.

A group of public relations majors received a Vox Award for a research project conducted for the Country Pet Resort and Spa in Martin. Mary Unger and Tara Bea, both of Martin; Matt Byers, of Paris; Erica Davis, of Bells; Erin Larkins, of Burns; Josh Weiss, of Germantown; and Becca Wilkinson, of Old Hickory, worked on the project.

Rebecca Alsup, of Prospect, received a Vox award for her UT Martin Public Relations Student Society of American chapter newsletter. Alsup also received a Gold Award for her Alpha Delta Pi brochure.

Danny Hussey, of Counce, received a Vox Award for his "UT Martin Recycles" viral Web video.

Brandy Hardy, of Clarksville, received a Gold Award for her UT Martin Vegetarian Society Newsletter.

A group of public relations, news editorial, and visual communication students received a Gold Award for a YouTube advertising campaign proposal created for the UT Martin Office of University Relations. Weiss, of Germantown; Regina Emery, of Indian Mound; Ashley Strader Ballard, of Murfreesboro; David Deaton, of McKenzie; Brent Harris, of Martin; Reuben Harris, of Fayetteville; Laura McFall, of Cordova; and Kaylin Bishop, of Union City, worked on the campaign proposal.

The Student Vox competition included entries in a number of categories ranging of research projects and campaigns to individual print and Web projects. A Vox Award was given to the one entry that demonstrated high-caliber work. The Memphis chapter of PRSA sponsored the Student Vox competition. The competition provides students with an

Free Business Consultation June 8

The Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC) and the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce will provide free business advice in a one-on-one setting with Denise Newton on Tuesday, June 8, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. She will be available to help aspiring entrepreneurs and existing business owners with advice on a business plan, financing options, marketing, customer service, cash flow and other issues.

The consultations are confidential and free. Appointments may be made by contacting the chamber at 731-886-4684. For additional services offered by TSBDC, go to www.tsbdc.org.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1981 to advance the commercial, industrial, civic, and general interests of the county of Carroll and its trade area.
Representatives of the International Education Internship/Workshop Scholarship Program at the University of Tennessee at Martin pictured with Dr. Malcolm Koch, left, Center for International Education executive director, and Andrew Brown, right, center assistant director, are, from left, Marie Smith, Marks, Miss.; Debbie Pardy, Hollow Rock; James Buchanan, Memphis; Bethany Wolters, Culleoka; Sarah Conrad, Ramer; Heather Hamilton, Millington; Desteni Leakes, Memphis; Brittany O’Nan, Bartlett. Additional recipients not pictured are Danny Warren, Enville; Megan David, Jackson; Sarah Parker, Milan; Angela Schramm, Parsons; Ryan Blake, Chapel Hill; Jessie Curtis, South Fulton; Brittany Franks, Oakland; and Katie Swann, Washington, D.C.

Internship/Workshop Program Helps Students Gain International Experience

MARTIN - The University of Tennessee at Martin Center for International Education (CIE) has announced the first group of recipients of the federally funded International Education Internship/Workshop Scholarship Program. This program is poised to help students gain practical international project experiences and make them more marketable post-graduation.

“The CIE was entrusted these external funds to help our students experience and report practical international educational experiences,” said Dr. Malcolm Koch, CIE executive director. “We are pleased to see such a cross-discipline group of students in this pilot group, and look forward to their personal and professional success.”

Selected students will participate in one of four international education internship/workshop experiences: Work Projects/Internships for Regional Business/Industry projects with an international component, Promotional Work Projects for the CIE, Traditional Student to International Student Mentor Program or Travel-Study/Study-Abroad Ambassador Program.

Students in each of the four areas signed “international education agreements” committing them to various tasks and detailed reporting. Much of the reporting of these real-world experiences will be demonstrated in student-to-student channels, and will be monitored by internationally focused faculty and staff.

“This program is a great match for my students in fashion merchandising,” said Dr. Sue Byrd, UT Martin professor of textiles, clothing and merchandising. “My students are required to complete an internship, and those tied to this cohort are interning in businesses that buy products from international vendors. This program challenges them to document and discuss the pros and cons of using international vendors, and to consider carefully the ethics involved when American suppliers are left out.”

“In addition to agreement deliverables, all students in the pilot group are completing pre- and post-test international competency surveys,” said Koch. “It is anticipated this program will demonstrate these direct experiences will not only give students marketable job skills, but will change their long-term views on globalization.”

The CIE program is a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The Center for International Education is led by Dr. Malcolm Koch, and serves the UT Martin campus community. The CIE is a part of the College of Business and Global Affairs. For more information on this or other internationally focused programs, contact Lorrie Jackson, administrative specialist, at 731-881-1023.
**What Does Memorial Day Mean?**

**IN HONOR OF** - Maj. Gen. Mike Maloon, of Martin, a University of Tennessee at Martin alumnus, and his wife Sharon, were among area veterans who attended the university's 10th annual Memorial Day Commemoration. Sgt Cole Turner Champion, (center) of Huntington, a University of Tennessee at Martin student, was guest speaker for the event held Friday morning on the UT Martin campus. Local veteran, Hugh Gingras, (right) of Martin, who retired from the U.S. Navy and later from the University of Tennessee at Martin, was among area veterans who attended the university’s commemoration program.

**Sgt. Cole Champion**

Special to The Press

The meaning of this special day differs from person to person, but regardless of these differences, we share a common goal: that our freedom is not free. Many men and women have died protecting the freedom we hold so dearly to our hearts.

It is a day of remembrance to all of those who have served our country and to maintain the achievement gained when our country was founded in 1776 during the Revolutionary War. The tradition of Memorial Day has decreased over the years. Many Americans have forgotten the meaning and traditions of this national holiday.

At many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen are increasingly ignored and neglected. Most people no longer remember the proper flag technique for this meaningful day. While there are towns and cities that still hold Memorial Day parades, many have not held a parade in decades. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country. Without a doubt this day is losing its true purpose.

With more ceremonies (like this one) the younger generations of our society can and will learn to give the respect and attention that this day needs.

Memorial Day is actually commemorated throughout our nation on Monday. People will lay wreaths on tombs, American flags and flowers will stand tall in front of countless graves from sea to shining sea to pay tribute to all who have given their lives for this country.

As a community, we gather to repeat this ritual in moments of peace, when we pay our respects to the fallen and give thanks for their sacrifice. We as a nation also gather in the same manner in moments of war, when the somber notes of "Taps" echo through the trees and fresh grief lingers in the air.

Today is one of those moments, when we pay tribute to those who forged our history, but hold closely the memory of those so recently lost. And even as we gather here this morning, and other Americans are gathering throughout the weekend and on Monday, we all pause to remember, to mourn and to pray.

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of casualties.

Those lost men and at least one woman from all branches of the military, including many National Guard soldiers and reservists, must be remembered for the sacrifice they gave so we can continue to enjoy the freedoms we have.

Some were veterans of other wars — Vietnam, Korea, the Persian Gulf and Afghanistan after the 2001 terrorist attacks.

Overall 5,484 troops have died in Iraq and Afghanistan, according to the AP's count.

Memorial Day holds a special meaning to me, especially since I have done my part serving this great nation against the war on terrorism.
Since I have signed up with the Army, I have attended many Veteran's Day programs and services that reflect upon what it takes to make this country a better place for all of its citizens.

I volunteered to join the Army on March 20, 2007, when I was 21 years old, not knowing that I would be sent to a foreign country some two years later. Many influential people and factors led me to making this very serious decision.

My great uncle fought in the Vietnam campaign, and I have so much respect for him doing so. I saw the kind of man he was throughout my high school years, and I thought that a big reason for this was his service in the United States Army.

I have another uncle who retired from the Marine Corps as a lieutenant colonel after 23 years of service, who also played a significant role in my decision to join the military. He is a respectable man who served in Operation Desert Storm and Desert Shield.

I spent many long hours on the phone with him when I first had an interest in volunteering to join the United States military. And last, but not least, my grandfather was one of the most influential people in my life and supports me whole-heartedly.

Joining a branch of the Armed Forces helps a young adult to become more mature and a more thankful citizen.

Our country supports our military fully. I have seen this repeatedly while sitting in an airport waiting on my flights to arrive, and I always have a feeling of gratitude when I see so much support when in uniform.

When I deployed to Iraq in August of 2008, this was very apparent. The handshakes from men and hugs from women who supported the troops and put me in their prayers made me feel more comfortable about the journey I was about to partake.

Every person deployed to a combat zone will have a different experience. All of the troops who go overseas will miss their family and friends and the freedom they had. I felt this feeling throughout my whole deployment and upon returning home, I had a different perspective on these things.

When I first set foot on American soil after my time in Iraq, I knew I was home and that I had fought for this freedom so many have, and that so many seem to take for granted.

There is no better feeling than knowing what you did, and the time spent doing it was for your country and the people who reside there so that they may never have to be in your shoes.

Many troops have been deployed overseas and will be deployed to countries to fight the war on terror in the future.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who supports our troops and each of you who made an effort to attend this ceremony this morning.

There is no doubt in my mind that you will continue to support our men and women who are doing everything they can by volunteering to make this country a safer place to live.

Your continued support will never be forgotten.

Editor's note: This was a speech given Sgt. Cole Champion at the University of Tennessee at Martin during the 10th Annual Memorial Day Commemoration, on Friday, May 28. Champion is from Huntington.
MBA partners with REED Center

Members of the Martin Business Association will soon be able to participate in an upcoming series of Lunch and Learn programs sponsored by the REED Center in Martin.

Holly Holt, with the REED Center said the program emerged from a recent meeting of the MBA Long Term Strategic Planning Committee and will begin with the first Lunch and Learn scheduled for Tuesday, June 15 from noon to 1 p.m. at the REED Center.

The program is titled “Customer Service. It’s All About The Guest in Your Business.”

Seating is limited to 18 attendees, so it is a first come, first serve registration, and the deadline to register is June 11. Holt said to call the REED Center at 587-7333 for more information or to register.

In the Mayor’s Updates, Mayor Randy Brundige reported that the Martin Co-op expansion will involve a 1.8 million dollar fertilizer plant that will add 50 new jobs to the community.

The Weldon Library is opening up two new open story hours on Monday and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. for 3 and 4 year olds, and sign up is at the Children’s Library section downstairs.

Mayor Brundige updated the members on the 2010 Soybean Festival and closed his report with an announcement about UTM’s new “Maymester.” The Mayor said Maymester creates the opportunity for students to remain in town and attend an additional summer session beginning after the end of spring semester and before the traditional two summer session schedule, which helps are businesses and community overall.

Tracy Rutledge, Instructor of Visual Communication and Public Relations at the UT Martin Department of Communications provided “Tracy’s Top 5 Tips for Effective Advertising” to the membership.

Membership Committee chair, Roger Donaldson introduced two new members: Jeff Floyd, who serves as president of Elmo Americas Incorporated and Eric Devries, owner of Mid South Detailing and Accessories, both located in Martin.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. at the City Hall Courtroom, downtown Martin.

FUTURE BUSINESSWOMAN - Hollie Holt introduced Julianna Moore, a special visitor during a recent MBA meeting. Holt said she stopped in her neighborhood to help support nine-year-old Moore, who had set up a lemonade stand. “Anytime I can support a budding entrepreneur, I try to do so,” said Holt. Holt introduced the upcoming Lunch and Learn Series for MBA members at the May MBA meeting.

GRADUATE SELECTED — Union City High School graduate Heather Gilliland was recently awarded the $1,500 Baxter Wheatley Scholarship, presented to a member of the senior class who has a 2.5 GPA and 21 or higher on the ACT. Miss Gilliland will be attending the University of Tennessee at Martin in the fall for studies in secondary education with a math major.

FORTEACHING — Union City High School graduate Olivia Claire Arnold was recently awarded a $400 scholarship from the Alpha Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma teacher’s sorority. She will be attending the University of Tennessee at Martin to study elementary education.
Rising seniors claim spots in travel-abroad program

By GLENDA CAUDEL
Special Features Editor

It's three countries shorter than the 2009 version, but this year's Union City Rotary Club-sponsored trip abroad has an extra day and a brand new city built into the itinerary.

Nine students, representing the three high schools in Obion County, will be leaving Union City June 15 to board a flight to Europe for an all-expense paid journey of exploration. Accompanying them will be Union City High School English teacher Joanna Wisener and her husband, Clark. The students include Jacobs Christmas from South Fulton High School, Alton Alexander from Obion County Central High School and UCHS students Chase Bowling, Lakevius Turner, Trey Maddox, Megan Hickman, Jasmine Davis, Cameryn Fishel and Kassadee Mullins.

All are members of the Class of 2011 and they will be jump-starting their senior year with unforgettable days spent in London, where their overnight flight from the USA will land early on the morning of June 16 and where they will sight-see until June 18, when they will be leaving early in the day to cross the English Channel by ferry and then continue on by tour bus to Paris.

The group will explore the City of Light and then depart on June 20 for Lake Lucerne in Switzerland, a favorite stop for the inaugural tour's group last summer. On June 22, the map will lead them across Alpine Mountain ranges to Lugano and then over the border to Italy, where Verona and Venice will provide exciting vistas to explore.

A full day in Venice on June 23 and the next day it's on to Florence for another overnight. Pisa follows and then the group will take on the antiquities and the charm of Rome, the Eternal City, June 25.

Then it will be time to head home June 27, catalogue the memories and prepare to share them with anyone who will listen. Among those eager to listen (See Page 2, Col. 1) are sure to be members of the Class of 2012, who will be the next contenders for travel honors, provided Union City Rotary Club elects to continue its generous provision.

The current group of students were selected last fall after interested juniors from the three high schools and their parents were invited to attend one of two nights of orientation about the upcoming trip. Following those sessions, students who wanted to commit to the journey submitted applications that included family financial information, since one of the requisites for the trip is that it be a learning adventure that would not be feasible for the students' parents to provide.

There followed face-to-face interviews with a team of Rotary Club members who had sharpened their question-posing skills by serving on that organization's scholarship committee over the years.

The students selected were announced in mid-November and got to work immediately doing the requisite work to prepare academically for the voyage. Mrs. Wisener and her husband, working with the Rotary Club trip committee — which also included several representatives of the educational community — assigned research papers on the places to be visited to the students and then set up a series of learning sessions to be completed before the trip was actually undertaken.

The 2009 trip — the first to be proposed and supported by Union City Rotary Club — included only eight students who were all selected from UCHS. With one successful such undertaking to their credit, the committee decided to begin to enlarge the pool and turned to SPHS and OCCHS for additional students for the 2010 adventure.

Working on Saturday mornings and in a couple of after-school sessions, the students and their chaperones met with experienced travelers and University of Tennessee at Martin history professor Dr. Stan and Sarah Sieber and with UCHS art teacher Hilary Webb for further preparation for the trip. During those sessions, the students and chaperones and, frequently, parents gained knowledge of foreign currency, safety tips, packing skills, culture, language, geography, history, art and architecture for the trip that is advertised by Cosmos Travel as "From St. Paul's to St. Peter's" to describe the possibilities from the famous cathedral in London to the most famous church site in the world in Rome.

Travel One representative Linda Aaron arranged the trip details and has been available to the trip planning committee to answer numerous questions and provide details to give families of the students information they will need to track their children's progress across Europe.

A last-minute wrap-up will be offered at the trip picnic, set for students and their families, chaperones and trip committee members, plus Mrs. Aaron and the Siebers, on the Saturday before they embark.

