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28 veterinary grads to help reduce vet shortage

This fall, a record 28 UT Martin veterinary science and technology graduates will enter veterinary schools across the U.S. and overseas.

According to **Dr. Todd Winters**, dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, 20 of those graduates will attend the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine.

“The 28 students (accepted into postgraduate studies in one year) far surpasses the record of 21 that we had last year,” he said.

UT Martin also graduated 38 students in the field of veterinary technology, another school record. These graduates came to UT Martin from all three regions of Tennessee, and many will return to these areas following completion of their careers to serve Tennessee communities.

Dr. Jason Roberts, professor of animal science and the program director of veterinary technology, said this surge in veterinary graduates comes at a good time.

“These graduates will contribute greatly to the workforce shortage in the veterinary industry,” he said. “Not only will many of these future veterinarians and veterinary nurses contribute to the shortage of small animal veterinary professionals, but several of these students also come from agricultural backgrounds and have an interest in working with large animals.



UT Martin veterinary graduates Micayla Hickman (left center) of Smyrna and Chloe Dobson (right center) of Hixson are shown doing a procedure as part of experiential training in a lab with assistance from Mackenzie Moody (far left) of Dyersburg and Courtney Wilbanks of Bolivar. Dobson and Moody are two of 20 UTM veterinary graduates attending the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, while Hickman will attend the Royal Veterinary College in London and Wilbanks will be a veterinary technician in West Tennessee.

According to an article published in the April 29 issue of USA Today written by Phaedra Trethan, a report by Mars Veterinary Health – which has a network of 3,000 veterinary clinics worldwide – the U.S. will need as many as 55,000 additional veterinarians by 2030 to meet the increasing need for companion animals’ health care.

The article added that by 2030, there

may be a shortage of as many as 24,000 companion animal veterinarians, even accounting for students who will become veterinarians over the next decade.

In July 2022, the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) issued a statement regarding the shortage in the U.S. veterinary workforce.

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UT Martin joins FirstGen Forward Network

UT Martin has been made a member of the FirstGen Forward Network, effective Aug. 1.

FirstGen Forward (FGF) is the premier source of evidence-based practices, professional development and knowledge creation for the higher education community to advance the success of first-generation students.

UT Martin is now part of a select group of partner institutions helping to advance the FGF mission: to provide data, training and expertise for colleges and universities across the country to scale and sustain the important work of serving first-generation students.

“The University of Tennessee at Martin continues to provide access and develop leaders who are first-generation college

students,” said Chancellor Yancy Freeman. “UTM’s participation in FirstGen Forward expands our opportunity to engage with a community of leaders on the best practices for recruiting, enrolling and graduating first-generation college students.

“We are proud to contribute to the wealth of knowledge to increase educational outcomes for our best and brightest students.”

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highlighting the excellence of our faculty and staff



Long

Dr. Jamye Long, professor of management, has been voted by her colleagues to become the new chair of the Department of Management, Marketing and Information Systems, effective fall 2024.

Long succeeds Dr. Bill Davis, who served as the interim chair throughout the past academic year.



Ashburn

Kellie Ashburn, lecturer in the Department of Nursing, was awarded a 2024 NLN Foundation for Nursing Education Faculty Scholarship Award.

She will be recognized at the 2024 National League of Nursing Education Summit in September in San Antonio, Texas.

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Lauren Campbell, lecturer in educational studies, has been awarded the Literacy Association of Tennessee (LAT) Diversity Committee Book Grant.

This grant recognizes the department's dedication to fostering diversity and inclusion in education. The book bundles donated by the LAT feature several stories that celebrate the beauty of uniqueness, represent diverse perspectives and address



Campbell

crucial social justice issues.

Dr. Adnan Rasool, associate professor of political science, was recently accepted to the prestigious and highly selective Council on Foreign Relations' Education Ambassador Program.

The CFR Education Ambassador program is a nine-month engagement that connects educators across the world with open educational resources, professional development activities and a vibrant network of like-minded professionals who are committed to equipping students with the knowledge,



Rasool

skills, and perspective to navigate today's connected world.

Details of the program can be found [here](#).

Dr. Bill Davis, professor of economics, was featured in the Aug. 22 publication of moneygeek.com in a discussion about the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Davis answered questions about the difference between the CPI and the economy and how the CPI affects consumers and provided tips on how consumers can navigate rising costs.

The feature can be found [here](#).

Moneygeek.com is a site that provides free, expert-driven advice and tools to help people better manage their finances.



Davis

An instrument of art



One guitar shows the Memphis blues, while the other has the orange-and-white checkerboard University of Tennessee pattern at the 10th annual Guitar As Art exhibition at the UTM Fine Arts Building art gallery Sept. 1.



UT Martin students and faculty members are shown during their tour of the state of Washington with Mount St. Helens - which famously erupted in 1980 – shown in the background. The tour was taken in August to fulfill the course requirements of GEOL 475, which was offered last spring.

