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CHANCELLOR SEARCH LISTENING SESSIONS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 17

The search for a new UT Martin chancellor begins publicly Friday, March 17, with listening sessions scheduled for the main campus. University of Tennessee System officials and a representative from the executive search firm hired to assist with the search will visit with different groups from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

A public listening session is set for 2-3 p.m. in the Smith Legislative Chamber located in the Boling University Center. For those unable to attend, a link to the public session will be available by Zoom at <https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/93222733194>. Other sessions throughout the day will be open to students, faculty and staff members.

Information will be gathered to identify a pool of candidates from which a potential successor to **Dr. Keith Carver** will be recommended to UT President Randy Boyd and the UT Board of Trustees. The UT board

approved the search process, timeline and statement of qualifications for the position Feb. 24. Carver left the university March 1 following more than six years as chancellor to lead the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture.

Conducting the sessions will be David Miller, senior vice president and chief financial officer, and Ashlie Czyz, executive director of talent management, both representing the UT System, and John Thornburgh, senior partner with WittKeiffer. Miller is serving as search committee chair.

The chancellor serves as chief executive officer for UT Martin and serves on the UT leadership team, reporting directly to the UT System president. The position is appointed by the president and elected by the UT Board of Trustees. A finalist for the position is expected to be named this June. Complete information about the search



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The search committee includes 11 current faculty and staff members, one university alumnus and a current student. Committee members are:

- **Petra McPhearson**, senior vice president for finance and

administration

- **Kurt McGuffin**, vice chancellor and director of athletics

- **Andy Lewter**, vice chancellor of student affairs

- **Philip Smartt**, professor,

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UT Martin students attend Southeast Journalism Conference

Twelve undergraduate students and one graduate student from UT Martin, including members of The Pacer and WUTM 90.3 FM "The Hawk" staffs, attended the 2023 Southeast Journalism Conference, Feb. 9-11, in Thibodaux, Louisiana. The group earned several awards

from the annual SEJC Best of the South competition and the on-site championship competition.

Best of the South awards were submitted and judged prior to the convention. Those recognized were:

- **Antonia Steele**, Ashland City, ranked fourth for College

Journalist of the Year

- **Sarah Johnson**, Germantown, ranked first for Best Graphic Designer/Data Journalist

- **Dylan Ingram**, Martin, ranked fourth for Best College Press Photographer

- **Callie Stone**, Lynnville, ranked third for Best Radio

News Reporter

- **Davis Gregory**, Knoxville, ranked third for Best College Radio Journalist

- **WUTM**, ranked first for Best College Audio Program

- **WUTM**, ranked first for Best College Radio Station in

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In Memory

Dr. James E. Toomey, 94, UT Martin associate professor emeritus of education, passed away March 1, 2023, in Greenville, South Carolina. He joined the university's faculty Sept. 1, 1969, and retired Dec. 31, 1991. No death notice or service details are available to share. Appreciation to Dr. Gene Annaratone, professor emeritus of education, for providing this information.



CARVER HONORED – Former UT Martin chancellor Dr. Keith Carver was honored during the Robert E. and Jenny D. Kirkland Discovery Awards Saturday, March 4, at Discovery Park of America. DPA kicked off its 10th birthday year celebration by honoring four individuals who “inspire those whose lives they’ve touched.” Carver is now the senior vice chancellor and senior vice president of the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture. In his acceptance speech, Carver noted the celebration of Discovery Park’s 10th birthday coincides with growth throughout the region. He said, “As I think about Discovery Park bringing so many people to the region, it reminds me of everything happening here right now. From Blue Oval City and the expansion of I-69 to the growth of the manufacturing and automotive industries here, it’s safe to say there are some great days ahead for West Tennessee.” Carver is pictured with Art Sparks, of Union City, UT Martin advisory board chair.



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Department of Agriculture, Geoscience, and Natural Resources

- **Ahmad Tootoonchi**, dean of the College of Business and Global Affairs
- **Destin Tucker**, director of admissions
- **Anderson Starling**, interim associate provost and associate professor of political science
- **Kiara Castleman**, assistant registrar

• **Dominique Crockett**, director, Office of Equity and Diversity and Title IX coordinator

- **Debi Adcock**, administrative assistant to the vice chancellor
- **Kelli Deere**, director, UT Martin Parsons Center
- **Jerry Reese**, UT Martin alumnus
- **Dawson Gremmels**, UT Martin student and Student Government Association president



GRAND CHALLENGES

The latest issue of Our Tennessee, the UT System's magazine for alumni, is out, and it contains two feature stories involving UT Martin faculty, staff and alumni. The UT System selected three "Grand Challenges" to address in this issue: K-12 education, substance misuse and rural community decline. Physical copies have been mailed to all departments on campus, and you can see the stories online at our.tennessee.edu.