At that session, the students will receive the rest of the items they need to remind them of the high goals the Rotary Club is setting for them.

While they have already been making notes in their Rotary-provided trip journals and have met with First State Bank representatives to open the accounts that will hold the funds Rotary is providing for their expenses as they deal with three different currenciess, the students will also be receiving security-style currency, document and passport holders; a pair of bright yellow-gold shirts with the local Rotary Club emblem for ease in identifying each other as they leave the area and return to the country by air; Rotary-emblem embroidered backpacks to be used as their carry-on luggage; colorful yarn baggage markers and Cosmos identification tags; and up-dated itineraries so families can track precisely where their jet-setting students are at any time.

While student cell phones and laptops are verboten on the trip, the chaperones will be provided a cell phone and each day, one student will make a call home to report on the group's activities. At the picnic, a calling-tree will be set up for parents, who will then report to each other and to The Messenger on the adventures enjoyed.

Students will travel, as a group, to and from the Memphis airport on a bus provided at no charge by the Union City School System.

"After months of planning and preparing for the trip, I'm so excited that our date of departure is near," says Mrs. Wisener.

"I expect to be amazed, not only because I will be surrounded by history and art and beauty, but also because I will be sharing this experience with a great group of young people who are eager to embrace every aspect of this adventure. I know that the actual experience will far exceed anything we can imagine, and I look forward to every minute of this journey."
Bradford announces Top 10 in Class of 2010

The Top 10 students in the Class of 2010 at Bradford High School have been announced.

Matthew Dalton Frazier, son of Pam and Kerry Frazier, is ranked sixth in his class with an average of 93.4053. Matthew plans to attend The University of Tennessee at Martin in the fall.

Natalie Anneliese Alexander, daughter of Tommy and Dayna Alexander, is ranked eighth in her class with an average of 93.1000. Anneliese plans to attend The University of Tennessee at Martin in the fall.

Jordan McDade, son of Carlton and Stacey McDade, is ranked ninth in his class with an average of 92.6526. He has one brother, Clayton, and one sister, Hannah. He is the grandson of Dwayne and Monda Knott, and Dorothy Reynolds, and great-grandson of Finnis Sellers.

He plans to attend The University of Tennessee at Martin in the fall.

Amanda Elizabeth Mullins, daughter of James Mullins, is ranked tenth in her class with an average of 92.0190. Amanda plans to attend The University of Tennessee at Martin in the fall.

Huss passes exam, admitted to bar

David Huss, son of Carolyn and Harry Leach, recently passed the bar exam and was officially admitted to the bar. He earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence in 2009.

Huss earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting in 1989 from the University of Tennessee at Martin and a Master's degree in educational leadership in 2001 from Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville. He finished his studies at the Nashville School of Law in 2009 to earn the doctor of jurisprudence.

David is presently serving as Director of Schools in Obion County. He is married to the former Ms. Jamie Lindsey and has two sons, Brandon and Brett.

Local Resident Honored at UT Martin College of Business and Global Affairs Banquet - Byron Burns, of Milan, recently was recognized as a faculty scholar at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Global Affairs banquet. Presenting the award were Dr. Ernest Moser, right, dean of the College of Business and Global Affairs, and Dr. Janice Hanna, assistant professor of marketing.
O’Nan to intern with Republican National Committee

Brittany O’Nan

Brittany O’Nan will intern this summer with the Republican National Committee in Washington, D.C. She will spend May 29-August 7 working in the areas of fundraising, event planning, and communication strategies. O’Nan, a senior, has a double major in business finance and marketing.

“I feel so lucky that I get to do this internship,” said O’Nan. “The Republican National Committee is such a great organization, and I am really excited to be working with them. I know Washington, D.C., will be a lot different from my hometown; so I am nervous, but so ready at the same time. This is a once-in-a-

Peckham honored at UT Martin

Suzanne Peckham, of Martin, recently was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma honorary business society at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Global Affairs spring banquet. Dr. Ernest Moser, dean of business and Global Affairs, presented the certificate.

Cary takes Order of the Engineer Oath

University of Tennessee at Martin engineering graduates were inducted into the Order of the Engineer at a ceremony prior to spring commencement. Graduates pledged to be ethical and impartial and adhere to safety codes as they enter the engineering profession. Among those taking the oath and receiving a ring and certificate was Lucas Carey, of Gleason. Left to right are Ed Wheeler, Department of Engineering interim chair, Carey and Dr. Richard Helgeson, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences interim dean.
UT Martin hosts Memorial Day observance

Sgt. Cole Turner Champion, of Huntingdon, and Spec. David Hochreiter, of McKenzie, UT-Martin students, were guest speakers at the 10th annual Memorial Day Commemoration at the University of Tennessee at Martin, held Friday, May 28, at the Hall-Moody Administration Building entrance.

Champion completed basic training and military job training at Ft. Jackson, S.C., and Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., respectively. He completed one semester at UT-Martin before being deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He served in Iraq until July 2009. He then returned to UT Martin in the fall of 2009 to continue his education.

Hochreiter, of McKenzie, enlisted in the Tennessee Army National Guard, completed basic training at Ft. Sill, Okla., in 2006 and in early 2008, Hochreiter deployed to Iraq as a platoon medic. His unit was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. After completion of his yearlong deployment, Hochreiter returned home in November 2009 and is continuing his education at UT-Martin.

Capt. Daniel F. Evans, Tennessee Army National Guard Officer Recruiter, served as master of ceremonies. Dr. Robert Mancusi, assistant professor of music, performed the national anthem, and Staff Sgt. Chuck Sadler, Tennessee Army National Guard recruiter, will offer the invocation and the benediction. Dr. Tom Rakes, UT-Martin chancellor, welcomed guests. The Tennessee National Guard presented the colors before the ceremony.

The UT-Martin Department of Public Safety and members of the Martin Police Department honored area veterans with a gun salute.

Maj. Gen. Mike Maloan of Martin, a University of Tennessee at Martin alumnus, and his wife, Sharon, were among area veterans in attendance. Maloan serves as the deputy adjutant general, third in command of the Army Tennessee National Guard. He received a direct commission in 1988 in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. Prior to receiving his commission, he served as an enlisted member of the 164th Support Squadron, Tennessee Air National Guard. Maloan serves as presiding judge and chancellor of the 27th Judicial District that includes Weakley and Obion counties.

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The Tennessee National Guard presented the colors prior to the 10th annual Memorial Day Commemoration at UT-Martin.

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Local soldier speaks at UTM Memorial Day observance

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Local soldier discusses importance of Memorial Day observances

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Sgt. Champion began his speech by expressing his appreciation for Lt. Col. Angela Odom's kind words and for her service to her country.

"To our veterans, members of the armed forces, families of the fallen, Chancellor Tom Rakes, UT Martin's chief faculty and staff members, UT Martin's ROTC department and honored guests, I am humbled and honored to be with you today to share a few words about what Memorial Day means to me," Sgt. Champion said.

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"In closing, I would like to thank everyone who supports our troops and each of you who made an effort to attend this ceremony this morning," Sgt. Champion said. "There is no doubt in my mind that you all will continue to support our men and women who are doing everything they can by volunteering to make this country a safer place to live. Your continued support will never be forgotten."
Conference offered for women business owners, June 22

WestStar Leadership Program, the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development/Business Enterprise Resource Office, Tennessee Economic Council on Women and the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center will sponsor a women business owners opportunities conference, "Building Blocks for Success."

The event is planned from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., June 22, at the West Tennessee Center for Agricultural Research, located at 605 Airways Blvd., Jackson. The registration fee will be $40 per person, and a continental breakfast and lunch are included.

The conference offers a host of opportunities for women business owners who want to sell in the business-to-business (B2B) marketplace. This multibillion dollar market segment consists of buyers from government and private industry that purchase services, equipment, supplies, transportation, wholesale, retail, agriculture, finance or most any good or service. This niche market offers contracting jobs that can help establish strategic relationships to increase a company's competitive edge, so the business can grow exponentially.

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Holder receives Merit and Service Awards

Larry Holder, University of Tennessee at Martin Information Technology Services application developer and database administrator, recently received two awards. The 2010 Merit Award from SunGard Higher Education was presented to Holder at the 2010 SunGard Summit conference in April, in recognition of his contributions to the Community Source Initiative. He currently serves as a charter member of the board of directors, as well as the leader of the Banner Technical Review Committee.

He was invited to become an early participant in the initiative by Jack Kramer, SunGard Higher Education vice president, who presented the award.

Holder also received the 2010 Distinguished Service Award at the annual conference for Tennessee Higher Education Information Technology, held at Fall Creek Falls State Park. This award recognizes one person each year, who has contributed significantly to the progress of information technology across the state. Holder has been instrumental in the statewide implementation of the Banner student information system, sharing knowledge and advice with the University of Tennessee Chattanooga, Knoxville and Memphis campuses, as well as with many of the public universities under the umbrella of the Tennessee Board of Regents, including Tennessee Tech, the University of Memphis and Jackson State Community College.

Holder has been employed at UT Martin for the past 22 years of his 28-year career in the profession.

Pictured above are: Jack Kramer (left), SunGard Higher Education vice president and Larry Holder (right).
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Matthew Perry

A Pleasant View resident has been accepted to attend the Jacobsen's Future Turf Manager's Program, May 17-20. Matthew Perry, who plans to graduate in December, with a degree in agriculture/concentration in golf course and landscape management, was chosen for the annual seminar.

The program gives graduating college seniors the opportunity to get a real-world view of the turf industry and the opportunity to visit some of the nation's most prestigious golf courses and interact with some of the top names in the industry. The program takes place at Jacobsen's Headquarters in Charlotte, North Carolina.

"The program is a privileged opportunity for the student to develop professionally and to identify important industry contacts," said Dr. Wes Totten, UT Martin assistant professor of plant science.

Perry is the second UT Martin graduate to attend the seminar. Austin Hines, of White Bluff, a UT/Martin May 2009 graduate with the same degree and concentration, attended last year.

For more information, contact Totten, at 731-881-7936.

Provider Appreciation Workshop held at UTM

The Northwest Child Care Resource and Referral along with co-host, Northwest Association for the Education of Young Children and West Tennessee Association for Childhood Education International sponsored a provider appreciation workshop featuring Dr. Jean Feldman, right. Feldman presented the "Rock, Rhyme, Write and Read" workshop on April 17 at the University of Tennessee at Martin Fieldhouse to 504 providers. The Northwest Child Care Resource and Referral provides free training and technical assistance to child care providers. The aim is to improve the quality of child care for all children. The program provides services in Benton, Carroll, Crockett, Dyer, Gibson, Henry, Lake, Obion and Weakley counties. The office is located at 204 Hannings Lane, Martin.

Joshua D. Smith of Bethel University presented clinics and performances from March 5-11. Smith's clinic titled "Improving Your Habits" dealt with extended performance techniques in solo literature and featured performances of "Raga No. 2" by Bill Cahn, "Kim" by Askell Mason, and "Dis Qui Etude" by Christopher Deane. Smith presented at the University of Tennessee at Martin, hosted by Julie Hill, the University of Louisville, hosted by Jeff Luft; the University of the Cumberlands, hosted by Jim Corcoran; Morehead State University, hosted by Brian Mason; and the University of Kentucky, hosted by James Campbell. Smith's clinics were sponsored by Black Swamp Percussion and Innovative Percussion.
Local students honored at UTM College of Business and Global Affairs Banquet

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Barron retires after 37 years of service

Norma Barron, an administrative support assistant, recently retired from the University of Tennessee at Martin. She spent her 37-year career in the Office of Academic Records. Her husband, Ralph Barron, is pictured with her. Family and friends joined her at a reception on campus, May 25.
Unger to intern with Tennessee Democratic Party

Mary Unger, of Martin, will intern this summer with the Tennessee Democratic Party in Nashville. She will spend May 24-Aug. 8 working in the areas of fundraising, event planning and communications. Unger, a senior, has a major in communications with a concentration in public relations and a minor in political science.

"I'm fortunate enough to have individuals in my life to help me pursue this opportunity," said Unger. "This is an important time for politics in Tennessee, and working with the Tennessee Democratic Party will be incredibly beneficial in pursuing my future goals. I can't wait to see what all Nashville has to offer while working for such an influential organization." She added that the internship also will be good experience for her because she will be living on her own in Nashville and will get to understand what it's like to reside in a larger city. "With the support of my family and friends, I feel confident about traveling to Nashville and making strong connections for my future."

Unger plans to work in public relations or attend graduate school after graduating in May 2011. "My goal is to work in public relations in a corporate or governmental setting," she said. "This internship will be a good test to figure out if I would like to pursue political public relations or possibly further my collegiate career to the graduate level.

New book analyzes social aspects of Civil War in Magnolia State

"Mississippi in the Civil War: The Home Front" (University Press of Mississippi) is the first book since 1943 to examine the state's civilian populace during the Civil War. Author Timothy B. Smith, University of Tennessee at Martin lecturer of history, considers the dual paradigm of Mississippi's Civil War defeat from both outward and inward sources.

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Smith, of Adamsville, is the author of several books, including "The Untold Story of Shiloh: The Battle and Battlefield" and "Champion Hill: Decisive Battle for Vicksburg."
ANDERSON TAKES ORDER OF OATH:
University of Tennessee at Martin engineering graduates were inducted into the Order of the Engineer at a ceremony prior to spring commencement. Graduates pledged to be ethical and impartial and adhere to safety codes as they enter the engineering profession. Among those taking the oath and receiving a ring and certificate was Codie Anderson, of Dyersburg. Left to right are Ed Wheeler, Department of Engineering interim chair, Anderson and Dr. Richard Helgeson, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences interim dean.

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LEGO camps scheduled at UTM

Youthful engineers will have a chance to play and learn at LEGO® camps planned by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies, June 21-25, on campus.

Early Simple Machines, for ages 5-7 will be offered from 9-11 a.m. Students will build simple models such as a seesaw, rolling vehicle, spinning top and raft. By playing with and manipulating the models, they experience pulleys, levers, gears, and wheels and axles, while exploring energy, buoyancy and balance. Students work in teams of two or three students.

Simple and Powered Machines, for ages 8-12, will be offered from 2-4 p.m. Students will build and explore machines and mechanisms, investigate motorized machines, calibrate and capture wind and study gear mechanisms. The activities will enable students to work as young scientists, engineers and designers and provides them with settings, tools and tasks that promote design technology, science and mathematics. Students will involve themselves in real-world investigations and problem-solving. They will make assumptions and predictions, design and make models. They will observe the behavior of these models, reflect and redesign and then record and present their findings. Students will work in teams of two or three students.

Space is limited. The registration fee is $140 and includes LEGO® camp T-shirt. To register, call 731-881-7082 or 731-881-7081 or go to www.utm.edu/departments/cece/kidcollege.php.
Humboldt High School Class of 2010

Nakeyla Barnes
Nakeyla Barnes is the daughter of Bertha Newborn and Harold Barnes. After graduation she plans to attend UT Martin or Jackson State Community College to get her degrees in nursing and ultrasound technician. Her favorite HHS activity is being class reporter her freshman year. Her favorite teachers are Mr. Wardlow and Mrs. Swinglet. Geometry is her favorite class because everyone kept each other laughing. The greatest lesson Nakeyla learned at HHS is that everybody is not your friend and always study no matter what. To those she leaves behind at HHS, don't play around your freshman year, start working hard.

