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CHANCELLOR'S SEARCH UNDERWAY

- May 19 – Application deadline.
- Early to mid-June – On-campus interviews with candidates.
- June 29 – Recommended candidate presented to the UT Board of Trustees.

See complete information about the search and timeline [here](#).

**Dates subject to change.*



Ninth Annual Captain's Challenge receives positive results

UT Martin raised over \$440,000 and exceeded its donor goal of 1,600 individuals with 1,643 gifts made during the ninth annual "Captain's Challenge," held on April 5.

Promotion for this year's event included alumni testimonials about why they give back to their alma mater. These video testimonials can be found on the UT Martin Alumni Facebook page at [facebook.com/utmartinalumni](#).

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Contributors to the challenge could direct their gift toward any university office, college or academic department, athletic unit, scholarship fund, special program

or other activity. Matching funds were available to increase the impact of alumni gifts.

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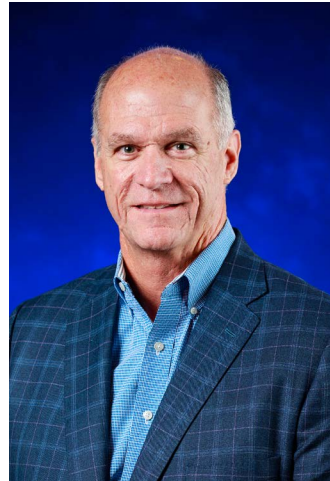
YoUTMs

highlighting the excellence of our faculty and staff

Brian Qualls, senior broadcast engineer for WUTM 90.3 “The Hawk” and UTM Television, is the 2023 recipient of the Tom Gibson Award for Outstanding Engineering, awarded annually by the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System. The prestigious honor was announced at the annual conference of the organization, held in March in New York City. Tom Gibson is a longtime collegiate and commercial broadcast radio engineer, who serves the IBS board regarding engineering and technical affairs. Dr. Richard Robinson, faculty adviser for WUTM said, “We are elated that Brian has been recognized at the national level as being the top collegiate radio broadcast engineer in the country. His commercial



experience in both radio and television has greatly enhanced the quality of our WUTM and UTM Television broadcasts.” Qualls was honored locally and presented with a certificate and trophy at the annual Department of Mass Media and Strategic Communication awards reception on April 12.



Dr. Brian Donavant, professor of criminal justice, recently served as an instructor

with the UT Law Enforcement Innovation Center for the Memphis Police Department Leadership Academy. The academy challenges and helps participants to develop their leadership styles and skills in order to become more effective and progressive leaders, and included 25 MPD officers at the rank of lieutenant or above. The program is funded by the State of Tennessee’s Office of Criminal Justice Programs and U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance, and graduates are eligible for undergraduate or graduate credit from UT Martin.

UT ADVOCACY

Enroll in the UT Advocacy Network

advocacy.tennessee.edu

April 25th
10am to 1pm

Cooper Lobby UTM Quad
Cats & Coffee Canines

This program is a collaboration between Jackson Animal Care Center, UTM Vet Tech Science Program, and the Office of Housing. All animals at event are adoptable at a reduced cost, once approved through Zach Morris.

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Alumni Relations begins searching for matching donors during the fall semester ahead of this yearly spring event. On April 5, the office tracked donations made by students, alumni, faculty, staff and community members during the event at <https://challenge.utm.edu>.

“Captain’s Challenge continues

to see an upward trajectory with alumni, faculty, staff, student and community engagement,” said **Matt Borden**, UT Martin associate director of Annual Giving. “This momentum is key heading into next year, as we look to celebrate a decade of Captain’s Challenge success.”

For more information, contact Alumni Relations at 731-881-7610.

See the *latest* **Campus Scene!**

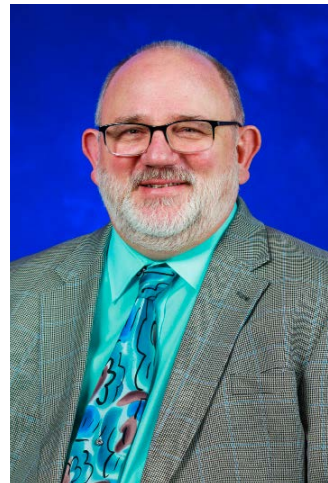
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Drs. Cooper Johnson and Jamye Long, both associate professors of management, attended the Society of Business, Industry, and Economics Conference where they co-presented their work titled “Faculty-Industry Collaborations Focused on Engagement and Impact Practices of Interest to Accrediting Agencies.” Their presentation highlighted successful collaborative efforts of faculty through educating students and professionals in ways that showcase student engagement and societal impact practices, which are of growing interest in accrediting agencies, such as AACSB.



