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Todd named interim Business and Global Affairs dean

Dr. Timothy S. Todd has been named interim dean of the UT Martin College of Business and Global Affairs.

The longtime Murray State University academic leader and faculty member is expected to begin his new position July 1.

Todd will lead UT Martin's AACSB-accredited business programs, including accounting, economics, finance, marketing, management and information systems. The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business accreditation represents the highest standard of achievement for business schools worldwide, held by 6% of business programs globally.

Looking ahead, UT Martin has secured approval and funding to construct a new state-of-the-art Business Administration Building, with

completion expected in 2030.

"Dr. Todd's proven ability to build strong community and industry partnerships, maintain rigorous accreditation standards, and develop innovative academic programming makes him well suited to lead the college during this period," said Dr. Yancy Freeman Sr., UT Martin chancellor, in an email to the university community. "His collaborative spirit and genuine enthusiasm for this work have been evident throughout our conversations.

"He is eager to support the college's faculty, staff and students and to build on the strong foundation already in place."

Todd served as dean of the Arthur J. Bauernfeind College of Business at Murray State University for more than 12



Todd

years, overseeing six academic departments, a \$10 million budget, and approximately 100 faculty and staff. During his tenure, the college maintained AACSB accreditation through three successful reviews and achieved ACEJMC accreditation for its journalism and mass communications programs.

He led significant fundraising efforts averaging more than

\$835,000 per year, guided the naming of the college, and oversaw a \$120,000 renovation of the State Farm Financial Services Resource Center. He and his team also created new programs, including an accelerated MBA degree, a logistics and supply chain management program, an executive organizational communication master's program, and an international program at Shandong Business and Technical University in China.

Beyond his dean-level experience, Todd served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Murray State, overseeing all six academic colleges and schools along with the Center for Adult and Regional Education.

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Chancellor's Leadership Academy seeking applicants

Applications and nominations are now open for the Chancellor's Leadership Academy.

The Chancellor's Leadership Academy is an eight-month leader and leadership development program designed for the faculty and staff at UT Martin.

Participants will learn directly from Chancellor Yancy Freeman Sr. and others as they embrace their own leadership journey and connect it to the higher education landscape.

Nominations are not required. Interested faculty and staff can complete an application without a nomination.

The application deadline is Tuesday, March 31, and selected applicants will be notified in April. This will be the second cohort for the Chancellor's Leadership Academy.

Classes will be held Sept. 4, Sept. 10, Oct. 1 and Nov. 5 during the fall 2026 semester and Jan. 7, Feb. 11, March 11 and April 1 during the spring 2027 semester.

Except for the kickoff Sept. 4, which will be an all-day event, classes will begin at 1 p.m. and will last until 6 p.m.



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- SPRING 2027

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LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

Open to all UTM faculty and staff.

For more information, visit:
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Information as well as application forms and nomination forms are available [at this site](#). For more information, contact Dr. Jamie Mantooth, executive director of the Chancellor's Leadership Academy, at jmantoo3@utm.edu.

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highlighting the excellence of our faculty and staff



LaFleur

Dr. Renee LaFleur, professor of history, will present her research on women’s study clubs at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 19, at the Martin Public Library.

The program titled “Doing in Private What Men Did in Public: Women’s Study Clubs in Martin, Tennessee” will explain how women’s study clubs of the Progressive Era provided a middle ground, a space in which women felt comfortable doing

that which men did in public.

White elite women in Martin used this space to build organizational skills and networks that they needed to successfully lead civic reforms and wartime activities.

The program is sponsored by the AAUW Martin Branch as part of Women’s History Month.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Office of University Relations earned honors in the 41st Educational Advertising Awards.

The national competition drew more than 2,000 entries from over 1,000 colleges, universities and secondary schools from all 50 states and numerous foreign countries.

Judges included a national panel of higher education marketers, advertising creative directors, marketing and advertising professionals.

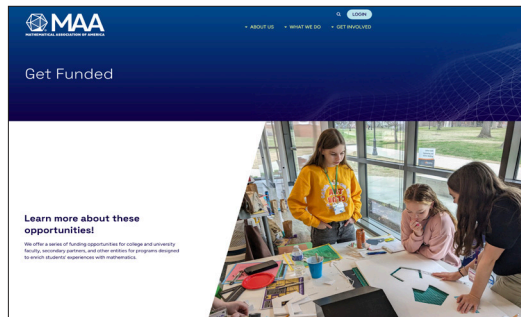
UT Martin submissions receiving recognition were:

- Gold: Instagram: Happy Valentine’s Day, Skyhawks!
- Silver: Poster: UT Martin’s 125th
- Merit:
- Annual Report
- Campus Scene
- Strategic Plan 2025-2030
- 125 Years of Excellence Video
- Student Viewbook

The Department of Mathematics and Statistics received national attention for a photo posted to a national organization’s website.

