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UT President Randy Boyd visits UTM



University of Tennessee System President Randy Boyd (right) visited the main campus of UT Martin on Nov. 5. Boyd visited with the university's new staff council and made comments during the fall faculty meeting in Watkins Auditorium in the Boling University Center, where he spoke alongside Chancellor Yancy Freeman (pictured). Boyd is entering his seventh year as UT president.

Veterans Walk held on Veterans Day

Several veterans, ROTC cadets and others took part in the annual Veterans Walk on Nov. 11, going from the Boling University Center to the Capt. Brent Morel Memorial Bridge to Gooch Hall. The walk was postponed from its original Nov 5 date due to the threat of inclement weather. The walk is a means for veterans, service members, military students and community members to do something special to honor those who chose to serve this nation.



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highlighting the excellence of our faculty and staff

Chad McDaniel, information technology (IT) specialist in the Instructional Technology Center has completed the prestigious Canvas Certified Technical Admin training program.



McDaniel

This certification enhances technical proficiency and leadership in managing Canvas learning management systems.

The training involved three intensive courses, each spanning five to six weeks, and offered a robust learning experience for participants dedicated to becoming experts in Canvas

administration. Throughout this rigorous program, McDaniel had the opportunity to collaborate with

other Canvas administrators from across the United States.

This collaboration allowed him to exchange insights, discuss challenges and share best practices with a network of professionals who manage and maintain similar educational platforms.

Such peer interaction not only deepened his understanding of Canvas' technical aspects but also broadened his perspective on diverse implementation strategies across various educational institutions.

The Canvas Certified

Technical Admin program is designed to prepare administrators for the complex demands of today's digital education landscape.

The curriculum covered a range of technical topics essential for maintaining, configuring and troubleshooting the Canvas Learning Management System.

By mastering these topics, McDaniel has gained the skills to efficiently support faculty and students, ensuring a seamless and effective online learning experience.

Dr. Jim Fieser, professor of philosophy, was featured in the fall 2024 edition of the University of Tennessee's Our Tennessee alumni magazine.



Fieser

The story told of his creation in the late 1990s of the Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy.

The scholarly website is a valuable reference tool for philosophy students and scholars alike.

In July 2024, more than 7 million visitors from 200-plus countries accessed the site.

Fieser has taught at UT Martin since 1993.

Y is for Young Writers Conference



Kelly Kazek, an award-winning columnist and author from Alabama, was the featured guest writer at this year's Young Writers Conference, held Nov. 7 in the Boling University Center.

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Jason Stout, Visual and Theatre Arts

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Boyd speaks with student leaders during UTM visit



University of Tennessee System President Randy Boyd shakes hands with Terriann Ray, a senior health and human performance major from Paris and president of the Black Student Association, during Boyd's visit Nov. 5 to the UT Martin main campus. Also greeting Boyd were (L-R) Tierna Miller, a senior criminal justice major from Memphis and second vice president and social media chair of the National Pan-Hellenic Council; Shakeva Williams, a senior health and human performance major from Memphis and president of the National Pan-Hellenic Council; and Da'Amonie Hall, a junior criminal justice major from Covington and vice president of the Black Student Association. Several other student leaders were on hand for the event at the Dunagan Alumni Center.

Students perform 'The Best of Mozart'

The UTM Lyric Opera Theatre performed "The Best of Mozart" on Nov. 9 in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre in the Fine Arts Building. Madison Butner, a sophomore music major from Union City, sings "Beloved, don't delay," an aria from Mozart's 1786 opera "The Marriage of Figaro," as Chance Cornell, a first-year music major from Beloit, Wisconsin, listens behind the bench. The Lyric Opera was directed by Dr. Amy Yeung, professor of voice.