Tabitha Causey
Tabitha Causey is the daughter of Guy and Tammy Causey. She plans to attend UT Martin and major in Health and Human Performance K-12 and minor in athletic coaching. Her favorite HHS activity is training for the Vikings for football and basketball. Her favorite teacher is Louis Johnson. Her favorite class is agriculture classes. She enjoys being able to get her hands dirty and work hard. Her fondest HHS memory is senior campout in the front lawn. The greatest lesson learned at HHS, don’t pull all nighters. To those she leaves behind, graduate.

Judyth V. Porter
Judyth V. Porter is the daughter of Julia V. Porter. After graduation she plans to attend UT Martin and major in business administration. Her favorite HHS activity is all homecoming activities. Ms. Julia Porter is her favorite teacher. Her favorite class is Ms. Porter'shousing class. She really enjoyed it because she learned more about houses and plus her mother taught it. The fondest memory of HHS is all of the activities they did in physics this year. The greatest lesson she learned at HHS is do not procrastinate on your work. To those she leaves behind at HHS, she hopes that all of the juniors can pass all of their senior classes.

Diego Alejandro Navas Baez
Diego Alejandro Navas Baez is the son of Mariana Navas and Antonio Navas. After graduation he plans to go to a tech school and work then transfer to either Bethel or UTM. His favorite HHS activity is running track. Mr. Bland and Coach Lane are his favorite teachers. Chemistry is his favorite class his junior year because he always learned something new and always did fun projects. The fondest HHS memory is when they played Halls and he kicked a PAT and hit a car with the football. Later after the game was over, Adam Parker and he jumped in the mud. The greatest lesson learned at HHS is don't wait until your last year to try to do everything like football, track, cross country and skills USA. To those he leaves behind, have fun while you can.

Donovan Thomas
Donovan Thomas is the son of Janie Thomas. He plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin and become a pharmacist. His favorite HHS activity is Friday night football games. Coach Lane is his favorite teacher. His favorite class is Mr. Tubb's Anatomy and Physiology class because he gives his students the best information to know about the body. The fondest memory of HHS is when the football team advanced to the third round of the state football tournament his freshman year. The greatest lesson learned at HHS is responsibility. To those he leaves behind, stay focused and strive for success.

Thomas Hamilton
Thomas Hamilton is the son of Archie Cox and Thomas Hamilton Sr. He plans to attend Jackson State and transfer to UT Martin to major in computer information systems. Football is his favorite HHS activity. Lori Fitte is his favorite teacher. His favorite class is chorus because he loves the teacher and she makes everything fun and he loves to sing. The fondest HHS memory is playing in the Friday night football games. The greatest lesson learned at HHS is responsibility. To those he leaves behind at HHS, be the best that you can be in everything you do.

Adam Parker
Adam Parker is the son of Danny and Tammy Parker. He plans to attend UTM to study chemistry in a pre-optometry major. His favorite HHS activity is playing football for the Humboldt Vikings. Coach Lane is his favorite teacher. Mr. Johnson's ag class his freshman year was his favorite because his brother and a lot of his good friends were in there and they got away with a lot. The fondest memory of HHS is winning the Doug Atkins Team MVP award. The greatest lesson Adam learned at HHS, climb the wall first, and only when you are at the top you can start pulling people up. To those he leaves behind, start listening to Coach Lane.
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UTM announces spring dean's list

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**Honors**
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Teresa Sanders, Southwest Tennessee Development District; Harriet Cannon, USDA Rural Development area director; Art Brown, consultant, Atlanta; Ron Acree and Joel Newman, TSBDC, Jackson; Stacy Nunnally, special media and non-profit consultant, Murfreesboro; and Michelle Weatherford, LEARN Consulting, president, Atoka. As an optional activity following the conference, there will be an experiment station tour led by Carol Reese, ornamental horticulture specialist.

Registrations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. If registering by mail, send checks made payable to WestStar to UT Martin, 321 Administration Building, Martin, TN 38238. One check for a group will be accepted, but there must be a separate registration form filled out for each attendee. If registering by email, send to Virginia Grimes at vgrimes@utm.edu. Make sure to include name, business, complete address and phone number. The check should arrive by the deadline, June 15. If registering by FAX, the form can be sent to 731-881-7019, and credit card information can be added to the FAX form. There will be no refunds. For more information, call Grimes at 731-881-7298.
University of Tennessee at Martin Memorial Day Commemoration

The Tennessee National Guard presented the colors prior to the 10th annual Memorial Day Commemoration at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Sgt. Cole Turner Champion, of Huntingdon, a University of Tennessee at Martin student, was guest speaker at the 10th annual Memorial Day Commemoration at UT Martin. Area veterans in attendance were recognized. The UT Martin Department of Public Safety and members of the Martin Police Department also honored area veterans with a guest salute. Champion completed basic training and military job training at Ft. Jackson, S.C., and Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., respectively. He completed one semester at UT Martin before being deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He served in Iraq until July 2009. He then returned to UT Martin in the fall of 2009 to continue his education.
MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION - Maj. Gen. Mike Maloon, of Martin, a University of Tennessee at Martin alumnus, and his wife, Sharon, were among area veterans who attended the university's 10th annual Memorial Day Commemoration. Sgt. Cole Turner Champion, of Huntingdon, a UT Martin student, was guest speaker. Area veterans in attendance were recognized. The UT Martin Department of Public Safety and members of the Martin Police Department also honored area veterans with a gun salute. Maloon currently serves as the deputy adjutant general, third in command of the Army Tennessee National Guard. He received a direct commission in 1988 in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. Prior to receiving his commission, he served as an enlisted member of the 164th Support Squadron, Tennessee Air National Guard. Maloon serves as presiding judge and chancellor of the 27th Judicial District that includes Weakley and Obion counties.

MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION - University of Tennessee at Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes, listens as Lt. Col. Angela Odom, professor of military science, speaks during the 10th annual Memorial Day observance at UT Martin.

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New Book analyzes Social aspects of Civil War in Magnolia State

MISSISSIPPI in the CIVIL WAR
THE HOME FRONT
Timothy B. Smith

MARTIN, Tenn. — “Mississippi in the Civil War: The Home Front” (University Press of Mississippi) is the first book since 1943 to examine the state's civilian populace during the Civil War. Author Timothy B. Smith, University of Tennessee at Martin lecturer of history, considers the dual paradigm of Mississippi's Civil War defeat from both outward and inward sources.

Coming from the outside, Mississippi's military defeat and devastation was complete, with the Union army literally dismantling the state's political system, infrastructure, economy and war effort. The state saw extensive military operations, destruction and fighting within her borders, with one of the most destructive of all Confederate military defeats taking place at Vicksburg after one of the largest campaigns of the war.

Yet even while the Confederate forces, the means of fighting the war and the state itself were being overwhelmed militarily, there was a similar inward decline taking place. The people of the state, realizing that the enemy could run rampant over its entire territory, soon began to lose the will to continue the effort.

Many white Confederates chose to go back into the Union rather than see more destruction come about in an effort to win a victory that probably was not within grasp anyway. With the tide turning, Unionists and African Americans became bolder in their effort to defeat the Confederacy. The result was a state totally defeated in its efforts to break away from the United States and one that suffered the consequences far into the future.

"Mississippi in the Civil War" tells the story of all classes of Mississippians during the war, concentrating on previously neglected groups such as women and African Americans. The result is a new and fresh examination of the social side of war.

Smith, of Adamsville, is the author of several books, including "The Untold Story of Shiloh: The Battle and Battlefield" and "Champion Hill: Decisive Battle for Vicksburg."

UT Martin grad pursues master's in history

Jake Eddlemon recently graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin with a bachelor of science degree in history. He was also a recipient of the Lonnie E. Maness history department award, which was presented on Honors Day.

Eddlemon is a 2006 graduate of Gibson County High school and is now enrolled at Mississippi State University, where he plans to pursue his master's degree in history.

Eddlemon is the son of Joe and Deborah Eddlemon of Kenton.
Accident victim recovers to earn 2nd college degree

By EMILY WILLIAMS
Union City Daily Messenger

UNION CITY (AP) — Jamie "Trey" Hamilton III, a 1997 graduate of Obion County Central High School, completed work on his second college degree May 15 from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Earning two college degrees is quite an accomplishment for anyone, but it is especially so for Hamilton, who could not even open his eyes four years ago — much less attend class — due to a terrible boating accident that left him in a coma.

In 2002, he earned his first degree at UT Martin in international studies with a minor in Spanish.

His second degree proved to be much more challenging.

On Nov. 13, 2005, he hit his head on the aluminum step of the boat in which he was a passenger after the boat hit a tree at high speed. He was transported to Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City and then airlifted to the Vanderbilt Trauma Center in Nashville, where he had to be revived.

A few days later, a trachea tube was placed in his throat and a feeding tube was sewn into his stomach. Shortly after that, a shunt had to be placed in Hamilton's skull to relieve the pressure from the swelling in his brain. Doctors diagnosed him as being in a persistent vegetative state with very little hope of recovery.

A few days later, doctors discovered the shunt in his brain had caused him to develop two different bacterial infections. As efforts were made to treat these infections, he developed a staph infection.

Finally, the infections were cleared and he was moved from the Trauma Center to a long-term care unit in Milan. On Dec. 15, 2005, Hamilton miraculously awakened from the coma he had been in for 32 days.

However, the road to recovery would not be easy as he would have to relearn everything from walking and talking to eating.

"Coming out of or awakening from a coma is not like Hollywood would have one believe," said his father, Jamie Hamilton Jr. "It is very different. A coma is a nightmare of the worst kind."

The younger Hamilton stayed at Milan's NHC HealthCare for three more months before he was well enough to return home. He enrolled at Health Quest in Union City to begin rebuilding the muscles and regaining the 39 pounds he lost during the coma.

A month later, he entered the Center for Comprehensive Services in Carbondale, Ill., which helps patients who have experienced traumatic brain injuries. During this time, he was often found helping and encouraging other patients, though he was far from a full recovery himself.

Throughout his "re-education" and even today, the 31-year-old Hamilton said his entire left side continuously experiences a tingling feeling as if a muscle is about to wake up, yet never does. He still suffers from short-term memory problems. Also, he said he has double vision because his eyes do not line up correctly anymore, making it harder to read. Finding ways to compensate for this has been hard, especially at the college level.

Dr. Jeff Rogers, a professor of geography at UT Martin, taught Trey both before and after his accident.

"One of the most remarkable aspects of Trey's recovery has been the awakening of his intellectual curiosity," he said. "He is an individual with many significant, often philosophical, questions about our culture and society. He tried to use his time at UT Martin, through his coursework and participation in student organizations, to answer some of these questions."

On Sunday, Hamilton began his job as a park ranger for the Department of the Interior in the Smoky Mountains, utilizing his new degree in geoscience.

His injury and long recovery were not easy for him or his family. His experience should serve as an inspiration for all to, as Hamilton himself puts it, "Endeavor to persevere."
Security Bank’s Madden graduates from banking school

Special to the State Gazette

MEMPHIS - Paul W. Barret Jr. Graduate School of Banking in Memphis recently announced the graduation of Megan Brooke Madden, assistant vice president of Security Bank in Dyersburg.

Seventy-two students completed the three-year curriculum and graduated in the 2010 class. Paul W. Barret Jr. Graduate School of Banking has been providing advanced banking education for 38 years, with a curriculum designed to provide a high degree of understanding of all commercial banking functions. During the three-year program, graduates received 125 hours of classroom instruction and prepared in-depth reports in eight areas of study.

Madden, assistant vice president of marketing and business development, joined Security Bank after graduating from college in 2007. Her educational background includes Dyersburg High School, the University of Tennessee at Martin, and Barret Graduate School of Banking.

“Megan really strived and learned a plethora of valuable knowledge that will help lead Security Bank into the future,” said President and CEO of Security Bank David Hayes.

Outside of her professional duties, Madden is involved in every aspect of the community. She is the current Dyersburg-Dyer County Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year and serves on various boards, such as the Dyersburg State Annual Fund, The Healthy Woman Advisory Council, the Dyer County Fair Board, Dyer County Relay for Life, Dyersburg Kiwanis Club, and the YMCA Board. She is involved with civic activities such as HOSTS mentoring at DPS, the Mission March, the Downtown Dyersburg Christmas Parade, Kiwanis, the Chamber Diplomats, United Way, Chimes for Charity, Downtown Fall Festival, and the Finley Elementary Mentor program.

Consultant available June 29

One-on-one business consulting from Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC) consultant Denise Newton will be available June 29 at the Obion County Industrial Training Center in Union City.

Ms. Newton will be available from 1-5 p.m. to help aspiring entrepreneurs and existing business owners with advice on a business plan, financing options, marketing, customer service, cash flow and other issues.

She recently joined the TSBDC after spending 16 years working on Wall Street. Her experience includes extensive financial statement analysis, portfolio analysis, strategic planning and business development.

Prior to that, she spent 10 years as a corporate/commercial lender for various commercial banks, specializing in small business lending, structuring and financing.

Born and raised in West Tennessee, she attended Vanderbilt University, where she graduated with an economics degree, and the University of Miami, where she obtained her master of business administration degree.

The local consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free of charge. Appointments may be made by contacting the Obion County Chamber of Commerce at 885-0211 or by contacting Ms. Newton directly at (731) 587-7333.

For more information about additional services offered by TSBDC, visit the website www.tsbdc.org.
Press Release

College Students Beat Wall Street in TVA Investment Challenge
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KNOXVILLE, Tenn., June 7 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- College students in TVA's Investment Challenge Program once again outperformed the experts on Wall Street in 2009 and, at the same time, earned money for their schools.

(Photo: http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20100304/TVALOGO)

The program is a partnership between the Tennessee Valley Authority and 24 universities in the TVA service territory to provide students a hands-on experience managing a real stock portfolio for the agency.

Over a calendar year, teams of students manage an average of $330,000 of TVA funds per school, by designing long-term investment strategies under the guidance of faculty members. That includes analyzing companies, buying and selling stocks and tracking the risks and returns. The universities operate under similar guidelines as TVA's own professional investment managers.

"The TVA Investment Challenge is a creative use of our resources that offers experience and training for the next generation of financial leaders in the region," TVA Senior Vice President and Treasurer John Hoskins said.

In 2009, the universities collectively beat the average return on the Standard & Poor's 500 index by 5.42 percent, with 31.88 percent returns last year. The program average has beaten the S&P 500 index eight times since it began in 1999.

TVA provided $1.9 million from TVA's Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Fund to start the program. The program's investment pool has now grown to around $8 million.

"The Investment Challenge is not a simulation or paper portfolio. This is real money that we'll one day use to decommission our nuclear plants," Hoskins said. "These students are part of TVA's financial success."

Universities also receive monetary awards based on the amount of assets they managed and the rate of returns. The combined performance awards totaled $71,597 in 2009.

