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First family strike up heroic poses for Halloween



Shown in costume for Halloween are (L-R) first lady Rafielle Freeman, daughter Camille and Chancellor Yancy Freeman, dressed for Trick-or-Treat with the Freemans on Oct. 31 at the Dunagan Alumni Center. Rafielle is dressed as Catwoman, Camille is dressed as Supergirl and Yancy is dressed as a Jedi knight from the "Star Wars" series.

Veterans Week schedule of events announced

The schedule of events for the annual Veterans Week celebration was released this week. The schedule lists several events and ways for people to honor those who served their country in the armed forces.

The week's activities include:

- Wednesday, Nov. 6: Army ROTC veterans, staff, cadets trip to W.D. "Bill" Manning Tennessee State Veterans Home (2865 E. Main St., Humboldt), 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 7: Veteran Bowl, 7 a.m.,

traditional veterans vs. cadets flag football game at Hardy M. Graham Stadium.

- Friday, Nov. 8: Veterans Program, 3 p.m., Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center; guest speaker is Dr. Michael O'Neill, director of public safety and retired sergeant major (Army Reserve); Army Band classical rock and rhythm and blues performance, 4 p.m., Watkins Auditorium.

- Saturday, Nov. 9: Veterans Day Parade, 10 a.m.; Missing Man ceremony, following

parade, Martin Public Library Stage; veterans luncheon, American Legion Post 55 (221 Central St., Martin), following the Missing Man ceremony.

The Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 9 will begin at the corner of Lovelace Avenue and University Street and continue through downtown Martin.

- Monday, Nov. 11: Veterans Walk, 3 p.m., Boling University Center to Capt.

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Dr. Clinton Smith, professor of special education and chair of the Department of Educational Studies, presented two sessions Oct. 24-25 at the West Tennessee Special Education Conference in Memphis.

The conference was attended by general education and special education teachers as well as administrators from across West Tennessee.

The sessions were titled “Innovative Strategies for Neurodiverse Learners and



Smith

Why Kids Do What They Do... And What We Can Do About It.”

Brian Johnson, lecturer of and chair of the Department of Psychology, will play the role of Mitch Albom in Purchase Players (Mayfield, Kentucky) production of “Tuesdays with Morrie.”

This is Johnson’s seventh production with Purchase Players. He has appeared in more than 40 productions with six different community theaters in the past 15 years.

Performances are at 7 p.m. Nov. 8 and 9 and 2 p.m. on Nov. 10.



Johnson

More information about tickets can be found at purchaseplayers.com.

Jason Stout, professor of art in the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts, has been selected as the fall semester Featured Faculty Scholar.

A reception will be held in his honor at 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Paul Meek Library.

Stout’s presentation, “Finding the Picture: Inspiration, Creation and Scholarship in the Visual Arts,” will explore the creative processes that inform his art, describe how exhibitions help to define a professional artist, and detail the processes used in higher education to evaluate and reward faculty in the creative arts.

Stout’s work visually deals with elements of formal and figurative abstraction while exploring such themes as power, history and identity, especially

through the guise of Southern culture.

Stout holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in studio art from the University of Tennessee at Martin and a Master of Fine Arts degree in painting from the University of Texas at San Antonio.

His award-winning work is held in numerous private and public collections, and he has participated in solo and group exhibitions around the country.

Stout’s teaching has been acknowledged with the Higher Education Art Educator of the Year award by the Tennessee Art Education Association as well as the Outstanding Teacher Award from the University of Tennessee Alumni Association.

He currently serves as the faculty advisor to UT Martin’s



Stout

League of Striving Artists student organization.

The Featured Faculty Scholar award is given by **Dr. Philip Cavalier**, provost and senior vice chancellor for academic affairs, to recognize faculty members whose research and creative works are judged among the most prestigious on the campus.

The event is co-sponsored by

the Division of Academic Affairs and the Paul Meek Library.

The event is open to the public and a livestream of the presentation. It will be recorded and available at this site for later playback. A reception with light refreshments will follow and attendees can view an exhibit highlighting Stout’s work.

Parking for the event will be in the Paul Meek Library parking lot on Wayne Fisher Drive off Mt. Pelia Road.

Free parking permits are available at the UT Martin Public Safety website.

Further information may be found on the library’s Runway event page or by contacting **Dr. Erik Nordberg**, dean of the Paul Meek Library, at 731-881-7070.

Dr. Amy Richards, associate professor of dietetics in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, presented a research poster Oct. 3 in Menomonie, Wisconsin, at the biannual Phi Upsilon Omicron national meeting titled

“Evaluating 5 Up, 5 Down Pilot Project’s Ability to Recruit Students and Improve Stage of Change for Fruit and Vegetable Intake and Physical Activity.”

Lori Littleton, assistant professor of nutrition and hospitality, was a co-author.