[The Mathematical Association of America’s “Get Funded” grant website](#) features a photo of students having a discussion in UT Martin’s Latimer-Smith Engineering and Science Building during a Math Craft Laboratory event.

UT Martin’s Math Craft Laboratory is funded through an MAA Tensor Grant, one of the grants mentioned on the “Get Funded” page.



The Office of Career Planning and Development will host a career and job fair from noon to 3 p.m., Wednesday, March 11, in the Duncan Ballroom in the Boling University Center.

All students are encouraged to attend, especially those who are graduating or currently seeking

internships.

A wide variety of employers will be on campus specifically to recruit UT Martin students, providing valuable opportunities to secure full-time positions, internships and professional connections.

Faculty support plays a vital

role in student participation.

Faculty and staff are invited to stop by the fair to network with employers and show support for students and academic programs.

Information about the career and job fair can be found [at this site](#).

The Office of University Outreach is introducing two new personal enrichment classes.

• “Practical Health and Wellness” is an eight-week workshop packed with simple, realistic ways to boost everyday wellness. Learn more [at this site](#).

The class will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Thursdays from March 26 through May 14. It will be led by Lauren Johnson, and the cost is \$150.

• “Crafting Magic: A Stitch in Time” invites participants to bring their favorite clothes and stuffed friends back to life. Learn timeless mending techniques passed down through generations and turn “worn out” into “well loved.” Learn more [at this site](#).

The class will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesdays from March 31 through May 19 in 206 Gooch Hall. The cost of the class is \$75.

Upcoming Skyhawk Home Events

Tuesday, March 10

- Baseball vs. Union (Tenn.), 5 p.m., Skyhawk Baseball Field.

Friday, March 13

- Baseball vs. The Citadel, 5 p.m., Skyhawk Baseball Field.

Saturday, March 14

- Stunt vs. Central Methodist, 10 a.m., Skyhawk Fieldhouse.
- *Softball vs. Southeast Missouri (dh), noon, Bettye Giles Softball Field.
- *Stunt vs. Missouri State, 2 p.m., Skyhawk Fieldhouse.
- Baseball vs. The Citadel, 3 p.m., Skyhawk Baseball Field.

Sunday, March 15

- *Softball vs. Southeast Missouri, noon, Bettye Giles Softball Field.
- *Stunt vs. Northern Kentucky, 12:30 p.m., Skyhawk Fieldhouse.
- Baseball vs. The Citadel, 1 p.m., Skyhawk Baseball Field.

Tuesday, March 17

- Softball vs. Middle Tennessee, 1 p.m., Bettye Giles Softball Field.

Wednesday, March 18

- *Beach volleyball vs. Chattanooga, 4 p.m., Skyhawk Beach Volleyball Complex.

* - conference competition; dh - double-header (baseball and softball); full athletics schedules can be found at [utmsports.com](#).

Dates and times are subject to change.

Shelton to give Featured Faculty Scholar program

Dr. Abigail Shelton, professor of chemistry, has been named one of two Featured Faculty Scholars for the spring 2026 semester.

She will present her research at 4 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, in the Paul Meek Library. The second Featured Faculty Scholar of the semester is Dr. John Cole, associate professor of agricultural engineering technology, who will give his program April 2.

Shelton's presentation, titled "Not All That Glitters Is Gold: Metals in Honey," examines the chemical composition of honey and what it can reveal about its origin, production and environmental influences.

The event will be livestreamed on YouTube with a recording available afterward at the same link.

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Her research compares honey

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Not All That Glitters Is Gold: Metals in Honey

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Dr. Abigail Shelton - Chemistry
Featured Faculty Scholar

Join via Livestream:
https://www.youtube.com/live/f90_J5Zawco

Tuesday, March 10th, 2026
4:00 pm

Paul Meek Library North Windows

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and environmental impacts.

In collaboration with the Northwest Tennessee Beekeepers Association and regional beekeepers, Shelton and her student researchers analyze locally-sourced honey with particular attention to metal content.

The research documents trace amounts of heavy metals – such as lead, mercury and arsenic – which should not be present, alongside naturally-occurring elements like manganese, selenium and zinc, which can be beneficial in small amounts.

Together, these findings offer valuable insight into honey quality, environmental conditions and the overall health and sustainability of honeybee hives.

Shelton joined the UT Martin faculty in 2012. She earned her bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University and her doctorate from the University of Florida. In addition to

her teaching and research, she serves as faculty adviser to the UTM Student Members of the American Chemical Society, is an assistant director of the UTM Honors Programs and is a past president of the campus chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

Shelton received the Coffey Outstanding Teaching Award in 2020 in recognition of her excellence in teaching, leadership, and scholarly contributions.