The three top schools for 2009, based on performance, are:

- Lipscomb University, 62.29 percent return
- Western Kentucky University, 45.62 percent return
- East Tennessee State University, 43.83 percent return

Monetary Awards: Lipscomb University $3,602 Trevecca Nazarene University $7,501 East Tennessee State University $6,485 Western Kentucky University $6,106 Belmont University $5,943 Vanderbilt University $5,894 Alabama A&M University $5,565 Western Carolina University $5,374 University of Alabama, Huntsville $4,843 Mississippi St. University $4,137 University of Tennessee, Chattanooga $3,955 Murray State University $2,346 Union University $1,376 University of Tennessee, Martin $1,314 University of Memphis $1,070 Middle Tennessee State University $780 University of Kentucky $306

Other participating schools include: Austin Peay State University, Tennessee State University, University of Mississippi, Mississippi University for Women, University of North Alabama, Christian Brothers University and Tennessee Technological University.
SF STUDENT HONORED — Tianda Harris of South Fulton recently was a recipient of the Faculty Scholar Award and was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma honorary business society at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Global Affairs banquet. The award was presented by Dr. Ernest Moser, dean of business and global affairs.

NIPP TAKES OATH — University of Tennessee at Martin engineering graduates were inducted into the Order of the Engineer at a ceremony prior to spring commencement. Graduates pledged to be ethical and impartial and adhere to safety codes as they enter the engineering profession. Among those taking the oath and receiving a ring and certificate was Andrew Nipp (center) of Union City. On hand for the honor were Ed Wheeler (left), Department of Engineering interim chair, and Dr. Richard Helgeson, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences interim dean.
UT Martin offers web camp to local high school students

High school students can spend several days this summer learning how to develop and maintain web pages at a web camp offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin.

This three-day intensive camp is planned for July 19-21 in Room 227 of the College of Business and Global Studies.

Students will learn about generating web pages using content management systems such as WordPress, using HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Microsoft Asp.Net and Silverlight. Each day will be divided into morning and afternoon sessions with both lecture and hands-on activities.

The registration fee is $165 and includes lunch in Skyhawk Café on campus, a flash drive and a T-shirt.

Those interested may register using any of the following contacts: telephone, (731) 881-7082 or 881-7081; fax (a completed form), (731) 881-7984; online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/nondegree/children.php; or by mail to ECOS, 110 Gooch Hall, Martin, TN 38238.

The office is located at 110 Gooch Hall and hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.

Bob Bradley and Dr. Bryan Foltz will be the camp instructors.

Bradley is a UT Martin instructor of computer science. He was involved in developing the first web server on the UT Martin campus nearly 17 years ago when he worked for the campus IT department. He has been teaching computer science full time for the last eight years.

Bradley is a consultant and helps local businesses and organizations develop and maintain their web pages. He is experienced in developing Web projects using technologies such as HTML, CSS, PHP, Asp.Net, MySql, JavaScript and JQuery.

Foltz is a UT Martin associate professor of information systems. He taught his first web development seminar in 1996 while a doctoral student at the University of Arkansas. Since that time, he has been involved with multiple website development projects. He has been webmaster and computer consultant for Dalton Farms/Pumpkin Hollow, an agri-tourism business located near Piggott, Ark., for 15 years. He also spent almost 10 years as webmaster for the Clark family, missionaries to Kenya.

In addition, Foltz served as an HTML consultant for the University of Arkansas Department of Rehabilitation Education.

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Stewart alum graduates from UT Martin

JUNE 6, 2010

Brittney Danielle Mathis graduated Magna Cum Laude from The University of Tennessee at Martin on May 15 with a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources Management.

She is a 2006 graduate of Stewart County High School and is the daughter of Carrie and Danny Peppers of Dover and Mike Mathis of Big Rock.

Tennessee Martin University of Tennessee at Martin names Kayla L. Parker of Tennessee Ridge with honors for the past semester. Kayla is the daughter of Ray and Joy Parker of Tennessee Ridge.
Ohio Valley Conference Concludes Annual Spring Meetings

The OVC Board of Presidents approved a request from the OVC Board of Athletic Directors for a ticket buy-in policy starting with the 2011 OVC Basketball Tournament. Under this policy, each institution will be required to purchase a set amount in ticket value, for sale or distribution to their institutional fans. This decision coincides with the league’s decision to bring 16 teams (8 men’s, 8 women’s) to one site (Municipal Auditorium in Nashville) for its championship. Previously the league played first round tournament games on campus sites and brought only the final four men’s and women’s teams to Nashville. As announced in January, the format of the championship is also changing from the traditional 1 vs. 8, 2 vs. 7, etc. format to a merit-based format that rewards the top teams during the regular season with byes into the quarterfinals and semifinals.

After a one-year break from having an in-person Media Day event for the sports of football and basketball for cost containment issues, it was unanimously voted to reinstate the events and to conduct them in a faculty-employee way. The Conference will host its Football Media Day on Monday, July 26 at LP Field in Nashville. The Basketball Media Day will be on a still to be determined date in late October, most likely at Municipal Auditorium in Nashville.

The OVC Board of Athletic Directors approved the 2011-12 schedule for men’s basketball, picking from several models. It was approved at the February Presidents meeting to return the OVC regular season schedule to 18 Conference games (as opposed to the 18 games currently on the schedule). The action taken at these meetings specified dates and opponents for that 2011-12 campaign. The women’s schedule has yet to be approved but will be at an upcoming meeting. The 2011-12 season will mark the first time the league has played 16 Conference games since 2004-05. The OVC played a 20-game conference schedule in 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 and an 18-game schedule in 2008-09 and 2009-10. The 2010-11 schedule will also be an 18-game schedule.

The Spring Meetings also helped kick off of a year of strategic planning initiatives for the league. In attendance at the meetings was Former Ivy League Executive Director Jeff Ostrowski, who will serve as a consultant to the league. Others attending were OVC Commissioner Beth DeBauche and the OVC Board of Presidents in identifying strategies for future success.

It was also announced that next year’s Chair of the Board of Presidents will be Dr. Thomas Rakes from the University of Tennessee at Martin while the Chair of Board of Athletic Directors for 2011-12 will be UT Martin’s Phil Gane.

The week concluded on Friday with the League’s annual Honors Luncheon, which honored the OVC Male and Female Athletes of the Year, the Steve Hamilton Sportmanship Award winner and inducted Chuck Kessner and David Myers into the Conference’s Hall of Fame.

Several Humphreys County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the recent spring commencement held in Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin Campus.

The students of Humphreys County who received undergraduate degrees were Kelsey Graham Ross of McEwen, Holly E. Forrest of New Johnsonville, and Kyle Conrad Gehring, Emily Paige Brown and Ashley Meghan Rochelle, all of Waverly.
UT Martin names local students to spring semester Dean’s List

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Spring 2010 Dean’s Lists for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global Affairs, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

To be eligible for dean’s list recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the dean’s list with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

Gibson- Cody F. Houck, Honors; Idlewil- Joshua R. Hefner, Highest Honors; Medina- Katherine E. Bryant, Honors; Charli M. Crone, Highest Honors; Lisa N. Detraine, Highest Honors; Whitney L. Foster, High Honors; Tyler R. Hawk, Highest Honors; Christina E. Johnson, High Honors; Kelly G. Kennedy, High Honors; Brianna M. Quinn, High Honors; Lauren H. Rogers, High Honors; Starla E. Scott, Highest Honors; Melissa D. Totty, Honors; Shelby L. Totty, High Honors; Cassandra L. Vincent, Honors; Matthew T. Williams, Highest Honors; Jesse N. Winchester, Highest Honors; Jessica E. Winchester, Honors; Meera Yogesh, Highest Honors; Milan- Austin D. Alred, Highest Honors; Bryce E. Appleton, Highest Honors; Hudson T. Beard, Highest Honors; Byron B. Burns, Highest Honors; Amber L. Creswell, Highest Honors; Robert M. Fly, Honors; Whitney E. Garner, High Honors; Tiffany B. Matheny, High Honors; Christopher S. McGill, Highest Honors; Rachel R. McMinn, High Honors; Latonya K. Murriel, Highest Honors; Sarah E. Parker, Honors; Sara H. Phifer, Highest Honors; James S. Postoa, Honors; Amber N. Replogle, High Honors; Sarah-Katherine Reynolds, Highest Honors; Benton Rimmer, Highest Honors; Adam J. Sandor, Highest Honors; Ross F. Smith, High Honors; Anna L. Thompson, High Honors; Joshua A. Vaughn, Highest Honors; Andrew R. Wallace, Highest Honors; Casey J. Ward, High Honors.

Internship/Workshop program helps students gain international experience

MARTIN – The University of Tennessee at Martin Center for International Education (CIE) has announced the first group of recipients of the federally funded International Education Internship/Workshop Scholarship Program. This program is poised to help students gain practical international project experiences and make them more marketable post-graduation.

“The CIE was entrusted these external funds to help our students experience and report practical international educational experiences,” said Dr. Malcolm Koch, CIE executive director. “We are pleased to see such a cross-discipline group of students in this pilot group.”

Selected students, including Sarah Parker, of Milan, will participate in one of four international education internship/workshop experiences: Work Projects/Internships for Regional Business/Industry – projects with an international component, Promotional Work Projects for the CIE, Traditional Student to International Student Mentor Program or Travel-Study/Study-Abroad Ambassador Program.

Students in each of the four areas signed “international education agreements” committing them to various tasks and detailed reporting. Much of the reporting of these real-world experiences will be demonstrated in student-to-student channels and will be monitored by internationally focused faculty and staff.

“This program is a great match for my students in fashion merchandising,” said Dr. Sue Byrd, UT Martin professor of textiles, clothing and merchandising. “My students are required to complete an internship, and those tied to this cohort are interning in businesses that buy products from international vendors. This program challenges them to document and discuss the pros and cons of using international vendors, and to consider carefully the ethics involved when American suppliers are left out.”

“In addition to agreement deliverables, all students in the pilot group are completing pre- and post-test international competency surveys,” said Koch. The CIE program is a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Center for International Education is led by Dr. Malcolm Koch, and serves the UT Martin campus community. The CIE is a part of the College of Business and Global Affairs.
Business women seminar to be in Jackson

WestStar Leadership Program, the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development/Business Enterprise Resource Office, Tennessee Economic Council on Women and the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center will sponsor a women business owners opportunities conference, "Building Blocks for Success."

The event is planned from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., June 22, at the West Tennessee Center for Agricultural Research, located at 605 Airways Blvd., Jackson. The registration fee will be $40 per person, and a continental breakfast and lunch are included.

The conference offers a host of opportunities for women business owners who want to sell in the business-to-business (B2B) marketplace.

This multi-billion dollar market segment consists of buyers from government and private industry that purchase services, equipment, supplies, transportation, wholesale, retail, agriculture, finance or most any good or service.

This niche market offers contracting jobs that can help establish strategic relationships to increase a company's competitive edge, so the business can grow exponentially.

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The check should arrive by the deadline, June 15. For more information, call Grimes at 731-881-7298.

37 YEARS OF SERVICE - Norma Barron, an administrative support assistant, recently retired from the University of Tennessee at Martin. She spent her 37-year career in the Office of Academic Records. Her husband, Ralph Barron, is pictured with her. Family and friends joined her at a reception on campus, May 25.

ONLINE HONORS - Dr. Timothy J. Smith, right, University of Tennessee at Martin lecturer of history, recently was honored as an Online Teacher of the Year at UT Martin. Dr. David Coffey, Department of History chair, presented the award.
McClure on Dean’s List at UT-Martin

MARTIN (June 4) Dustin McClure, son of Dennis and Susan McClure of Henry, was named to the Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 Dean’s List at the University of Tennessee at Martin with high honors. To be eligible for this honor, students must complete 12 hours of study each semester and receive a GPA of 3.49 to 3.79. Dustin is a senior Health and Human Performance major with an emphasis on licensure K-12 and coaching.

DRESDEN ENTERPRISE, Dresden, Tennessee, Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Kerassidis recognized

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications recently held its annual Communications Day to honor the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. The keynote speaker for the banquet was Gene Policinski, vice president and executive director of the First Amendment Center in Nashville. Leah Kerassidis, right, of Sharon, received the Nanney-Segebarth Scholarship. Doris Nanney, center, and Jeannie Segebath Nanney, left, presented the award.

UTM Cadet commissioned as Second Lieutenant

Spencer Edwards, of Martin, was recently commissioned into the United States Army as second lieutenant at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He was a spring graduate, with a Bachelor of University Studies.

Joshua D. Rotger, of Greenfield, was recently commissioned into the United States Army as second lieutenant at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He was a spring graduate, with a Bachelor of University Studies.
Middleton receives Maloan Outstanding UT Martin Student Employee Award

The Spring 2010 Beth Maloan Outstanding UT Martin Student Employee Award recently was presented to Brian Middleton, a UT Martin Department of Public Safety employee. Middleton is a criminal justice major and has been employed for two years.

Among his many tasks, Middleton, of Hohenwald, works as a dispatcher and formerly with building security. He is responsible for monitoring security cameras, answering telephones, keeping detailed computer logs of all police activities on campus, giving information and event times to campus visitors, issuing temporary parking passes and monitoring fire alarm panels. Working with building security, Middleton secured all the academic buildings at the end of the day.

According to his supervisor, Chad Worley, “Brian is an outstanding employee. He constantly strives to exceed the expectations of our department. He can be relied on to complete any task set before him, completely and in a timely fashion. He does his job with unparalleled professionalism. He knows his job and performs it to the best of his ability.”

This award, given every fall and spring semester, is a memorial for Beth Maloan, longtime UT Martin director of budgeting and payroll, who during her years of service, was a strong advocate for student employment. Maloan had a vision that more positions would be developed on campus that would challenge students and make them significant contributors to the university’s mission. Recipients of this award exemplify a strong work ethic and commitment to the university, and they receive a $1,000 cash award, an engraved plaque and a nameplate on the perpetual plaque in a place of honor in the Boling University Center.

Contributions to this scholarship award may be made through payroll deduction by employees of UT Martin or by sending a contribution to the Office of Development at UT Martin.

Baker receives award

Kayla M. Baker, left, a University of Tennessee at Martin graduating chemistry major from Troy, recently received the Nancy W. Hinds Student Service Award. Baker has worked as an organic lab assistant under the Federal Work-study Program for the last two years. This is a new award established in honor of Hinds’ dedication and service to chemistry education at UT Martin, and faculty will present it annually to a student who has provided outstanding service to the Department of Chemistry and Physics. Hinds made the presentation.
African-American Leadership Conference participants

Walmart employees were among participants at the recent 12th annual WestStar African-American Leadership Conference in Jackson. This year's keynote speaker was D'Army Bailey, retired judge, native of Memphis and a founder of the National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis. Other conference topics included: "Regional Initiatives: STEP Program/REDI/Mega Site," "Social Networking/Security/Avoiding Identity Theft using Technology," "The Facts about Domestic Abuse (and What to do When you Know the Facts)" and "Healthcare." The conference is one of several sponsored by WestStar in its 21-county region. WestStar is the state's oldest regional leadership program. WestStar was created in 1989 at the University of Tennessee at Martin to serve the multi-county area by providing leadership development and training.

Pictured (from left) are: Russ Steiner, market manager, Market 146; Scotty Simmons, Martin store manager; Steve Barnes, market asset protection manager, Market 146; Jeff Schultz, Jackson store manager; Chad Clayton, Milan store manager; David Harris, Union City store manager; Cathy Strawbridge, Dyersburg store manager; Kevin Campbell, Brownsville store manager; Tim Poole, Humboldt store manager; and Chris Jones, Ripley store manager.

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STUDENT SELECTED — Aury Kangelos (center) of Union City was recently recognized as a faculty scholar at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Global Affairs banquet.

