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Carver to serve on College Affordability Panel tomorrow

Chancellor Keith Carver will serve on a speaker's panel in Nashville discussing affordability, responsible borrowing and return on investment in higher education.

The panel, hosted in partnership with WGU Tennessee and the Tennessee Board of Regents, will begin at 6 p.m., Sept. 12, at the First Amendment Center in Nashville.

Dr. Russ Deaton, with the Tennessee Board of Regents, and Bob Collins, vice president of financial aid at Western Governor's University, will join Carver on the panel.

UT Martin, the TBR system and WGU Tennessee serve key roles in Gov. Bill Haslam's Drive to 55 initiative and organized the forum to educate prospective students on how

to earn their college degrees without incurring excessive debt.

"As the cost of college continues to increase, all of us in higher education have an obligation to work toward making it more affordable," said Collins. "We hope the panel empowers prospective students to take the next step by showing them that a quality education at an affordable cost is within reach."

Carver will share information regarding what steps UT Martin and the University of Tennessee System are taking to increase access to higher education while keeping tuition increases at historic lows.

Collins will discuss WGU Tennessee's efforts to educate students on responsible borrowing, and Deaton will

address issues surrounding Tennessee's policy innovations designed to create a better-educated workforce, such as the Tennessee Promise and TN Reconnect scholarships.

The panel's media partner - The USA Today Network in Tennessee - will livestream the event on the home pages of its publications: "The Tennessean," "The Commercial Appeal," "The Knoxville News Sentinel," "The Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle," "The Murfreesboro Daily News Journal" and "The Jackson Sun." David Plazas, opinion engagement editor for "The Tennessean," will moderate the hour-long forum.

WGU Tennessee is an online, non-profit university formed through a partnership between the state of Tennessee and Western Governors University.



Chancellor Keith Carver

For more information on the panel event, contact Matt Griffin, public relations manager with WGU Tennessee, at 615-472-6056.

Nursing class of 2017 achieves 100 percent NCLEX pass rate

One hundred percent of nursing graduates from UT Martin's 2017 class who took their National Council Licensing Examinations this year passed as first-time test-takers. The NCLEX is a mandatory examination to receive licensure as a registered nurse.

"I am extremely proud of all our graduates, and this year's graduates are no exception," said Dr. Mary Radford, associate professor of nursing and department chair. "In addition

to completing our rigorous curriculum, which provides an exceptional foundation, they worked diligently to prepare for the exam up until their test dates. On behalf of all the nursing faculty, we want to extend our congratulations, and we can't wait to see what great things they do in the profession of nursing."

UT Martin has educated nurses for more than 40 years, and nursing graduates go on to hold leadership positions in the health-care field and make

a difference in the lives of their patients.

Students who leave UT Martin with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree complete more than 900 clinical hours in hospitals and health-care facilities across the state and gain experience in surgical, intensive care, maternity, pediatric, geriatric, mental health and emergency units, among others. Classes are also provided on topics such as leadership skills and community-based nursing in addition to clinical learning

opportunities.

"Our nursing program being three years definitely was a benefit in order to be able to experience more clinical hours," said Courtney McCaleb, a member of the 2017 class. "Nursing school has been one of the hardest things I've done in life, but one of the most rewarding as well."

McCaleb, a Memphis native, is working in pediatric oncology as a registered nurse in the intensive care unit at St. Jude

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Lane Last, professor of art, had three works of audio and video artwork shown at RichterFest 17 at the Science and Art Space in Moscow, Russia. The event is an independent festival of new experimental and improvisational music and video performances by sound designers, video artists, media artists, experimental cinematographers and video jockeys from Europe and abroad.



SWEARING IN – New campus police officer Joe Hudgins (second from left) was sworn in Aug. 21 as a member of the UT Martin campus police force. He is pictured with (from left) Donna Hudgins, Dr. Keith Carver, Charlie Jahr and Joey Hudgins Sr.

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Hospital in Memphis.

Colton Gramse, of Adamsville, earned his nursing degree through the UT Martin Parsons Center and currently works as a registered nurse in the intensive care unit at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital in Jackson.

“I sincerely loved my time in the program,” he said. “My instructors sincerely cared about my desire to become a nurse and gave me every opportunity to succeed. I know that every part of the program completely prepared me for my field of work.”

Students can earn a UT Martin nursing degree on the main campus in Martin and at the UT Martin Parsons Center. The RN-BSN bridge program for currently licensed nurses is also available online.

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APPLY FOR A GIVING CIRCLE GRANT

Applications for the 2018 Giving Circle grant program must be submitted to the UT Martin Office of Research, Grants and Contracts via Evisions by Nov. 1 for review.

For more information, contact Jennifer Cooper at 731-881-7011.

If you need a new university headshot, call the Office of University Relations at 731-881-7615 to make an appointment, free of charge.

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American Farmer photography exhibit now open in J. Houston Gordon Museum



OPEN NOW – The American Farmer traveling art exhibit is on display now through Oct. 17 in the J. Houston Gordon Museum, located inside the Paul Meek Library.

