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## Country Radio Broadcasters Inc. expands scholarship endowment

Country Radio Broadcasters selected UT Martin's broadcasting program, housed within the Department of Media and Strategic Mass Communications, to receive an \$6,250 scholarship. Faculty members Dr. Richard Robinson and Rodney Freed, along with five students, accepted the award during the annual Country Radio Seminar held Feb. 25 at the Omni Hotel in Nashville. UT Martin received the award alongside Belmont University, Middle Tennessee State University and the University of North Alabama.

The scholarship will be added to a \$25,000 award that was presented Feb. 13, 2019. The awards fund an annual scholarship award to a UT Martin broadcasting student. This year's recipient was Davis Gregory, a senior from Knoxville.

"We are so pleased that the



Pictured (I-r) are Rodney Freed, instructor of mass media and strategic communication and director of broadcast services; Dylan Ingram, a senior from Martin; Tatum Baldwin, a May 2022 graduate from Manchester; Hannah Bilger, a senior from McKenzie; Blaine McDonald, a senior from Martin; and Dr. Richard Robinson, professor of mass media and strategic communications and WUTM faculty adviser.

Country Radio Broadcasters chose to add to their broadcast scholarship endowment. In the years to come, this endowment will continue to provide a scholarship to a deserving broadcast student at the University of Tennessee at Martin," said Robinson, professor of mass media and

strategic communications and faculty adviser to WUTM 90.3 "The Hawk," the university's student-operated radio station.

Students attending were Dylan Ingram, a senior from Martin; Tatum Baldwin, a May 2022 graduate from Manchester; Hannah Bilger, a senior from McKenzie; Blaine McDonald, a senior from Martin; and Eden Miller, a May 2022 graduate from Camden.

For more information on the award or the UT Martin broadcasting concentration, contact Robinson at rrobins@ utm.edu or 731-881-7555.

# Weststar Leadership class to graduate June 21 in Humboldt

UT Martin's WestStar Leadership Program will graduate its 2021-22 class Tuesday, June 21, at The Venue at Twin Oaks in Humboldt. A 5:30 p.m. reception will be followed by dinner at 6:15, and the graduation ceremony will conclude the program. Randy Boyd, president of the University of Tennessee System, is the event's keynote speaker, and the program's board of trustees will welcome new graduates. The program has graduated 886 class members since it was established in 1989. The 900th WestStar graduate will be recognized from

among the current class.

The 32nd graduating class includes 30 members from 17 West Tennessee counties. Each WestStar class is chosen annually by the program's board of trustees. Selection is based on individual leadership achievements and potential to

contribute to West Tennessee's development. Class members are selected from all occupations and levels of community and regional involvement. Information about the program is available at utm.edu or call the WestStar Leadership Program at 731-881-7298.

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**Dr. Nancy Buschhaus**, chair of biology, will serve as the interim dean for the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences following the departure of **Dr. Shadow Robinson** who is leaving UT Martin for a new position.

"Nancy is a great leader and advocate for students and



student success. I have been very impressed with what she has accomplished in two years as chair. She is a deep thinker and an outstanding communicator, and I look forward to working with her in her new role," said **Dr. Philip Acree Cavalier**, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.



Chancellor Keith Carver is a guest on the podcast "Conflict Managed" that addresses toxic workplaces and how to fix them. The title of the podcast is "When you don't know what to do, do no harm until you know what to do" that was published June 7. He is interviewed by Merry Brown, founder of Third Party Workplace Conflict Restoration Services. She is a former lecturer in the Department of History and Philosophy.



Anita Rogers, a lecturer in the Department of Nursing at the Parsons Center, recently had an article titled "Systematic Review Revisited, 2010-2020: The Effect on Surrogates of Making Treatment Decisions for Others" published in the May 2022 edition of the Journal of Palliative Care. The article can be accessed here.

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Sam Richardson presented a workshop, "Experiential Learning and the Academic Library: Enriching our Students through the Impact of Covid-19," at the annual conference of the Association of Christian Librarians in Wichita, Kansas.



**Dr. Adnan Rasool**, assistant professor of political science, recently published a peerreviewed article titled "Belt and Road Initiative's Regional Impact: Lessons from South Asia" in the Journal of Indian and Asian Studies. The article can be accessed here.



**Dr.** Chan Mi Jean, a lecturer of music, recently placed first in the piano category of the 8th New York International Concours. As the winner, Jean received an invitation to perform in the winner's recital, January 24, 2023, at Carnegie Hall in New York.

#### PML announces new resources

The Paul Meek Library announces the purchase of three new resources from Adam Matthew, a leading digital publisher of unique primary sources from around the world.