The award was presented by Shawn Nanney (left), lecturer of political science, and Dr. Ernest Moser, dean of the College of Business and Global Affairs.

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Participants donate items to local food banks

The WestStar class of 2010 wanted to make a difference and help those affected by the recent floods and those already facing hard times due to the recent economic conditions. They focused on helping out local food banks. This year’s class collected more than 5,000 pounds of food, in just 10 days, to donate to local food banks throughout the 21 counties in West Tennessee.

“The mission of WestStar includes identifying and encouraging community-minded people who want to become more involved,” stated Charley Deal, executive director of WestStar. “This year’s participants needed no encouraging. They saw a need, and acted on it. I am sure this won’t be the last time this group has a positive impact on West Tennessee.”

Each of the 30 participants were encouraged to collect at least 100 cans of food, from May 16 to May 26, for food banks that were identified in each county within West Tennessee. During their food drive, many collect more than 100 cans, as of May 26th more than 5,000 pounds of food has been collected and distributed, and more is expected to follow.

The WestStar class collected the food at their place of work, schools and churches. Some of the top participants collected between 250 and 300 pounds of food. Joey Hassell, superintendent of Lauderdale County Schools collected over 450 pounds and some money for the First United Methodist Church of Ripley’s food bank.

“Unfortunately, our local food banks are being used by more and more by families, here in West Tennessee. Hopefully the efforts of this class will be able to help assist in their time of need,” stated Charlie Deal. “I am very proud of this class and to be associated with such a great group of leaders.”

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Local beauties vie for Miss TN crown

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The 22-year-old is a fashion merchandising student at Middle Tennessee State University. Her parents are Teresa and Roy Wainscott of Martin and Robert Danner of St. Roberts, Mo.

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Web camp to develop/maintain Web sites planned for high school students

High school students can spend several days this summer learning how to develop and maintain Web pages at a Web Camp offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin.

This three-day intensive camp is planned July 19-21 in Room 227 of the College of Business and Global Studies.

Students will learn about generating Web pages using content management systems such as WordPress, using HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Microsoft Asp.Net and Silverlight.

Each day will be divided into morning and afternoon sessions with both lecture and hands-on activities.

The registration fee is $165 and includes lunch in Skyhawk Café on campus, a flash drive and a T-shirt.

Register using any of the following contacts: telephone, 731-881-7082 or 731-881-7081; fax, send completed form to 731-881-7984; online, http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/ndegrees/children.php; mail, send completed form to ECOS, 110 Gooch Hall, Martin, TN 38238.

The office is located at 110 Gooch Hall. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-noon, 1-5 p.m.

Bob Bradley and Dr. Bryan Foltz will be camp instructors. Bradley is a UT Martin instructor of computer science.

He was involved in developing the first Web server on the UT Martin campus nearly 17 years ago when he worked for the campus IT department. He has been teaching computer science full time for the last eight years.

Bradley is a consultant and helps local businesses and organizations develop and maintain their Web pages.

He is experienced in developing Web projects using technologies such as HTML, CSS, PHP, Asp.Net, MySql, JavaScript and JQuery.

Foltz is a UT Martin associate professor of information systems. He taught his first Web development seminar in 1996 while a doctoral student at the University of Arkansas.

Since that time, he has been involved with multiple Web site development projects.

He has been webmaster and computer consultant for Dalton Farms/Pumpkin Hollow, an agri-tourism business located near Piggott, Ark., for 15 years.

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The University of Tennessee at Martin student, Jordan Brown of Arlington, was among five students honored for their First-Year Initiative Reflection papers written following community service work.

SOAR participants

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Cody Sirk, of Clarksville, recently attended Summer Orientation and Registration (S.O.A.R.) at the University of Tennessee at Martin. A Clarksville Academy graduate, Sirk will attend UT Martin in the fall. With him is his mother, Debbie Sirk. Students met with academic advisers and registered for classes; toured the campus and residence halls; received information about student activities, housing and financial aid; and heard detailed information about First-Year Initiative (an orientation for first-year students the week before classes). For more information about S.O.A.R., call the UT Martin Office of Admissions at 731-581-7020 or 1-800-829-UTM1.

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Bradley Wheat receives award at UT Martin

Henry Countian Bradley Wheat, who just finished his junior year at the University of Tennessee at Martin, was given the Glen S. Elkins Conservation Award during an April program at UTM.

Wheat is the son of Robert and Lee Ann Wheat of Paris and the grandson of Adrian and Mary Jane Bowlin and Betty Wheat, all of Paris and Robert Wheat Sr. of Milan.

Wheat is a student in the college of agriculture and applied science in natural resources management.

He is working this summer with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service at Arrowhead Refuge in North Dakota after being selected for the job.

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Students from New Johnsonville are Holly E. Forrest, Highest Honors; Ashley M. Mullinax, Highest Honors; and Steven P. Stewart, Highest Honors.

Those from Waverly include Kyle C. Gehring, Highest Honors; Andrew C. McCravy, Honors; Ashlee Rochelle, Highest Honors; and Darlanne K. Wollam, Highest Honors.

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Collegiate News

Area students named to 2010 UT Martin dean’s list

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The following students received dean’s list honors from Manchester: Erica S. Duke with High Honors, Josh B. Graham, High Honors, and Ryan D. Moore, Honors. Receiving honors from Tullahoma were Jason L. Chitam, High Honors, Chelsea E. Jones, High Honors, and Elizabeth O’Neal, Honors.


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Tiffany M. Russell, Bethel Springs, Highest Honors
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Approximately 20 teams from Martin and Sharon participated in the annual community event, which fell on the heels of similar Relay For Life events held in Gleason and Greenfield.

Team members joined together to "Celebrate, Remember and Fight Back" against cancer in honor of those who have survived and in remembrance of those who have fought and lost their battle with cancer.

Weakley West Relay honorary chairs were Ruth Closson and Eleanor Moody, posthumously.

The event kicks off at 3 p.m. Friday in the UT Martin Hardy-Graham Stadium parking lot.

The Survivor's Reception was followed by opening ceremonies, the survivors' lap, and the Luminary Ceremony.

The relay also featured live entertainment by local rock and cover band Riptide.

Health vendors were set up in the parking lot and provided door prizes and literature to visitors.

So far, Relay For Life activities have raised approximately $103,000.

According to event organizers, fundraising will continue through August, with the proceeds going to the American Cancer Society, which is dedicated to supporting cancer research and treatment.

(See photos on page 10.)
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A group of good-natured visitors to this year’s Relay For Life do their part by allowing themselves to be ‘arrested’ to raise money for the American Cancer Society. For a fee, participants could be arrested for a brief time, unless someone ‘bailed’ them out.

‘Unmasking Cancer’ is the theme of this relay team’s booth.

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He explained that the concept, created in the 1960s by Dr. Donald Clifton, is based on each individual carrying around an imaginary bucket that is constantly being filled or emptied, “depending on what people say to you, what people do to you and your circumstances in life.” He said, “A full bucket gives us a positive outlook and renewed energy, and every drop in that bucket makes us stronger. But an empty bucket poisons our outlook, saps our strength and doesn’t make us feel good at all.”

Dunagan also urged them to surround themselves with other bucket fillers. He related how UT Martin had filled his bucket during his career when he saw students blossom, faculty members find joy in teaching, an administrator solving a problem, or a graduate returning to campus with his or her family to visit.

He told graduates, “what you decide to do and the path you decide to take will have a profound influence on your relationships, your productivity, your health and also your happiness.”

Dunagan had requested the commencement musical selection, My Wish, made popular by Rascal Flatts. He also suggested graduates listen to the lyrics again, especially the references to “help somebody every chance you get” and “always give more than you take.”

“Good luck and God speed,” he said. “My wish is that you have also felt that this institution has filled your bucket, and you will go out in life and pay forward and help fill the buckets of others.”

The spring graduating class of 696, the largest in history, represented 54 Tennessee counties, 12 states and 10 countries. They join more than 37,000 UT Martin alumni worldwide.

Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor, presided over the exercises, and Dr. Jan Sirnek, University of Tennessee interim president, conferred degrees.

Rakes asked UT Martin’s newest alumni to take time to thank all those who have helped them achieve this goal, to keep in touch with their alma mater and to be supportive and vocal about the value of higher education.

“Education is not what’s received, but what you achieve,” said Rakes. “As graduates of UT Martin, your diploma is a symbol of a significant achievement — you add another tool to your resume.”
Local students on UTM dean’s list

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the spring 2010 dean’s lists for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global Affairs, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

To be eligible for dean’s list recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the dean’s list with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

UT Martin is a comprehensive public university that maintains an excellent reputation for its high-quality undergraduate programs, its beautiful campus and caring professors.

Students on the list are:
- From Humboldt - Charity L. Allen, honors; Suzanne R. Bell, high honors; Courtney S. Brackeen, high honors; Brittany N. Branum, highest honors; Blake A. Brittan, high honors; Andrew J. Castleton, high honors; Garrett W. Causey, highest honors;
- Kiara S. Champion, highest honors; Jennifer L. Denton, highest honors; Kayla C. Foxx, honors; Stephanie M. Fox, highest honors; Brandon A. Gillespie, high honors; Holly K. Gillespie, highest honors; Rachel L. Hall, high honors; Richard J. Henson, highest honors; Adam S. Laman, highest honors; Megan M. Latimer, highest honors; Emma J. Leatherland, honors; Kristin M. Loucks, high honors; Alexis R. Luckey, high honors; William P. Luckey, highest honors; Angela K. Nicholas, highest honors; Susan E. Privett, honors; Christie K. Rushing, high honors; Michael S. Schoonover, highest honors; Robert L. Thornton, honors;
- From Gibson - Cody F. Houch, honors;
- From Medina - Katherine E. Bryant, honors; Charli M. Crone, highest honors; Lisa N. Detrain, highest honors; Whitney L. Foster, high honors; Tyler R. Hawk, highest honors; Christina E. Johnson, high honors; Kelly G. Kennedy, high honors; Brianna M. Quinn, high honors; Lauren H. Rogers, high honors; Starla E. Scott, highest honors; Melissa D. Totty, honors; Shelby L. Totty, high honors; Cassandra L. Vincent, honors; Matthew T. Williams, highest honors; Jesse N. Winchester, highest honors; Jessica E. Winchester, honors; Meera Yogesh, highest honors.

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT GETS JUMP ON UTM MARTIN FALL REGISTRATION – Carly Smith, of South Fulton, recently attended Summer Orientation and Registration (S.O.A.R.) at the University of Tennessee at Martin. A South Fulton High School graduate, Smith will attend UT Martin in the fall. With her is her mother, Connie Smith. Students met with academic advisors and registered for classes; toured the campus and residence halls; received information about student activities, housing and financial aid; and heard detailed information about First-Year Initiative (an orientation for first-year students the week before classes). For more information about S.O.A.R., call the UT Martin Office of Admissions at 731-581-7020 or 1-800-829-UTM1. (Photo submitted)
UC STUDENT INDUCTED — Ben Woods (left) of Union City was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma honorary business society recently at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Global Affairs spring banquet. Dr. Ernest Moser, dean of business and Global Affairs, presented the certificate.

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After three years of developing her singing talent, Miss Rhythm of Nashville Hannah-Wade Powell won the talent award on the opening night of the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant Wednesday at the Carl Perkins Civic Center.

Miss University of Tennessee Knoxville, Shelby Thompson, won the swimsuit award.

Wednesday was the first of three nights of preliminary swimsuit and talent competition at the 2010 pageant. The final night, Saturday, will include the crowning of the new Miss Tennessee, who will go on to represent the state at the Miss America competition in January.

After the first night, Powell was waving to her supporters on stage, clutching her bouquet.

"I just look back at the last two years, at the talent, which is what I consider to be a big thing," she said. "I've tried for three years and it never happened and then it happened tonight. There just aren't any words to describe."

Thompson said it took four hours of physical training each day for six months to prepare for the swimsuit competition.

"I truly feel this is well-deserved because I put myself into this so much," she said.

Knowing current Miss Tennessee Stefani Wittler also won the swimsuit award on the first night last year is some encouragement, she said.

"I would be lying if I didn't say that gets my spirits up," she said. "But I've really put so much of myself into each element of this competition. I can't wait to wear my beautiful gown tomorrow night."

The talent portion Wednesday night included a segment by Miss City Lights Ivy DePew, who performed "Duelin' Banjos" on the flute while a guitarist played along. Miss Collierville Mandy Wolf performed a baton routine to the song "Proud Mary."

Song choices tonight varied from modern contemporary songs like Miss Chattanooga Nicole Mazzio's "Hallelujah," to Broadway songs like Miss Hamilton County Katie Kendall's "And I'm Telling You I'm Not Going," to classics like Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Loren Dean's "I'm Feelin' Good."

Allison Alderson De-Marcus and husband Jay DeMarcus, of the band Rascal Flatts, returned as hosts. The stage set includes white columns and steps, an orchestra pit and musical notes.

Allison Alderson De-Marcus said Wednesday night's talent group was great.

"There are also lots of new girls this year and they're all outstanding," she said. "I met them all at the workshop in March and to see the change from March to now is great. They've all really pushed themselves and their platforms."

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**Talent winner**

Miss Rhythm of Nashville Hannah-Wade Powell

**Age:** 21

**Talent:** Vocal, "I Know You Won't"  
**Education:** University of Tennessee Martin.
Seeing it through

Officer earns degree as example to son

By Bud Grimes, Special to My Life.

Friday, June 18, 2010

Some people know him as Detective David Jones, a 20-year veteran of the Bartlett Police Department. Others know him by his stage name, Webb Dalton, a singer and songwriter who performs his unique style of music that has been described as "rockabilly-honky-tonkin'-rock-n-roll." Now, he will also be known as "college graduate," as Jones earned his bachelor's degree May 15 from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Jones, 46, was born in Montgomery, Ala., and moved to Memphis at a young age. He attended Frayser Baptist High School, played basketball and pursued a passion for music as a guitar player and singer. His athletic ability earned him a basketball scholarship at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., where he attended for two years and also kept his music dream alive by performing at a local pizza parlor.

When he returned to Ouachita his second year, he realized that he wanted to pursue music more than just part time. "So I left Ouachita and moved to Nashville, trading a basketball and books for a guitar on a full-time basis," he said. He later formed a Nashville-based band and went on the road, performing between 200 and 250 dates a year, opening shows for many well-known country music artists.

During that time, his girlfriend became ill and spent days at a time in the hospital as doctors tried to diagnose her illness. He left the road, the couple married, and she recovered within a year. They were told that having a child would be difficult, if not impossible, because of his wife Fonda's condition and the effects of her treatment. However, Jones said that "God had other plans," and the couple's son, Christopher, was born May 16, 1992.

Work and family responsibilities meant that college had to wait, although he managed to take different classes along the way. "About a year and a half ago, I was having a conversation with my son about how important an education is, and he needs to get his high school diploma, have a good GPA to get into college and pursue a degree." Christopher then asked his dad if he had finished his degree. "I said, 'No son, I didn't. But I want better for you, and one of these days, I'm going to go back and finish.'"
Jones contacted Dr. Brian Donavant, a former Bartlett colleague who is now a UT Martin criminal justice faculty member. With Donavant's encouragement, Jones applied to UT Martin and began pursuit of an online bachelor of University Studies degree in early 2008.

