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Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor offers words of wisdom for spring graduates



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER –Dr. Flora Tydings, Tennessee Board of Regents chancellor, delivers UT Martin’s spring commencement address.

More than 570 graduates participated in UT Martin commencement exercises May 7 in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center. Dr. Keith Carver presided over his first commencement since becoming university chancellor in the fall and officially taking the position in January.

He welcomed the capacity crowd, which included graduates from 55 Tennessee counties, 23 states and nine countries. “To our graduates, good luck to each of you and be assured that the faculty and staff at UT Martin wish you the very best,” he said.

Following introductions and special music, Carver introduced Dr. Flora Tydings, who was elected unanimously in December by the Tennessee Board of Regents as the ninth chief executive officer since the TBR’s creation in 1972. As TBR chancellor, Tydings manages operations and provides

strategic leadership for one of the nation’s largest higher education systems. She previously served as president of Chattanooga State Community College. Tydings spoke about “the three ‘tudes’ of success”: fortitude, gratitude and attitude.

“Each of you have shown that you have fortitude. You made it here today,” she said. “By definition, fortitude is the strength of mind that enables a person to bear pain or adversity with courage.” She recognized both traditional and non-traditional students who exhibited different kinds of fortitude while earning their degrees.

“The great English philosopher John Locke said, ‘Fortitude is the guard and the support of the other virtues,’” she said. “Fortitude is a virtue, which you can be very proud to possess. Because your need will never diminish, you will always

need to acquire more (fortitude) as you go on into this next exciting phase of your life.”

While fortitude is necessary for success, Tydings said it’s important to have gratitude for those who help us in life, “because no matter how much fortitude it took to get you here, you didn’t do it by yourself.” She invited the soon-to-be graduates to stand and applaud those who helped them achieve this educational milestone. Once they were seated, she added, “Those are the people that you know, but many people who helped you who are right here today you will never know personally.”

Tydings remembered the late Kathleen and Tom Elam for whom the Elam Center is named. Col. Elam was a longtime University of Tennessee Board of Trustees member, and the Elams were generous UT Martin and UT donors.

“I’ve learned that the Elams are synonymous with generosity and caring and giving, not only here in Northwest Tennessee but across this great state,” she said. “They had no children of their own, so they adopted this great university and their community to nurture. ... The Elams lived a life of gratitude, of giving back to their communities and to students who they might never personally know. ... Always be grateful for the gifts that have been given to you.”

Tydings closed by emphasizing how the right attitude influences a person’s life and those around

them. “Henry Ford once said, ‘Think you can or think you can’t, either way you will be right,’” she said. “The lesson is obvious – having belief in yourself, a positive attitude will account for much of your success.”

She told the audience “that we have the freedom to choose our attitude,” and choosing the right attitude is a life-changing decision. “We cannot change our past. We cannot change the fact that people will act in certain ways,” she said. “What we can do is play on the one strength that we have, and that is our attitude.

“The knowledge and skills that you have acquired while at Martin, now coupled with the right attitude, will take you places you never thought possible.”

Dr. Katie High, vice president for academic affairs and student success for the University of Tennessee System, represented UT President Joe DiPietro and offered comments following the commencement address. High is a former UT Martin vice chancellor for student affairs who will retire in June from the university. Also participating in his final commencement as university provost was Dr. Jerald Ogg, who will return to UT Martin’s Department of Communications this fall as a faculty member.

Read the full story in UT Martin’s [news archives](#).

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Drs. Robbie Montgomery and Phillip Shelton, Department of Chemistry and Physics, accompanied nine UT Martin students to the 253rd annual meeting of the American Chemical Society in San Francisco, Calif. All attending UT Martin students presented original research or demonstrations. Six of the students are members of the UT Martin chapter of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society. They gave a presentation regarding the manufacture of heat-sensitive dyes in slime and shared the activities of the UT Martin chapter. The UT Martin SMACS chapter received a Green Chemistry Award and was named a commendable section for its dedication to the promotion of chemistry.



Drs. Rachna Tewari and Ross Pruitt, professors of agribusiness in the Department of Agriculture, Geosciences and Natural Resources, recently accompanied agribusiness students to the National Agricultural Marketing Association's annual conference in Dallas, Texas. The students participated in the undergraduate marketing competition against students from more than 30 North American universities. UT Martin students won the 30-second elevator speech contest during the competition's orientation. The team consisted of agriculture business majors Adam Bethel, Shalyn Brown, Alyssa Counce, Carli Daniels, Marissa Fletcher, Hannah Moore, Zachary Morgan, Weston Stofel, and Cheyenne Williams.