ATTEND SOUTHEAST JOURNALISM CONFERENCE – UT Martin students attended the Southeast Journalism Conference, Feb. 9-11, in Thibodaux, Louisiana. Pictured at the conference were, from left: Abby Coe, Pacer web and features editor, Chapel Hill; Callie Stone, WUTM news director, Lynnville; Sarah Johnson, Pacer social media manager, Germantown; Jordan Stringfield, Pacer news editor, McEwen; Sarah Cornwell, Pacer operations manager, Benton, Kentucky; Will Spencer, Pacer arts and entertainment editor, Martin; and Bethany Collins, Pacer editorial assistant, Dresden. Pictured front row, from left: Tomi McCutchen, Pacer faculty adviser and instructor; Antonia Steele, graduate student, Ashland City; Trenton Michon, Pacer viewpoints editor, and Kaylee Michon, Pacer executive editor, both of Chapmansboro; Jerrianna Somerville, Pacer arts and entertainment assistant editor, Bartlett; Mekenzie Coleman, Pacer editorial assistant, Jackson; and Clarissa Spitzley, Pacer design editor, Adams.



STUDENT RADIO STATION EARNS HONORS – UT Martin’s student radio station, WUTM 90.3 FM “The Hawk,” earned several awards during the 2023 Southeast Journalism Conference, Feb. 9-11, in Thibodaux, Louisiana. Current station staff members are, from left: Mackenzie Minton, Memphis; Alex Martin, Trenton; Colby Maclin, Ripley; Callie Stone, Lynnville; Carter Vandasik, Kingston Springs; Carlin Cochran, Centerville; Dylan Ingram, Martin; Carson Alexander, Martin; Jared Davidson, Southaven, Mississippi; and Davis Gregory, of Knoxville.

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the South

Students who attended the conference competed in several on-site competitions throughout the weekend. Those who received awards were:

- Sarah Cornwell, Benton, Kentucky; Mekenzie Coleman, Jackson; and Jerrianna Somerville, Bartlett, ranked third among Public Relations teams
- Trenton Michon,

Chapmansboro, tied for third in the Current Events Quiz

- Bethany Collins, Dresden, received honorable mention for Opinion-Editorial Writing
- Abby Coe, Chapel Hill, ranked third in Copy Editing
- Clarissa Spitzley, Adams, ranked second in Page Layout and Design

“I am extremely proud of these results,” said Dr. Richard Robinson, radio station faculty adviser. “This is solely the

result of our students’ hard work in providing our listening audience with great radio programming.”

“The Pacer student newspaper staff all work diligently every day to provide information to the UT Martin campus and wider community, especially via our website, www.thepacer.net. It’s wonderful to see my students get the recognition they so richly deserve for their effort,” said Tomi McCutchen, Pacer faculty adviser and UT Martin’s SEJC faculty delegate.

“It’s also critical for students to attend conferences in their

discipline and learn from other students and journalism professionals. The awards are great, but the education and experience are priceless,” McCutchen said.

The Southeast Journalism Conference works to encourage greater interest in student journalism and create closer ties among journalism schools in the southeast United States. For questions about UT Martin’s participation in SEJC, contact McCutchen at 731-881-7558 or tmccutch@utm.edu.

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MARCH 28

4 P.M. & 6 P.M.
PAUL MEEK LIBRARY

Spring General Faculty Meeting

Thursday, March 30
3:15 p.m.
Watkins Auditorium

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GENEROSITY AND GRATITUDE – Current UT Martin students and donors gathered at 6 p.m., March 7, in the Duncan Ballroom for the 2023 Celebration of Generosity and Gratitude, an event organized by the Division of University Advancement. The evening connected scholarship supporters with students who benefit from individual giving. A reception was followed by a program that featured students Bentley Grace Gordon and Alyssa Poff who shared with the large audience how scholarship support has benefited their respective college experiences. Charlie Moore, class of 1962 and his wife, Bettye, of Union City, attended the celebration and are longtime donors. Charlie (right) told those attending that support for scholarships is more important than ever and provides opportunities for those who might not be able to afford college.



You Tell Me

• **Question** – How is the university’s food waste handled? At one time, a composting program addressed food waste. Is this still the case?

• **Answer** – Sodexo Dining Services strives to make strong efforts to reduce food waste in the kitchen. At one time, Sodexo participated in a composting program by partnering with the university farm prior to the pandemic. Unfortunately, the program was discontinued due to a lack of university labor to transport food waste to the farm. However, Sodexo is partnering with Dr. Eric Pelren and the Center for Sustainability to install food dehydrators, which decrease food volume to facilitate transport to the agriculture and natural resources field lab for composting. The compost will still be provided for use by the university’s Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources. Sodexo is still in the early stages of getting these new dehydrator machines operational and is proud to reintroduce this compost program soon. You can visit this [link](#) for more information on how the DH-100w Waste Dehydrator works.

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