While life and school were happening, Jones' part-time music career had flourished since his return to performing in 1993. That year, he started using the stage name "Webb Dalton," a combination of country singer Webb Pierce's name and "Dalton" from the character played by Patrick Swayze in the 1989 film "Roadhouse."

His Memphis-based band covers material from country to rockabilly to rock-and-roll and blues, as well as performing his original songs.

While he enjoys his music, Jones also enjoys his law enforcement career, which produced an unforgettable experience earlier this year.

He was at his desk Jan. 7 when a call came through about a child who had fallen through the surface of an icy pond. Several boys were playing football on the ice when it broke; two of the boys made it to safety, but one did not. Jones and two other detectives headed to the scene to assist. He recalls 10-year-old Reese Wagner being under water for more than 20 minutes before he pulled him into a boat used to search the pond. Paramedics were able to get a heartbeat inside the ambulance at the scene.

Miraculously, Reese fully recovered, and Jones gives credit to God and other rescuers at the scene for saving the boy's life. Not all days are this rewarding, but Jones is pleased with where his life is headed. "I just did it backwards. You know, most folks, they get their degree and they go to work, and they get their experience. I've gotten my experience and then got my degree," he said. Jones is confident, too, that he has set a positive example for his son, who shows promise as a songwriter-musician and was present to see his dad graduate.

Jones is so proud of his degree that Webb Dalton's performance tour schedule on his band's website (myspace.com/webbdaltonmusic) included a May 15 stop for UT Martin's commencement. There might be a good song that can be written about how this story ends, but for now, the sound of his name being called as he received his college degree was music to David Jones' ears.

Bud Grimes is office of university relations for the University of Tennessee at Martin.
MISS TENNESSEE PAGEANT: Crown awaits winner
BY TRACIE SIBER • GANNETT TENNESSEE • JUNE 19, 2010

JACKSON — With three nights of preliminary competitions behind them, the crowning moment has arrived for one contestant in the 2010 Miss Tennessee Scholarship Pageant.

When the four-day pageant began, 36 women from all across Tennessee stepped on the stage at the Carl Perkins Civic Center with hopes of wearing the crown.

Each has put their beauty and talent to the test over the past three nights in talent, swimsuit and evening wear competitions. But only one will go on to represent the state at the Miss America competition in January.

Miss Rhythm of Nashville Hannah Blake Powell, 21, a student at the University of Tennessee-Martin, won the talent program with her performance of "I Know You Want" on Wednesday night.

“I just look back at the last two years, at the talent, which is what I consider to be a big thing,” she said. "I've tried for three years and it never happened and then it happened tonight. There just aren't any words to describe.

Singing the classic ballad "All By Myself" landed Miss Lexington Nicole Jordan the talent win Thursday night.

Miss University of Tennessee-Knoxville Shelby Thompson, 20, took top honors in the swimsuit category Wednesday night, while Miss Chattanooga Nicole Marzoe won in her group on Thursday.

Thompson said it took four hours of physical training for six months to prepare for the swimsuit competition.

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The talent portion Wednesday night included a segment by Miss City Lights Ivy DelPox, who performed "Duelin' Banjos" on the fiddle while a guitarist played along. Miss Collierville Mandi Welt performed a baton routine to the song "Proud Mary."

Miss MTSU Kaylon Sisk, 19, of Winchester, performed "Downtown" while Miss MTSU Blue Raider Hollie Harris danced to "Son of a Preacher Man." Harris, 23, of Gallatin, is a senior history and political science major at MTSU.

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Two Paul and Martha Meek Awards were presented at the May commencement at the University of Tennessee Martin. The Meek Award is a cash award given to graduating seniors who demonstrate qualities of leadership. The award is made possible by the children of Paul and Martha Meek. Pictured with Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs, center, are Josh Isbell, left, of Collierville; and Eric Lipford, of Alamo. Isbell received a bachelor of science in criminal justice. He interned with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation in Jackson during the spring semester. Lipford received a bachelor of arts with a major in psychology and minor in music. Lipford has served as the pianist, vocalist and production manager for Four Fold LLC, Scotts Hill, since 2005.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Nora Dixon, of Jackson, received a degree in civil engineering May 15 at the University of Tennessee at Martin spring commencement ceremony and will enter the job market. With her are Sarah Dixon, Meg Kelly and Matt Kelley.
Maj. Gen. Mike Maloan of Martin, a University of Tennessee Martin alumnus, and his wife, Sharon, were among veterans who attended the university’s 10th annual Memorial Day Commemoration on May 28. Sgt. Cole Turner Champion, of Huntingdon, a UT Martin student, was guest speaker. Veterans in attendance were recognized. The UT Martin Department of Public Safety and members of the Martin Police Department also honored area veterans with a gun salute. Maloan currently serves as the deputy adjutant general, third in command of the Army Tennessee National Guard. He received a direct commission in 1988 in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps. Before he received his commission, he served as an enlisted member of the 164th Support Squadron, Tennessee Air National Guard. Maloan is presiding judge and chancellor of the 27th Judicial District, which includes Weakley and Obion counties.

UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes listens as Lt. Col. Angela Odom, professor of military science, speaks during the Memorial Day observance May 28.

Justin Gilbert, left, and Cody Wood, both of Scotts Hill, have been classmates since entering the seventh grade. They were together again among graduates at the University of Tennessee at Martin spring commencement ceremony. Each received a degree in accounting. Wood will enter the job market, while Gilbert will pursue an MBA at UT Martin.
Sgt. Cole Turner Champion of Huntingdon, a University of Tennessee Martin student, speaks May 28 at UT Martin’s Memorial Day commemoration. Also pictured are, from left, Lt. Col. Angela Odom, UT Martin professor of military science; UT Martin Chancellor Tom Rakes; Cpt. Daniel Evans, of Jackson, Tennessee Army National Guard officer recruiter, who served as master of ceremonies; Staff Sgt. Chuck Sadler, of Union City, Tennessee Army National Guard recruiter, who gave the invocation and benediction; and Dr. Robert Mancusi, assistant professor of music, who performed the national anthem.

Sgt. Cole Turner Champion speaks at UT Martin’s Memorial Day commemoration. Area veterans in attendance were recognized. The UT Martin Department of Public Safety and members of the Martin Police Department also honored area veterans with a gun salute. Champion completed basic training and military job training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and Fort Huachuca, Ariz., respectively. He completed one semester at UT Martin before being deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He served in Iraq until July 2009. He then returned to UT Martin in fall 2009 to continue his education.

The Tennessee National Guard presents the colors before the Memorial Day commemoration at JT Martin.

Matt Garrett, of Brownsville, received a degree in graphic design May 15 from the University of Tennessee at Martin and plans to find a job in his field in Nashville. He is pictured with his parents, Barbara and Harold Garrett.
Two local businessmen graduate from WestStar

Kevin Herrell and Jody Kizer, of Obion County, were recently honored for completing the WestStar Leadership Program sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin.

UT Martin's WestStar program — created in 1989 to serve the 21 counties of West Tennessee by providing leadership development and training for selected participants — now has more than 580 graduates in its 21st year.

The program identifies and educates people to assume leadership responsibilities in the economic and social development of West Tennessee. Class members participate in a series of seminars designed to provide information about major issues facing West Tennessee, a spokesman said.

Seminars feature different speakers who focus on subjects that go hand-in-hand with leadership and community progress issues such as education, health care, community growth and development and leadership skills. WestStar graduates already hold key leadership positions throughout the state in every West Tennessee county.

Herrell is the owner of Higher Ground Coffee Co. and the Growth Coach of Northwest Tennessee.

Kizer is the northwest regional president of First Citizens National Bank in Union City.

He has served on numerous committees for the Obion County Chamber of Commerce and is currently the chamber's president.

Herrell is a graduate of Leadership Obion County.

Kizer is a member of the Tennessee Bankers Association Young Bankers board of directors; and is a member of the West Tennessee Area Executive Council for the Boy Scouts of America.

In 2007, First Citizens National Bank recognized Kizer as the 2007 Northwest Loan Production Officer of the Year.

LET'S DO LUNCH — A luncheon was hosted recently for WestStar alumni in Weakley, Obion and Carroll counties by Lee Ann James and Al Oliver at the new Legacy restaurant in Union City. Among those attending were (front left, front row) Lisha Tuck, Hollie Holt, Bob Rutledge, (middle row) Jim Cooper, John Bucey, Tom Payne, Steve Holt, Jerry Brigance, Barbara Virgin, Ms. James, (back row) Ken Thorne, Charley Deal, Oliver and Marvin Flatt. The Weakley County WestStar alumni meet monthly to talk about things happening in the county. This month, Weakley County alumni invited WestStar alumni in Obion and Carroll counties to join them. Since it was the first Obion County WestStar alumni meeting, the group met in Union City.
Credit reports focus of seminar

What’s in a credit report? A free workshop offered by Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce, the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center and Tennessee Small Business Development Center will help participants find out.

The workshop, set for July 6 from 5:30-7 p.m., will instruct participants about information in a credit report, how to read it, how to maintain a good credit report and how to repair a credit report for small business success. The session will be held at the South Fulton Municipal Complex’s Harvey O. Vick Room at 700 Milton Counce Drive.

The instructor will be Denise Newton, UT Martin TSBD small business specialist. Her experience includes extensive financial statement analysis, portfolio analysis, strategic planning and business development.

She spent 10 years as a corporate/commercial lender for various commercial banks, specializing in small business lending, structuring and financing.

Seating is limited. Anyone interested may register online at http://www.utm.edu/departments/reed/register.php or by calling (731) 587-7333 or (731) 479-7029.

LOCAL RESIDENT HONORED AT UTM BANQUET – Emily Adams, of Martin, was recognized as a faculty scholar at the UTM’s College of Business and Global Affairs banquet. Presenting the award were Dr. Ernest Moser, right, dean of the College of Business and Global Affairs, and Dr. Michael Park, assistant professor of marketing.

LOCAL RESIDENT HONORED AT UTM BANQUET – Joseph Travis, of Martin, was recognized as a faculty scholar at UTM’s College of Business and Global Affairs banquet. Presenting the award were Dr. Ernest Moser, right, dean of the College of Business and Global Affairs, and Dr. Kattisak Phongphusolchit, assistant professor of management.

University of Tennessee at Martin recently hosted a reception for Clayton McWhorter (center) to meet some special students. McWhorter established the Clayton McWhorter Workshop Program at UT Martin in 1996. Since then, more than 340 students have benefited from his generosity. Pictured with McWhorter are some of the current recipients: Kala Crossno, a Somerville junior psychology major; KeVan Yarbrough, a Jackson sophomore education major; Jacob Malugh, a Culleoka sophomore pre-veterinary major; Sarah James, a Lewis County sophomore nursing major; Laura Campbell, a Spring Hill junior agriculture education major; Kinsley Toone, a Pulaski junior marketing major; Janessa Henderson, a Collectville sophomore English major; Amanda Daniel, a Memphis sophomore history major; and Michelle Abl, a Dickson junior health and human performance major.

UT MARTIN CADETS COMMISSIONED AS SECOND LIEUTENANT – Spencer Edwards (left), of Martin, and Joshua D. Rotger (right), of Greenfield, were recently commissioned into the United States Army as second lieutenant at the University of Tennessee at Martin. They were both spring graduates, with a Bachelor of University Studies.
UT Martin students claims public relations awards

Public relations and visual communication students in the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications received awards at the annual Public Relations Society of America Student Vox Awards competition sponsored by the Memphian chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA).

A group of public relations majors received a Vox Award for a research project conducted for the Country Pet Resort and Spa in Martin. Mary Unger and Tara Bea, both of Martin; Matt Byers, of Paris; Erica Davis, of Bells; Erin Larkin, of Bums; Josh Weiss, of Germantown; and Becca Wilkinson, of Old Hickory, were on the project.

Rebecca Alsop, of Prospect, received a Vox award for her UT Martin Public Relations Student Society of American chapter newsletter. Alsop also received a Gold Award for her Alpha Delta Pi brochure.

Danny Hussey, of Counce, received a Vox Award for his “UT Martin Recycles” viral Web video.

Brandy Hardy, of Clarksville, received a Gold Award for her UT Martin Vegetarian Society Newsletter.

A group of public relations, news editorial, and visual communication students received a Gold Award for a YouTube advertising campaign proposal created for the UT Martin Office of University Relations.

Weiss, of Germantown, Regina Emery, of Indian Mound; Ashley Strader Ballard, of Murfreesboro; David Deaton, of McKenzie; Brent Harris, of Martin; Reuben Harris, of Fayetteville; Laura McFall, of Cordova; and Kaylin Bishop, of Union City, worked on the campaign proposal.

Seminars planned for teachers interested in special education

The University of Tennessee at Martin College of Education and Behavioral Sciences will sponsor two seminars on special education on June 24. These seminars, in Room 207, Gooch Hall, are presented through the Graham Seminar Series.

The first seminar will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and is titled “What to Look For - What to Try.” This workshop will focus on strategies and intervention techniques that can be used with children who have been diagnosed or who are showing signs of a disability.

The second seminar will be from 1-4 p.m. and is titled “Toolkit for Special Educators.” This workshop will focus on various strategies that can be used with students with disabilities in general education or special education classroom settings.

Various behavior strategies, intervention techniques, and differentiated instruction topics will be presented and explored. Participants will create items that can be used in their classrooms when working with students with autism.

Teachers will leave the workshop with a toolkit of items and ideas that can be implemented in their classrooms to create a successful learning environment for all students.

The presenter is Laura Izzo, a support specialist for teachers of students with disabilities for the New York City Department of Education. She has a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and a master’s degree in literacy education. She holds advanced certification in teaching students with disabilities and school administration. She is also pursuing a doctorate at Long Island University. Her areas of specialization and research interests include behavioral modifications and working with individuals with autism.

Those planning to attend are asked to contact Kristy Crawford, administrative specialist, at 731-881-7125 or kcrawford@utm.edu.
FIRST STATE BANK DONATES TO WESTSTAR - First State recently supported the Regional Entrepreneurship & Economic Development Center, or Reed Center of Martin, TN. The Reed Center provides support to the economic development of rural northwest Tennessee. Pictured are (from left): Andy Page, regional president for First State Bank of Union City; Andrea Hughes, community bank president for First State Bank of Dresden; Sam Lewallen, community bank president for First State Bank of Martin; Tom Payne, chair for department of accounting, finance, economics, and political science for the University of Tennessee at Martin; John Clark, president/CEO for First State; Joe Brasher, community bank president for First State Bank of Sharon; and Tony Gregory, chief banking officer for First State.

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GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES – High school students from across the state attending the seventh Tennessee Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences (TGSAS) at the University of Tennessee at Martin had the opportunity to travel to Nashville for a variety of activities. They took part in a presentation to Gov. Phil Bredesen to honor his vision, leadership and support of the governor's school. Commissioner of Agriculture Ken Givens accepted the award on his behalf from Dr. Joey Mehlihorn, UT Martin TGSAS director. Pictured are, from left, Terry Oliver, deputy commissioner of agriculture; Givens; Rep. Stratton Bone, House Agriculture Committee chair; Mehlihorn, also a UT Martin professor of agricultural economics; and Dr. Jerry Grasham, UT Martin Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources chair and College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences interim dean. Students also toured the state capitol and visited with Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey and other legislators, toured the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation headquarters in Columbia and toured the Nashville Sounds Stadium and learned about turf management. They capped the day by visiting Ellington Agriculture Center in Nashville and toured the Agriculture Museum. While on the UT Martin campus, students will be involved in research, living laboratories and study opportunities and will expand their knowledge of food, genetics, agriculture, veterinary science, engineering and the sustainable use of renewable natural resources. TGSAS is staffed by faculty from UT Martin with guest presenters from throughout the United States.