Richards



Littleton

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Dr. Erik Nordberg, dean of the Paul Meek Library, has published an article, "Breaking Barriers and Forging Collaboration: One University Library's Experience with Non-academic Partners," in Vol. 74, Issue 3, of Tennessee Libraries, the journal of the Tennessee Library Association.



Nordberg

The article highlights the Paul Meek Library's partnerships with an annual conference for public, school and academic libraries in northwest Tennessee as well as a regional consortium of heritage agencies covering all 21 counties of West Tennessee.

West Tennessee, 1915-1970" at the November meeting of the Jackson Purchase Historical Society.

The event was held in one of the historic hangars of the Everett Stewart Regional Airport built in 1942 to train pilots during World War II.

Nordberg also presented on the "Development of Civil and Commercial Aviation in

Dr. Brittany Cole, assistant professor of finance and Jennifer Killebrew, director of the Master of Business Administration program, MBA and undergraduate student services, attended the Tennessee Banker's Association Trust and Wealth Management Conference on Oct. 21-22 in Nashville.

Department of Accounting, Economics, Finance and Political Science and the MBA program.

Cole met with Greg Gonzales, the commissioner of Tennessee's Department of Financial Institutions, to update him on ways UTM can be an asset in new employee recruiting and hiring for the TDFI.

While at the conference, they promoted UTM's undergraduate finance program and new initiatives within the

Cole and Killebrew also addressed conference attendees with an update on the finance discipline.



Cole



Killebrew

Travel Study discussions



About 40 students who have participated in the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages' Travel Study/Study Abroad programs were invited to share their experience with each other. They were also encouraged to bring students who are interested in these programs. Students enjoyed bonding and looking back on their life-changing experience. This event was hosted by Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages and the Center for Global Education and Experience.

Julie Alexander, a Westview High School alumna and current assistant professor of marketing, spoke to more than 40 students during Westview High School's Future Business Leaders of America club meeting on Oct. 23.



Alexander

Alexander discussed how her involvement in high school business activities and part-time work influenced her career choices.

opportunities to train others, resonated with the students.

She highlighted how foundational skills from school supported her marketing career paths in business.

Students left with valuable insights in marketing and information on the programs offered through UTM's College of Business and Global Affairs.

Her journey from industry work to teaching, including

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Holiday piano program scheduled for Nov. 12

The UTM Piano Ensemble, directed by **Dr. Elaine Harriss**, professor of music, will present an evening of holiday music for one and two pianos at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, in Bill and Roberta Blankenship Recital Hall in Room 122 of the Fine Arts Building.

The featured work on the program is Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" arranged for two pianos. Additional pieces include Leroy Anderson's popular "Sleigh Ride," an unusual setting of "Jingle Bells," three Christmas carols

arranged by Norman Dello Joio, and Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."

The grand finale is a novelty piece, "Arrival of Santa Claus," played by 14 pianists at seven pianos and featuring a very special holiday guest to be revealed at the concert.

Performers include university piano students Grace Browning of Memphis, Jacob Callender of Clarksville, Thomas Holcomb of Puryear, Konami Ishikawa of Japan, Katie Lownsdale of



Harriss

Union City, Timothy Odle of Trenton and Christopher

Ostenson of Martin.

Teachers on the program include Robin Pape and Victoria Russell of Martin, Linda Farmer of Dresden and Linda Williams of Union City.

Harriss and **Dr. Chan Mi Jean**, lecturer of music, and high school students Chloe Baumgardner, Elizabeth Woody and Tyler Lownsdale will also be featured.

There is no admission charge, and the public is invited to attend.

This Week's Skyhawk Home Events

Monday, Nov. 4

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

Thursday, Nov. 7

- Men's basketball vs. Kentucky Christian, 11 a.m., Kathleen and Tom Elam Center (Education Day).

Friday, Nov. 8

- *Women's volleyball vs. Southeast Missouri, 6 p.m., Skyhawk Fieldhouse.

Saturday, Nov. 9

- *Women's volleyball vs. Southeast Missouri, 2 p.m., Skyhawk Fieldhouse.

* - 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.



Dessert for UTM Choirs



The UTM Choirs Dessert Evening, held Oct. 26, is an annual fundraiser for the Department of Music, with the money raised going toward student events in the music department. In May 2025, there will be a band and choir Travel Study trip to Italy, and the money raised this year is going toward providing group meals, events and transportation during that trip, which will involve performing in historic locations through Italy. This year's program was "You Were a Child Once, Too," based on Fred Rogers, the host of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," and his ability to see all people as equals. The choirs performed arrangements of the show's theme, "Won't You Be My Neighbor"; a South African children's clapping song; an Irish children's song with fun movements and songs with ideas that remind us of the simple joys of childhood. Students shown performing are (L-R) Samuel Green, Liz Bennett, Landen Dougherty, Lily Stahr, Blaize Durham (behind Stahr), Kamryn DePriest and Autumn Godwin, all under the direction of Dr. Mark Stattler, director of choral activities.

