The University of Tennessee at Martin, recently designated a “VETS Campus” by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, is taking additional steps to recruit and support members of the Tennessee National Guard who are seeking to earn a four-year degree.

Gov. Bill Haslam’s Tennessee STRONG Act, made official by the Tennessee General Assembly in early May, emphasizes the importance of recruiting National Guard members, increasing Tennessee’s educational competitiveness with surrounding states and expanding opportunities available for those who serve the state and country.

The act provides tuition reimbursement to service members who meet certain qualifications and are already using federal tuition assistance to obtain their degrees. This additional assistance is used to fill any gaps the service member may experience in the cost of his or her education and supports the governor’s Drive to 55 initiative.

UT Martin is reaching out to regional National Guard armories to let service members know about admissions procedures, financial aid opportunities and the campus’s student-veteran support network. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is also helping service members and veterans understand their eligibility for Tennessee STRONG and post-9/11 G.I. Bill funding.

UT Martin also operates educational outreach centers in Jackson, Parsons, Ripley, Selmer and Somerville, all of which are offering increased services for service members. UT Martin Online courses will be expanded to give service members in all areas greater access to the university’s selection of online degree programs, including the UT Martin Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, which is often a convenient option for adult students. Various testing options will also be offered at the five centers to help service members in those areas receive additional course credits when applicable.

UT Martin will also work together with the Tennessee National Guard to emphasize educational benefits to high school students who may be interested in joining the service. For more information on UT Martin options for service members and veterans, or information on general admissions requirements, contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 731-881-7020. For information on a specific UT Martin educational outreach center, find your desired center location at utm.edu/connect.
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Dr. Michael Gibson, professor of geology, attended the 10th-annual meeting of the Southeastern Association of Vertebrate Paleontologists at the Gray Fossil Site in Johnson City, where he co-presented a research poster titled “Seasonality and Dental Development of ‘Mammut Americanum’ from the Late Pleistocene of West Tennessee.” This presentation was co-authored by Greg Smith and Brant Gibson (UT Martin, ’15), both doctoral candidates at Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Mahmoud Haddad, professor of finance, and Dr. Sam Hakim, vice president of financial services at Fidelity Investment, have a paper titled “Measuring the Damage from Financial Integration in the GCC: Lessons from the Global Crisis” accepted for publication in the August 2017 issue of the “Review of Economics and Finance.”

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Drs. Brian Donavant, Office of Educational Outreach, and Todd Winters, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, graduated June 20 as part of the 2017 WestStar Leadership Program class. Both are pictured with Dr. Charley Deal, WestStar executive director.

CONFERENCE ATTENDEES – Several members of the Paul Meek Library support staff attended the 13th-annual Circulation Conference held June 16 at the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library in Memphis. Pictured after the conference are Karen Elmore, Pat Sanders, Cindy Gaylord, Lisa Hoskins, Sara Rachels and Dana Brelan.

The end is near!

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 Canvas training options.

Dr. Joseph Ostenson, assistant professor, Department of Behavioral Sciences, recently published an article titled “Industrial Higher Education and its Sustainable Alternatives” in “The Review of Higher Education.”

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PARSONS CENTER WORKSHOPS
– The UT Martin Parsons Center hosted a faculty workshop June 22 with presenters Erica Bell and Dr. Adam Wilson, Office of Educational Outreach; Karen White, Paul Meek Library; and Will Flowers, Office of Student Disabilities. Pictured from UT Martin are Joyce Smothers, Kevin McLemore, Anita Rogers, Melissa Burney, Bobby Isbell, Allen Shull, Kristen Alexander, Charlotte Cole, Phillip Jones, Brooke Clemons, Kim Fisher, Amy Lee, Cristi Greenway, Judy Duke, Kathleen Pryzbeck, Sandy King, Elizabeth White, Renee Swift, Scott Maxwell, Dr. Kelli Deere, John Overton, Will Flowers, Emily Keeton, Jim Reed and Jonathan Martin.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY – Faculty members from the Department of Nursing partnered with members of the local Air Evac team to participate in advanced cardiac life support recertification training June 12. This training is essential for providing appropriate emergency care for patients in both hospital and field settings. Participating in the training were (front row, l-r) Jamie Evans and Mark Thorne, registered nurses with the Air Evac team, and (back row) faculty members Dr. Mary Radford, Christy Blount, Peggy Davis, Cassie Burks, Christy Stubblefield and Amber Pomeroy.

Baker fills visiting post at Queen Mary University

Dr. Patrick Baker, assistant professor of business law at the University of Tennessee at Martin, recently returned from serving as a visiting scholar at the International Law Summer School held at Queen Mary University of London School of Law’s Centre for Commercial Law Studies in England.