The first collection, "African Communities," American diverse range showcases of primary source material. Featuring pamphlets, periodicals, correspondence, official records and in-depth oral histories, it reveals the challenges of racism, discrimination and integration, and the expressions of a unique African American culture and identity. A second related collection entitled "Race Relations America" brings together digital copies of audio recordings,

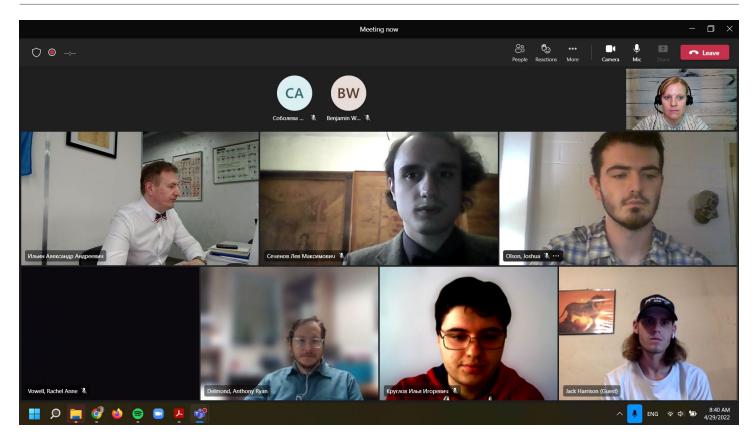
survey material, case studies, voter suppression information, photographs and interactive maps capturing history from the Civil Rights Movement, segregation, discrimination and racial theory in America during three pivotal decades of the twentieth century. The third collection, "Research Source: Women's Studies 1740-1960," provides primary sources from a multitude of perspectives on the changing roles of women in history.

These resources are currently available to all UTM students, faculty and staff via the Paul Meek Library's A-Z Database List.

For more information, contact **Dr. Erik Nordberg**, dean of the Paul Meek Library, at 731-881-7070.



BUCKET BRIGADE – The Office of Undergraduate Admissions participated in the UT Martin Bucket Brigade on June 14 by clearing the weeds in the flower beds in front of Clement Hall. Pictured (I-r) are Candice McCloud, admissions counselor; Kayla Evans, admissions operations manager; Emily Wiley, admissions application specialist; Brittany Bos, email marketing coordinator; Mykaela Waterfield, admissions communications manager; Arturo Lopez, admissions counselor; Bailey Radnitzer, admissions counselor; and Matt Hicks, assistant director of admissions. Individuals and groups interested in participating can contact grounds at 731-881-7979 or email Chris Virgin at cvirgin@utm.



CITIZEN DIPLOMACY – On April 29 UT Martin students Joshua Olson, Jack Harrison, Rachel Vowell and Ben Wilmoth participated in a virtual exchange about regional foods in Russia and the U.S. The exchange was with students at the Moscow University of Finance and Law in Russia. The virtual exchange opportunity was organized by Caroline Ideus, a virtual English language fellow with the U.S. Department of State, and in collaboration with Dr. Carrie Humphreys (political science) and Dr. Anthony Delmond (agricultural economics). The virtual English language program is one of few citizen diplomacy efforts taking place in Russia during this critical time of Russian-American relations.





2022 SAE BAJA COMPETITION — Several UT Martin engineering seniors recently attended the 2022 SAE Baja Validation competition May 12-15 in Cookeville. The UTM team was among over 100 schools attending the event. Pictured (I-r) (back row) Kaleb Hutcherson, Chase Goodrich, Landon Smith and Dr. Ali Seyedkavoosi, adviser; (front row) Patrick Parks, Skyler Kirkland, president of the Baja Team, and Ethan Taylor. Not pictured but attending were Dan Comer and Dr. Tim Nipp. The students designed, fabricated and assembled their Baja vehicle according to SAE rules and regulations.



# John Luthi retirement celebration set for June 22



UT Martin fans are encouraged to stop by and thank **John Luthi** for his 25 years of service as head rodeo coach on Wednesday, June 22, at the Champions Club on the third floor of the Hardy Graham Stadium pressbox.

The come-and-go retirement celebration event will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. and is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Luthi announced his intent to retire Feb. 18 after 41 years of a collegiate head rodeo coach. He arrived as the Skyhawk head coach in 1997 following 16 seasons at Fort Scott Community College.

The Gridley, Kansas, native oversaw a dominant run for UT Martin rodeo as the 2014 men's squad won the national team championship, becoming the first college located east of the Mississippi River to accomplish that feat.

One year earlier, Luthi earned a special recognition when he was named National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Coach of the Year. He guided the Skyhawk men's and women's teams to 19 combined Ozark Region championships and also coached Jeff Askey, the 2010 national bull riding champion.

#### You Tell Me

- Question What is the large white object on the roof of the new Latimer Engineering and Science Building?
- Answer The structure is the new observatory, which will replace the observatory located on the roof of the Johnson EPS Building once the Latimer Building opens. The Latimer Building observatory is new, but the telescope in the old observatory will be moved from Johnson EPS to the new facility. According to the catalog, the current instrumentation is a Meade 16" LX200 Telescope/SBIG Camera and is maintained by the Department of Chemistry and Physics.

Submit your questions anonymously to the Suggestion Box link at www.utm.edu/suggestionbox.

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