Young Writers Conference set for Nov. 7

Kelly Kazek, an award-winning journalist and humor columnist will be the guest writer at the 2024 Young Writers Conference to be held Thursday, Nov. 7, at the Boling University Center.

Kazek (pronounced KAY-zick) writes stories about odd roadside attractions and quirky history for AL.com, Alabama's largest media presence.

Kazek has authored 25 books, including "The Southern Thesaurus," and has won more than 150 state and national press awards, including two Alabama Associated Press Sweepstakes Awards for best story of the year and national honors for Best Humorous Commentary and Feature Writer of the Year.

Workshops at the conference will be held from 9 to 10:15 a.m. and from 12:45 to 2 p.m. Each session has seven workshops. Kazek will speak from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., and lunch will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Skyhawk Dining Hall. An open mic featuring student reading will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. in Robert M. Smith Legislative Chamber, Room 111 of the Boling University Center.

Workshop leaders include 11 members of the UT Martin faculty and Simon Van Booy, an award-winning bestselling author of more than a dozen books for adults and children, including "The Illusion of Separateness" and "The Presence of Absence."

UTM faculty members participating as workshop leaders include **Dr. Kelle Alden**, associate professor of English and the director of the Hortense Parrish Writing Center; **Dr. Kassie Baron**, assistant professor of English; **Sally Brannen**, lecturer of English; **Dr. Trisha Capansky**, associate professor of English; **Dr. David Carithers**,



Dr. David Carithers, associate professor of English, is shown leading a writing workshop at the 2023 Young Writers Conference. Carithers is one of 11 UT Martin faculty members to participate in this year's conference.

associate professor of English; **Dr. Maari Carter**, assistant professor of English; **Dr. Kailyn Hall**, assistant professor of English; **Dr. Kyoko Hammond**, lecturer of Japanese; **Dr. Chris Hill**, professor of English; **Dr. Jeffrey Longacre**, professor of English; **Dr. Logan Musser**, adjunct professor of English; **Dr. Dan Pigg**, professor of English; and **David Williams**, lecturer of English.

Pre-registration is required for participation in the Young Writers Conference, and the deadline to register for

this year's conference has passed.

Begun in 2006, the conference is designed primarily for students in grades 9 through 12 and offers a series of writing workshops taught by UT Martin faculty and visiting writers.

For more information about the Young Writers Conference, contact **Dr. Maari Carter**, assistant professor of English, assistant to the dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, at 731-881-7288 or mcart72@utm.edu.

You Tell Me

- **Question** - How does a university graduate obtain a replacement diploma?
- **Answer** - An "Application for a Replacement Diploma" form is available online on the [Office of Academic Records website](#). The form must be completed and mailed to academic records with a \$25 check made payable to UT Martin. Special-order diplomas will be received approximately three to six months after the order is received.

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

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOV. 5



Cadets, veterans and others are shown taking part in the Veterans Walk in 2022.

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Brent Morel Memorial Bridge to Gooch Hall.

This event was postponed from Nov. 5 due to the threat of inclement weather.

The bridge's namesake, Marine Corps Capt. Brent Morel, graduated from UT Martin in 1999 and was killed in combat near Fallujah, Iraq, on April 7, 2004. He was a native of Martin and a graduate of Bartlett High School. He was part of a convoy when his vehicle was hit by a rocket-propelled

grenade. As the company commander, he and several of his men ran across open terrain toward the attackers, changing the momentum of the battle. He was the only American killed in the assault. The bridge is on University Street near the intersection with Skyhawk Parkway (Tenn. 43).

The Skyhawks' Nov. 16 home game against Tennessee Tech is designated the Military Appreciation Game. Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Hardy M. Graham Stadium.

Upcoming Campus Events	
<p>Friday, Nov. 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans Day program, 3 p.m., Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center; guest speaker is Dr. Michael O'Neill, director of public safety. 	<p>Missing Man ceremony, following parade, Martin Public Library stage.</p>
<p>Saturday, Nov. 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans Day parade, 10 a.m., downtown Martin; 	<p>Monday, Nov. 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans Walk, 3 p.m., Boling University Center.
<p><i>Events are subject to cancellation; dates and times are subject to change.</i></p>	

Blood drive at UTM Parsons Center



The Tyler Spann Foundation and the Lifeline Bloodmobile held a blood drive Oct. 21 at the University of Tennessee at Martin Parsons Center. The foundation was created in memory of Tyler Spann of Lexington, who tragically died in a swimming accident June 13, 2018, in Panama City, Florida. UT Martin Parsons Center students (L-R) Kassidy Little, Kaylyn McClannahan and Logan Hinson participated in the event and are pictured beside the blessing box provided by the Parsons Center's Student Nurses Association.

November 4 - November 22

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