Library faculty and staff participated in the 2023 annual conference of the Tennessee Library Association in Memphis. **Sam Richardson**, special collections archivist and museum curator, presented “Disaster Response for Libraries, Archives, and Cultural Institutions.” **Dean Erik Nordberg** served as moderator and panelist for the session “Don’t Fear Library Planning,” and he also presented a report to TNLA Executive Board and Advisory Council as co-chair of the association’s Archives & History Committee.

UTM CARE TEAM April EVENTS CALENDAR

- 5** Consent Bingo - Sexual Assault Awareness
Wed | 6pm | Care Corner (2nd floor UC Lobby)
- 10** T-Shirt Rodeo
Mon | 11am - 1pm | UC Patio
- 12** Fishing Derby with TWRA
We welcome anyone! Supplies provided & prizes!
Wed | 5pm - 6pm | Pacer Pond
- 17** Care Team Cookout
Grab a burger and chill with the Care Team
Mon | 11am - 1pm | UC Patio
- 19** Care Team - Parsons Center Arts & Crafts
Get crafty with the Care Team
Wed | 11am - 1pm | Parsons Lobby
- 19** Yoga in the Quad
With Campus Recreation
Wed | 4 - 4:45pm | UTM Quad
- 21** Cultivating Care: Plant giveaway
Care Team's Sowing, Growing, GIVING Garden Series
Fri | 11am - 1pm | UC Patio
- 25** Goat Snuggles
Get your cuddle on for a snuggle study break!
Tues | 11am - 2pm | Next to Crisp Hall

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UTM CARE TEAM logo and QR codes.



Let the UT Martin community know about your most recent accolades by submitting a YoUTM to addenda@utm.edu.

The Center for Women and Gender Equality held their “Everyone is Awesome” banquet as a culmination of Pride Year and to celebrate the LGBT+ community and allies, April 11, in the Boling University Center. During the event, **Tammy Stanford**, a student success counselor, was given the 2nd annual Elliot McKeel Ally Award for a faculty or staff member who exemplifies allyship and advocacy. Tammy is known for supporting her students, being a voice for them and generally creating a welcoming and accepting environment on campus. The award is named after Elliot McKeel, a UTM student who died in July 2021. Elliot was an advocate for LGBT+ students on campus.



Thrills, Spills & Chills

A photo essay of the 55th Annual UT
Martin Spring College Rodeo in action.



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Pennington Named Spring 2023 Beth Maloan Outstanding Student Employee



BETH MALOAN AWARD –Emily Pennington (center), of McMinnville, received the University of Tennessee at Martin Beth Maloan Outstanding Student Employee Award for the spring 2023 semester. She is pictured with Maloan family members Mike Maloan and Jennifer Stroh.

UT Martin has named Emily Pennington as the recipient of the spring 2023 Beth Maloan Outstanding Student Employee award for her outstanding job performance and dedication to the university.

Pennington is a senior mass media and strategic communication major from McMinnville who works in the Office of University Relations. She has served as the writing intern for the 2022-23 academic year. Her responsibilities include writing news releases and feature stories about UT Martin people, events, activities, recognitions and more.

“When considering Emily's service, important descriptors come to mind, including reliability, persistence, professional growth, and accomplished communicator,” said Bud Grimes, vice chancellor for communications and marketing. “Emily is a person who represents the best of

UT Martin and University Relations.”

Pennington has also spent her collegiate career being a community service advocate. She holds the Miss Northwest Tennessee crown and uses that platform to share information about “Embracing the Elderly,” a program that provides supplies and offers volunteer hours to nursing homes across Tennessee.

The Beth Maloan Outstanding Student Employee Award is named for the late Beth Maloan, a longtime UT Martin director of budgeting and payroll, who was a strong advocate of student employment. The award recognizes exemplary work ethic and commitment to the university. This award, which consists of a plaque and \$1,000 check, is given each semester to a student nominated by his or her supervising office or department.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of University Relations at 731-881-7615.