John Paul Robinson, Student Life Coordinator, and **Kimberly Barnett-Sledd**, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, are the new staff advisers for the Chi Zeta chapter of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, recently rechartered at UT Martin.



Kim Castleman, Office of Educational Student Services, won the slogan contest for the Healthy Hawks Healthy Campus Wellness Coalition program. Her slogan idea, "Living the Healthy Way Every Day," won her a \$50 giftcard to the Barnes and Noble campus bookstore.

Landy Fuqua, director of the UT Martin REED Center, has been selected to represent the state of Tennessee on the 2017-18 Delta Regional Authority's Regional Advisory Council. The council includes eight states, and representatives are chosen after an application process.

Follow Skyhawk softball in the OVC championship
May 10-13, Oxford, Ala.
All games can be viewed on the OVC digital network.

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Office of SACS Accreditation announces poster contest winners

The Assessment Day Poster Contest held April 27 as part of Scholarfest brought a variety of presentations to the Duncan Ballroom for community voting.

The Office of SACS Accreditation announced the results April 28.

Tied for first place were the Department of History and Philosophy and the Office of Campus Recreation. Both units will split the first and second-place prizes, for a total of \$2,000

each.

Tied for third place were the Department of Communications and the Paul Meek Library. Both units will receive \$500.

Monetary awards were provided by the Office of the Chancellor to encourage the showcasing of promising assessment results. Congratulations to all this year's winners!



FIRST-PLACE TIE – Dr. Renee LaFleur (left), assistant professor, claims the first-place poster contest prize on behalf of the Department of History and Philosophy for their poster, “An Analysis of the International Student Sections of U.S. History.” She is pictured with Chancellor Keith Carver.



PRIZE-WINNERS – Claiming the first-place prize on behalf of the Office of Campus Recreation are representatives (l-r) Eric Simmons, Shelley Stout, Kimberly Olive-Milligan, Jeb Jones and Leslie Ams. Their poster was titled “CPR Skills.”



THIRD-PLACE TIE – Drs. Tracy Rutledge (left) and Teresa Collard (right), associate professors, claim the third-place prize on behalf of the Department of Communications for their poster, “Communications ‘Poynters’ for Success: Improving Grammar.”



PROUD LIBRARIANS (left) – Paul Meek Library representatives (l-r) Patricia Sanders, Ty Smith and Heidi Busch claim the third-place poster prize on behalf of the library for their poster, “Not Just Kid’s Stuff.”

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Cook selected as spring 2017 Featured Faculty Scholar

Doug Cook, professor and chair, UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts, has been selected as the university's Featured Faculty Scholar for the spring 2017 semester. A selection of Cook's professional work is on display in the Paul Meek Library and open for public viewing.

The Featured Faculty Scholar award, instituted during the 1996-97 academic year by the UT Martin Academic Council, is designed to recognize faculty members whose research and creative works are judged to be among the most prestigious of those produced by individuals at UT Martin.

Cook joined the UT Martin faculty in 1984 and has since risen through the ranks of assistant, associate and full professor in addition to serving as director and production designer for UT Martin's Vanguard Theatre. He holds a bachelor's degree from UT Martin and a Master of Fine Arts degree from Memphis State University.

He is a previous recipient



FEATURED SCHOLAR – Doug Cook (center), professor and chair, UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts, was selected as the university's Featured Faculty Scholar for the spring 2017 semester. He is pictured with Dr. Jerald Ogg, university provost, and Dr. Lynn Alexander, dean, College of Humanities and Fine Arts, during a reception in his honor May 4.

of the Outstanding Professor Award from UT Martin's Student Government Association and a two-time recipient of the university's Outstanding Educator Award. Cook has also been included in the national list of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" eight times.

Since joining the UT Martin

faculty, Cook has overseen the production design for more than 101 theatrical presentations. He has also created work for several theatres and playhouses in the region. Cook has been involved extensively with presentations and workshops for students, theatre professionals, community members and educators over the years. He

is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, the Southeastern Theatre Conference and the United States Institute for Theatre Technology.

A reception honoring Cook's professional achievements was held May 4 in the Paul Meek Library.



COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD – Six members of the Communications Industry Advisory Board met with Department of Communications faculty April 19 in Gooch Hall to share current tips and trends in the industry and academe. Board members and faculty included (front row, l-r) Jennifer Horbelt Bonds from WPSD-TV in Paducah, Ky.; Wayne Thing from WBBJ-TV; Bud Grimes from UT Martin Office of University Relations; Chris Brinkley from UTM Skyhawk Radio Network; Amanda Carr from Savant Learning Systems; (back row) Dr. Robert Nanney, chair, Department of Communications; Michael Williams from the Paris Post-Intelligencer; and faculty members Rodney Freed, Dr. Richard Robinson, Andrew Brown, Dr. Tracy Rutledge and Tomi M. Parrish.

UT Martin extends search for chief academic officer

The search to identify the University of Tennessee at Martin's next chief academic officer has been extended. The decision was announced May 3 by Dr. Keith Carver, UT Martin chancellor, during a meeting of the search committee for the position of vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost. Carver also announced plans to name an interim replacement in May to serve until the position is filled.

"This is a great position

that deserves our careful consideration for identifying additional qualified candidates," Carver wrote in an email message to the university. "We will be successful identifying the person who will provide the academic leadership needed to continue the university's positive direction." The search will restart this month, and resumes will be collected through August. The committee will reconvene in August with on-campus interviews anticipated in late

September and early October.

UT Martin launched a national search for a new provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs after Dr. Jerald Ogg, who has held the dual position since 2011, decided to return to the faculty in the UT Martin Department of Communications.

The vice chancellor for academic affairs is UT Martin's chief academic officer. The position articulates a vision for academic affairs, provides

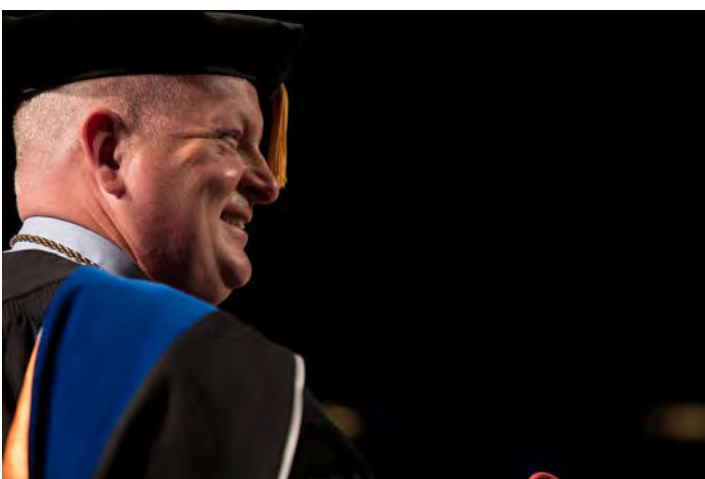
leadership for the academic planning process and is responsible for the university's core academic mission. The university provost directs the institution in the chancellor's absence.

Ashlie Czyz, director of human resources programs and executive recruiter for the University of Tennessee System, is serving as executive recruiter for this position. For more information on the search process, contact Czyz at aczysz@tennessee.edu.

A look back at spring 2017 commencement



BEGINNING A NEW CHAPTER – More than 570 graduates walked the commencement stage during UT Martin's spring commencement exercises May 7 in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center. Pictured here and on the next page are a few images from the day's festivities. (left) Commencement marshalls, standard-bearers and platform guests lead the processional as UT Martin's spring 2017 commencement exercises begin. (bottom left) Dr. Keith Carver presided over his first commencement as chancellor after accepting the position last fall and beginning his duties in January. (bottom right) Ruby Black, professor of nursing and University of Tennessee Alumni Association Distinguished Service Professor, served as mace-bearer during the ceremony.



Commencement, continued



(top left) Miranda Rutan, of Spring Hill, and Kameron Echols, of Memphis, received the spring 2017 Paul and Martha Meek Leadership Awards during commencement. (top right) Dr. Jerald Ogg, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, participated in his final commencement ceremony after 10 years in that position. Ogg will return to the faculty in the Department of Communications beginning in fall 2017. (left) Carson Perry, of Murfreesboro, interacts with Chancellor Carver as he crosses the stage. (bottom left) A student is shown in profile displaying the 2017 graduation tassel. (bottom center) Hitamo Naito, of Japan, excitedly adjusts her cap while waiting for the ceremony to begin. (below) Spencer Atkins, of Munford, hugs Chancellor Carver as his receives his degree.



