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## University welcomes Dr. Keith Carver as 10th chancellor, kicks off 'Cruisin' with Carver' regional tour

Dr. Keith Carver, newly-appointed UT Martin chancellor, began his official duties Jan. 3. One of his first priorities is to meet faculty, staff and students at the five UT Martin centers in Jackson, Parsons, Ripley, Selmer and Somerville, as well as donors, alumni, potential students and members of the working media across West Tennessee.

A "Cruisin' with Carver" tour began with a Jan. 5 trip to Nashville and will canvas the West Tennessee region throughout January and February. A variety of events and visits are planned for the duration of the tour, including alumni chapter meetings and visits to local high schools.

Each stop will include a public reception. Visit [utmforever.com/cruisin](http://utmforever.com/cruisin) for information on public events as details become available and to register intent to attend.

For more information on the "Cruisin' with Carver" tour schedule, contact Jackie Johnson, UT Martin associate director of alumni programs, at 731-881-7610 or by email at [jjohn253@utm.edu](mailto:jjohn253@utm.edu).



**WELCOME BACK, CARVER** – The UT Martin Office of the Chancellor hosted a "Welcome Back, Carver" reception Jan. 3 to welcome newly-appointed chancellor Dr. Keith Carver to campus for his first official day of work. Carver (left) is shown greeting Dr. Mahmoud Haddad, professor of finance, during the event. One of Carver's first priorities is to make connections with employees, current and potential students, community members, alumni and donors through the "Cruisin' with Carver" tour, which began in Nashville on Jan. 5.

### CRUISIN' WITH CARVER TOUR DATES

- Jan. 10 – Memphis
- Jan. 17 – Parsons
- Jan. 24 – Dyersburg
- Jan. 25 – Jackson
- Jan. 26 – Clarksville
- Feb. 2 – Selmer
- Feb. 15 – Union City
- Feb. 16 – Somerville
- Feb. 23 – Ripley



### Basketball and Bowties

The Skyhawk women's and men's basketball teams will face Southeast Missouri at 4 and 6 p.m., respectively, Jan. 14, in the Elam Center. A special tribute will be offered to welcome Dr. Keith Carver to his first home games as chancellor.

## YoUTMs



**Brian Johnson**, lecturer of psychology, is performing the role of Mr. Marks, a fabric salesman, in "Intimate Apparel" at the Market House Theatre in Paducah, Ky. Performances run Jan. 12-15 and 19-22. This is Johnson's ninth production with Market House Theatre and his 30th performance overall with community theatres in Northwest Tennessee and Western Kentucky. Ticket information can be found at [markethousetheatre.org/plays-events](http://markethousetheatre.org/plays-events).

## In Memory

Darlene Timberlake Sugg, of Dyersburg, passed away Dec. 28, 2016, at the age of 85. She was the wife of Bob Sugg, assistant professor emeritus of English, and a retired UT Martin employee. Sugg began working at UT Martin in September 1968 and retired in June 1994 after almost 26 years as a bookkeeper and secretary in UT Martin Food Services. Funeral services were held Dec. 31 in Dyersburg.

## WestStar Leadership Program opens 2017 session

UT Martin's WestStar Leadership Program will welcome its 2017 class with a session on agriculture and transportation, Jan. 12-13, featuring Weakley and Obion counties.

The WestStar Leadership Program, founded in 1989, is the oldest and largest regional leadership program in Tennessee and boasts 768 program alumni to date. Dr. Keith Carver, newly-appointed UT Martin chancellor and a 2009 WestStar graduate, will welcome the incoming cohort.

Seven additional sessions will take class members across the region to discuss topics of economic importance to the area. Those sessions include:

- Feb. 2-3: "Fundamentals of Economic Development: Building Communities from the Base Up"; Tipton and Haywood counties
- Feb. 23-24: "Health, Welfare and Social Consequences: The Humanity of Leadership"; Madison County
- March 14-15: "Public Policy Issues: What is Happening in Tennessee?"; Davidson County

• April 6-7: "Energy, Environment and Technology"; Crockett and Gibson counties

• May 18-19: "Building Partnerships for West Tennessee and Tourism"; Henry County

• June 8-9: "Taking Your Community Strengths and Making Them an Asset"; McNairy and Hardin counties

A graduation ceremony will be held June 20 in Jackson to celebrate the accomplishments of the 2017 class.