Education Day brings Skyhawk victory

Captain Skyhawk launches T-shirts into the announced crowd of more than 2,700 fans during Education Day on Nov. 7 at the Elam Center as the Skyhawk men's basketball team defeated Kentucky Christian 114-61. The morning contest welcomed students from 13 local schools who were treated to the win and other game-day activities. A second Education Day game is set for 11 a.m., Nov. 19, in the Elam Center when the Skyhawk women play Missouri State. That contest will welcome elementary students and other fans to experience Skyhawk basketball. Follow the Skyhawks at utmsports.com.



This Week's Skyhawk Home Events

Tuesday, Nov. 12

- Women's basketball vs. Louisville, 6 p.m., Kathleen and Tom Elam Center.

Friday, Nov. 15

- Men's and women's cross country, NCAA South Regionals, Tallahassee, Florida.

Saturday, Nov. 16

- *Football vs. Tennessee Tech, Military Appreciation Game, 1 p.m., Hardy M. Graham Stadium.
- Women's basketball vs. Central Arkansas, 7 p.m., Kathleen and Tom Elam Center.

* - conference competition

- 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.



Celebrating Danny Walker



Dr. Danny Walker, professor of animal science, will retire at the end of the spring 2025 semester after 14 years of teaching. A retirement dinner was held Nov. 9 in the Duncan Ballroom, and a scholarship endowment was announced in his name. A doctor of veterinary medicine, Walker is past president of the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association and was awarded the Elsevier Award for Teaching Excellence in 2017 from the Association of Veterinary Technician Educators. Pictured with Walker at the event from the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences were (front row, l-r) Amanda Waldon, Amber Moore, Walker, Alex Castleman, Matt Chesnut, Belynda Jones (back row, l-r) Diana Watson, Cindy Schmidt, Clint Ary, Zach Morphis, Mallory Edwards and Jason Roberts. Contact the Office of University Advancement for information on how to contribute to the endowment.

Students visit U.S. Space and Rocket Center



Dr. Lionel Crews, associate professor of physics, and Dr. Cahit Erkal, professor of physics, took members of the Society of Physics Students to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, on Oct. 19. They toured real rockets, including the Saturn V, learned about space missions and the International Space Station, and had the chance to experience astronaut-style simulations. Also, they enjoyed an INTUITIVE Planetarium "James Webb Space Telescope: The Story Unfolds" show about the most powerful telescope ever built and witnessed the evolution of galaxies, the life cycle of stars and distant worlds. The day was filled with hands-on activities that sparked curiosity and deepened understanding of space science, leaving students inspired and eager to reach for the stars. Shown are (L-R) Scarlett Nail, senior chemistry major from Sharon; Skylar Galloway, junior chemistry major from Cross Plains; De'Ja Graves, senior chemistry major from Martin; Crews; Kennedy Jones, sophomore chemistry major from Memphis; and Erkal.

Campus Calendar

Tuesday, Nov. 12

- An Evening of Holiday Music for One or Two Pianos, 7:30 p.m., Bill and Roberta Blankenship Recital Hall, Fine Arts Building, free admission.

Thursday, Nov. 14

- Reception, Featured Faculty Scholar James Stout, 4 p.m., Paul Meek Library.

Sunday, Nov. 17

- Woodwind studio recital,

3 p.m., Blankenship Recital Hall.

- Trombone studio recital, 7:30 p.m., Blankenship Recital Hall.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

- Flu shot clinic with COVID-19 vaccine, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Room 229 Boling University Center.

Events are subject to cancellation; dates and times are subject to change.

November 4 - November 22

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• **Question** – As the work continues in the Hall-Moody Administration Building, the building’s office lights usually remain burning overnight. What’s the reason for the lights being on when the building isn’t occupied, and no workers are present?

• **Answer** – The contractor has control of the building, and the lighting is on temporary circuits to provide safe entry and exit. There is not an easy way to isolate the circuitry while on temporary power. The contractor is required to meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements for safety, so sufficient lighting is part of compliance. Progress continues and the building is projected for completion and occupancy in early fall 2025.

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