UTM students tour the state of Washington

Twelve UT Martin students participated in a geology, soils and agriculture travel study through Washington state in August in fulfillment of GEOL 475 offered in spring 2024.

The group, led by **Dr. Angie Van Boening**, **Dr. Anthony Delmond** and **Dr. Bethany Wolters**, flew into Spokane and spent three days in eastern Washington exploring

the Palouse region, visiting local farmers markets and learning about the Columbia River flood basalts.

From there, the group traveled to the central Washington region, where they toured the Hanford nuclear site, learned about viticulture in the area and learned about the channeled scablands.

For the third leg of the trip, they crossed into western Washington, where they learned about the Cascade volcanoes, including a stop at Mount St. Helens. They traveled along the Pacific Coast north into Olympic National Park and ended the trip with a visit to the Pikes Place Market in Seattle.



Wilson



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Fall 2024 Research Series schedule announced

The UT Martin Paul Meek Library announced the events for its fall 2024 Research Series.

The first three programs will be held near the North Windows of the Paul Meek Library, with the final program taking place at the Martin Public Library.

The first event will be presented at 4 p.m. on Tuesday,

Sept. 10, by **Dr. Alisa Wilson**, assistant professor of educational studies. The program title is “A Look at ChatGPT through the Eyes of Faculty and Students.”

The second event of the series will be presented at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 22, by **Sarah Morris** of the UTM Student Success Center. The program

title is “Transfer Students and Undergraduate Research.”

The third event of the series will be presented at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14, by **Jason Stout**, professor of art. The program title is “Finding the Picture: Inspiration, Creation and Scholarship in the Visual Arts.”

The final event of the series will be presented at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 10, in the Martin Public Library by **Dr. John LaDue**, information literacy librarian with the Paul Meek Library. The program title is “Molding Minds: Media, Money and Manipulation.”

Paul Meek Library to host fun events in September

The Paul Meek Library will have a space-themed open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18.

Participants can learn about the services that the library offers, including the UT Martin Center for Sustainability, the Hortense Parrish Writing Center, the Verna B. Coleman Center for Women and Gender Equality and the STEM Lab part of the Student Success Center.

The event will also feature swag, popcorn, games, tours and prizes.

The library will host CoMeekCon to be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 23.

Participants can register on Runway. This come-and-go event is open campus-wide to faculty, staff, students and the Martin community.

CoMeekCon is a collaboration of several departments across campus. CoMeekCon events include an interactive combat class, mini-fig painting sessions, trivia, anime streaming, Mario Kart tournament, D&D workshop, cosplay contest and expo hall.



This Week's Skyhawk Home Events

Friday, Sept. 6

- Women's volleyball vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 11:30 a.m., Skyhawk Fieldhouse (Skyhawk Invitational)
- Women's volleyball vs. North Alabama, 6:30 p.m., Skyhawk Fieldhouse (Skyhawk Invitational)

Saturday, Sept. 7

- Women's volleyball vs. Missouri State, 2 p.m. (Skyhawk Invitational)

Sunday, Sept. 8

- Women's soccer vs. Northern Iowa, 1 p.m.
- *Full athletics schedules can be found at utmsports.com.*
- *Watch "Skyhawk Sports Talk" each week, archived at utmsports.com! New episodes are posted each Monday.*



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- MARIO KART TOURNAMENT
- D&D WORKSHOPS
- COMIC BOOK EXPO
- ARTIST ALLEY
- MINI FIGURE PAINTING
- ANIME STREAMING
- COMBAT CLASS
- TRIVIA
- ... AND MORE

CO MEEK CON

SEPTEMBER 23. 5:00-7:00 PM. PAUL MEEK LIBRARY.

Brooks, Oher visit UT Martin campus

Chancellor Yancy Freeman (far right) is shown posing with NFL veteran Michael Oher (left) and Harvard professor and bestselling author Dr. Arthur Brooks during their visit to the UT Martin campus on Aug. 28. Brooks spoke about how to increase one's happiness level during a public session in Watkins Auditorium in the Boling University Center.



Community farmers market helps Captain's Pantry

The UT Martin campus and its community are working together again for a good cause.

The Martin Area Farmers Market is collecting donations from its vendors to go toward The Captain's Pantry, a food supply for UT Martin students.

Caroline Ideus and Samantha Goyret, the managers of the Martin Area Farmers Market, said this is the first year for the farmers market to make donations to The Captain's Pantry, which began in 2018.

"In the spring, I attended a virtual call with the Tennessee Justice Center about college hunger relief and college food insecurity," Ideus said. "It is a problem here in Tennessee.

"We're thinking about what we can do for gleaned opportunities here at the market, and this goes directly to the campus."

Martin Area Farmers Market vendors are donating their extra food to The Captain's Pantry after each market day. The farmers market is open from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday and from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. Through Aug. 14, farmers market vendors have donated 319 pounds of food.

Ideus said a representative from the UTM Office of Residence Life and Housing comes to pick up the food at the end of each market day and bring it back to the pantry.