## Enhanced online security changes university payment processes beginning Feb. 1

The UT Martin Bursar's Office will begin accepting online credit and debit card payments through a third-party vendor, Touchnet, as of Feb. 1. Touchnet software allows the incorporation of enhanced security features for student payments, including the use of the three-digit security code located on the back of the credit or debit card and the logging of the IP address where the payment is made.

Credit and debit card payments can no longer be made directly to university personnel after Touchnet goes into effect Feb. 1. This includes payments for tuition and fees, parking, room and board, miscellaneous fees, etc. All payments must be made online, and computers will be available in all related

offices to facilitate this process.

Touchnet accepts credit cards by American Express, MasterCard, Discover and Visa. A service fee of 2.75 percent will be assessed on all credit card transactions. UT Martin has no control over this surcharge fee and does not receive any additional proceeds. Service fees are not considered part of a student's educational expenses and cannot be considered during the financial aid process.

UT Martin offers electronic check payments as an alternative to online credit and debit card payments at no additional cost. UT Martin will continue to honor cash and check payments as before.

For additional information, contact the UT Martin Bursar's Office at [bursar@utm.edu](mailto:bursar@utm.edu).

## Calendar

- **Jan. 10** - Cruisin' with Carver tour in Memphis
- **Jan. 12-18** - Late registration and advising
- **Jan. 12** - Spring classes begin
- **Jan. 14** - Women's basketball vs. Southeast Missouri; Elam Center; 4 p.m.; Basketball and Bowties event
- **Jan. 14** - Men's basketball vs. Southeast Missouri; Elam Center; 6 p.m.; Basketball and Bowties event
- **Jan. 16** - Holiday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day; no classes and administrative offices closed
- **Jan. 16** - Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Breakfast; Duncan Ballroom; 9 a.m.; invitation only
- **Jan. 18** - Last day to add classes or drop without record

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## UT Martin Parsons Center to celebrate 10th anniversary

The UT Martin Parsons Center will celebrate its 10-year anniversary Jan. 17 with special guest speakers and a visit from the university's new chancellor, Dr. Keith Carver.

A special event will be held from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Jan. 17, at the center. Local supporters Jim and Janet Ayers, co-founders of The Ayers Foundation and major donors to the center's West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation Nursing Wing, will be present as guest speakers alongside Carver.

The UT Martin Parsons Center offers courses toward degrees in nursing, education, criminal justice, social work, psychology, interdisciplinary studies, history and business close to home in the Decatur County area.

The event is open to the public, and alumni, community members, students, faculty and staff are invited to attend.



**CELEBRATING MILESTONES** – The UT Martin Parsons Center will celebrate its 10-year anniversary with a special reception Jan. 17. According to Kelli Deere, director, the center continues to see record-breaking enrollment in the 2016-17 academic year. The anniversary event is open to the public, and alumni, community members, students, faculty and staff are invited to attend.

## Martin native returns home for guest artist exhibition

The UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will host a guest exhibition by artist Josh Breeden, a university alum and Martin native, Jan. 17-28, in the Fine Arts Building Gallery.

Breeden received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in graphic design from UT Martin in 2007 and currently works for the creative agency Loaded For Bear in Memphis. He also maintains an extensive list of freelance projects for such clients as MTV, The New York Times Magazine, Volcom Entertainment and Ardent Music.

Breeden's work is known under the pseudonym "St.

Francis Elevator Ride," and he has shown work in exhibitions across Tennessee and the southeast, as well as in digital galleries worldwide. His UT Martin exhibit, "Omnivorous Eyes," is free and open to the public.

An opening reception will be held in the UT Martin Fine Arts Gallery from 5-6:30 p.m., Jan. 17. The gallery is open from 1-5 p.m. on weekdays and before major theatre and music performances.

Samples of Breeden's work can be viewed at [stfranciselevatorride.com](http://stfranciselevatorride.com).

## You Tell Me

• **Question** – What is the procedure for making university schedule-change announcements in the event of inclement weather?

• **Answer** – Information at [utm.edu/alerts/weather.php](http://utm.edu/alerts/weather.php) summarizes how announcements are made when inclement weather necessitates changes in the university's schedule. Every effort is made to keep such announcements current on the university's home page, followed by the other notification avenues noted at this link. Media announcements are sought and appreciated, but are not guaranteed. Note that operating schedules may be different for the main campus and the five university centers. Weather conditions can vary around the region, so a schedule change or closing announcement for one location does not suggest a schedule change at another. Unless power outages occur, specific references to the main campus and centers will always be made on the university's home page at [utm.edu](http://utm.edu). Individuals on the main campus can also opt-in to receive text message alerts through the MyUTMartin portal.

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