During this time, Baker taught on the legal aspects of many topics, including coal, natural gas, fracking, environmental justice, ethics and human rights and interacted with students from the United Kingdom, South America, the Middle East, Asia and other parts of Europe. Other visiting professors included those from the University of Houston in Texas, Michigan Technological University, the University of Reading in the United Kingdom, the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, Central European University and others.

“The opportunity to teach and work with such great international universities, professors and students was truly inspiring and humbling. One of the greatest impacts (of the trip) was that the University of Tennessee at Martin had a seat at the table and was recognized among these world leaders in education,” said Baker.

The College of Business and Global Affairs helped fund the trip.
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INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS – Dr. John Glass, Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages; Dr. Chris Brown, Department of History and Philosophy; and Dr. Joseph Ostenson, Department of Behavioral Sciences, took 13 students and two community members to Italy for a 17-day travel-study experience. Students took lessons in Italian cooking, language and culture, and spent 10 days in Siena and seven in Rome with additional trips to Florence and the countryside south of Rome. The group is pictured with Luca Bonomi (center), director of the Società Dante Alighieri in Siena, Italy.

WESTSTAR GRADUATION – Dr. Keith Carver (center), chancellor, attended the June 20 graduation ceremony for the 2017 class of the WestStar Leadership Program. Carver himself is a 2009 WestStar graduate, and this was his first graduate ceremony attended as UT Martin chancellor. He is pictured during the reception with Dr. Karen Bowyer (left), president of Dyersburg State Community College, and Dr. Allana Hamilton, president of Jackson State Community College.

Many members of the UT Martin community participated in the filming of a tribute video June 13 to honor the anniversary of the passing of Coach Pat Head Summitt. That video has been posted to the Pat Summit Foundation’s webpage as part of their commemoration material and can be viewed here. The UT Martin Office of University Relations would like to give special thanks to Dr. Bill Waterman, director of bands, and alum Patton Webb for their help organizing participants and filming the video and to all those who braved the heat to participate in this project.

UT Martin will host the 94th Tennessee 4-H Roundup and All Star Conference on July 24-28. Please prepare to welcome these students to campus!

Sponsored funding and research summaries published

The Office of Research, Grants and Contracts has published the third edition of the “Overview of Sponsored Funding and Research: 2013-2016,” which provides an overview of sponsored projects, internal awards and research highlights during this time period.

“We are proud to spotlight faculty and staff who have taken the lead in providing a wide variety of research projects, student success programs and community development initiatives for our students and the region,” said Dr. Joan West, chief research officer and director, Office of Research, Grants and Contracts. “Funding received from these projects enhances the mission of UT Martin to provide quality teaching, research and outreach.”

For copies, contact the Office of Research, Grants and Contracts at 731-881-7015. This publication and the previous edition are available to view on the ORGC webpage.
INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT – Chancellor Keith Carver (seated) signed his first international memorandum of understanding on behalf of UT Martin on June 19, solidifying plans for future summer programs, student exchanges and dual-degree programs with National Pingtung University in southern Taiwan. The agreement was first discussed in May when Dr. Christie Chen, assistant professor of management, and Clint Taylor, lecturer of management, visited Taiwan. NPTU received accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business in June. Pictured are (standing, l-r) Dr. Malcolm Koch, executive director, Center for International Education; Dr. Ross Dickens, dean, College of Business and Global Affairs; Amy Fenning, director, Office of International Programs and International Admissions; Chen and Taylor.

Calendar

• July 4 – Independence Day; campus and administrative offices closed
• July 5 – Training: Getting Started with Canvas; 9 a.m.*
• July 6 – Training: Creating Assignments and Managing Grades in Canvas; 10 a.m.*
• July 6 – Kurt McGuffin reception; Champions Club, Graham Stadium; 4:30 p.m.
• July 7 – Summer I ends
• July 7 – Training: Office 365: Overview for Faculty and Staff; 3 p.m.*
• July 8 – Summer I grades due
• July 10 – Training: Office 365: Overview for Faculty and Staff; 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.*
• July 11 – Summer II classes begin
• July 11 – Employee Relations Council meeting; Chancellors’ Conference Room, Hall-Moody Administration Building; 2 p.m.
• July 12 – Administrative drop date for summer II
• July 14 – SOAR; Boling University Center; 8 a.m.
• July 17 – Training: Creating Assignments and Managing Grades in Canvas; 9 a.m.*
• July 17 – Training: Managing Echo 360 Content in Canvas; 10 a.m.*

*All courses will be held in room 215 of the Paul Meek Library. Register online to participate.

You Tell Me

• Question – There is heavy equipment working in the plaza between the Boling University Center and the Paul Meek Library. What are they doing?
• Answer – Garrett HVAC and Searcy Construction are fixing a steam and condensate leak in the pipes beneath the plaza while the steam plant is not in use. The UT Martin Physical Plant hopes to have this work completed prior to the start of the fall semester.

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