

2025 UTM Civil Rights Conference – 25th Anniversary

"Strength, Courage, and Wisdom: Lessons for the Journey Toward Justice"

Calendar of Events:

Monday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium

CRC - From Then to Now

Panel discussion with the original organizers and other UTM Civil Rights Conference coordinators to talk about the purpose and mission of the event celebrating 25 years

Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium

Charlayne Hunter-Gault

Civil rights activist, award-winning journalist, and former foreign news correspondent was among the first Black students admitted to the University of Georgia in 1961

Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 4 p.m. in UC 206

Financial Literacy Workshop

Session to help students make wise financial decisions now and after graduation

Sunday, Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium

A Million Miles Away

Screening of 2023 film about the life of migrant farm worker and astronaut José Hernández

Monday, Feb. 10 along the UC Welcome Center Hallway (through Feb. 28)

Strength, Courage, and Wisdom Art Exhibition

Artwork created by students in the UTM Visual and Theatre Arts Department

Monday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium

Night of Dance

Presentations by UTM Dance Students and guest drummer Jorge Felix

Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium

José Hernández

Former NASA astronaut, engineer, researcher, and entrepreneur shares his journey from working on produce farms to working in space

Thursday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. in UC 206

Behind the Scenes: Black Students Navigating a PWI Campus

Student-led session highlighting the benefits and challenges of attending a predominantly White institution

Monday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium

Michael Eric Dyson

Social justice activist, political analyst, *New York Times* bestselling author, and distinguished academic brings his unique insight to events and issues of the day

Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 6 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium

International Studies: Global Lessons for Understanding Each Other

UTM scholars discuss lessons learned about justice and equity while studying abroad

Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium

Student Art Awards: Strength, Courage, and Wisdom Art Exhibition

Students in the UTM Visual and Theatre Arts Department share the inspiration behind their work

Thursday, Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. in UC 206

Weakley County Reconciliation Project: Honest Conversations

Audience activity using conversational card prompts to better understand race

Monday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. in UC 111

Minorities in Meteorology

Student-led panel discussing career expectations and challenges for persons of color in meteorology

Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium

Assessing the Changes at Hand

Panel discussion on cultural and social shifts for Americans