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The University of Tennessee at Martin Faculty and Staff Newsletter | Feb. 20, 2023

**FEB 23**  
SKYHAWKS VS TENNESSEE STATE  
Elam Center | Pat Summitt Court

**5PM**

**8PM** Senior Night

**FREE** T-Shirt  
with \$5 donation while supplies last

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## 'WE BACK PAT' RETURNS TO UT MARTIN

Our alum. Our family. Our history.

UT Martin is proud to announce the return of “We Back Pat” Night on Thursday, Feb. 23, when the Skyhawk men’s and women’s basketball teams host Tennessee State inside the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center.

The women’s game will air live on ESPN+ at 5 p.m., with the Skyhawk men returning to national television for the first time in seven years with an 8 p.m. tip-off on ESPNU.

While the SEC hosts its

annual “We Back Pat” week in January of every year, UT Martin will honor Pat Head Summitt’s legacy as a stand-alone night at her alma mater on the court that bears her name. A 1974 UTM graduate and UT Martin Athletics Hall of Fame member, Summitt went on to become one of the greatest coaches in college basketball history, winning eight national titles at the University of Tennessee over a 38-year career as leader of the Lady Vols.

As part of the “We Back Pat” initiative, the Skyhawk men’s and women’s teams will wear

special purple shooting shirts to raise awareness for Alzheimer’s, the disease that took Summitt’s life in 2016. UT Martin will also hand out a limited number of orange “We Back Pat” shirts and bracelets to fans in exchange for a \$5 donation, with all proceeds going to the Pat Summitt Foundation.

The organization was created in 2011 by Pat and her son, Tyler Summitt. Its mission is to award grants to nonprofit organizations that advance research for treatment and a cure, provide care and support

for patients and caregivers, and educate the public about Alzheimer’s disease.

With the young Skyhawk women’s push to the OVC tournament and the Skyhawk men’s one-year turnaround (from 8-22 in 2021-22, to 18-11 and 14-1 home record in 2022-23), admission to “We Back Pat” night is free with the coupon found at [www.utmsports.com](http://www.utmsports.com).

For more information on the Pat Summitt Foundation and its mission, visit [www.patsummitt.org](http://www.patsummitt.org), or follow on Twitter and Instagram @webackpat.

**A celebration of Chancellor Carver’s service to UTM**  
Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2 p.m. in the Latimer-Smith Building lobby

# YoUTMs

highlighting the excellence of our faculty and staff

Laura Sherrod, curriculum catalog coordinator in the Department of Curriculum and Assessment, will have pieces of her photography work on display at The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center in Huntingdon. The work is part of a larger photography exhibit from students of Jim Veneman, a visiting professor of photojournalism at California Baptist University, who teaches photography at The Dixie.



## UT PRESIDENT RANDY BOYD TO DELIVER 5TH STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS



University of Tennessee System President Randy Boyd will deliver his annual State of the University address virtually Thursday, Feb. 23.

Boyd's speech will be webcast beginning at 10 a.m. EST/9 a.m. CST. UT System faculty and staff, students and alumni as well as elected officials, business leaders and other stakeholders are invited to watch this virtual event.

The address will outline UT's plans for 2023 and highlight the ways in which the system is uniquely positioned to make a positive impact through its statewide

presence, people, expertise, resources and influence.

"I'm grateful for the tremendous success UT experienced in 2022, but I'm even more excited for the year ahead," Boyd said. "Together, we will work to provide a better tomorrow for all of Tennessee and make this the greatest decade—not just in the history of UT, but for all of Tennessee."

This State of the University address is Boyd's fifth since joining the UT System in November 2018.

To watch the address, please visit [tennessee.edu](https://tennessee.edu).



**PRESENTATION FOR KIWANIS**—Emily Pennington (left), a senior Mass Media and Strategic Communication student, presented a program about her personal platform of "Embracing the Elderly" when she spoke at the Feb. 15 Kiwanis meeting in the Boling University Center. Pennington is involved in the Miss Tennessee Volunteer organization as Miss Northwest Tennessee and will compete for the title of Miss Tennessee Volunteer in July. Pennington defined the term "elder orphan" as an individual who is over the age of 65 and is either socially or physically isolated with no family member or surrogate family member to provide support. She explained that the elder orphan population is increasing with the aging of the Baby Boomers generation and that, according to the PHI advocacy and research group, in 2028 there will be an estimated 59,000 openings in Tennessee for home-health and personal-care aides. She said that since 2017, Embracing the Elderly, her service-oriented initiative, has provided more than 19,000 items to nursing homes across the state of Tennessee and spent more than 1,000 hours inside nursing homes. Pennington is pictured with Dr. Ann Gatherers, president of the Martin Kiwanis Club and associate professor in the Department of Biological Sciences.