"We've been working with the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences to get recipes so the students know how to cook the fresh food that's donated," Goyret said.

"We hope that when the classes get started, there will be more students who are excited about getting fresh produce," Ideus said.

Donations will be given throughout the Martin Area Farmers Market season, which ends Oct. 19. Vendors put their donations in a blue cooler to be brought to The Captain's Pantry.

The Martin Area Farmers Market can be found at 101 Main St. in historic downtown Martin. The structure for the farmers market is between the train tracks and the Lindell Street businesses.

The Captain's Pantry – named for the UT Martin mascot, Captain Skyhawk – is open to all UTM students. Students can pick up food items free of charge at the pantry's two locations: the Ellington Hall lobby or the Cooper Hall lobby.

Director of Housing **Ryan Martin** said The Captain's Pantry serves a need for UT



Shown posing with the blue coolers where Martin Area Farmers Market vendors make food donations to UTM's Captain's Pantry are (L-R) Martin Area Farmers Market managers Samantha Goyret and Caroline Ideus, Caroline's son Conrad, Office of Housing Director Ryan Martin and Office of Housing Assistant Director Laura Kepler.

Martin students.

"In 2018, we applied for the Giving Circle Grant, and we won that grant to get us up and going," he said. "That paid for our initial food supplies, the pantry and so on. Since then, we've been running off of donations. We've been able to build a pantry fund through monetary donations that have come in.

"We received \$15,000 in funding from a UT Alumni fundraiser during the UT Martin football game at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (Oct. 22, 2022), and that included a \$5,000 matching gift from UT System President Randy Boyd. Those funds were split between the pantry and the

Skyhawk Shares Meal Swipes program."

The pantry is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, during the academic year, and is open to commuting students and non-commuters.

People wanting to make a donation to The Captain's Pantry may bring nonperishable food items to the Ellington Hall lobby from 8 a.m. to midnight. Monetary donations may be made to the Student Affairs Gift Fund through www.give.utm.edu. Funds are used to help support purchases for the pantry.

"We hope to build more relationships with other UTM departments," Ideus said.

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Paul Meek Library to host student prep workshops

The Paul Meek Library is holding weekly workshops at 4 p.m. each Tuesday throughout the month of September.

These workshops are designed to help students prepare for the semester. All sessions will be in the Active Learning Classroom (Room 152).

The workshops include:

- Sept. 3: Finding Info @ the Library
- Sept. 10: How to Read an Academic Article

- Sept. 17 Evaluating Info Online

- Sept. 24: Citing Sources with Zotero

Additionally, at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in Room 152, there will be an open forum on current events and how they are covered in the media.

This forum is open to the public. Participants are encouraged to bring stories they are concerned about or don't understand.

PML FALL WORKSHOPS

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- 9/24 - Citing Sources with Zotero

Tuesdays @ 4pm
Paul Meek Library
Room 152

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“Significant shortages of veterinarians exist across all sectors of professional activity and at all levels of specialization,” it states. “...The available evidence indicates that these shortages are a result of systemic, long-term trends in pet ownership and demand for veterinary services, along with limited capacity for training veterinary professionals, and are expected to continue unless the veterinary medical profession takes action.”

The statement added that in 2019, there were 2,000 to 3,000 more open jobs than veterinarians available to hire.

“UT Martin is fortunate to have an experienced team of five

veterinarians and five veterinary technicians who teach in the program,” Roberts said. “The program also utilizes a 700-acre teaching farm and small animal veterinary clinic where students gain hands-on experience from veterinary professionals with large, small and exotic animals as they prepare for veterinary careers.”

The 20 UT Martin graduates accepted into the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine are Allison Brigman of Finger, Makayla Buchanan of Obion, Alissa Carter of Ripley, Madison Chadwell of Loretto, Chloe Dobson of Hixson, Ella Fagin of Milan, Grant Funderburk of Bath Springs, Rebecca Glover of Spring Hill, Jared Henson of Hillsboro,



Shown are the 20 UT Martin veterinary science and technology graduates who will attend the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, posing with UTIA Senior Vice Chancellor and Senior Vice President and former UTM Chancellor Keith Carver,

Adrienne Huestis of Cottage Grove, Rachel Jones of St. Joseph, Avery Leyhue of Martin, Lilly Mahaney of Ashland City, Mackenzie Moody of Dyersburg, Chloe Ragland of

Spencer, Naomi Sherman of Murfreesboro, Karley Simmons of Shelbyville, Ben Smith of Paris, Ainsley Watt of Loudon and Kaitlyn Williams of Cordova.

You Tell Me

• **Question** – How are tree limbs in the quad maintained throughout the year?

• **Answer** – The physical plant has a team member who is an arborist, Shannon Baughman, and he handles trimming and removing of dead limbs where he can reach with the lifts. There are some dead trees as well, and sometimes, that requires an outside vendor to get them on the ground safely, and then, university staff clean up the debris.

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