



## ETERNAL FLAME 'BURNS' ONCE AGAIN



**ETERNAL FLAME** – UT Martin’s eternal flame was “relighted” during a Nov. 28 ceremony in the university’s Paul Meek Library. A ceramic flame created by retired UT Martin faculty member David McBeth (pictured placing the flame) now sits atop the display that is located on the library’s second floor. Also participating in the ceremony was Dr. Keith Carver (left foreground), university chancellor.

UT Martin’s eternal flame burned brightly just outside of the Paul Meek Library from 1986 until the flame was extinguished sometime around 2000. The torch and accessories were set aside but have found a new home thanks to several supporters. A Nov. 28 ceremony celebrated placement of a ceramic flame atop the torch, which is now permanently displayed on the library’s second floor.

**Larry Holder**, UT Martin senior developer and database administrator; **Dr. Charley Deal**, UT Martin vice chancellor for university advancement; **Karen Elmore**, Paul Meek Library senior assistant; and **Tim Nipp**, engineering department chair and former UT Martin Physical Plant director, all played a role in redesigning and coordinating the eternal flame’s return. **Dr. Nick Dunagan**, UT Martin chancellor at the time,

authorized the monument’s recreation. **David McBeth**, retired UT Martin professor of visual and theatre arts, was the university’s clear choice when it came time to decide who should recreate the ceramic flame.

“I thought, ‘there is nobody else in the world who can do it (recreate the flame) besides David McBeth,’” Holder said. McBeth, who retired recently after 30 years of service in the university’s department of

visual and theatre arts, was on hand to add the flame to the display.

The original eternal flame was lighted during the 1986 UT Martin homecoming by then university **Chancellor Margaret Perry** and the late 8th District Congressmen Ed Jones, a UT Martin alumnus. The flame was designed to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the UT

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**Dr. David Carithers**, associate professor in the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages, gave an invited presentation to Martin Middle School English teachers on December 7 titled “Bridging the Gap from Middle School to College: Current Challenges in Literacy Instruction.”

### In Memory

**Julia Ann (Judy) Kerley** died Dec. 2 in Lexington, Tennessee. Kerley, formerly of Martin, was a financial specialist in Business Services and worked at the university from Nov. 1971 until she retired in Nov. 2013. Funeral services will be private. The complete obituary can be seen [here](#).

**Vernon Matlock** died Dec. 11 in Dresden. Matlock was the university photographer in University Relations from July 1970 until his retirement in Jan. 1999. His photographs captured much university history, including athletics, during that time. [Visitation and services](#) are Dec. 13, at Bowlin Funeral Home.



**Dr. Amy Richards** (above, right), an associate professor in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, recently presented a poster titled “Innovations in Teaching Nutritional Biochemistry: Using Drama as a Way to Engage Student Learning” at the Phi Upsilon Conclave in Columbus, Ohio. During the meeting Richards also received the National Advisor Award and her student Bailee Bradley, president of UTM’s Phi Upsilon chapter, received an award for the chapter’s professional project.



Guests from the UT Martin and local communities attended the Chancellor’s Annual Holiday Open House on Friday, Dec. 2, at the Dunagan Alumni Center. Food was provided by Sodexo, and the center was decorated by Hollianne Carver. Pictured are Dr. Keith Carver, and his wife, Hollianne. Joining the couple were recently crowned Miss UT Martin, Caleigh Jo Erwin (right), and Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival, Karenn Rainey (left).





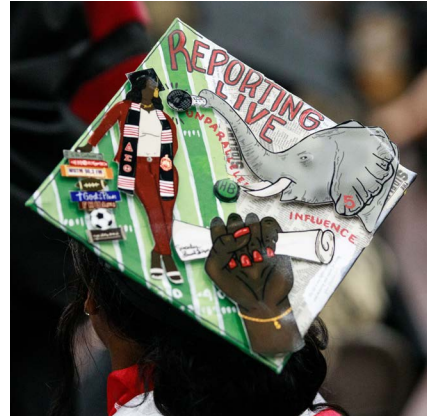
# COMMENCEMENT 2022

*photo highlights from UT Martin's fall commencement ceremonies*



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## COMMENCEMENT 2022





# HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**Dec. 26** – Christmas  
Holiday Observed

**Dec. 27-30** –  
Administrative Closing

**Jan. 2, 2023** – New Year's  
Day observed



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National Alumni Association.

**Dr. Keith Carver** participated in the “relighting” ceremony and spoke to guests about the importance of tradition at UT Martin. Carver likened the eternal flame’s symbolism to the university’s ongoing mission of educating students. “That’s

what we do that’s eternal,” he said.

For more information about the UT Martin eternal flame, contact Holder at [larry.holder@utm.edu](mailto:larry.holder@utm.edu). A history of the eternal flame, including historic and current photos, is also available at [www.utm.edu/staff/lholder/eternalflame](http://www.utm.edu/staff/lholder/eternalflame).

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## You Tell Me

- **Question** – The university’s yearbooks were available online before the recent changes to [utm.edu](http://utm.edu). Will the yearbook pdfs be linked again on the website?
- **Answer** – The yearbooks are listed in the Paul Meek Library’s Alliene and Jimmie S. Corbitt Special Collections and Archives under the University Archives heading ([see this link](#)). The University Archives collects the historical record of UT Martin and its predecessors and maintains the records of university offices and departments.

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

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