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Holder receives two higher education technology awards

UT MARTIN EMPLOYEE RECEIVES AWARD - Holder, right, was presented the 2010 Merit Award from SunGard Higher Education at a conference in April and the 2010 Distinguished Service Award at the Tennessee Higher Education Information Technology conference.

Larry Holder, University of Tennessee at Martin Information Technology Services application developer and database administrator, recently received two awards.

The 2010 Merit Award from SunGard Higher Education was presented to Holder, right, at the 2010 SunGard Summit conference in April, in recognition of his contributions to the Community Source Initiative.

He currently serves as a charter member of the board of directors, as well as the leader of the Banner Technical Review Committee. He was invited to become an early participant in the initiative by Jack Kramer, SunGard Higher Education vice president, who presented the award.

Holder also received the 2010 Distinguished Service Award at the annual conference for Tennessee Higher Education Information Technology, held at Fall Creek Falls State Park.

This award recognizes one person each year, who has contributed significantly to the progress of information technology across the state.

Holder has been instrumental in the statewide implementation of the Banner student information system, sharing knowledge and advice with the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Knoxville and Memphis campuses, as well as with many of the public universities under the umbrella of the Tennessee Board of Regents, including Tennessee Tech, the University of Memphis and Jackson State Community College.

Holder has been employed at UT Martin for the past 22 years of his 28-year career in the profession.

Ogg, Virgin graduates from WestStar program

Jerald Ogg and Barbara Virgin recently were honored for completing the WestStar Leadership Program sponsored by UT Martin.

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Ogg is the vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

He is a member of the Weakley County Advisory Board for Lifeline Blood Services. He previously served as president of the Martin Parent-Teacher Organization and coached 16 girls softball teams over a 12-year period.

On June 30, 2009, Ogg retired with the rank of colonel from the U.S. Air Force, where he was an officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps.

He has received the UT National Alumni Association Outstanding Teaching Award and the UT Martin Outstanding Educator Award along with several honors from the U.S. Air Force.

Virgin is the executive director of the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce.

She is chairman of the education advisory committee and involved with the Weakley County Reading Railroad. Some of Virgin's honors include certification and charter membership in the West Tennessee Master Gardener program and completion of Leadership Obion County program.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS - Representatives of the University of Tennessee Federal Credit Union recently presented a $5,000 check to the University of Tennessee at Martin for the Scholarship Assistance Fund. The funds are derived from the UTFCU Campus Support Program, introduced in 1996. This program allows the credit union to give back a portion of income from the credit and debit card programs to the university communities that are members. Jeanna Swafford, left, interim assistant vice chancellor for development; Debbie Jones, UTFCU chief executive officer and Gail White, UTFCU board of directors chair, presented the check.
Cates named Extended Campus/Online Studies Executive Director

Dr. Tommy Cates, interim director, recently was named as the executive director of the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies. Cates, who received a bachelor's degree from UT Martin and master's degree and doctorate from University of Memphis, previously served as director of UT Online at UT Martin since 2001. He joined the UT Martin faculty as an assistant professor of management in 1983.

"Dr. Cates is widely respected as one of the South's pioneers in online education; he also has an impressive history of scholarship and a record of outreach and entrepreneurship that fits our extended campus mission well," said Dr. Jerald Ogg, vice chancellor for academic affairs. "He has done an excellent job in an interim capacity, and I look forward to his continued contributions to the academic affairs leadership team."

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UT Martin Names Local Students to Spring Semester Dean's List

MARTIN - The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Spring 2010 Dean's Lists for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global Affairs, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

To be eligible for dean's list recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the dean's list with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

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ATWOOD: Jeremy M. Caldwell, Highest Honors; Jennifer Gibson, High Honors; Melanie C. Hickerson, Honors; Jay A. Lusk, Honors.

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High Honors: Whitney N. Higdon, High Honors; Allison P. McGuire, Highest Honors.

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HOLLOW ROCK: Lindsey M. Anderson, High Honors; Patrick A. Bishop, High Honors; Tiffany L. Cathey, Highest Honors; Logan R. King, High Honors; Debbie R. Purdie, Honors; Allison J. Simmons, High Honors; Emily A. Uderich, High Honors.

HUNTINGDON: Diana L. Aldayturriaga, Honors; Ashley E. Anderson, Highest Honors; Russell T. Anderson, Honors; Timothy E. Bond, Honors; Jennifer K. Brooks, High Honors; Jessica L. Carlton, Highest Honors; Courtney P. Cockrell, High Honors; Derek A. Collins, Honors; Whitney L. DePriest, High Honors; Benjamin A. Dempsey, Honors; Jacob E. Edwards, Highest Honors; Morgan L. Fields, Honors; Troy D. Garrison, Highest Honors; Valerie C. Hatch, Honors; Ellen Lee A. Haynes, High Honors; Justin B. Johns, Honors; Lawson R. Johns, High Honors; Derek R. Kelley, Honors; Julie M. Kelley, High Honors; Colton L. Laman, High Honors; Jennifer M. McDowell, Highest Honors; Jeremy R. McQuesten, High Honors; Katie E. O'Malley, Highest Honors; Jamie M. Pritchard, Honors; Jessica L. Pritchard, High Honors; Cody C. Rainey, Highest Honors; Timothy A. Roberts, Honors; Matt T. Simpson, Honors; William C. Spellings, Honors; Lisa E. Stokes, Highest Honors; Jacob R. Todd, Honors; Dusty A. Tucker, Honors.

MCKENZIE: Kimberly L. Baskin, Highest Honors; Nicholas R. Bryant, High Honors; Rachel L. Chandler, Highest Honors; Laken B. Comer, Honors; Michael D. Deaton, Honors; Samantha G. Doster, Highest Honors; Christopher A. Eaton, High Honors; Colton L. Eaton, Honors; Ryan A. French, High Honors; Elaine C. Haw, Highest Honors; Mason A. Hinton, Honors; Clinton D. Hoard, Honors; David K. Hochreiter, Honors; Paul T. Horton, High Honors; Chelsea M. Mathen, Honors; Jamie D. Mills, High Honors; Lauren E. Perritt, High Honors; Justin J. Petering, High Honors; Angela V. Ramsey, Highest Honors; Sierra R. Reeves, High Honors; Travis R. Russell, Honors; Kaley C. Schmetzer, Highest Honors; Lauren E. Scott, High Honors; Vickie Sinn, Honors; Rynn G. Snead, Highest Honors; Jilian L. Stafford, High Honors; Heather L. Weirs, High Honors.

MCLEMORESVILLE: Anna R. Kelly, High Honors; Daralyn Martin, Honors.

TREZvant: Dorothy R. Hobson, High Honors; Christina L. Williamson, Highest Honors.

WESTPORT: Cody A. Jacobs, High Honors.

YUMA: Angela F. Bledsoe, Honors; Michael W. Bledsoe, Honors; Anthony G. Boss, Honors; Seth K. McDaniel, Honors.

Photo: University of Tennessee Federal Credit Union donates to UT Martin

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The Messenger

The press release states that the University of Tennessee Federal Credit Union recently presented a $5,000 check to the University of Tennessee at Martin for the Scholarship Assistance Fund. The funds are derived from the UTFCU Campus Support Program, introduced in 1998. This program allows the credit union to give back a portion of income from the credit and debit card programs to the university communities that are members: Joanna Swafford, left, interim assistant vice chancellor for development; Debbie Jones, UTFCU chief executive officer and Gale White, UTFCU board of directors chair, presented the check.
MARTIN - A luncheon was hosted recently for WestStar alumni in Weakley, Obion and Carroll counties at the new Legacy restaurant in Union City by Lee Ann James and Al Oliver. Pictured from left to right are, back row, Ken Thorne, Charley Deal, Al Oliver and Marvin Platt; middle row, Jim Cooper, John Buyc, Tom Payne, Steve Holt, Jerry Brigance, Barbara Virgin and Lee Ann James; and front row, Lisha Tuck, Hollie Holt and Bob Rutledge. The Weakley County WestStar alumni meet monthly to talk about things happening in the county. This month, Weakley invited WestStar alumni in Obion and Carroll counties to join them. Since it was the first Obion County WestStar alumni meeting, the group met in Union City.

Dominique Bells (right) of Cordova recently attended Summer Orientation and Registration at the University of Tennessee at Martin. A Cordova High School graduate, Bells will attend UT Martin in the fall. Dominique attended the event with her parents, Michael and Susan Neal.
DHS's Decker named Outstanding High School Math/Science Teacher

Tuesday, June 22, 2010
Dyersburg State Gazette
Dyersburg High School Advanced Chemistry teacher Kim Decker was recently very pleasantly surprised to find she had been named Outstanding High School Math/Science Teacher by the University of Tennessee at Martin's Sigma Xi Chapter. "I had no idea I had been nominated," said Decker. "It was a nice honor. There was a very nice banquet on the campus. You work hard for so many years and there are not so many honors for teachers. It was very nice to be recognized."

Decker, who began teaching in 1987, credits both her first mentors and her current colleagues with her successful career as an educator.

"I was very fortunate," said Decker. "I had some very good mentors through the years. Diann Austin in Obion was the biggest influence on me. Her emphasis was to stay on top of what students needed to know when they walk in the doors to a classroom in college. That's how she taught me to teach."

Being a part of a hardworking team is another benefit of working at DHS.

"The science department that I am in now, they are great to work with," said Decker. "I feel like we have a strong science department. We communicate a lot. We share a lot. I'm very blessed. That makes your job easier when you are surrounded by other professionals."

The Advanced Chemistry course at DHS is a very difficult course, but Decker expects her students to succeed in spite of its challenges. Conquering the course provides both credit and confidence for DHS students.

"The course is very challenging," said Decker. "The kids say, 'It's hard. You make us think too much!' But my goal, truly, is for them to enter a chemistry class wherever they choose to attend and not feel like they can't be successful. I want them to feel like they are capable. That's one of the nicest compliments you can get, when a student comes back from college and says, 'Hey, Mrs. Decker! I'm doing so good!' That's better than any award."
ADAM SANDOR EARN S DEGREE- Adam Sandor of Milan graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin, May 15, 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Graphic Design. He graduated Cum Laude. Adam graduated from Bradford High School in 2006. He is the son of Daniel and Dolly Sandor of Milan. Adam is the grandson of Glenn and the late Haie Bloodworth of Milan and the grandson of Don and Claudia Sandor of Mentor, Ohio. He was a founding father of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, Kappa Psi Chapter at UTM. He is a Life Loyal Sig. Adam has been accepted by the University of Tennessee (Knoxville) to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art Education.

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University of Tennessee at Martin recently hosted a reception for Clayton McWhorter (center) to meet some special students. McWhorter established the Clayton McWhorter Workshop Program at UT Martin in 1996. Since then, more than 340 students have benefited from his generosity. Pictured with McWhorter are some of the current recipients: Kala Crossno, a Somerville junior psychology major; Ke'Van Yarbrough, a Jackson sophomore education major; Jacob Malugin, a Culleoka sophomore pre-veterinary major; Sarah James, a Lewis County sophomore nursing major; Laura Campbell, a Spring Hill junior agriculture education major; Kinsley Toone, a Pulaski junior marketing major; Janessa Henderson, a Collierville sophomore English major; Amanda Daniel, a Memphis sophomore history major; and Michelle Abt, a Dickson junior health and human performance major.

DRESDEN ENTERPRISE, Dresden, Tennessee, Wednesday, June 23, 2010

First State supports REED Center

First State recently supported the Regional Entrepreneurship & Economic Development Center, or REED Center of Martin. The Reed Center provides support to the economic development of rural northwest Tennessee. Pictured are (left to right): Andy Page, regional president for First State Bank of Union City; Andrea Hughes, community bank president for First State Bank of Dresden; Sam Lewallen, community bank president for First State Bank of Martin; Tom Payne, chair for department of accounting, finance, economics, and political science for the University of Tennessee at Martin; John Clark, president/CEO for First State; Joe Brasher, community bank president for First State Bank of Sharon; and Tony Gregory, chief banking officer for First State.
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Virgin is the executive director of the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce. She is also the program director for both Leadership Weakley County and First State Youth Leadership Weakley County.

Virgin is the Weakley County compliance director for the Governor's Three Star Program, a member of the Weakley County Economic Development Board, the Weakley County Health Council, Education Foundation and the West Tennessee Drug Alliance program. She serves on the steering committees for the Adult Education Center Advisory Board, the Weakly and Obion County Drug Court Program and Local P-16/Tennessee Scholars Program. She is chairman of the education advisory committee and involved with the Weakley County Reading Railroad. Some of Virgin's honors include certification and charter membership in the West Tennessee Master Gardener program and completion of Leadership Obion County program.

Pictured are, from left, seated, Dr. Cahit Erkal, Elizabeth A. Abernathy, Ashish J. Patel, of Columbia; Dr. S.K. Airre; Dr. Nancy B. Jackson; Adam R. Travis, of Woodlawn; Dr. Charles "Rick" Thomas; Dr. Robbie Montgomery; and Dr. Richard J. Helgeson; second row, Kayla M. Baker, of Troy; Dahlia Haddad, of Martin; Sarah Griffin, of Lebanon; Kayla A. Poindexter, of Murfreesboro; Punam Patel, of Martin; Marcelina Glover, of Bartlett; and Dr. Nancy Hinds; third row, Lee Elliott, of Martin; Thomas Hester, of Martin; Robert Mitchell, of Martin; Gilbert Forgays, of Clarksville; Dr. Robert L. Hartshorn; Dr. Isaac Stayton; Corey Jones, of Linden; Joe Cook, of Cordova; and James Griffin, of Lexington.

The 33rd Annual Area Collegiate Chemistry Meeting, hosted by Student Members of the American Chemical Society (SMACS), was held at the University of Tennessee at Martin on April 10. American Chemical Society president-elect and manager of the International Chemical Threat Reduction Department in the Global Security Center at Sandia National Laboratories, Dr. Nancy B. Jackson, was the keynote speaker on the topic "Chemistry in the Global Context."
Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences

Pictured are, from left, Terry Oliver, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture; Givens; Rep. Stratton Bone, House Agriculture Committee chair; Mehilhorn, also a UT Martin Professor of Agricultural Economics; and Dr. Jerry Gresham, UT Martin Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources Chair and College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Interim Dean.

High school students from across the state attending the seventh Tennessee Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences (TGSAS) at the University of Tennessee at Martin had the opportunity to travel to Nashville for a variety of activities. They took part in a presentation to Gov. Phil Bredesen to honor his vision, leadership and support of the governor's school. Commissioner of Agriculture Ken Givens accepted the award on his behalf from Dr. Joey Mehilhorn, UT Martin TGSAS director.

Students also toured the state capitol and visited with Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey and other legislators, toured the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation headquarters in Columbia and toured the Nashville Sounds Stadium and learned about turf management. They capped the day by visiting Ellington Agriculture Center in Nashville and toured the Agriculture Museum.