The American Farmer traveling art exhibition is open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., weekdays, now through Oct. 17, at the University of Tennessee Martin's J. Houston Gordon Museum, located inside the Paul Meek Library.

The American Farmer exhibit consists of 45 portraits by American photographer Paul Mobley and portrays the geographic and cultural diversity of the American farmer. The portraits are accompanied by anecdotes and memories in the

farmers' own words that convey both the hardships and joys of American farming.

Mobley has traveled from Alaska to Croatia for his various projects. His first book, "American Farmer: Portraits from the Heartland," was

published in 2008 and received the 2009 Western Heritage Award for best photography book from the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.

The exhibit is free. Parking permits for visitors are available at no cost.



NEW MEMBERS DISCOUNT!

Join the UT Martin Skyhawk Club at the All-American level (normally \$550) for a one-time-only discounted rate of \$275!

For more info, contact Lora McDonald at lmcdon13@utm.edu or (731)881-3630.

The Carvers represent UT Martin in Soybean parade

Chancellor Keith Carver and his wife, Hollianne, represented UT Martin as grand marshals of the annual Tennessee Soybean Festival Parade held Sept. 5. The Carver family, driven by their oldest son, J.T., appeared ahead of the Skyhawk Marching Band and just behind representatives from various local police and fire departments.

The Soybean Festival Parade is traditionally held on the Tuesday following Labor Day and marks the start of the festival's carnival, craft fair and primary activity schedule.



Save the date!

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

UT Martin to host Family Weekend

Registration for UT Martin's first Family Weekend is open now at utm.edu/familyweekend. Weekend packages are \$25 per person and must be reserved in advance and paid for upon pick-up.

Visit the website for more information on the package, as well as a variety of special events planned for the occasion.

Additional information and assistance can be obtained by contacting Lora McDonald at 731-881-3630.

Reminder

All faculty and staff are required to complete IT security and awareness training through Canvas before Dec. 31. For additional information, contact the ITS Helpdesk at 731-881-7900.

Calendar

- Sept. 11-16 – “Guitar as Art” exhibit; Fine Arts Building Gallery
- Sept. 12-13 – Blood Battle: annual blood drive; Boling University Center; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Sept. 14 – AAUW meeting; Speaker: Gaye Coleman, intergeneration partnering; Gooch Hall, room 322; 6 p.m.; RSVP to Georgia Baskett at gbaskett@utm.edu
- Sept. 15 – Volleyball vs Nicholls State; Skyhawk Fieldhouse; noon
- Sept. 15 – Soccer vs Jacksonville State; Skyhawk Soccer Field; 7 p.m.
- Sept. 15 – Volleyball vs Louisiana-Monroe; Skyhawk Fieldhouse; 7 p.m.
- Sept. 16 – Softball vs. Bethel; Bettye Giles Softball Field; 10 a.m.
- Sept. 16 – Softball vs. Rend Lake; Bettye Giles Softball Field; 3 p.m.
- Sept. 17 – Soccer vs Southeast Missouri; Skyhawk Soccer Field; 2 p.m.

Reminder

All regular employees must complete a conflict of interest disclosure form by Sept. 15, 2017. Contact the Office of Finance and Administration at 731-881-7800 for more information.

Homecoming 2017

The theme for homecoming 2017 is “Captain of the Caribbean.” Activities will be held the week of Oct. 2, culminating with the football game against Murray State University at 2 p.m.

The annual Quad City festivities will begin at 10 a.m. that Saturday morning and include the traditional “Hawk Walk” near the Paul Meek Library.

Other returning events include rope pull, lip sync, pyramid, step show, the University Choirs dessert evening and Sunday’s homecoming brunch in the Skyhawk Dining Hall.

More information will be provided as the week gets closer. For schedule details and other visitor information, visit utmforever.com and click on “events” and “homecoming.”



You Tell Me

• **Question** – Can faculty and staff members use the services offered by the Student Health and Counseling Center?

• **Answer** – Here is how the UT Martin 2017-18 Course Catalog answers this question: “Student Health and Counseling Services is committed to delivering professional mental and physical health services to a diverse student body. ... Our mission is to assist students in achieving and maintaining wellness by providing medical and counseling services that address the unique needs of college students. ... To be eligible for services, one must be enrolled in classes during that semester. Health-related services include general outpatient care for acute illnesses, first aid, wound care, limited lab and diagnostic services, vaccines, well women exams, contraception counseling and management, STD and HIV testing, and allergy shot administration. Some prescription medications can also be dispensed. Counseling related services include personal counseling, couples counseling, crisis intervention and substance abuse support services. ... There are no charges for a health office visit or counseling session; however, minimal fees are charged for prescription medications, lab tests and vaccines. All well women care, contraception services and STD screenings and treatment are free of charge.” For additional information, call 881-7750.

Submit your questions to the Suggestion Box link at www.utm.edu.

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