March 2022

NEWS

March is Women's History Month, which commemorates and celebrates the vital role of women in American history. Check the Women's History Month Resource Guide, curated by the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences.

Samuel, Kilic Awarded 2022 HERS Institute Scholarships

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The UT Chancellor’s Commission for Women has selected Javiette Samuel, Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Engagement and Ozlem Kilic, Tickle College of Engineering Associate Dean for Student Affairs, as the 2022 Higher Education Resource Services (HERS) scholarship recipients based on their dedication to leadership and proven records of growth. Through this scholarship, these two outstanding female faculty/administrators will be sponsored to attend the HERS Leadership Institute. Read more about Dr. Samuel and Dr. Kilic here.

Let Her Speak Holds Space for Women to Build Community

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Let Her Speak, a community of the Knoxville Entrepreneur Center, has a mission to give women a voice, facilitate deeper conversations, and take action within the community to inspire change and build a stronger support system for women in business. They will host their annual Women’s Summit at the end of March. Learn more about the organization here.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

2022 ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 3-5, 2022

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The Office of Community Engagement and Outreach seeks proposals for its 5th Annual Engagement and Outreach Conference, “Community Engagement: Strategies, Solutions, and Impacts.” This hybrid conference will be held October 3-5, 2022 at the UT Student Union. A limited number of presentations will be available virtually. Proposals are due April 29.

Submit a Proposal Here

Reflecting on Black Trailblazers

As Black History Month came to a close, Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Engagement Tyvi Small shares a message about the impact of courageous leaders such as Theotis Robinson, Willie Mae Gillespie, Charles Edgar Blair, Brenda Lewis Peel, and others whose bold actions helped lead the way for African Americans at UT, in Tennessee, and beyond.

Light of the Truth Art Exhibit

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Light of the Truth is a student art exhibit displaying the work of Tennessee State University, Fisk University, and UTK students. The exhibit is located inside the Student Union Gallery until March 25. The initiative is led by Althea Murphy-Price, principal investigator, and was funded in part by the Division of Diversity and Engagement's competitive funding process.

Engineering Students Take on Improvements to Alcoa Highway

Four University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Engineering students are working to shape the new design of Alcoa Highway. This highway, which connects Blount and Knox Counties, has been undergoing a lengthy and complicated redesign. One section—from Hall Road to Pellissippi Parkway—will be
Getting a chance to contribute to this effort for their senior design capstone was a highlight for Jimmy Albert of Dandridge, Tennessee, Nick Cheney of Memphis, Josue Garduno of Smyrna, Tennessee, and Will Huettner of Herndon, Virginia—all students in UT’s Tickle College of Engineering.

Kirk Named Assistant Dean of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The University of Tennessee’s Tickle College of Engineering has hired Jeremy Kirk to the newly created post of assistant dean of diversity, equity, and inclusion. In the role, Kirk will help the college work toward its goals of developing a more welcoming and inclusive campus climate; attracting and retaining students, faculty, and staff from historically underrepresented populations; and building stronger relations with diverse communities throughout the state.

UT Libraries Acquires Beauford Delaney Collection

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UT Libraries has acquired the complete personal archive of internationally renowned modernist painter Beauford Delaney (1901–1979). UT Libraries will join the Beck Cultural Exchange Center and Knoxville Museum of Art in representing Delaney’s life and work. Drawn from the artist’s estate, the collection eclipses in size and importance Delaney archives held by other leading national libraries. A celebration and exhibition in partnership with the Beck Center and KMA are planned for fall.

Former Vol Training Next Generation of Aviators

In the spirit of the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II, alumnus and entrepreneur Steve Davis launched Tuskegee NEXT in Wheaton, Illinois, with the goal of training 10 young people a year as pilots and other aviation professionals. Of the 57 cadets who have completed the program so far, the vast majority have landed jobs in the aviation industry, joined the military, or started college. The former linebacker

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and business graduate now plans to expand Tuskegee NEXT to Knoxville.

FUNDING AND AWARDS

Internal Opportunities

Abstracts due for the Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement (EURēCA)

The Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement (EURēCA) is an annual event that showcases research and creative activities across all disciplines by currently enrolled undergraduate students in collaboration with a University of Tennessee, Knoxville or UTIA faculty mentor. Entries can be individual or group projects and are judged by a panel of UT faculty members and industry partners. Applications are due March 22. The event will take place April 25 in the Student Union Ballroom.

Faculty Applications for Funding to Hire Summer Undergraduate Researchers

The Office of Undergraduate Research offers Faculty Research Assistants Funding to support faculty members interested in using undergraduates to assist their research endeavors. Faculty will receive $1,500 for fall and spring semesters or $2,000 for summer compensation. Applications are due March 28.