Calendar

- **May 8** – Final grades due today
 - **May 9** – Training: Migrating Courses in Blackboard to Canvas; 2:30-3 p.m.*
 - **May 9** – Training: Getting Started with Canvas; 3-5 p.m.*
 - **May 10** – Training: Migrating Courses in Blackboard to Canvas; 9-9:30 a.m.*
 - **May 10** – Training: Getting Started with Canvas; 9:30-11:30 a.m.*
 - **May 10** – Training: Office 365: Overview for Faculty & Staff; 1-2 p.m.*
 - **May 10** – Training: Migrating Courses in Blackboard to Canvas; 2-2:30 p.m.*
 - **May 10** – Training: Getting Started with Canvas; 2:30-3:30 p.m.*
 - **May 11** – Training: Migrating Courses in Blackboard to Canvas; 9-9:30 a.m.*
 - **May 11** – Training: Getting Started in Canvas; 9:30-11:30 a.m.*
 - **May 11** – Training: Migrating Courses in Blackboard to Canvas; 2-2:30 p.m.*
 - **May 11** – Training: Getting Started in Canvas; 2:30-4:30 p.m.*
 - **May 12-14** – Baseball vs. Jacksonville State; Skyhawk Park; see utmsports.com for game times
 - **May 12** – Training: Office 365: Overview for Faculty & Staff; 9-10 a.m.*
 - **May 13** – Spring Preview Day; Boling University Center; 9 a.m.
 - **May 15** – Maymester begins
 - **May 15** – Training: Managing Voicemail with Web Phone Manager; 9-10 a.m.*
 - **May 15** – Training: Office 365: Overview for Faculty & Staff; 11 a.m.-noon*
 - **May 16** – Training: Office 365: Overview for Faculty & Staff; 9-10 a.m.*
 - **May 16** – Training: Managing Voicemail with Web Phone Manager; 11 a.m.-noon*
 - **May 17** – Training: Migrating Courses in Blackboard to Canvas; 2-2:30 p.m.*
 - **May 17** – Training: Getting Started in Canvas; 2:30-4:30 p.m.*
 - **May 18** – Training: Migrating Courses in Blackboard to Canvas; 9-9:30 a.m.*
 - **May 18** – Training: Getting Started in Canvas; 9:30-11:30 a.m.*
 - **May 18** – Training: Unplag Anti-Plagiarism Software for Canvas; 11:30 a.m.-noon*
 - **May 18** – Training: Migrating Courses in Blackboard to Canvas; 1-1:30 p.m.*
 - **May 18** – Training: Getting Started in Canvas; 1:30-3:30 p.m.*
 - **May 18** – Training: Unplag Anti-Plagiarism Software for Canvas; 3:30-4 p.m.*
 - **May 19** – Training: Migrating Courses in Blackboard to Canvas; 9-9:30 a.m.*
 - **May 19** – Training: Getting Started in Canvas; 9:30-11:30 a.m.*
 - **May 19** – Training: Unplag Anti-Plagiarism Software for Canvas; 11:30 a.m.-noon*
 - **May 22** – SOAR; Boling University Center; 8 a.m.
- *All training courses will be held in room 215 of the Paul Meek Library. [Please register online.](#)

Blackboard is retiring!

The last day to use Blackboard for courses and training is **May 12**. Blackboard accounts will remain active through the summer, but new accounts cannot be added.

Blackboard will no longer be accessible after **Aug. 31**. All accounts will be disabled and courses will be archived after this date.

See the calendar for a list of Canvas training opportunities!

You Tell Me

- **Question** – Why do the university vehicles have University of Tennessee logos but not UT Martin logos?
- **Answer** – The University of Tennessee System previously enacted rules governing the decals placed on university-owned vehicles throughout the system. However, those rules have recently been relaxed, and a plan is in place to replace the current vehicle decals with UT Martin logos and contact information. Key personnel have recently agreed on the new decal design and placement, and new branding should appear on university vehicles soon.

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

The UT System Employee Relations Advisory Board will meet in June via teleconference to discuss questions regarding IRIS self-service time entry, electronic journal verification and insurance. If you have questions you would like submitted to this council, contact Debbie Hunter, UT Martin’s representative, at 731-881-7250 or dhunter@utm.edu

NEED A NEW HEADSHOT?

Do you hate your current university headshot? Do you wish you could take another one? Well, you can! The Office of University Relations takes faculty and staff headshots free of charge. Just call 731-881-7615 to make an appointment. Please notify all new, incoming staff and faculty that they should have a headshot on file.

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