The Featured Faculty Scholar program recognizes faculty whose research and creative achievements are among the most distinguished on campus.

This presentation is co-sponsored by the Division of Academic Affairs and the Paul Meek Library.

For more information, contact Dr. Erik Nordberg, dean of the Paul Meek Library, at 731-881-7070, or visit [the library's Runway page](#).

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FEB. 4TH **MAR. 16TH** APR. 13TH

3:00 PM

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His leadership contributed to Murray State's successful SACS-COC reaffirmation, with no recommendations, and to a \$60 million legislative appropriation

for a new facility.

Todd earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Western Kentucky University and a Doctor of Education from North Carolina State University.

Deadline to register for ELLI Conference moved to March 20

The deadline to register and submit proposals for the fifth annual UT Martin Experiential Learning Leadership Institute Conference, known as ELLI, has been pushed ahead to 11:59 p.m., Friday, March 20.

The ELLI Conference will be held Thursday, April 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Discovery Park of America in Union City.

A discounted registration rate is in place for all UT Martin faculty and staff. Registration for participants and attendees of the ELLI Conference is open [at this site](#).

ELLI is an offshoot of the Society for Experiential Education, a national organization. Both organizations were formed with the intention of supporting hands-on learning in the classroom.

The theme of this year's conference is "Teaching Students the Way They Learn:

Experiential Learning In and Outside the Classroom."

Each year, the ELLI conference features a guest speaker with experience in the field of hands-on instruction, which will be announced by the planning committee.

Dr. Lajuan Davis, professor of business communication and ELLI Conference co-chair, invites faculty, students and administrators from educational institutions at primary, secondary and post-secondary levels to showcase their work at the conference.

Alongside quality exchanges of information, lifelong relationships are formed through the fellowship and valuable networking that occurs during the ELLI Conference.

In the five years this conference has been held, the venue and the scale of the event have evolved significantly. At its origin, the

conference was held in the Boling University Center and was primarily attended by UT Martin faculty and students.

The event has grown to include wider regional audiences and moved its venue to the Discovery Park of America in Union City, a world-class experiential learning facility.

The ELLI Conference is open to any educator, administrator, student or community member who wishes to attend or present their own research or experiential learning experiences.

For more information about conference registration and fees, contact elliconference@utm.edu or email **Dr. Dexter Davis**, co-chair of the ELLI Conference, at ddavis78@utm.edu or **Dr. Anthony Delmond**, professor of agricultural economics, at adelmond@utm.edu.

Deadline to register for ITS is March 10

The University of Tennessee Innovative Technologies Symposium will be held March 24-26 at the Knoxville Convention Center.

Registration for the symposium is open through 4 p.m. Central Time (5 p.m. Eastern Time), Tuesday, March 10.

The symposium is open to all higher-education institutions in

Tennessee.

This three-day symposium will focus on our everyday IT challenges, shared interests, honed skills and newfound passions.

The symposium aims to foster innovative IT solutions and promote opportunities for interaction, collaboration and knowledge-sharing among Tennessee higher education IT profession-

als.

The event will include keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and networking opportunities with peers, industry experts, and technology companies involved in higher education.

This is a statewide event. All full- or part-time staff, faculty and graduate students involved

in information technology work, learning or research are eligible to attend.

Information about the symposium - including the schedule, keynote speakers and hotel information - can be found [at this site](#).

To register for this symposium, visit [this site](#).

Campus Calendar

Tuesday, March 10

- ENTICE Series, film screening, "Echoes of the Forks of Cypress," 6 p.m., Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center.
- Featured Faculty Scholar Dr. Abigail Shelton, research presentation, 4 p.m., Paul Meek Library.

Wednesday, March 11

- "Navigating Difficult Conversations: Peer to Peer," Part 2, noon to 1 p.m.,

virtual via Zoom, register [at this site](#), led by Merry Brown, Office of the Ombuds.

Thursday, March 12

- "Navigating Difficult Conversations: For Managers," Part 1, noon to 1 p.m., virtual via Zoom, register [at this site](#), led by Merry Brown, Office of the Ombuds.

Monday, March 16

- "History of Military

Nursing," 6:30 p.m., Martin Public Library, second floor.

Tuesday, March 17

- Coffee and Conversations with the Chancellor, 9 a.m., ITS Presentation Room, Crisp Hall, open to all.

Thursday, March 19

- "Navigating Difficult Conversations: For Managers," Part 2, noon to 1 p.m., virtual via Zoom, register [at this site](#), led by Merry Brown, Office of the

Ombuds.

March 24-26

- UT Innovative Technology Symposium, Knoxville Convention Center; register through March 17; open to faculty, staff and students; app and registration info available [at this site](#).

