

# addenda



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## There's no business like snow business



UT Martin classes and offices were closed on Friday, Jan. 10, ahead of an impending snow system that put more than 4 inches of powder in Martin. Students took advantage of the off time to put their snow skills to good use. Bottom left photo: Shown with one tall snowman are (l-r) sophomore computer science major Dylan Daniels of Dyersburg, first-year chemistry major Colton Owens of Dyersburg, senior fine and performing arts major Quinn Gilmer of Bartlett and sophomore computer science major Zack Rippee of Paducah, Kentucky. Bottom right photo: Throwing a chunk of white stuff in a snowball fight is first-year veterinary science and technology major Anne-Marie Tant of Florence, Alabama.



# YoUTMs

highlighting the excellence of our faculty and staff

Joshua Camper, lecturer in the Department of History and Philosophy, completed 12 hours of graduate-level course work with a 4.0 grade-point average through the University of North Alabama to be certified to teach public history.

He is continuing to expand and apply his knowledge in public history by working with the American Association for State and Local History in Nashville.



Camper

Dr. Sean Walker, professor of behavioral management in the College of Business and Global Affairs, was featured in the Jan. 7 edition of WalletHub with comments on the topic “Best Cities for Jobs.”

The story can be found [here](#). WalletHub, based in Washington, D.C., is a financial website that offers information such as credit-improvement advice and personalized savings alerts.

The site’s business-related features are supplemented with information from subject-matter experts.



Walker

## University administrators visit UTM Parsons Center



Administrators from the main campus paid a visit to the Parsons Decatur County Higher Education Foundation (PDCHEF) Dec. 18 at the UTM Parsons Center. Shown are (l-r) PDCHEF member Tom Leitch, UTM Parsons Center Director Dr. Kelli Deere, UTM Chief of Staff Jake Bynum, UTM Chancellor Yancy Freeman, Executive Director of the UTM Office of Regional Campuses and Online Programs Erica Bell and PDCHEF members Kyle Smith and Jon Ayers.

## Starling named associate provost

Dr. Philip Acree Cavalier, provost and senior vice chancellor for academic affairs, announced Dec. 20 that Dr. Anderson Starling had been chosen as UT Martin's next associate provost for the Division of Academic Affairs.

"This appointment is a testament to Dr. Starling's leadership capabilities and commitment to academic excellence at UTM," Cavalier said in his campus-wide email making the announcement. "I know that he will bring innovative approaches to this work."

Cavalier said the search process for the position "yielded strong candidates, and I want to thank the members of the search committee for the work they did reviewing applications, conducting interviews and evaluating the final candidates."

Starling had served as the interim associate provost since January 2023.

Starling began his career at UT Martin in August 2014 as an assistant professor of political science.

He attained tenure and was promoted to associate professor in June 2020. He was named the interim department chair for the Department of Accounting, Finance, Economics and Political Science in July 2022. (That department later became the department of Accounting, Economics and Finance and the Department of Political



Starling

Science and Global Affairs.)

"I am delighted to continue serving the students, faculty, and staff of UT Martin in the associate provost role," Starling said. "I look forward to working within and across these constituencies to facilitate more of the fantastic work happening at our institution."

Starling also served as the chair of the Faculty Senate's Budget and Economic Concerns Committee in 2019-20, president-elect of the Faculty Senate in 2020-21 and as the president of the Faculty Senate in 2021-22.

Starling joins Dr. Stephanie Kolitsch as associate provosts on the Division of Academic Affairs staff.

## Children's center director speaks to local Kiwanis Club



Briana Cash Jimenez, director of the Margaret N. Perry Children's Center and interim director of child and family grant programs, spoke to the Martin Kiwanis Club on Dec. 11 about how the Healthy Start Program and the Infant Stimulation Program make a difference in the lives of families in northwest Tennessee. She said that the Healthy Start Program has been in operation for more than 20 years and that ongoing goals are to get families enrolled as early as possible and to strengthen families. She explained that funding for the programs is channeled through three different revenue streams. Kiwanis president Laura Taylor presented Jimenez a certificate of appreciation showing that a donation will be made in her honor to the Martin Public Library.

# City, UT Martin team up to honor King's legacy

The City of Martin and UT Martin officially announced National Day of Service plans for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 20, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center.

The planning committee – composed of city officials, university officials and the UT Martin Black Student Association – has organized the Day of Service to package 20,000 meals to address the need of food insecurity in Martin and Weakley County.

The Day of Service activities will open with a Call to Action from UTM Chancellor Yancy Freeman, followed with instructions for volunteers who will organize and package the 20,000 meals.

The meals will serve the Martin/Weakley County community and will be distributed to local food banks and pantries to assist those with food insecurity needs.

Churches, community organizations and individuals – along with UT Martin faculty, staff and students – are invited to participate in the Day of Service. Participants are encouraged to register online at [here](#). An email confirmation receipt will be sent to confirm registration.

The packaging event is a coordinated effort with the Meals of Hope organization in Nashville. Meals of Hope is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that is committed to bringing people together to fight the hunger epidemic. Founded in 2007 in southwest Florida, Meals of Hope has packed over 100 million meals that have been donated to communities in need across the nation and around the world. For more information about Meals of Hope, visit its website at [mealsofhope.org/tennessee](http://mealsofhope.org/tennessee).

“This event comes with a cost, and we are thankful for the UT Martin Student Organizations, community businesses and individuals who donated to make this Day of Service possible,” said **Kameron Echols**, director of Multicultural Affairs at UT Martin.

Echols also reflected on thoughts that King believed that people should have access to food, education and dignity.

“I have the audacity to believe that people everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits,” King said.

King believed that poverty, hunger and homelessness should not be tolerated.

“Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. also said, ‘Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?’” said Brad Thompson, director of Economic and Community Development for the City of Martin. “What a good activity for us to honor Dr. King’s legacy in service to others.”

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day became a federal holiday in 1983 and was first observed as a federal holiday in 1986. It was made a national day of service through the King Holiday and Service Act, signed into law in 1994. It was first observed as a national day of service in 1995. This year marks the 40th federal observance of the holiday and the 31st year as a federal day of service.

Those who experience any issues with online registration or need assistance should contact Brad Thompson at Martin City Hall at 731-587-3126 or [bthompson@cityofmartin.net](mailto:bthompson@cityofmartin.net) or Kameron Echols at UT Martin at 731-881-1864 or [kechols3@utm.edu](mailto:kechols3@utm.edu).

## UTM chancellor, alumna to speak at King Day event

UT Martin Chancellor **Yancy Freeman** and alumna Joyce Washington, a community organizer and activist, will take part in a celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, Jan. 20, at Discovery Park of America in Union City.

Washington is the chair of the Weakley County Reconciliation Project and graduated from UT Martin in 2011 with a Master of Business Administration degree and in 2020 with a Master of Arts degree in strategic communication.

Freeman and Washington are the keynote speakers of the event and will speak at

11 a.m. in Dino Hall following opening remarks by Discovery Park of America Chief Executive Officer Scott Williams.

The Lane College Choir from Jackson will perform at 11:30 a.m. in Dino Hall, and photos and video recordings about King will be displayed throughout the museum.

Civil rights activities for younger attendees are planned at noon, including paper crafts and origami peace doves.

At 1:30 p.m. in the Tennessee Room, a film screening showing the movie “Selma” will be shown highlighting pivotal moments in the Civil Rights Movement.

Children 17 and under – as well as college students and staff with their ID – will receive free admission.

Guests are invited to bring nonperishable food items benefitting Helping Hands Ministry. Those who bring a minimum of five nonperishable food items will have their admission discounted to \$10.

MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a National Day of Service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

For more information, visit [discoveryparkofamerica.com](http://discoveryparkofamerica.com) or call 731-885-5455.

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## This Week's Skyhawk Home Events

### Thursday, Jan. 16

- \*Women's basketball vs. Eastern Illinois, 5:30 p.m., Kathleen and Tom Elam Center.
- \*Men's basketball vs. Eastern Illinois, 7:30 p.m., Kathleen and Tom Elam Center.

### Saturday, Jan. 18

- Rifle vs. UAB, all day, Skyhawk Rifle Range.
- \*Women's basketball vs. SIUE, 1 p.m., Kathleen and Tom Elam Center.
- \*Men's basketball vs. SIUE, 3:30 p.m., Kathleen and Tom Elam Center.
- \* - conference competition
- Full athletics schedules can be found at [utmsports.com](http://utmsports.com).
- Watch "Skyhawk Sports Talk" each week, archived at [utmsports.com](http://utmsports.com)! New episodes are posted each Monday.



# Auditions for 'Seussical' held this week

The Department of Visual and Theatre Arts has several events this week to kick off the spring semester.

- Auditions for this semester's production of "Seussical the Musical" will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Jan. 13 and 14, in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre.

Auditions are open to all students, faculty, staff and community members. Auditioners should come prepared with a vocal selection. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

- In the Fine Arts Gallery, the first exhibition of the semester, Picture Show by Jed Jackson, is now on view during regular gallery hours through Saturday, Feb. 1.

The artist talk will take place in the Aesthetics Lecture Hall (Room 142 of the Fine Arts Building Room) from 3 to 4

p.m. with a closing reception in the gallery to follow.

The exhibition is free and open to the public.

Jackson's landscape and figurative oil paintings glean inspiration from illustration publications, cinema, literature, music and a plethora of other 20th-century cultural sources,

Jackson received his Master of Fine Arts degree from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, in 1980 and his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Memphis College of Art in Tennessee, in 1977.

Jackson was awarded a residency at the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture in Maine in 1974. He has taught painting, art history, art theory and critical thinking, and humanities courses at the university and college level for 42 years.

Jackson has held teaching

positions at New York University (1986-90) and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (1990-99). He is a retired professor emeritus of painting at the University of Memphis, where he began teaching 1999.

He served as chair of the art department there from 1999 to 2006. As a senior accreditation evaluator, Jackson has served the National Association of Schools of Art and Design since 2004.

Jackson is the author of the book "Art: A Comparative Study," first published in 1994.

Jackson's paintings have been shown in over 200 national and international exhibitions. His work has been supported by numerous grants and fellowships from the NEA, ArtsMidwest, Tennessee Arts Commission, ArtsMemphis, FedEx Forum and many other art support agencies.

## IRB, IACUC meeting times announced

The meeting times for the Institutional Review Board and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee have been announced for the spring 2025 semester.

The Institutional Review Board meeting dates and times are:

- 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 3.
- 4 p.m., Monday, March 3.
- 4 p.m., Monday, April 7.

The meeting times for the

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee are:

- 4 p.m., Thursday, Feb 6.
- 4 p.m., Thursday, March 6.
- 4 p.m., Thursday, April 3.

All meetings will be held in Room 124 in Gooch Hall.

## You Tell Me

• **Question** – How many mailed copies are sent for each edition of Campus Scene, the university's alumni magazine?

• **Answer** – Campus Scene is produced twice annually by university advancement, sports information and university relations in editions that publish in winter/spring and summer/fall. The magazine is mailed free of charge to UT Martin alumni, and 43,600 copies of the summer/fall edition were mailed in late November/early December to alumni, donors and friends of the university. The magazine is available to anyone online as a PDF, and selected stories are released to the news media following publication of each edition.

Submit your questions to Addenda at [addenda@utm.edu](mailto:addenda@utm.edu).

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