While on the UT Martin campus, students will be involved in research, living laboratories and study opportunities and will expand their knowledge of food, genetics, agriculture, veterinary science, engineering and the sustainable use of renewable natural resources. TGSAS is staffed by faculty from UT Martin with guest presenters from throughout the United States.

Student receives scholarship to attend UTM

A Weakley County student has been awarded a scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Candice McAlister, daughter of Cindy Bright of Dresden and John McAlister of Orlando, Florida, will be a freshman. She received the Harold Conner Scholarship.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, TN 38238. In-state residents telephone 800-829-UTM1; out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.

Community snapshots

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Philip Ezell (center) of Alcoa was recently recognized as a faculty scholar at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Global Affairs banquet. Presenting the award were Dr. Ernest Moore (right), dean of the College of Business and Global Affairs, and Dr. Brandon Kilburn, assistant professor of management.
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Driver graduates from UTM

Myron Andrew Driver II, son of Myron and Marilyn Driver of Dyersburg, graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin with a Bachelor of Science and Business Administration degree in finance and management.

He is the grandson of Almeda Burnett of Covington, the late Frank Burnett and the late Bum B. and Juanita Driver.
‘What’s in Credit Report/How to Maintain Good Report’ topic of free seminar

What’s in a credit report? A free workshop offered by Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce, the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center and Tennessee Small Business Development Center will help you find out.

Planned for 5:30-7:00 p.m., July 6, the workshop will instruct participants about information in a credit report, how to read it, how to maintain a good credit report and how to repair a credit report for small business success. The session will be in the South Fulton City Hall Harvey Vick Room, 700 Milton Counce Drive.

Instructor will be Denise Newton, UT Martin TSBD small business specialist. Newton’s experience includes extensive financial statement analysis, portfolio analysis, strategic planning and business development. She spent 10 years as a corporate/commercial lender for various commercial banks specializing in small business lending, structuring and financing.

Seating is limited. Register at http://www.utm.edu/departments/reed/register.php or call 731-587-7333 or 731-479-7029.

UT Martin’s Powell fourth runner-up, Hatcher semifinalist in Miss Tennessee Pageant

University of Tennessee at Martin students claimed honors in the 2010 Miss Tennessee Pageant. Hannah-Wade Powell was fourth runner-up, Taren Hatcher was among the semifinalists, and Loren Dean, Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival won the Tennessee Miracle Maker Award for raising the most money for the Children’s Miracle Network. The weeklong competition ended Saturday night at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson.

Powell, of Alamo, Miss Rhythm of Nashville, also won the swimsuit competition Wednesday night. She is a former Miss Tennessee Pageant top 10 finalist in 2009 and semifinalist in 2008 and a former Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival in 2009. Powell, 21, is a criminal justice major.

Hatcher, of Greenfield, Miss UT Martin, was among the 12 semifinalists announced Saturday night’s competition. Hatcher, 20, is an education major.

Dean, 19, of Brighton, is a student at Mississippi State University.

“These young ladies did exceptionally well as they represented our university and community with outstanding spirit. I feel like it is a true honor for UT Martin to be represented so well, and we are forming a great name for ourselves throughout the state,” said Hollie Holt, Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant director.

Young Scholars Academy set for July 10-17

A select group of 60 West Tennessee high school junior and senior students will attend a week-long summer residential program that will expose them to the rigor of college life. Thee students will participate in academic and social growth and development activities, July 10-17, at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Young Scholars Academy.

“This year’s theme is ‘Creative and Innovative Problem Solving for Today’s Youth.’ It is my hope that through challenging learning experiences, these students will return to their home schools with a greater awareness of how to learn and a better understanding of deep learning regardless of the subject matter,” said Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Students will improve their skills and abilities in mass media/communications, English composition, critical reading and writing, elocution, etiquette and becoming an entrepreneur. Additionally, students will increase their knowledge in health care and will participate in recreational and leisure activities to promote healthy lifestyle choices.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Student Affairs at 731-881-7710.

Local university to raise tuition

By Web Editor - Michael Vick
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MARTIN, Tenn. - Expect to pay more at the University of Tennessee - Martin this fall.

The UT system board of trustees approved a nine percent in-state tuition increase for students during the board’s annual meeting in Knoxville tonight.

In-state tuition and fees, including the new tuition rate, will now cost undergraduate students $3,005 per semester.

Out-of-state undergrad tuition will cost $9,300 per semester.

UT - Martin Chancellor Dr. Tom Rakes said the increase will enable the university to keep its high level of academic excellence and personalized student services, while keeping tuition levels well below other states.
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STUDENT RECOGNIZED — The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Communications recently held its annual Communications Day to honor the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. Emily Ulderich of Hollow Rock received the Tennessee Association of Broadcasters Award, presented to her by Dr. Gary Steinke, associate professor of communications. Miss Ulderich is the daughter of Tom and Mary Margaret Ulderich of Hollow Rock. Her grandparents are Jess and Betty Whitesides of Troy and Ed and Jenny Ulderich of Hollow Rock. The keynote speaker for the banquet at UT Martin was Gene Policinski, vice president and executive director of the First Amendment Center in Nashville.
UT reaches $1 billion campaign for Tennessee goal ahead of schedule; Anderson gift puts UT over the top in campaign

The Campaign for Tennessee, the most ambitious fundraising effort in the 216-year history of the University of Tennessee, has reached its $1 billion goal 18 months ahead of schedule.

While the campaign’s official end is not until December 2011, a total of $1,023,331,880 already has been committed.

“This monumental success of reaching our goal early is a grand statement by our alumni and friends that they believe in the work of our faculty and leadership as well as the importance of the University of Tennessee in their lives and in the future of our state,” said UT Interim President Jan Simek.

The campaign’s success places UT among an elite group of only 28 public universities that have successfully completed fundraising campaigns of at least $1 billion, according to the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

“We’re proud that our donors enabled UT Martin to exceed our campaign goal,” said Dr. Tom Rakes, UT Martin chancellor.

“This has made it possible to proceed with another increased amount exceeding $50 million for the UT Martin portion of the Campaign for Tennessee.”

In March, UT Martin announced reaching $43 million, making it the first campus in the UT System to meet its campaign goal, not once, but twice.

The gift that put the campaign over the top came from the family of UT Board of Trustees member Charles C. Anderson Jr., CEO of Anderson Media Corp., and his wife, Moll, an author; lifestyle, marketing and communications expert; and TV host. They live in Knoxville.

In recognizing the Andersons’ generosity, the University is naming the College of Business Administration’s Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation in their honor.

The newly-named Anderson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation houses a unique and vibrant program with incredible interest by students and faculty with a goal of establishing future business that will positively impact the economy in the region.

The gift also has established the Moll R. Anderson Scholarship Endowment to provide scholarships for single parents with special consideration given to parents whose children participate in the Boys and Girls Clubs.

So far, more than 98,000 donors have given to the Campaign for Tennessee. More than 11,000 current and retired faculty and staff have donated $70.5 million as part of the family campaign led by UT President Emeritus Joe Johnson.

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"Mississippi in the Civil War: The Home Front" (University Press of Mississippi) is the first book since 1943 to examine the state's civilian populace during the Civil War. Author Timothy B. Smith, University of Tennessee at Martin lecturer of history, considers the dual paradigm of Mississippi's Civil War defeat from both outward and inward sources.

Coming from the outside, Mississippi's military defeat and devastation was complete, with the Union army literally dismantling the state's political system, infrastructure, economy and war effort.

The state saw extensive military operations, destruction and fighting within her borders, with one of the most destructive of all Confederate military defeats taking place at Vicksburg after one of the largest campaigns of the war.

Yet even while the Confederate forces, the means of fighting the war and the state itself were being overwhelmed militarily, there was a similar inward decline taking place.

The people of the state, realizing that the enemy could run rampant over its entire territory, soon began to lose the will to continue the effort.

Many white Confederates chose to go back into the Union rather than see more destruction come about in an effort to win a victory that probably was not within grasp anyway. With the tide turning,

Unionists and African Americans became bold in their effort to defeat the Confederacy. The result was a state totally defeated in its efforts to break away from the United States and one that suffered the consequences far into the future.

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Smith, of Adamsville, is the author of several books, including "The Untold Story of Shiloh: The Battle and Battlefield" and "Champion Hill: Decisive Battle for Vicksburg."

UTM students place in Miss Tenn. pageant

University of Tennessee at Martin students claimed honors in the 2010 Miss Tennessee Pageant. Hannah-Wade Powell was fourth runnerup, Taren Hatcher was among the semifinalists; and Loren Dean, Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival won the Tennessee Miracle Maker Award for raising the most money for the Children's Miracle Network. The weeklong competition ended Saturday night at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson.

Powell, of Alamo, Miss Rhythm of Nashville, also won the swimsuit competition Wednesday night. She is a former Miss Tennessee Pageant top 10 finalist in 2009 and semifinalist in 2008 and a former Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival in 2009. Powell, 21, is a criminal justice major.

Hatcher, of Greenfield, Miss UT Martin, was among the 12 semifinalists announced at Saturday night's competition. Hatcher, 20, is an education major.

Dean, 19, of Brighton, is a student at Mississippi State University.

"These young ladies did exceptionally well as they represented our university and community with outstanding spirit. I feel like it is a true honor for UT Martin to be represented so well, and we are forming a great name for ourselves throughout the state," said Hollie Holt, Miss UT Martin/Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant director.
Local YSA set for July 10-17

A select group of 60 West Tennessee high school junior and senior students will attend a week-long summer residential program that will expose them to the rigors of college life.

The students will participate in academic and social growth and development activities, July 10-17, at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Young Scholars Academy.

This year’s theme is “Creative and Innovative Problem Solving for Today’s Youth.” It is my hope that through challenging learning experiences, these students will return to their home schools with a greater awareness of how to learn and a better understanding of deep learning regardless of the subject matter,” said Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs. Students will improve their skills and abilities in mass media/communications, English composition, critical reading and writing, elocution, etiquette and becoming an entrepreneur.

Additionally, students will increase their knowledge in health care and will participate in recreational and leisure activities to promote healthy lifestyle choices.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Student Affairs at 731-881-7710.

The University of Tennessee at Martin celebrated the accomplishments of its graduates at the “Grand Finale Celebration and Senior Walk.” More than 550 graduates took the opportunity to say goodbye to classmates, faculty and staff. Sarah Jaszewski, Josh Isbell and Austin Cardosi joined classmates at the event.
Doug Roth, center, of Jackson, received the C.P. Boyd Leadership Award at the recent graduation of the WestStar Leadership Class of 2010 in Jackson. Making the presentation are Keith Carver, left, 2009 award recipient, and Charley Deal, executive director of WestStar. Roth is the vice president and regional division manager for BancorpSouth in Jackson. He serves as a Madison County commissioner in District 10 and is the newly appointed chairman-elect for 2010 of the Tennessee Bankers Association Trust Committee Board. He is a member of Ayers Children’s Medical Center Advisory Board and Leadership University, where he serves as a seminar instructor. Roth is also the chairman of the endowment and trust committee for the Exchange Club-Carl Perkins Center. The University of Tennessee at Martin sponsors WestStar. Celebrating its 21st anniversary, WestStar is the state’s oldest and largest regional leadership program.

Josh Ulrich of Collierville was among graduates who participated in the University of Tennessee at Martin spring commencement. He received a degree in natural resources management.
Paris TN: Collegiate fishermen invade Paris Landing State Park

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The fishing team from the University of Nebraska took an early Day 1 lead Thursday at the BoatU.S. Collegiate Bass Fishing Open tournament at Kentucky Lake with a combined weight of 43.84 pounds.

But local teams from Murray State University, the University of Tennessee at Martin and Bethel University are hot on the trail and within striking distance of winning the two-day tournament which ends today.

After a hot first day that was both taxing on the anglers and trying on the fish, Nebraska holds a lead of less than a pound over Murray State's first team at 43.11 pounds.

UT Chattanooga came in third with 41.96 pounds, Eastern Kentucky University was fourth with 40.42 pounds and Southeast Missouri State University rounded out the top five at 39.3 pounds.

Murray State's second team came in sixth with 38.9 pounds, Austin Peay State University was seventh with 38.02 pounds and Bethel was 12th with a 32.4-pound day. UT Martin had a team finish 16th with 26.52 pounds.

The unique tournament format allows each university to send as many teams as they like. A team may consist of up to six anglers and three boats.

The full field competes both days and the winners are determined by the combined weight of each team's two heaviest boat weights each day. For clubs that are only able to send one boat, the single boat weight will be doubled each day.

For fish conservation reasons because of the heat, takeoff was changed to 5:30 a.m. and the first flight check-in time was changed to 2:30 p.m.

The anglers also were allowed to weigh a portion or all of their catch beginning at noon in order to protect the health of the fish and to avoid fish care penalties.

Nebraska angler Chris Riemers will work with Kyle Baraneczy today to try to seal the deal.

"I've looked forward to fishing Kentucky Lake my entire life, now I want to move here," Baraneczy said. "I've watched bass tournaments and TV fishing shows filmed on Kentucky Lake for years. I'm awestruck and I can't believe we're leading."

Not far off the lead, teams from Murray State will try to keep momentum from the first day rolling to vault into a Day 2 victory.

Boat consisting of Dan Langton and Therion Shaw used a variety of baits and spots to catch a five-fish limit.

"Each spot you have to approach differently with a different bait," Langton said.

Although the team fishes Kentucky Lake regularly, they don't view it as much of a home lake advantage to have the tournament here because they are fishing spots they've never fished before.

"It should be another hot day (today), we're going to bring our sunscreen and go back to the same spots and see what we can do," Langton said.

Shaw said the team would need to do just as well or just a little bit better to win it today.

Another hometown team features a Paris-grown fisherman in Jacob Hardy from Bethel. He joins Union City's Jake Lawrence and McKenzie's Jason Arnold to form Bethel's three-man squad that sits in 12th.

"We had a pretty good day and have high expectations for (today)," Lawrence said. "We left 'em biting," Hardy added.

The team is aiming for 18-20 pounds a boat to win the tournament today, and it's a goal the team thinks is within reach.

"There's a lot of high expectations because we're a local team, but they're biting good," Hardy said. "Keeping them alive is a little harder on us because of the heat."

UT Martin angler Kerry Browning said the water was a little choppy early Thursday but calmed out later.

Grayson Smith of UT Martin said the team was a little disappointed in its finish, but it could have been worse.

"We expected to do better because we go to school so close," UT Martin angler Kevin Shorey said. "But we're going to get out there (today) and do what we can to get back in it."
UT Martin names local students to spring semester Dean's List

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Students from New Johnsonville are Holly E. Forrest, Highest Honors; Ashley M. Mulinax, Highest Honors; and Steven P. Stewart, Highest Honors.

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In March, UT Martin announced reaching $43 million, making it the first campus in the UT System to meet its campaign goal, not once, but twice.

The gift that put the campaign over the top came from the family of UT Board of Trustees member Charles C. Anderson Jr., CEO of Anderson Media Corp., and his wife, Moll, an author, lifestyle, marketing and communications expert, and TV host. They live in Knoxville.

In recognizing the Andersons’ generosity, the University is naming the College of Business Administration’s Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation in their honor. The newly-named Anderson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation houses a unique and vibrant program with incredible interest by students and faculty with a goal of establishing future business that will positively impact the economy in the region.

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