Events are subject to cancellation; dates, times and sites are subject to change. Send free-admission, on-campus events to [Addenda at addenda@utm.edu](mailto:addenda@utm.edu).

Submit a YoUTM or question to addenda@utm.edu!

Beth Maloan Award nominations sought

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships is now taking nominations for the Beth Maloan Outstanding UT Martin Student Employee Award.

Nominations will be taken through Friday, March 20.

The Beth Maloan Award recognizes student workers for their hard work and dedication. The award includes a \$1,000 award and an engraved plaque.

Nomination forms are available through the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. All nominations will be reviewed by a committee, and that committee will select one exceptional student employee to receive this special award.

Nomination forms can be submitted [at this site](#).

As the director of Budgeting and Payroll, Beth Maloan became a strong advocate for student employment. This award endorses Beth's vision to recognize outstanding student performance and develop experiential learning opportunities to make students significant contributors to the university's mission and better prepared for their professional endeavors.

The winner of the Beth Maloan Award for the fall 2025 semester was Taylor Burke,



Taylor Burke (center), a senior veterinary science and technology major from Altona, Illinois, is shown receiving the fall 2025 Beth Maloan Outstanding Student Employee Award. Also shown are Mike Maloan (left), chancery court judge for Weakley and Obion counties, and Callie Smithson, business manager for the Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources, who nominated Burke for the award.

a senior veterinary science and technology major from Altona, Illinois, who worked in

the Department of Agriculture, Geoscience and Natural Resources.

'Dancing with the Skyhawks' to benefit Captain's Pantry

The UT Martin Dance Education program and Student Government Association are partnering to present "Dancing with the Skyhawks," featuring 14 pairs of faculty or staff and students competing in a fun-spirited dance competition.

The program will begin at 7 p.m., Sunday, April 7, in Watkins Auditorium in the

Boling University Center.

The evening will also include a special opening performance by the chancellor and first lady, **Dr. Yancy Freeman Sr.** and **Rafielle Freeman.**

In addition to the competition, the event will serve as a donation drive for Captain's Food Pantry. Attendees will have the

opportunity to donate items in support of their favorite dancing pair. The pair that collects the most donations will receive the Dancing with the Skyhawks Service Award.

The dancing contestants will be introduced over the next few weeks, and organizers will share suggested donation items for Captain's Food Pantry.

You Tell Me

• **Question** – Some offices return to the Hall-Moody Administration Building starting the week of March 9. The Office of the Chancellor is among those moving back to Hall-Moody. As work on the building continues, it's said that the building's columns facing University Street will need to be replaced. Is this accurate, and if so, why are the columns being replaced and how long will that work take? Also, while this work takes place, how can people enter the building?

• **Answer** – The columns on the University Street side of Hall-Moody will be replaced in the next phase of building improvements. Unlike the limestone columns on the quad side of the building, the University Street entrance columns are made from steel and wrapped in a different material that must be replaced. There is no structural concern related to these columns. That entrance will be closed when the work begins, and entry to the building will be available through the loading dock on the west end and through the quad-side doors. The dates for this work will be carefully coordinated with the building activities. The building was dedicated Feb. 2, 1968, and is named for J.N. Hall and J.B. Moody, two eminent Baptist ministers for whom Hall-Moody Institute was named when the school was founded in 1900.

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

Physical Plant snow crew recognized at brunch



Members of the UTM Physical Plant snow crew who worked to remove snow and ice on campus from Jan. 22 through Feb. 1 were recognized by Chancellor Yancy Freeman Sr. during the Employee Appreciation Brunch on March 3. Those in attendance were (front row, l-r) Freeman, Kiara Jones, Zach Nabors, Nathan Hartley, Darren Ray, Jamie Smith, Bubba Smith, (back row, L-R) Andy Horne, David Fortson, Justin Lattus, Shannon Baughman, Trish Chambers, Hayden Schlicht, Chris Virgin, Maggie Gately, Kelly Bruner and Adam Cox. Staff members not pictured are Mike Bivens, Dale Burton, Marissa Burton, Dave Chambliss, Mike Davis, Kevin Lovelace, Lee McBunch, Chad McCoy, Jeff Merritt and Bobby Webb.

UT Martin hosts Spring Preview Day

UT Martin hosted the first of two Spring Preview Days for the semester Feb. 28 at the Boling University Center. The next Spring Preview Day will be held Saturday, April 25. Preview Days give prospective students and their parents the opportunity to ask questions about academic programs, financial aid, scholarships, housing and student life. They can also meet with instructors in their chosen field. Dr. Clint Taylor, professor of management (right), speaks with two prospective UT Martin students in the Duncan Ballroom.



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