SHARING THE SCIENCE – Sixteen faculty, graduate and undergraduate students attended the UT Martin-Murray State Sigma Xi Joint Research Symposium Saturday, April 1, in the new Latimer-Smith Engineering and Science Building. Established in 1886 at Cornell University, Sigma Xi was designed to encourage a sense of companionship and cooperation among scientists in all fields. The recent interdisciplinary research meeting included oral presentations from the UT Martin departments of Agriculture, Geosciences and Natural Resources (Katherine Witbeck, Dr. Rachna Tewari, faculty mentor), Chemistry and Physics (Dr. Genessa Smith) and Engineering (Dr. Greg Nail). Undergraduate researcher Kurt Brandt (faculty mentor Dr. Lisa Krueger, Biological Sciences) presented a scientific poster. Pictured are (front row, l-r) Joel Bulkley*; Dr. Nancy Buschhaus; Dr. Genessa Smith; Dr. Ann Gathers; Dr. Angie MacKewn; Sai Neela Kesumala*; Katherine Witbeck; and Emily Tester; (back row, l-r) Dr. Greg Nail; Dr. Darrell Ray; Dr. Thomas DePriest; Dr. Howard Whiteman*; Kurt Brandt; Dr. Marc Beck*; Dr. Jeff McCullough; Dr. Steve Elliott; and Dr. Bommanna Loganathan*. *Indicates Murray State University participants



UT Martin's 2014 men's rodeo team will forever be immortalized after university officials presented permanent signage touting the program's national championship located on University Street on the north edge of campus, Saturday, April 15. The Skyhawks made history after becoming the first collegiate team located east of the Mississippi River to win the national men's rodeo team championship. Head coach John Luthi, who retired in the summer of 2022 after 25 years of the helm of the Skyhawk rodeo program, returned to Martin for the dedication ceremony. Pictured (l-r) are Chase Thrasher, head coach, Luthi, Tyler Waltz, assistant roughstock coach, and Dr. Charley Deal, vice chancellor for university advancement.

DANCE ENSEMBLE TO PERFORM SPRING SHOWCASE

The UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts Dance Ensemble will showcase their spring 2023 production “Remembering” at 7 p.m., April 20-21, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre.

The 2023 spring showcase is centered around Dr. Carol Eckert’s painting “Remembering Nancy,” which is a painting about her mother. Eckert is professor and chair for the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts. Visuals of the artwork will be displayed while the dancers are performing each section. Each painting represents “maps” of Eckert’s mother.

The performances will be choreographed by both UT Martin students and faculty. Student choreographers include Maleia Bigham, a first-year dance education major from Polk County;

Madison Bixler, a first-year dance education major from Obion County; Lanna-Kate Graves, a first-year dance education major from Weakley County; Marlee Scott, a sophomore dance education major from Williamson County; Abby Walker, a first-year dance education major from Rutherford County; and Alexandra Webber, a junior veterinary science and technology major from Davidson County. Sarah McCormick, director of ensemble and professor of dance, choreographed three new sections for the spring show.

Student performers include Anna Bailey, a junior agriculture major from Culleoka; Caroline Hunter, a sophomore fine and performing arts major from Millington; Kayla Mick, a



first-year fine and performing arts major from Baxter; and Gabriel Rogers, a sophomore fine and performing arts major from Jackson. Bixler, Graves, Scott, Walker and Webber will also perform in the showcase.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for students, and children 10 and under are free. Tickets will be sold at the door starting at 6 p.m. the

night of the show and can be purchased with cash or check. Credit card purchases can be made online starting April 17 at https://secure.touchnet.com/C21608_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=10&SINGLESTORE=true.

For more information about the performance, contact the Vanguard Box Office at 731-881-7400.

You Tell Me

• **Question** – In the area of the Paul Meek Library which has the large windows facing the quad, the lights produce a rather noticeable buzzing sound. Is there any chance that those bulbs could be replaced with more modern LED bulbs, which would be quieter and more efficient? It would certainly make that unique spot on the UTM campus much more pleasant and welcoming.

• **Answer** – Following the submission of this question, the sound was investigated by the UT Martin Physical Plant. They determined that the sound was caused by some bad ballasts, and so they were replaced by the Electrical Shop, which minimized the buzzing sound. Any further questions or concerns related to the library can be sent directly to Dr. Erik Nordberg, dean of the Paul Meek Library at 731-881-7070 or enordber@utm.edu.

Submit your questions to Addenda at addenda@utm.edu.

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