Ed Sargent Guest Artist Series presents

# STOCKTON HELBING QUARTET

featuring

- SHELLEY Carrol Saxophone
- YOUNG Heo Bass
- SERGIO PAMIES Rodriguez Piano

MARCH 9, 7:30 PM  
HARRIET FULTON THEATER  
FINE ARTS BUILDING

UT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE MARTIN

# UT Board of Trustees to hold winter meetings Feb. 23-24

The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees will hold its winter meetings Feb. 23-24 in the University Center (Tennessee Room) located on the University of Tennessee Chattanooga campus, 710 E. 5th Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Meetings are scheduled as follows:

## Thursday, Feb. 23

- 2:30 p.m. EST - Finance and Administration Committee
- 4:15 p.m. EST - Audit and Compliance Committee (public and non-public, executive sessions)

## Friday, Feb. 24

- 8:30 a.m. EST - Education,

Research, and Service Committee

- 10:15 a.m. EST - Board of Trustees winter meeting

All meeting times are approximate. If a meeting ends earlier or later than expected, the next meeting may begin following a short break. All meetings will be webcast live and archived for later viewing; a link to the webcast will be available at [tennessee.edu](https://tennessee.edu).

Agenda items include, but are not limited to:

- President's report
- Proposed 2023 goals and objectives
- University officer

appointments

- Revised FY 2022-23 operating budget
- Proposed FY 2023-24 non-resident student tuition, UT Chattanooga
- Proposed FY 2023-24 tuition levels, UT Health Science Center
- Campus master plans, UT Chattanooga and UT Knoxville
- Proposed new academic units, UT Knoxville
- 2023 internal audit plan

The full agenda for each meeting is available at <https://trustees.tennessee.edu/>.

All meeting materials are posted in advance of the

meetings and available at <https://trustees.tennessee.edu/>.

Anyone with a disability who wishes to attend this meeting may contact the individuals listed below to request auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate attendance. Contact may be made in person, by writing, by email, by telephone or otherwise and should be received no later than 5 p.m. EST, Wednesday, Feb. 22.

The University of Tennessee System distributes this notice to all faculty and staff as part of its compliance with the adequate public notice requirement of state open meetings law.

## Award winning actress, Florence Roach, to perform her dramatic monologue *The Widow*

The J. Houston Gordon Museum, located in the University of Tennessee at Martin Paul Meek Library, will host award-winning actress and Memphis activist Florence Roach at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23, in the library's Special Collections Reading Room. Roach will perform a dramatic monologue titled "The Widow" in conjunction with the museum's current exhibit "I am a Man: Photographs of the Civil Rights Movement, 1960-1970. The performance tells the story of the deaths of two Memphis sanitation workers told by one of the widows.

Roach is a professional actress, playwright, director, producer, poet, singer and songwriter. She has performed on stage, in movies, training videos and TV/radio commercials and at special events. Roach's awards include her Rotary Award for Teaching Excellence, her Tennessee Theater Teacher's Hall of Fame Award, and her Paul Roberson Award.

Roach's performance is free and open to the public. The Special Collections Reading Room is located left off the Paul Meek Library lobby through the Corbitt Special Collections reading area.



**FLORENCE ROACH TO PERFORM FEB. 23** – Pictured is actress and Memphis activist Florence Roach, who will perform Feb. 23 in the Paul Meek Library's Special Collections Reading Room at UT Martin. Her performance of a dramatic monologue titled "The Widow" is free and open to the public.

Event parking is available in lots near the library located off Mt. Pelia Road on either side of Wayne Fisher Drive by requesting a temporary permit at [www.utm.edu/offices-and-](http://www.utm.edu/offices-and-services/public-safety/)

[services/public-safety/](http://www.utm.edu/offices-and-services/public-safety/). Select the "parking" link and then the "special events and online event parking permits" to complete a brief form and receive free a temporary parking permit.

Read more UT Martin news online at [utm.edu/news](http://utm.edu/news).

## UT MARTIN J. HOUSTON GORDON MUSEUM HOSTS "I AM A MAN" EXHIBITION



Mari Morgan, a senior English and History major, explores the I AM A MAN: Photographs of the Civil Rights Movement exhibition earlier this month. The exhibition is open for public viewing until March 10.

The UT Martin J. Houston Gordon Museum is hosting I AM A MAN: Photographs of the Civil Rights Movement, 1960-1970, an exhibition from ExhibitsUSA, a national program of Mid-America Arts Alliance. The exhibit features a wide range of photographs taken by amateurs, local photojournalists and internationally known photographers.

Viewers of the exhibition will recognize the photographs of protestors who carried signs with messages such as "I Am A Man" or were seated at segregated lunch counters as iconic images associated with the movement. Numerous other photographs presented in the exhibition have rarely been seen until now. These photographs provide a vivid visual story of the evolution of the civil rights movement and

shed light on the movement's integration in daily living in the American South.