Center for Global Engagement Study Abroad Undergraduate Scholarship

The award amounts are $750 for spring break, mini-term and summer programs and $1,250 for semester, academic year and calendar year programs. The deadlines to apply are April 4 and April 18, respectively.

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Student Summer Stipends to Fund Independent Undergraduate Research

Advanced Undergraduate Research Activity (AURA) is a new summer program to promote advanced research and creative activities among UT undergraduate students. All current full-time undergraduate students enrolled at UT are eligible to apply, excluding students graduating in May or August 2022. Stipends of $2,000 will be awarded to support students who will work to advance their research or creative project under the mentorship of a UTK or UTIA faculty mentor in Summer 2022. Applications are due March 28.

The Summer Undergraduate Research Group Experience (SURGE) is an eight-week summer research experience designed to engage undergraduate students in faculty-mentored research during the summer months. Faculty use the first week as an academic orientation, the second week to help the students develop individual or team components of the larger project, and the remaining weeks carrying out the project. This program focuses on students in the UT LEAD program. All accepted undergraduate student participants will be provided with a $4000 stipend for full-time summer participation, on-campus housing, and a food stipend of $75 per week. Applications are due March 28.

External Opportunities

Call for Proposals and Award Nominations: Engagement Scholarship Consortium

The 2022 ESC Conference will take place September 21-22, 2022 and will provide a platform for intentional conversations about the many ways that community engagement impacts communities and the academy. The conference will not only highlight the positive impacts of engaged work but also explore ideas around how to define and evaluate the success of this work and the resulting scholarship. Proposals will be considered on any topic clearly connected to the advancement of community engagement. Conference proposals are due March 31.

C. Peter Magrath & W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Engagement Scholarship Awards

Both the Magrath Award and the Kellogg Community Engagement Awards recognize universities that have enhanced their learning, discovery, and engagement missions by becoming more integrated with their communities. The application cycle opens in February.

ENGAGE! Call for Journal Submissions

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ENGAGE! editors invite you to submit manuscripts, as well as pieces reflecting the visual and performing arts, for the next volume to be published in 2022 in three issues. Submission dates begin in February 2022.

2022 AARP Community Challenge Grants

The AARP Community Challenge Grants provide small grants to fund quick-action projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages. Applications are due March 22.

Brady Education Foundation – Program Evaluation Grants

The Foundation is currently accepting proposals focused on evaluating programs that have the potential of helping to close the opportunity and resulting achievement gaps associated with race and family income. Applications are due April 1.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Engagement Seminar Series

Seminars are open to all members of the campus community.

A Multidisciplinary Systems Approach to Community Engagement

Thursday, March 31 | Zoom

Black Ecologies Week at UT

“Black Ecologies Week” is from March 7-12. The UT Humanities Center organized the event along with University of Tennessee departments and community partners. This week-long series of events will feature vibrant cross-campus, community-oriented, and interdisciplinary conversations that investigate environmental issues in relation to Black life today. See the schedule of events and learn more about the week.

Global Asias Community Day

The Global Asias Community Day is a celebration of Asian arts and culture in connection with the

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and His Family Foundation”. The event is held at the Knoxville Museum of Art on March 19. There is no cost to attend.

**Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Conference**

The [Knoxville Family Justice Center](#) is hosting an in-person Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Conference on March 25th from 8:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Multiple speakers will discuss different topics related to domestic violence. It’s designed for folks from multiple arenas to join together, including community and faith-based leaders. If you'd like to learn more and register, [visit this link](#).

**ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

**Knoxville-Knox County Sports Authority Student Internship**

The Sports Authority Internship Program supports the inclusion of underserved and underrepresented students through opportunities with the construction and operations of the multi-use stadium in Knoxville. The deadline to apply is Friday, March 11. [Visit the link](#) to apply.

**East TN Freedom Schools are Hiring**

College students and graduates can apply to be a servant leader intern this summer with East Tennessee Freedom Schools. This is a paid internship from May 23- July 22. [Visit the link](#) to apply.

**Faculty Women of Color in the Academy Conference**

[Faculty Women of Color in the Academy](#) is a unique educational and professional opportunity for indigenous and women of color in higher education to network, engage, and learn with colleagues from around the country. The conference will take place April 1-3 at Virginia Tech.

**CALL FOR ARTICLES AND PHOTOS**

We hope you enjoy OCEO's monthly newsletter and learning about the many ways UT faculty, staff, and students positively impact our community. We are seeking news articles, photos and content that you think our readers would enjoy. Email submissions to [communityengagement@utk.edu](mailto:communityengagement@utk.edu).