I AM A MAN: Photographs of the Civil Rights Movement, 1960-1970, is open for public viewing until March 10. The J. Houston Gordon Museum is open to the public 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. The gallery is located off the Paul Meek Library lobby through the Corbitt Special Collections reading area. Parking will be in the Paul Meek Library parking lot on Wayne Fisher Drive off Mt. Pelia Road. Parking permits are available online at [www.utm.edu/offices-and-services/public-safety/](http://www.utm.edu/offices-and-services/public-safety/) by selecting the "Online Visitor Parking Permit" link.

For more information, contact Samuel Richardson, J. Houston Gordon Museum curator, at 731-881-7094 or [sricha12@utm.edu](mailto:sricha12@utm.edu).

**View more UT Martin photos online at [utm.edu/photo](http://utm.edu/photo).**



*Strengthening the educator pipeline*



## TDOE, TN Grow Your Own Center and Study.com bring "Keys to the Classroom" resources to future Tennessee teachers

The Tennessee Department of Education, in partnership with Study.com, recently announced all Tennessee Teacher Apprenticeship candidates through the Tennessee Grow Your Own Center have free access to "Keys to the Classroom" to provide test prep support for their licensure tests to earn their Tennessee teacher's license.

"Keys to the Classroom" will provide high-quality test preparation supports, removing barriers for teacher apprentices preparing to take licensure tests to earn their teacher's license. Participating districts in the Tennessee Grow Your Own Center will have access to 1,200 free licenses for their prospective teachers to be equipped with the tools and knowledge needed to prepare for and pass their teacher licensure tests.

In Tennessee and across the nation, passing the required licensure test to earn a teacher's license can be a significant obstacle and further challenges districts as they work to combat staffing

shortages. This initiative, as a part of the state's Grow Your Own strategic efforts, will help eliminate barriers to ensure more qualified teachers are entering the teaching profession in Tennessee.

"Leveraging the "Keys to the Classroom" resources in Tennessee further emphasizes our commitment to ensure every child has a well-trained, high-quality educator in their classroom," said Commissioner Penny Schwinn. "Too often, the financial and preparation barriers prevent outstanding Tennesseans from entering our classrooms. We are grateful that partners like Study.com are joining in our strategic efforts through teacher apprenticeships to strengthen the educator pipeline through no-cost, high-quality opportunities."

Tennessee is the first state in the country to sponsor registered teacher occupation apprenticeships between school districts and Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs).

To read the full GYO story, visit [this link](#).



MUSIC GUILD HOSTS MEMBERS OF THE UT MARTIN RODEO TEAM—UT Martin Rodeo Coach Chase Thrasher (back row, second from right) and seven members of the rodeo team were special guests at the Philharmonic Music Guild’s Western Dinner and Music Program held Feb. 13 at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Guests were greeted by Carla Field (left), PMG president, and Elwood Doss (right), program coordinator for the February event. Rodeo team members pictured (front row, l-r) are Jack Smithson, a graduate student from Springfield; Walter Smithson, a junior from Springfield; Emma Kate Wilder, a junior from Millington; and Lainey Hutchinson, a freshman from Crockett County; back row (l-r) Cooper Griswell, a freshman from Ramer; Clint Southworth, a junior from Louisville, Kentucky; and Jonathan Ray, a junior from Spring Hill. Music Guild members and guests enjoyed dinner and a program of special music that included some group singing. Coach Thrasher invited everyone to attend the 55th Annual UT Martin Spring College Rodeo to be held April 13-15 at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Pavilion in Martin.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE SYSTEM

**STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS**  
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UTM RESEARCH SERIES

**Dr. Nathan Howard**  
PRESENTS HIS RESEARCH ON  
LATE ANTIQUITY  
LETTERS & RHETORIC

**Bishops and Verbal Sparring in Late Antiquity**

CHRISTIANITY AND THE CONTEST FOR MANHOOD IN LATE ANTIQUITY  
The Constantinian Edicts and the Rhetoric of Ministry  
NATHAN D. HOWARD

4:00 PM  
THURSDAY, MARCH 9  
AT PAUL MEEK LIBRARY

OR SCAN CODE FOR LIVESTREAM

## You Tell Me

- **Question** – Has anyone considered opening half of the parking lot between the library and EPS to the students again since engineering, computer science and chemistry and physics are no longer holding classes in EPS? The parking lot stays half empty now.
- **Answer** – Public Safety is currently working with the traffic office to conduct a study on the amount of available parking spaces in the EPS lot throughout the week. After gathering data, they will make a decision on whether or not to move forward with sending the issue to the traffic authority. Public Safety would like to make sure they are not going to create a parking issue with the staff who do utilize the lot.

Submit your questions to Addenda at [addenda@utm.edu](mailto:addenda@utm.edu).